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# THE WARNER MEMO

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WARNER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church**

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## WORSHIPING TOGETHER IN SEPTEMBER



### Sunday, September 7

*Communion, Construction Dedication, Rally Day*

Isaiah 56:1-8

Mark 2:1-12

“Getting Past the Barriers”

### Sunday, September 14

*Jan Moody preaching*

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18: 21-35

“Letting Go”

### Sunday, September 21

Exodus 16:2-15

Matthew 20:1-16

“At the End of the Day”

### Sunday, September 28

Report from Warner’s Oklahoma mission team

Every day, you can help feed low-income adults and children in our community; please remember to bring cans and boxes of non-perishable food for the **Mid-County United Ministries’** (MUM) pantry in Wheaton. Together, we can fill the “For I was hungry...” barrel in the Warner narthex every week. Thank you!

*Our cover photo, by June Eakin, shows Warner’s new elevator tower entrance.*

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear members and friends,

The end and the beginning are in sight! The completion of our construction project has moved along much slower than we had originally hoped, but the final product is great and we look forward to celebrating the end of the construction work and the beginning of being able to use these improvements for the enrichment of our ministry here at Warner.

Already we have been blessed by how much nicer our social hall and ground floor classrooms look with the new flooring. We also have been using our new handicap-accessible restroom on the main floor. With improvements to the chimney, we no longer have water coming in the boiler room and kitchen. The final instruments of our fire safety system are being installed. Our stairwells have been revamped so they are now much safer than they were in the event of fire. And of course, our long-awaited elevator will be in use, I hope, by the time you receive this *MEMO*. We are awaiting final inspections that will then allow us to have the key. The new ramps and entryway are beautiful and we have been getting plenty of compliments about the beautiful new tower on Connecticut Avenue.

I hope that all of our church family will be able to come be a part of the dedication of these enhancements to our ministry on Sunday, September 7. Quite a number of expressions of gratitude are needed for the people who have been and continue to be generous with their gifts of money, time and energy that have enabled this to be accomplished. Following our 11:00 worship service, we will go outside for this brief dedication service. And then there will be our rally day picnic on the grounds (more details about that in other articles in this newsletter). I am so thankful to be a part of a community of faith that longs to be the location for a house of prayer for all peoples.

With joy,

Kirby Lawrence Hill

***“Happy are those who live in your house,  
ever singing your praise.” Psalm 84***

## BOARD OF DEACONS

### RALLY DAY PICNIC

- While you were “away” either on vacation or simply taking a break from your regular “school year” routine, the deacons continued with regular duties throughout the summer months. Flowers from Sunday services were delivered, visits were made, and greeting cards were sent out to those in need of a little cheer.



- **COME ONE , COME ALL to the RALLY DAY CHURCH PICNIC on Sunday, September 7th** immediately following the 11 am service on the church patio. The deacons will be hosting the event and will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs and fixings as well as beverages. The congregation is asked to bring, if you are able:

Last name: **A-K** --Desserts

Last name: **L-Z** --Salads/Side dishes

Seating will be provided but you may bring your own folding chairs and blankets. Mark your calendars to come and bring a neighbor! During the picnic we will be entertained with music from Banjo Man Frank Cassel, our Rally Day troubadour. There will be a dedication ceremony that day, celebrating the completion of our construction projects. It bodes to be a great day to say good-bye to summer and hello to fall !

- Stay tuned to the October MEMO and Sunday bulletins for news of upcoming Deacon activities and projects throughout the fall... including Rainbow Place.

- Elizabeth Bunn, Moderator

On the first Sunday of the month, you can make a contribution to support the Warner Memorial **Deacons' Fund**. You may use the special envelopes in the pew racks. Please help our neighbors in need.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## WELCOME TO WARNER'S NEW YEAR OF SCHOOL & WORSHIP!

For over 100 years, Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church has been a House of Worship for All People. We look forward to affirming and celebrating this on **Sunday, September 7**, as we begin a new season of worship, education, song, and praise.

Come join us as we resume our Sunday morning programming. Listed below is the schedule:

- 9:30 AM Church School for Adults and Children, ages 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade, Youth Choir, for youth in grades 6th-12<sup>th</sup>
- 10:00 AM Church School for Youth and Children's Choir
- 10:30 AM Adult Choir
- 11:00 Worship
- NOON: Dedication Ceremony and church picnic.

