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THE WARNER MEMO

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
OF WARNER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*World
Communion
Sunday*

[October Calendar](#)

WORSHIPPING TOGETHER IN OCTOBER

Sunday, October 1 -- World Communion Sunday

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Rev. Erin Keys will preach
"Seeing Is Being"

We warmly welcome **Rev. Erin Keys** to the pulpit on the first Sunday of October. Erin is from the mountains of Asheville, North Carolina. She attended college at Elon University, graduating magna cum laude with a B.A. in Religious Studies. She attended seminary at Columbia Theological Seminary, where she received her Master of Divinity. Erin is currently the Associate Minister at the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, CT, and prior to that, served at the Brick Presbyterian Church in the City of New York.

Sunday, October 8

Genesis 2:8-10; Revelations 22:1-2; John 4:7-15

C.E. Dir. Dave Grace will preach
"Bookends: The River of Life"

Sundays, October 15, 22, 29

We welcome our Interim Pastor, Rev. Todd Sutton to our pulpit. Please check out the "Special Notes" that follow, introducing our new staff members at Warner.

A reminder to everyone who uses the church building:
Please make sure that all doors are properly locked at all times. Please also make sure lights and air-conditioning units are turned off when you are leaving. Thank you!

SPECIAL NOTES:

INTRODUCING WARNER'S NEW STAFF MEMBERS

*“For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;”
Ecclesiastes 3:1-3*

Warner is joyful to welcome our Interim Pastor, Rev. Todd Sutton. We are thankful that God has led us to him and that he has accepted our invitation to lead us through this period of discernment. Rev. Sutton



will be joining us the week of October 9th and his first Sunday in Warner's pulpit will be October 15. Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome Rev. Sutton to Warner.

Rev. Sutton was born and raised in Huntington Woods, MI (a suburb of Detroit). He attended the University of Michigan, graduating with a degree in history and political science in 1995.

Soon after graduating from college, Todd moved to Washington, DC, began working on Capitol Hill, lived in Dupont Circle and discovered Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church. A lifelong Presbyterian, Todd joined the church in 1997, and was involved in almost every aspect of the church's ministry. Through his experience at Fifteenth Street, Todd both received a call to the ministry and met his future wife, Ms. Ceska McCottry.

In 1999, Todd moved to Decatur, GA, to attend Columbia Theological Seminary. In addition to his full-time studies at Columbia, he worshipped at Hillside Presbyterian Church and interned at churches in Memphis, TN and Cape Town, South Africa. Todd did his pastoral care practicum at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta. He also traveled to Northern Ireland and the Middle East on seminary programs, and lived and worked in the East Lake community his senior year.

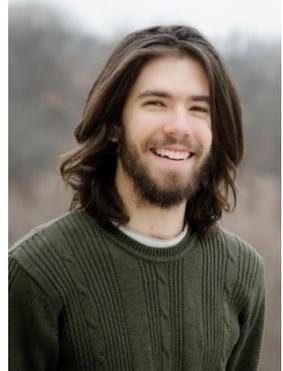
Upon graduation from seminary, Todd began his first call as Pastor of Lakeview Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg, FL. Having dated long-distance for over a year, Todd and Ceska were married at Fifteenth Street in the fall. They moved Ceska down to Florida after their honeymoon in Vermont. It was quite the change from Washington, DC.

A mission-oriented, multicultural church located on the edge of the city's Midtown neighborhood, Todd served Lakeview for more than eight years. However, having received the wonderful news of pregnancy, the parents-to-be wanted to be closer to family. Ceska found a position at the General Services Administration, and Todd finished his call at Lakeview a short while later. Izzy was born in March of 2011, and has been the star of the show ever since.

Back in DC, Todd received a call to pastor Church of the Redeemer, Presbyterian. Located in the Brookland neighborhood of Northeast, DC, Redeemer is an African American church with a rich history in the civil rights movement. Todd has been the pastor there for almost seven years. In the midst of an emotional, heartfelt goodbye at Redeemer, Todd is very much looking forward to serving Warner Memorial as Interim Pastor.

C.E. Director, Dave Grace

Dave Grace became Warner Memorial's Director of Christian Education in September 2017. Eager to teach our common call to love the Lord and our neighbors in creation, Dave's particular sense of call is well located in this Earth Care Congregation.



Dave's undergraduate study in Environmental Studies and Religious Studies at Warren Wilson College ('08-'12) - a PC(USA) affiliated work college - included janitorial cleaning, landscaping, and two years of work in the campus office of religious life. These formative years affirmed Dave's commitment to Christian Education that attends to our custodial calling within creation.

