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# THE WARNER MEMO



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OF WARNER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### The CAT Is Back

If you've read a bulletin or listened to the announcements during the past month, you've heard me say, "The CAT Is Back!" What am I talking about? The Church Assessment Tool, of course. And while it may not have nine lives, it has at least two here at Warner. But enough with the witty banter.



Recently, after a number of discussions on the topic of mission discernment and future ministry, Session agreed to move forward with a National Capital Presbytery-sponsored *Church Assessment Tool (CAT) Scan* to help us think about the church's future and lay the groundwork for a successful pastoral search. This is an exciting time for Warner.

Some of you may remember this from your first go around, but *HolyCow! Consulting's CAT Scan* is an instrument designed to provide an in-depth look at the experiences, perceptions and aspirations of a congregation. The CAT can assist a congregation in 1) measuring satisfaction and energy levels, as well as flexibility; 2) identifying critical success factors for improving organizational climate; 3) discovering where members might like to go in the future, 4) gauging readiness for change, 5) uncovering potential resources that may be missing and 6) helping prepare for the future. But first things first, we need you to complete the assessment.

We need your input, Warner! That is why I'm writing this Memo article. That is also why you're going to hear about the CAT again and again over the next month. Because we need you to provide a clear picture of who we are as a congregation and what direction is best for our future.

If the church already has your email address, you will soon be invited to complete the assessment online. If we don't have your email address, please call or email Dina right away. This assessment is best done online. However, if you're not wired for this sort of thing, we can provide you with a paper copy. We can also set you up on a computer here at church. Again, contact Dina in the office. We want your input!

A few final notes on completing the CAT. First, because individual input is key to gaining insight into overall perceptions and experiences, all

members and friends should complete their own assessment. Completing the survey is not a group exercise. Second, be sure to set aside enough time to answer all questions at once. The assessment requires that. On average, the assessment takes between 30 minutes and one hour to complete. Please know that all responses are anonymous. If you have any questions, give me a shout. And finally, thank you for completing the CAT Scan, and helping to shape Warner's future!

Shalom,

Rev. Todd

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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### **Sunday, September 2nd**

(Last Day of Summer Worship Schedule)

Acts 9:1-19

“You Can’t Be Serious”



### **Sunday, September 9th** (Rally Day)

Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers

Scripture: James 1:17-27

“A Rally Day Message”

### **Sunday, September 16th**

(Joint Service

w/ First Baptist Church of Ken-Gar at  
Warner Memorial)

Rev. Norman Hall, Guest Preacher



### **Sunday, September 23rd**

Acts 9:19-31

“180 Degrees”

### **Sunday, September 30th**

Acts 9:32-43

“What’s the Point”

[Click here for the Church Calendar](#)

Please support the good work of our Deacons. Their funding does not come from the church budget, but from individual donations. Donations are collected on the first Sunday of each month, but donations can be made at any time. Please also bring non-perishable food to our Hunger Barrel in the Narthex. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need!

## **WORSHIP AND MUSIC**

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### **Check Out the Bulletin Boards and Mark Your Calendars!**

It's start-up time! First, a reminder that we will **return to 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning services on Rally Day, Sept. 9.** We know that will make some people happy and some people sad. We thank you for helping us stay cooler during the summer by coming early. And we are glad that most people were able to attend the earlier summer services.

Now that it's September, you will find a **new sign-up sheet for helping out on Sundays.** It's located on the bulletin board outside the church office. We need ushers, liturgists, greeters, and counters for **every Sunday in September and October.** That's right! There are vacancies for every category. A big way to help is to bring your calendars and sign up so somebody else doesn't have to make a half-dozen telephone calls trying to find a volunteer.

**We also welcome volunteers for the sanctuary choir and bell choir.** The choirs rehearse on Thursday evenings and just before services. See Peter Smeallie or any of the choir members if you think you might like to join in making Warner's beautiful music.

As mentioned above, this year's Rally Day is Sept. 9. The worship service and bulletin boards will focus on the many ways Christian Education is found at Warner, for all age groups. **Rather than our traditional picnic on the lawn we will be having an indoor ice cream sundae party in the Social Hall.** Yum, yum - ice cream for lunch!