Banjo Man, Frank Cassel will be our church picnic troubadour.

Bring a friend!



***“Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors”.***

Beginning **September 7**, church school classes for adults, youth, and children will explore and discuss ways that this familiar verse, from the prayer Jesus taught his followers to pray, can be applied to the life of the church. Scripture for the series will include the parable Jesus uses in Matthew, 18: 21-35, to illustrate for Peter and for us, both the depth of God's mercy as well as God's expectation for us to share the gift of forgiveness with others. On **September 14 and September 21** the adult class will watch and discuss the video, *The Power of Forgiveness*. To see a clip from the video go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6FOhEVOvnuc>. Youth and children will also explore the topic of forgiveness with Bible study, discussion, drama, and an art project that will include the creation of a prayer wall.



## WORSHIP & MUSIC

### JOIN IN SINGING AND RINGING! WARNER'S CHOIRS RESUME

Kate Carr, Warner's music director for the past year, has left to pursue other opportunities. Our choirs performed in several outstanding, innovative ways under Kate's direction. We bade farewell to Kate on Sunday, August 24.

After a long time of staff continuity, we have been going through a number of changes in staffing, and the church now faces another challenge as Alina Belenky will be leaving our staff at the end of September to accept a significantly larger position at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Potomac.

Alina is quick to say that her work with Warner has truly been a blessing, but there are needs in her extended family that could be met with the greater income she will be receiving in this other position. She wanted people to understand that her leaving is totally unrelated to the departure of director Kate Carr, or the arrival of our interim director Peter Smeallie. We will be saying thanks to Alina on her last Sunday here, September 28. Meanwhile, we ask your prayers for our upcoming search for an interim organist.

Under the leadership of Peter Smeallie, Warner's Sanctuary choir has resumed its Thursday evening practices as of August 27. It's not too late to join in – try it. New faces (and voices) are always welcome. The choir usually rehearses in the balcony. The choir room is located at the east end of the main floor, just past the Common Room.

-- Kirby Lawrence Hill, the Personnel Committee & MEMO editors

### TED GARBER'S GLOBAL CHARITIES BENEFIT CONCERT ON SEPTEMBER 10



You are invited to come and enjoy a benefit concert presented by Warner's own Ted Garber in our Sanctuary on Wednesday evening, September 10, at 7:00. This is a family-friendly concert featuring Ted's blend of "BluesAmericanaRock" music, so bring your kids and neighbors. The suggested donations are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

## COMMUNITY

### OKLAHOMA MISSION TEAM REPORTS TO THE CONGREGATION

Warner Memorial Church sent a mission team to the Oklahoma City area July 20-26. Our members worked on storm-damaged homes and other projects, often joining with groups from other parts of the country.

**On Sunday, September 28**, the team will report to the congregation as part of the worship service. This mission, as past trips, was supported wholeheartedly by many Warner members and friends. ***For more about the team and their work, please see the Community Commission's bulletin board photo display in the hall near the Common Room.***



### “TWO CENTS-A-MEAL” FEEDS NEEDY FOLKS, NEAR AND FAR

Thank you to all, families and individuals, who contributed coins, dollars and checks on the third Sundays in July and August. We counted and distributed \$318.50. For those two months, Warner's discretionary 40% went to Mid-county United Ministries and their food pantry in Wheaton. Please note that the next opportunity to bring your “2 Cents” will be **Sunday, September 21.**

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

### HERE ARE SOME UPDATES ON OUR IMPROVEMENTS, PLUS A “HEADS UP”

Over the summer and into September, we have reason to celebrate the completion of some major projects here on the Warner Church property. These include, of course, the new elevator tower and entrance, the fire alarm system wiring, and the accessible restroom on the main floor. Currently, work is almost completed on the insulation of the attic above the sanctuary. Recently, the floors in the social hall and Learning Center classrooms were waxed – and they look great!

**Now – please “save the date.”** We plan to have our annual fall “**Work Day**” on **Saturday, October 25.** Yes, that's several weeks away, but please mark it on your calendars. If the weather permits, we'll tackle projects both indoors and outside. Thanks!