Dave then joined the staff and membership of Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC, serving three years in its youth ministry and, following, one year as a ministry intern ('15-'16). During the course of this work, Dave began graduate study at Duke University as a dual-master's degree student of Divinity and Environmental Management. Dave served in the Presbyterian Campus Ministry at Duke in the final year of this graduate program ('16-'17).

Dave remains an inquirer in the PC(USA) ordination process under care of Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church in New Hope Presbytery.

Dave's Office Hours:

Sundays in church school and worship;

Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.;

One additional day weekly: either Mon, Tues, or Thurs -- for a **five-hour block** between the hours of 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The remaining weekly work hours will be remote.



Warner is fortunate to have Shervonne Johnson join us as our new Nursery Attendant.

Shervonne is from the United States Virgin Islands (St. Croix). she attended Columbia Union College (Washington Adventist University) where she received a Bachelor's of Science in Healthcare Administration. Shervonne is currently attending Trinity University in pursuit of a Master's degree in Educational Leadership.

She is a Preschool Director at the Friendship Children's Center and enjoys making a difference in the lives of children as they enter her school environment. She believes that learning is a fun process and not a routine.

During her spare time, Shervonne likes to travel, go to the movies, go bowling, and enjoy a White Chocolate Mocha from Starbucks.

Her favorite Bible text, which has been her rock and foundation is "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me".
Philippians 4:13



LCYC Director, Angela Goolsby

Angela Goolsby had two children go through LCYC. She was a co-oping parent and active volunteer. She knows LCYC inside out and loves it. She hopes many more families will benefit from it as her family has. Angela is highly qualified with a Master's Degree in Business Administration, ten years of experience in education administration, and more than 100 hours of classes through the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"We are glad you are our neighbor"

Have you noticed the small, colored signs in front of the church? They are written in Arabic, English and Spanish. The signs indicate that no matter where you are from, we are glad you are our neighbor. These signs can be seen at other churches, as well as private homes. If you are interested in purchasing a sign for your own yard, they can be purchased through Amazon.com. If you order from Amazon, don't forget to use [Amazon.com smiles](#) so the church can earn money through this process. Let's outstretch our arms to all of our neighbors and give them a huge welcome.
--Janet Tennent



Renaissance Festival, First Fall Activity for Young Adults

Calling all Young Adults to attend the Renaissance Festival on October 14th from 10am - 6pm. Please contact Lena Aspiras (madalena.aspiras@gmail.com)

or Dave Grace (dce@warnermemorial.org) for more details, and to R.S.V.P. This is the kick-off gathering for reviving a regularly-meeting, Young Adult group at Warner Memorial. YOU MIGHT BE A YOUNG ADULT IF: (1) you were born after the invention of the cellphone, but before a Time magazine cover warned of a pending apocalypse due to the so-called Y2K bug. (2) You became an internet user at a young age, likely before you could drive a car. (3) You want an opportunity to spend more time with peers from your faith community to socialize, serve others, and ask questions pertaining to your faith and the state of the modern world -- or perhaps just this corner of it.

--C.E. Director, Dave Grace

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Please take care of our tables!

Nearly half of our Social Hall tables were broken, but Ken Kramer has repaired them. Thank you, Ken! When you set up or take down tables, be careful to fold and unfold the legs properly, securing the metal ring safely; do not force them to latch.

In September, smoke detectors connected to our fire alarm were installed in ground floor classrooms, a new AED was purchased, and the lawns were reseeded. The AED is located right outside the church office, next to the interior sanctuary doors.

Do you have a bit of plumbing know-how? We have a drain issue that needs attention. Please contact June Eakin.

Save-the-Date!

Warner's Fall Workday is Saturday, November 4th 8:00-2:00.

Join volunteers from LCYC, in jobs small and large around our building and grounds, to preserve and spruce up our house of God. The Commission on Buildings and Grounds cannot do this without YOU! You might learn a new skill or teach someone your expertise.

A sampling of jobs: clean walls & doors, prune tree limbs, caulk concrete, weatherproof window a/c, organize storage areas, mulch on playground. Will you help provide lunch for our hardworking volunteers? Contact June Eakin to volunteer or get more info.

COMMUNITY – MISSION

New! Kensington/North Chevy Chase

Interfaith Consortium for Justice and Compassion

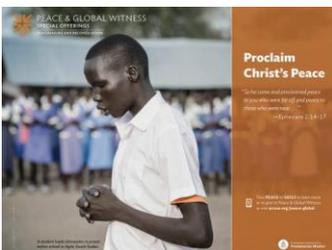
On the **Coming Up** section of the **Commission to Community Bulletin Board**, you will begin seeing posted flyers, produced by the religious institutions in the Kensington/ North Chevy Chase Ministerium area, which will be invitations for us to join in activities that others are planning for the benefit of all of God's children. This is happening because at the beginning of the year, lay-leaders from Christ Episcopal Church, eager to have lay-leaders from the other churches and the synagogue in our vicinity come together, invited us to have lunch, and to share what it is that we do to reach out to those in need--locally and globally.