**On Sept. 16, our friends from Ken-Gar will be joining us,** and we will have a chance to meet their new pastor. That's the day we will have our picnic on the lawn (weather providing); otherwise it will be in the Social Hall.

**Also going on during September, will be Warner's opportunity to participate in the C.A.T. (Church Assessment Tool).** We used the C.A.T. a

couple of years ago and are looking to see how we are doing now. Worship and Music Commission is especially interested in the portion that refers to the worship service. You'll be hearing lots more about this during the fall.

So, a very busy and exciting fall is shaping up for us at Warner. Remember, we need lots of volunteers to make our Sunday services run smoothly. Bring your calendar and sign up to help us out!

--Kay Gorman for W&M

### **Locking the Church Doors!**

This is an important issue, so you will see this a few times in this month's Memo. Each of our entry doors locks a little differently, and this has led to some being unlocked or left ajar after church activities. **If you stay after church for fellowship or a meeting, we are asking you to make sure doors are closed and locked after leaving the church on Sundays.** *If the door will not lock, please ask somebody for help. Thank you all for your help with this important security issue.*

--Kay Gorman for W&M

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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**We are walking to our September 9<sup>th</sup> Rally Day – where we will celebrate Christian Education (CE) in its many forms at WMPC.** This Rally Day will be different; our adult Sunday school will invite the congregation to participate in its class, offering leadership *during worship*. Rally Day kicks off the CE year, and we are excited to do something new. On the two Wednesdays before Rally Day, we walked to Rally Day with hikes at the Billy Goat trail on Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Rock Creek trail on Sep 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will continue our walk by faith in our CE activities throughout the year. We encourage you to prayerfully consider our offerings for this year, and ways that you feel called to serve in Warner's educational ministry.

### **Sunday School for All Ages:**

This year, we are planning a new addition to the regular Sunday school schedule: all ages will meet together from 9:30-9:45 a.m. for an intergenerational story telling time. Afterwards, age-based classes and

choirs will meet separately; with nursery care collocated in the following ways:

Time	Sunday School / Worship	Choir	Childcare location
09:30 – 09:45	Intergenerational Story		Common room
09:45 – 10:15	Adult (till 10:30)	Youth	CE Office
10:15 – 10:50	Children & Youth	Adult (@10:30)	Upstairs classroom
11:00 – 12:15	Worship		Sanctuary / nursery

**Intergenerational Gatherings:**

This summer, outreach/fellowship hosted a game night in our social hall. This gathering offered a different type of fellowship for our congregation. **This CE year, we plan to hold regular family-friendly social meetings for our congregation that will also be welcoming to our neighbors and parents who could use childcare. We also anticipate a variety of intergenerational activities throughout the year.** We particularly look forward to making Advent wreaths on the first Sunday of Advent. One additional project we are discerning is an update to the aging murals outside our social hall windows. Those who feel called to serve in any of the above projects are encouraged to reach out.

**Children:**

**We will continue to seek to attend to the particular gifts that children offer to the life of the church. For young children, we will continue to offer childcare during all stages of Sunday morning.** In our nursery room during worship, we offer a bible lesson along with structured and unstructured play. We are currently seeking new volunteers to assist Shervonne, our nursery attendant, during worship on a rotating basis. Last CE year we completed “Year A” of our Vacation Bible School curriculum from the Society of St. Andrew, and we look forward to completing “Year B” in the summer of 2019. We are also seeking volunteers to assist with all aspects of making this a successful V.B.S.

## Youth Fellowship and Service:

Last CE year, we had two high school graduates from WMPC. They are now attending VCU in Richmond, VA and Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT (where Warner will now have two graduates). **To support our graduates and distant members, we are seeking volunteers to help prepare care packages during this fall semester.** We are planning bookend retreats for high school youth during the CE year: youth, **mark your calendar for a Sep 29 camping trip and an April lock-in.** The youth group will be holding regular meetings between the months of October – May with a plan for several presentations: a summer experience presentation in November, a February talent show, and a youth-led service – **Youth Sunday – on May 12.**

## Young Adults:

The Young Adult group – the Warner Walkers – are planning to gather for social meetings and service activities throughout the year.