-- Susan Kline

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

## FALL RETREAT—PLEASE SIGN UP A.S.A.P.!



**Feeling stressed? Need time for yourself? Consider taking a day for yourself to “retreat” with the Women of Warner & explore, “*Being Mindful of the Present*”.**

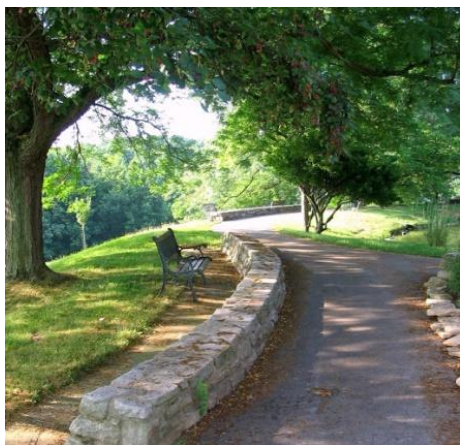
Our day of retreat will be spent at the lovely



Bon Secours Spiritual Center in Marriottsville, MD. We’ll arrange car pools and there will be free time during lunch & after our sessions to explore the grounds which include walking paths, a reflecting pool, peace garden and labyrinth. After an optional

breakfast at 8:00AM, we will have a brief worship service at 9:00AM. The rest of the morning will be facilitated by Barbara Jaquette - exploring what it means to be mindful, how to go about it and the potential benefits. After a leisurely lunch, we’ll spend time in the afternoon with Susan Luff practicing inner focus and gentle yoga for beginners, including those who think they could never do yoga.

Give yourself the gift of a day away from your day-to-day stresses, seeking inner peace while surrounded by the beauty of God’s creation as well as current and future friends.



**When: Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 9AM – 3PM**

**Where: Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center, Marriottsville, MD**

**Cost: \$65 per person (financial assistance available)**

**Please submit the registration form available in the Narthex or the PW Bulletin Board or call the office and let**

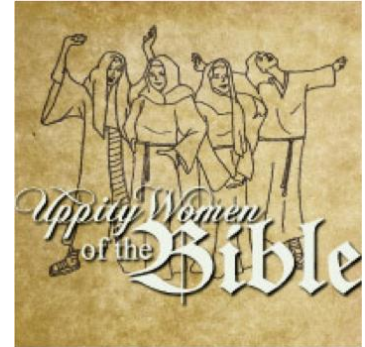
**June know you are planning to join us – registration cut-off is September 13<sup>th</sup>.**



## JOY CIRCLE STARTS UP TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9



Back by popular demand... we so enjoyed our study of Ruth and Naomi last year that we are sallying forth into the next segments of the videos series on “Uppity Women of the Bible”. We will meet in the **Common Room on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM** to begin our study of the Book of Judith—considered canonical by Roman Catholics, Apocrypha

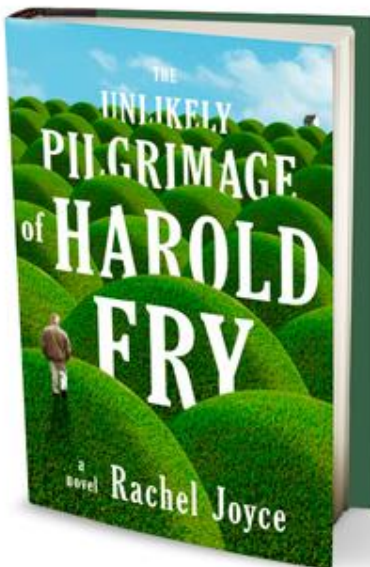


Literature by Protestants, and non-canon by Jews—tells the story of the ignominious defeat of the Assyrians, an army bent on world domination, by the hand of a Hebrew woman (Judith 13:14). Join us on September 9<sup>th</sup> as we begin to learn the “Rest of the Story”!

## REFLECTIONS CIRCLE

Keep an eye out for information in upcoming bulletins regarding this group. Karen Cook and Lora McGlade remain hopeful that we can continue to offer a Sunday morning PW bible study option. Please contact either Karen or Lora if you have suggestions for making this happen.

