

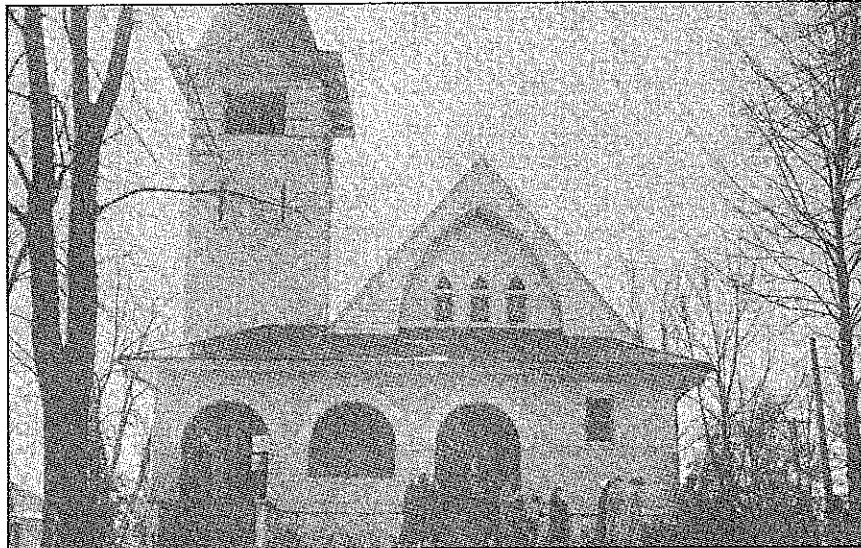
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Gary Ditto's Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 1993

A CENTENNIAL REUNION

Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church Celebrates 100 years



The first sanctuary building of Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church, founded in 1893.

On September 19, 1893, a small group of Kensington residents gathered in the newly built Noyes Library to form a new Presbyterian church. On Saturday, September 18 and Sunday, September 19, 1993, the community of Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church will gather to celebrate the church's 100th anniversary.

By the late 19th century, interest in country living as an escape from the heat and hustle of Washington, D.C. became quite popular. Noting the interest in the rolling farmland, Brainard H. Warner, a prominent Washington banker and real estate developer, bought acreage around the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad station on the Metropolitan Branch in an area known as "Knowles Station." He pieced together a parcel he named after Kensington Park, a subdivision of London, England.

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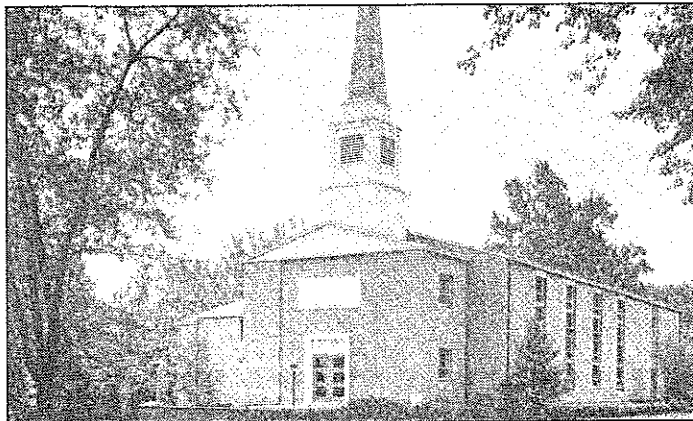
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Presbyterians moving to the area first met in the old school house that once stood on the site of the present Armory and Town Hall. In 1893, they moved to the Noyes Library, the first public library in the Washington area. Noyes Library was a joint venture of Mr. Warner, who donated the land and building, and Alfred Noyes, editor of the Washington Star, who contributed the books.

On Sunday, September 19, 1893, the Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church was formally organized. Brainard H. Warner gave land and funds for the first sanctuary as a memorial to his father, Henry Warner. In early 1894, the Rev. James T. Marshall became the first pastor. A "manse" or parsonage was built in 1897 and a Sunday School building in 1904. In 1922, the Warner family presented a Moeller pipe organ as a memorial to Brainard Warner.