## Adults:

Warner adults intersect with CE in many ways, including supporting our children and youth, and participating in adult-focused classes and programs across WMPC's commissions. This year, CE has partnered with Commission to the Community to plan monthly installments of the Sunday Speaker Series. We are very excited about the fall schedule below:

Month	Day	Speaker	Topic
Sep	23	Mark Eakin	223 <sup>rd</sup> General Assembly
Oct	7	Rev. Nancy Fox	Refugee Source Countries
Nov	TBD	Youth	Youth Summer Experiences
Dec	16	Barbara Jaquette	Aging and Advent

We look forward to more great speakers in the spring. We also look forward to our annual **Wednesday night supper and study for four weeks during Lent, this year from March 13<sup>th</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

## Overview:

Thank you for the ways that you support CE at WMPC. During this important time in the life of the church – as we anticipate the CAT scan, a mission study, and the pastoral search – CE will remain open to new directions and be attentive to movements in worship, mission, and fellowship in order to nurture CE offerings for prayerful study and reflection that equips our congregation for walking into the life of faith to which God calls the Church.

--Dave Grace, Director of Christian Education

## **SPECIAL NOTE: ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**

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### **WMPC will participate in the Montgomery County Rise for Climate Rally on Sunday, September 9.**

As part of the world-wide "Rise for Climate" mobilization being held on Saturday and Sunday, September 8-9, 2018, citizens of Montgomery County, Maryland, will rally in Rockville Town Center on **Sunday, Sept. 9 from 2-4 p.m.**, and demand that our elected and business leaders commit to a fossil-free economy. The Rise for Climate mobilization is occurring just days before officials from cities, states, businesses, and civil society from around the world meet at the Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco, CA. The Global Climate Action Summit is an effort to continue the progress of the Paris Climate Agreement. We will carpool from the church, leaving about 1:30 p.m. **To let us know you are coming and get more information, contact June Eakin or Dave Grace.**

--June Eakin for EST

## **COMMUNITY – MISSION**

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### **Two Cents-a-Meal**

Thank you for your generosity! We had a large collection of coins, bills and checks for Two Cents-a-Meal in July, and a bunch of us spent time counting that together—the largest coin collection we've had in a long time! This was combined with our June collection, and supported the Capital Area Food Bank to provide food to children in need while they were not able to receive the school meals they get during the rest of the

year. Our August collection was fairly small, but it will be combined with the next collection, coming up on September 16<sup>th</sup>! Be sure to bring your donations for Two Cents-a-Meal on that third Sunday—the same day that Ken-Gar Baptist Church will be with us at Warner to worship together! *Read on for more information about the recipient of our August-September collection.*

--Sharon Allen for CTC

### **Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry**

*Rick Wilson didn't know what to expect that September morning as he pulled to the side of the road over 20 years ago. All he saw was a woman by her car and she looked in need of help. The woman asked Wilson if he could follow her into the bushes. Warily he did, eventually coming upon a dead six-point buck in the brush. Soon Wilson realized the woman wanted help getting the road kill into the trunk of her car.*

*Wilson, a veteran hunter, warned her of the potential citations she could receive if caught carrying an untagged deer.*

*"I don't care," the woman replied. "My kids and me are hungry."*

*It was then that Wilson realized something must be done. That same year he followed through, founding Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH), a Christian ministry that helps hunters donate deer to be processed and delivered to local food banks and feeding programs.*

For many years, Warner's Commission to the Community has provided the local share of the September and October (and now, August and September, to help them prepare for hunting season) 2-cents-a-meal offering to Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH). FHFH is a Christian ministry headquartered out of Williamsport, MD. While started locally, FHFH has expanded its ministry to feed people nationwide.