## BOOK GROUP



We are looking forward to kicking off year two of our Book Group on **September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30PM in the Common Room**. After sifting through the many possible selections and based on positive feedback when we met in June, we have selected the "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachel Joyce as our first book. Sue Burns was smitten the moment she opened the front cover and found a map! Upon reading, it did not disappoint. Please plan to join us.



## COORDINATING TEAM NEWS

### Coming Up – to Ponder... PW Annual Meeting



In November, date TBD; Warner's PW will hold its annual meeting. In years past we have enjoyed short programs by various women associated in some way with Warner. If you have an individual in mind who you would like us to invite to speak at this year's meeting, please contact any member of the PW Coordinating Team (CT). In addition, Sue Burns, the current PW Moderator, is seeking



PW Coordinating Team comprises (pictured above, left to right): Karen Cook, Nancy Lawrence Hill, Sue Burns and (pictured right, left to right): June Eakin and Lora Mc Glade (not shown, Kay Gorman, Charity Singletary, and Lisa Smeallie)

interested individuals to serve on the PW Nominating Committee. Each year there are officers (Moderator, Vice Moderator, Secretary, and Treasurer) rotating off of the CT and it is important to identify and nominate replacements.

### PW Remembers a Treasure

Warner was so lucky to have had the chance to know Judy Agee, who died on August 4<sup>th</sup>. As many have said, Judy's outward beauty was a mere reflection of her inward beauty and kindness. Though at Warner only a few years, she immersed herself in PW activities and attended Joy Circle faithfully. Some may not have known that Judy washed dishes after Fellowship Hour almost every Sunday for many months, with no fanfare or flourish, she just quietly manned her post at the sink each Sunday and did not stop until the last dish was done. It was wonderful to learn even more about her at the Memorial Service held shortly after her death; she lived much of her youth in DC, was a model for the Hecht Company department store and was the first Mrs. District of Columbia. She played guitar, tap danced, and taught gourmet cooking classes. It was no surprise to hear from her son that she was an excellent listener and practiced what she preached, "if you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all!" If you ever were having a "blue" moment and were fortunate enough to spark a conversation with Judy, you would walk away from it feeling renewed and invigorated.



# ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

## WMPC Finances Year-to-date July 31, 2014

	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Over (Under)
Pledges	285,230	166,384	158,408	(7,976)
Total Income	386,555	225,490	223,082	(2,409)
Expenses	386,555	225,490	233,282	7,791
Net Income (Loss)			(10,200)	



## A NOTE ABOUT CONTRIBUTIONS

Even as we have completed many building-safety projects and other upgrades in the past two years, and are about to open our new elevator, we are in need of your contributions. We are behind in pledge donations for both the General Fund and the Capital Campaign. If you made a pledge, please continue to make donations toward that pledge, or let me know if you are unable to fulfill your pledge. If you are able to make your Capital Campaign contributions ahead of schedule—by donating your full 2014 amount before the end of the year, or by donating toward your 2015 pledge this year—that would be greatly appreciated.

We have much to be thankful for and excited about! Thank you for all of your contributions!

Sharon Allen

## WARNER PEOPLE

### IN MEMORIAM—PLEASE KEEP THE FAMILIES OF THESE LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Judy Agee**--Warner member Judy Agee died on August 4. A memorial service was held here on Friday, August 15. We will miss having Judy at church with us, and will always remember her smile and warm, caring personality. *(Please also note the tribute written by the Presbyterian Women.)*

**Robert Ness**--The church office received notice that Bob Ness, longtime Warner member, passed away on September 1. Bob was living in the Denver, Colorado area with his wife Ruth and their daughter and son-in-law (Carol and Bob Brewka). Plans are pending for a memorial service at Warner, later in September.

**Kurt Ulmer**--Holly Ulmer and her family have been on our prayer list throughout the summer because of their many health challenges. Sadly, Holly's father, Kurt Ulmer, passed away on Friday, August 22. Please continue to lift Holly and her family in your prayers. If you would like to send Holly a note, please mail it to the University of Maryland Chapel, 1101 Memorial Chapel, College Park, MD, 20742

### A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE CARROLL FAMILY

We are very thankful for the outpouring of support our family received in the week leading up to, and in the weeks after the passing of Dave Carroll. Thank you for your cards, flowers, hugs and remembrances. Thanks, also, to the Deacons for preparing food for the reception following the memorial service.