The 1890's were a decade of spirited growth within the church and the community of Kensington Park. The country setting lent itself to the energies of the community. But Nature had a few surprises for the early denizens of the town. According to the "History of Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church" by Wendell S. Tredick, Jr., a "cyclone" struck the town in 1896. In addition to damaging property throughout the area, the storm picked up the church "tower with its heavy bell, carried it over a lamp post at its base and landed it on the other side of the lamp without putting out the light or cracking the glass." The replacement tower was not as high "in the hope that future freaks of nature might leave the belfry undisturbed."

The last services in the original sanctuary were held on December 12, 1954, when ground was broken for the present building. During the nearly 2 years of construction, services were held in the gymnasium at Kensington Junior High School. Services were held in the new sanctuary in March, 1956.



Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1956, built on the site of the original 1894 sanctuary.

During Warner Memorial's first 100 years, nine pastors have served the community. The current pastor is Graham F. Bardsley.

The centennial celebration has been underway since June, 1992 with a series of small reunion weekends, highlighted by church suppers and the return of former ministers who shared their reminiscences and preached Sunday sermons. The landmark year is also being commemorated by a \$100,000 Centennial Fund to be raised over the next three years, with monies going to a mission endowment, the Presbyterian Bicentennial Fund, and a capital improvement fund.

Today, Warner Memorial is a vital presence in the Kensington area. It takes part in a community collaboration at Thanksgiving and space at the church is used for many community activities.

The Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church community invites friends near and far to participate in the Reunion Weekend and the celebration of the coming 100 years.

REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND

Saturday, September 18

8 a.m. - 12 noon Continental Breakfast
and Historic Display

Exhibits of old pictures, films, and other souvenirs

4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Victorian Social

On the church grounds, featuring children's races, guessing games, face painting, clowns, silhouettes, Victorian photographs.

Supper at "Victorian" prices.

Sunday, September 19

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Celebration at
Noyes Library

Re-enactment of the church founding on the library steps.

11:00 a.m. Worship at Warner

David Graybill, pastor from 1978-1988, will preach, using as his text the same scripture used in the first church service 100 years ago.

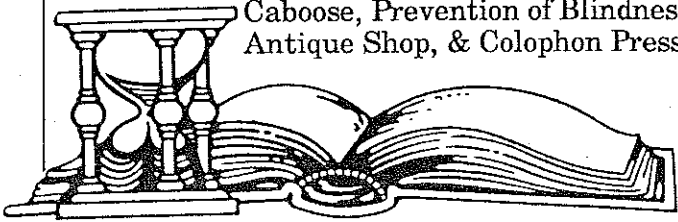
Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church is located at 10123 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington.

Many thanks to Mary Margaret Gibson and Warner Memorial Church for providing information for this article. The article is based on the accounts in *History of Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1890-1955* by Wendell S. Tredick, Jr.

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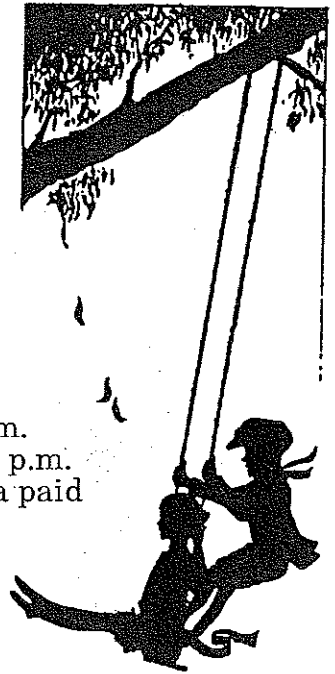
Centennial Calendars Make History Every Month of the Year

The 1994 Kensington Historical Society calendars are out in a special centennial edition which includes a poster of Kensington in 1901. This is the 16th year of the popular calendar. Featuring photos of buildings or locations associated with each decade of the past 100 years, the calendars sell for \$7 each. They are available at the Town Hall and at many Kensington businesses, including Connecticut Knowles Pharmacy, International Parade, Bobby's Antiques, Kensington Caboose, Prevention of Blindness Antique Shop, & Colophon Press.