Liberal bag limits and extended seasons in Maryland allow hunters to harvest more deer than they can personally consume. Through FHFH, farmers and hunters deliver surplus deer to participating meat processors in each county. Donations from churches, businesses, and individuals cover the costs of processing, packaging and freezing the meat. The

frozen meat is then available for free to food banks and feeding programs. This nutritious, low fat, high protein meat is then distributed and/or cooked by local community agencies including Miriam's Kitchen, DC Central Kitchen, Salvation Army, and others.

Since 1997, hunters and farmers have provided over 19.4 million servings of nutritious venison to the needy, including over 8 million in Maryland alone. The Commission to Community is proud to continue our support of FHFH. You can learn more or donate directly at [www.fhfh.org](http://www.fhfh.org).

--Mark Eakin for CTC

### **News from the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly**

*Did you know that in 2016, the PC(USA)'s General Assembly (GA) voted for all congregations to learn what it means to be a Matthew 25 church? Neither did I until I was preparing for the 2018 General Assembly. It's amazing what you can miss when you're not paying attention!*

This year, I had the honor to attend the 223<sup>rd</sup> GA in St. Louis to represent Warner and the National Capital Presbytery as an advocate for the overture to divest from fossil fuels.

*So, what's an overture? What does an advocate do? What's the difference between a Delegate and a Commissioner? More importantly, what happened at the 223<sup>rd</sup> GA? Where will the next GA be held?*

**Come find out on September 23<sup>rd</sup>** when I'll give a presentation after the worship service, on the news from the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly. Grab a plate at fellowship and come upstairs to hear the highlights from the 223<sup>rd</sup> GA and ask your questions about our denomination's governing body. Remember, that's more on the 223<sup>rd</sup> on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

--Mark Eakin for CTC

### **Peace and Global Witness Special Offering**

Annually, Warner participates in the PC(USA) collection of the Peace and Global Witness Special Offering. We will begin asking for your contributions on **World Communion Sunday, which is October 7, 2018,**

and will continue to accept them during the Month of October. Look for more information in the October Memo.

--Ina Rae Kramer for CTC

## **BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

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We hoped that the new door locking system would keep the doors locked when needed. But it relies on your help! **If you stay after church for fellowship or a meeting, we are asking you to make sure doors are closed and locked after leaving the building on Sundays. If the door will not lock, please ask somebody for help. If you come in during the week, please make sure the door secures behind you.** Sometimes a door might not click closed, so a simple pull or push will verify security. Many years ago, red placards were installed at many doors, reading, “security is everyone’s business” --that’s still true today.

**Save-The-Date: Saturday October 20 for the Fall Workday with Warner Memorial and the LCYC.** *Please contact me if you are willing to help provide lunch for our hard-working volunteers.*

--June Eakin

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

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Study – Mission – Fellowship, is a trinity in the Presbyterian Women purpose. In this issue, read on for how you can be one of these three legs, balancing PW at Warner.

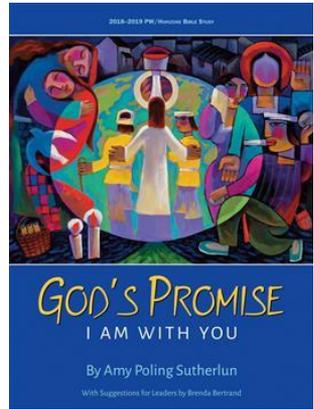


**Warner Women’s Fall Retreat - Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

We are returning to the quite welcoming Bon Secours Spiritual Center in Marriottsville, MD. The day begins at 8:00 with breakfast at Bon Secours, then worship at 9:00, Bible study until lunch and some time to enjoy the grounds. We’ll also hear about PW Churchwide and the Gathering in Louisville, then join in a session facilitated by Dawn Rhine for our PW mission discernment, exploring our local focus for women at Warner.