### STEPHEN MINISTRY CARE-GIVING IS AVAILABLE ALL YEAR

Do you, or someone you love, feel the need for some compassionate, confidential, Christian-based support? Warner's active Stephen Ministry program provides such one-on-one listening support throughout the year. For more information about any facet of this caring and vital program -- please contact Rev. Hill at the church office (301-949-2900) or Barbara Jaquette (301-593-2875).





## WARNER'S "FOOD & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS WELCOME YOU

Here are brief descriptions and the main contact people of the various food and fellowship groups that Warner supports during the year:

- **The Potluck Group** meets monthly, September through June, at members' homes. **They get underway this month, on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>**, at the home of Ila and Bob Trautvetter. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information about this venerable group, contact Susan or Ben Fulton (301-949-0691) or via e-mail: [fultonbs@comcast.net](mailto:fultonbs@comcast.net).
- **Salt-Shakers** also meets (in groups of 8 or more for dinner) at members' homes on a monthly rotating basis. The hosts provide the main dish, while guests are assigned other parts of the evening meal to bring. (*Please see Sheri's article, below.*)
- **The Breakfast Club** gathers on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. in the Common Room, all year round, with a rotating roster of chefs. Following breakfast, we read selections from inspirational books. For more information, please call the church office (301-949-2900) or show up with a bib Wednesday morning, **September 10 and 24.**

### **We need refined Salt for our Tables. Classy people!**

**Celtic Salt** harvested by solar evaporation from the Celtic Sea marshes in Brittany, France.  
Ethnic diversity!

Still finer salt is **Fleur de Sel** because it only forms "when the wind blows East"!  
Ah! Those who think outside the box! (Limited number of Space Cadet openings.)

The hunky chunky **Rock Salt** that grinds away in ice cream machines.

Where would we be without the heavy-lifters!

And the Pickles! Cucumbers without **brine** (Salt)?

Takes some "sour dours" to keep the rest of us in line!!

Colorful **Sea Salts** in red and black, can be Smoked or Seasoned; usually ground.

Folks interested in interesting folks!

The coarse but flaky **Kosher Salt** is used in the "koshering of meat" or preparation.

Healthy cooks and "healthy" eaters are always welcome!

Lastly, salt that puts the "savor" on top of corn that pops: **Popcorn Salt.**

Where is the life of the party?

We are all "**the Salt of the Earth**" even if we lack humility. Warner's Salt Shakers dinner groups will get underway soon, for this fall-winter-spring year. So call Sheri now, before you forget to be the Salt in our Shakers! 301-493-8456; [sdstellar@msn.com](mailto:sdstellar@msn.com)

Sheri Daugherty

## IN SEPTEMBER, A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

- 2 Bob Trautvetter, Susan Kline
- 4 Catharine Burke, Michaela Hepp
- 6 Margaret Adams
- 7 Ralph Sloat, Peter Smeallie
- 8 Charlotte Hunker
- 9 Susan Bresee, Jennifer Carlson
- 10 Julia Cope
- 14 Janet Trautvetter, Robin Hepp Smith
- 15 Julia Simenauer, Anne Fleur Winter
- 16 Kaitlin Dunn
- 18 Cheryl Geiger, Joanna Bresee
- 19 Lois Smith
- 21 Steve Dunn
- 24 Benjamin Fulton, Hugo Buitano, Michelle France, Graham Dunn, Maxwell Dunn
- 25 Elizabeth Lohr
- 26 Anuj Datta
- 27 Kristin Adams, Catelyn Koff, Cecilia Letizia
- 28 Bennet McGlade
- 29 Matthew Koff

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**Catherine Clarke**, who attended Warner for several years while living at Kensington Park Retirement Center, has moved. Her new address:

Morningside House—Room 224  
7700 Cherry Lane  
Laurel, MD 20707

Telephone: 240-280-1413

### OCTOBER MEMO ISSUE

Please submit articles and notices for the October Warner MEMO by **Saturday, September 20**. To all of our contributors: You may send your material via disk, or typed hardcopy, to the church office, or via e-mail to [memo@warnermemorial.org](mailto:memo@warnermemorial.org) ... and we thank you for your contributions!

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