Kensington Parkwood Elementary School, 4710 Saul Road, is looking for a cheerful, flexible, child-loving lunchtime playground aide

to work either from 12 noon to 1 p.m. or 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. school days. This is a paid position. For more information, please call the school at 571-6949.



Recycling News: Magazines, Mattresses, Large Appliances Add Weight to Montgomery's Efforts

According to the August issue of *Montgomery County Recycles*, county residents recycle an estimated 41,500,000 pounds of glass, cans, and plastic bottles; 84,000,000 pounds of newspapers; and 750,000,000 pounds of yard trimmings annually.

The County Department of Environmental Protection has expanded their successful recycling program to include magazines and catalogs, mattresses, and large appliances. The scene of the action is the Solid Waste Transfer Station, Rte. 355 & Shady Grove Rd. Rockville.

Magazines and catalogs. (Be sure they're dry; do not mix with phone books or any other type of paper). Solid Waste Transfer Station Citizen Drop-off Area (Rte. 355 entrance).

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Phone Books. (Only dry books, not in plastic)

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Mattresses. (Dry, unbroken mattresses and foam rubber products never stored outside.) To receive a receipt, drop off at the Transfer Station (Shady Grove Rd. entrance) **only** on:

Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Mattresses can also be brought to the Citizen Drop-off Area (Rte. 355 entrance) during regular hours.

Refrigerators, Freezers, and other Large Appliances. If you live in a single-family home or townhouse and have curbside recycling, call 217-2410 to arrange for appliance collection. Or bring old appliances to the Transfer Station Shady Grove Rd. entrance, Monday - Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. or to the Rte. 355 entrance Monday - Friday and Sunday, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

For additional recycling information, call the Recycling Hotline, 590-0046, weekdays, 1 - 4 p.m.

The next scheduled hazardous waste collection in the Kensington area is **Saturday, October 16**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the National Institutes of Health, Wilson Drive at Route 355.

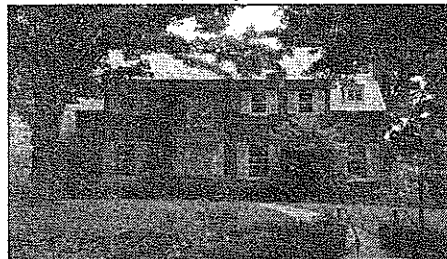
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\$229,500



10518 Pine Haven Terrace
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Perfect Townhome. Professionally landscaped. Liv. Rm. Din. Rm. Rec. Rm. 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA.

FOR SALE
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4105 Franklin Street
Chevy Chase View

Elegant Center Hall Colonial. First floor Den w/FP. Formal Liv.Rm. w/FP. Lovely English garden.

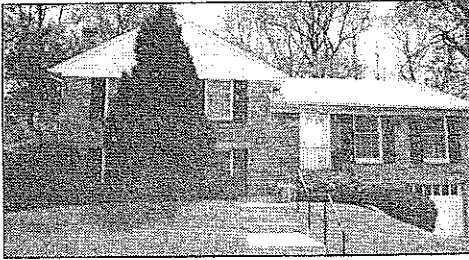
FOR SALE
\$189,900



10105 Ashwood Drive
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Charming Cape w/ new Kitchen and Sun Room addition. Liv.Rm. Din.Rm. Rec. Rm. 3 BR.

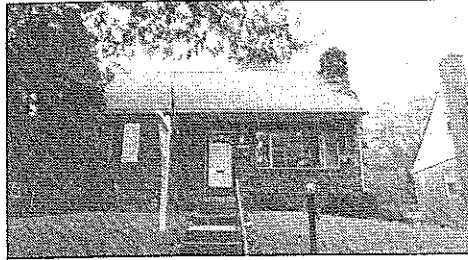
SOLD
\$330,000



**4104 Dewmar Court
Kensington**

Well-kept Split Level w/ spectacular glass/cedar addition. 4 BR, 3 BA.