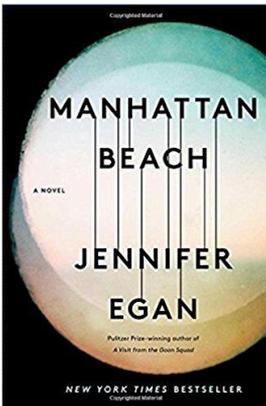
## Bible Study in Joy Circle

Joy Circle will begin following the Horizons Bible study, “God’s Promise: I Am With You.” Study books are available for \$10 from JoEllen LaPrade or the church office. **Our first meeting for this study will be Tuesday, September 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church library.** If you have never come to Circle, don’t be shy, give it a try! The meeting lasts a little over 90 minutes; we share news, prayers and snacks, as well as discussion of the lesson. It’s one of many ways we seek to create an inclusive caring community.



## NCP PW Fall Gathering – Sept. 29th 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Join the Warner women on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, as we travel to Lewinsville Presbyterian Church in McLean, VA for the Presbytery-wide Fall Gathering** with the theme: “Arise! Shine!” (Isaiah 60:1). The morning will be filled with exciting speakers on the Bible study “God’s Promise,” Mission Co-Worker Nancy from eastern Africa, and Immigration 101 presented by Just Neighbors. Come to learn, come to connect, and come for breakfast! The cost is only \$15 and includes continental breakfast, and we will be carpooling to Virginia. Please contact Sue Burns, June Eakin or JoEllen LaPrade to register and arrange carpools. Advance notice is appreciated. NCP-PW is diverse in age and culture; come meet the women of National Capital PW. <https://www.presbyterianwomenncp.org>



## PW Book Club meets Tuesday, Sept. 25th at 7:30 p.m. in the church library

Our first book, *Manhattan Beach*, by Jennifer Egan, is available in all formats from the public library, though you may have to put a hold on it and wait for it to be transferred to your local branch. “*This [novel] follows Anna Kerrigan from the Great Depression through WWII. Mesmerizing, hauntingly beautiful, with the pace & atmosphere of a noir thriller, Egan’s first historical novel is a masterpiece, a deft, startling intimate exploration of a*

transformative moment in the lives of women and men, America & the world.” Contact Lisa Smeallie about the Book Club.

### **Books to Prisons Saturday September 29th**

If you're not going on the retreat, please consider participating in this: **The DC Books to Prisons has their monthly Saturday workshop at Foundry United Methodist Church at 9:00 a.m.** Volunteers choose books to send in response to inmates' request letters, weigh them and fill out a few short forms. While we are *no longer collecting children's books*, we are accepting books for adults: dictionaries, westerns, non-fiction, mysteries, fantasy, and how-to books are popular. Softcover books are preferred. Contact Madalena Aspiras.

### **PW Acts Through Prayer, People, and Pocketbooks**

At our Annual Meeting in 2017, a budget with income from offerings to PW of \$1,365 was approved, but so far, we've only received about half. Warner PW relies on the generosity of individual giving to offer retreats and speakers, send funds to mission workers, and help with registrations, and hospitality. Please place cash in a labeled envelope, make checks payable to Presbyterian Women WMPC, or make a designated credit card donation through the WMPC website link.

**Save-the-Date:** Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for the Warner PW Annual Meeting

--June Eakin for PW

### **WARNER PEOPLE**

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#### **Directory Updates:**

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**Dawn Rhine's new e-mail address:**

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## September Birthdays

- 2 Susan Kline, Bob Trautvetter
- 3 Brian Broadwell
- 4 Catharine Burke, Michaela Hepp
- 6 Margaret Adams
- 7 Peter Smeallie
- 8 Charlotte Hunker
- 9 Susan Bresee
- 10 Julia Cope
- 14 Brian France, Robin Smith,  
Janet Trautvetter
- 15 Presley Harrell-Mitchell, Preston Harrell-Mitchell, Julia Simenaur,  
Anne Fleur Winter
- 16 Kaitlin Dunn
- 18 Cheryl Geiger
- 19 Cecelia Letizia
- 21 Steve Dunn
- 22 Paula Harrell-Mitchell
- 24 Hugo Buitano, Graham Dunn, Max Dunn, Benjamin Fulton
- 25 Elizabeth Lohr
- 27 Kristin Adams, Catelyn Koff
- 28 Bennet McGlade
- 29 Matthew Koff



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Thank you for your contributions!

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