The group sought and received the endorsement of the Ministerium, which also responded to our request to give the new group a name. Now the *Kensington/North Chevy Chase Interfaith Consortium for Justice and Compassion* will expand, exchange information, grow in our knowledge of what we do (and what we might do better if done together), and will form bonds which will strengthen our community. You are invited to celebrate this new initiative by your participation in the discussions, dinners, concerts, and activities that are being planned.

--Ina Rae Kramer for the Commission to the Community

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Beginning on World Communion Sunday, and continuing throughout the month of October, we have an opportunity to participate with our denomination, in providing financial support to the peace effort.



Special envelopes will be in the pew racks; donations of cash or check are welcome. Checks are payable to Warner

Memorial Presbyterian Church, and write “P&GW” (Peace and Global Witness) on the memo line. It will be collected during the offering each Sunday this month.

A poster and information about where we send the 25% of the offering that we keep, will be displayed on the Commission to the Community Bulletin Board. Your contribution can do great things. *“So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near”*
— Ephesians 2:14-17

Your Relief Money in Action

In this month of horrific hurricanes, Warner has given over \$2,500 for hurricane relief. This began with \$1,300 interest from the Centennial Fund (a fund that was established by far-sighted people at Warner years ago) for needs just like this—emergencies that need relief fast. Then, with the Centennial Fund interest drained dry for a while, and still more hurricanes lining up and ready to roar through, the congregation contributed another \$1,254! This made a total of \$2,554, which was all donated to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) for hurricane relief.

Why did we choose Presbyterian Disaster Assistance? There are several other relief organizations that would also do a good job.

We chose PDA for several reasons.

It is the emergency response and refugee program of our denomination, and other things being equal, it deserves our support.

Warner has a history of working with PDA during our mission trips. In 2006, our mission team from Warner went to Pearlinton, MS, and the next year to New Orleans, LA—in both years, to help residents repair their homes from damage from Hurricane Katrina. In 2013, we went to Jamaica, NY to help rebuild after Superstorm Sandy. Although not every year has given a suitable opportunity to work with PDA, in these cases we took advantage of PDA’s local

preparation, went where they had appropriate projects underway, and worked under their general supervision.

Much of PDA's activity is plain old hands-on work. For example, at the time of this writing, they have been surveying the needs in Texas after Hurricane Harvey, and have been working to meet people's urgent needs for food and shelter. Soon they will begin on longer-term rebuilding needs. At the time of this writing, a PDA website (<http://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-irma>) tells us that PDA is in touch with local leaders in the path of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, but does not yet give details.

PDA also has trained people to deal with emotional needs. The website has some videos describing what they see in people who have been through traumatic experiences, and what they do to help. The head of PDA says that after Harvey, they were contacted by the Red Cross, and that *"a group of 12 people who are specialists in spiritual and emotional care are on standby to provide assistance at Red Cross shelters. We anticipate the 12 working with those who are on the front lines, dealing with trauma and displacement."*

This is where your money is going in response to the news of the storms. Thank you for your generosity.

--Cory Atwood and Ina Rae Kramer, for the Commission to the Community

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



All are welcome to come to the Environmental Stewardship Team meeting on **Sunday, October 8** in the church library. We'll begin 15-20 minutes after worship ends, giving everyone time to greet and eat. Feel free to bring your snack to the meeting. The team wants to set in place some action plans for the next 6-9 months. Join us in living out Warner's Earth Care Pledge.

--June Eakin

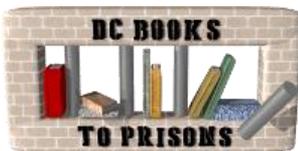


**Donations
are Greatly
Appreciated!**

PW is among the many groups at Warner that are happily busy doing the Lord's work. As we round the corner to the last quarter of our 2017, we find that our financial report is a bit lackluster, with donations being almost 50% of what we had planned for in our budget. **Warner's PW relies on donations from folks who attend, or are members of Warner, as its sole source income.** We would like to **highlight** that the need is constant so that we can continue to support PW's mission support of organizations near and far, as well as other educational activities, such as:

- Mid-Count United Ministries (MUM)
- NIH Children's Inn
- Rainbow Place
- World Vision
- Young Adult Volunteers (YAV)
- A Wider Circle
- Gifts of Women
- Write to Be
- Books to Prisons

Please prayerfully consider how you can assist us in our efforts. We have refrained from holding a formal PW pledge drive in recent years, and wish to remind you of our ever-growing need for your financial support. With it, we can sustain and increase the positive impact we have, not only globally and nationally, but right here in our own backyard. Help us continue to bloom where we are planted.