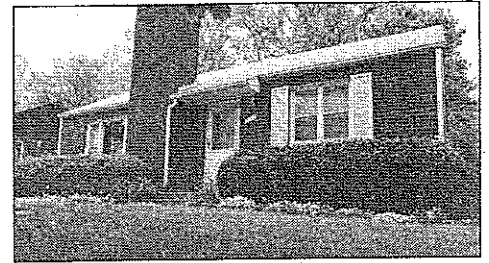
FOR SALE
\$149,900



**10602 Edgewood Avenue
Silver Spring**

Charming Cape Cod. Liv.Rm. w/FP, 3 BR. 1 1/2 BA. New Rec.Rm. New Roof.

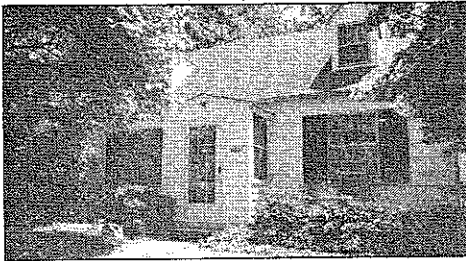
SOLD
\$189,900



**4512 Everett Street
Kensington**

Screened Porch overlooks lush yard. Liv.Rm. w/FP. New Rec.Rm. 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA.

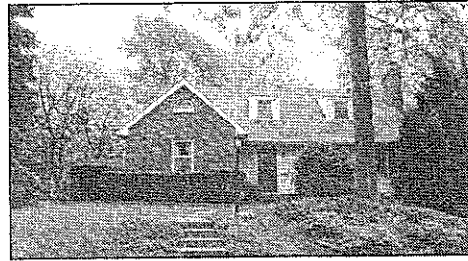
SOLD
\$191,000



**10607 Wheatley Street
Kensington**

Unusual and outstanding Cape Cod. Superb condition. Liv. Rm. w/FP. 2 BR, 2 BA. Porch. Decks.

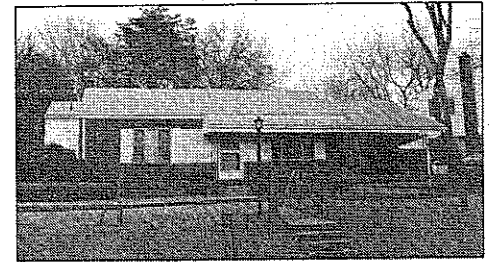
SOLD
\$375,000



**10107 Bexhill Drive
Kensington**

Elegant Family Home. Liv.Rm. w/FP. Din.Rm. TS Kit. Rec.Rm. New Sun Rm. 4 BR, 3 BA. Den.

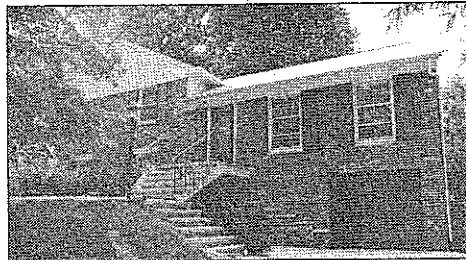
SOLD
\$160,000



**4509 Puller Drive
Kensington**

Family Room w/ FP, Liv.Rm., Mod.Kit. 2 BR, 2 BA. Large lot.

FOR SALE
\$324,500



**9638 Dewmar Lane
Kensington**

Improved split-level home. Liv.Rm., Din.Rm., Fam. Rm. w/FP, Deck. Porch. Finished lower level. Excellent condition.

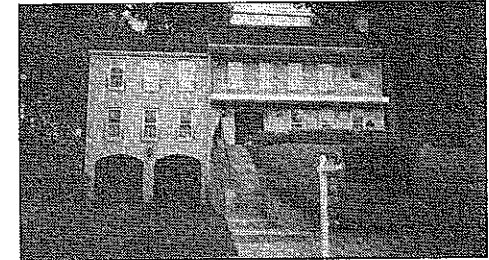
FOR SALE
\$295,000



**6651 Fairfax Road
Bethesda**

Large end unit townhome. Excellent condition. Liv.Rm. Din.Rm. Den. Rec.Rm. 4 BR. 3 1/2 BA. Great location.

FOR SALE
\$398,500



**9811 Hill Street
Kensington**

Large Colonial. Great family home. 4 BR. 2 Full, 2 Half BAs. Fam.Rm. Rec. Rm. And much more!

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