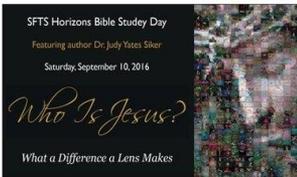


Books to Prisons

We have continued to collect books for the Books to Prisons project we have been supporting, and made our second trip to the Foundry Methodist Church in

Washington, D.C. at the end of August. Volunteers included Lena Aspiras, Kelsey Moody, June Eakin, and JoEllen LaPrade, who spent the morning reading through letters from inmates, selecting appropriate books to send to each, and then writing a personal note to include in the package. Karen Cook donated several bags of books, which were very much appreciated. We are hoping to plan our next trip into the city for late November. To learn more, check out their website: dcbookstoprisoners.org

Joy Circle



Joy Circle had a rousing kick-off on September 11th, with 12 women coming together to continue our study of “Who is Jesus?”. We will be gathering again in the Church Library on **Tuesday, October 10th** to finish up Lesson 5: “According to Paul”; the background scriptures are 1 Corinthians 2:1-2, 2 Corinthians 5:17-20, Philippians 2:1-4 and Acts 18. All women of Warner and the world are welcome.

Study books are available from June Eakin or the church office. Please join us whether you have a book or not and we look forward to seeing you **Tuesday October 10th** at 7:30 p.m.!

Magic Closet

Do you have that one closet or drawer (or more) that you hope no one, other than a family member, dares to open? In the Burns’ household, we refer to them as “magic drawers”; you never know what all is in it, but can count on it being jam-packed. Well, Warner has at least one “magic closet” that PW is planning to clean out on **Saturday, October 14th from 2-4 p.m.** We suspect you may know where it is--right next to the water fountain in the Social Hall. This closet is multipurpose and used by many groups, but PW is taking the lead to sort, toss, and organize. We would love to have your help that day. Many hands make light labor. Please contact Kay Gorman if

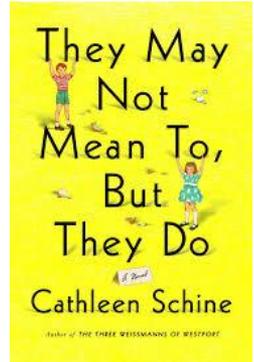


you would like to join us or just show up ready to work, even if only for a portion of the time.

PW Book Group



Ready, set, READ! The 2017-2018 book group is off and running. We will meet in the Church Library on **Tuesday, October 24th** to discuss, **They May Not Mean To But They Do** by Cathleen Schine. From the web, “... this is a hilarious new novel about aging, family, loneliness and love. Joy Bergman is not slipping into



old age with the quiet grace her children, Molly and Daniel, would prefer. She won't take their advice, and she won't take an antidepressant. Her marriage to their father, Aaron, has lasted through health and dementia, as well as some phenomenally lousy business decisions... a tender, sometimes hilarious intergenerational story about searching for where you belong as your family changes with age...” If you would like the book list or have any questions, please reach out to Lisa Smeallie.

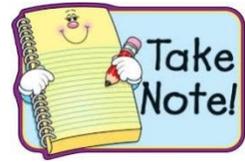
MUM Gala

MUM helps people in crisis in the Wheaton, Silver Spring, Kensington, and Aspen Hill communities with food, medicine, eviction prevention resources and utilities, emphasizing client choice,



problem-solving and self-sufficiency. MUM’s 2017 Annual Fundraiser will be on **October 28, 2017** at the Silver Spring, Maryland Civic Center. Warner has a long history of supporting this organization and we are typically well-represented at this event. In addition to entertainment and food, there is also a silent auction planned. Hope to see you there!

WARNER PEOPLE



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Prayer of Joy from Deacon Conrad Payne from First Baptist Church of Ken-Gar after our joint worship with them:

“A prayer of joy for our fellowship with Warner, and may it continue into many generations to come. May God continue to bless each and every member and their families with good health & strength.”

October birthdays

- 2 Alison Heafitz
- 6 Benjamin Bresee, Max Kuzmyak
- 8 Phil Och
- 9 Michael Carlson
- 17 Lara Brodsky
- 19 Katherine Locher, Daniel Zimmerman
- 21 Mark Bocchetti
- 23 Lisa Smeallie
- 24 Alexander Bannon, Chris McGrath, Brian Whiteman
- 25 Jim Bresee, Paula Simenauer
- 28 Natalie Thompson, Harry Trout
- 29 Kelsey Moody, Ila Trautvetter

November MEMO Issue

Please submit your completed articles to
memo@warnermemorial.org, by **Wednesday, October 25.**

Thank you for your contributions!

Please Note:

Help wanted! If you are interested in working on the monthly Warner Memo, please contact Sharon.

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