

“God’s Kingdom”



Warwick River Mennonite Church

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Vision: Healing & Hope - God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace, so that God’s healing and hope flow through us to the world.

WELCOME HOME TO Warwick River Mennonite Church

Sunday Worship Service July 21, 2019

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 10:40 a.m.

-- Gathering --

Prelude

*Welcome and Invocation

*Time for Greeting

*Call to Worship

Leader:

Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!

People:

Darkness has been banished!

Leader:

God's light of hope floods the earth

People:

God's light comes to us all.

Leader:

Lord, make us ready to journey to this Light.

People:

Prepare our hearts to receive this Light.

Amen.

*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

-- Hearing from God’s Word--

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 60

Time for Silent Reflection

(Children may now go to Children’s Church)

*Hymn of Preparation

Sermon

“God’s Kingdom”

Zachary Dey

-- Responding--

*Hymn of Response

Time for Sharing of Announcements, Blessings, and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Offering

-- Sending --

*Prayer of Sending

Leader:

Lord, we wait with eager expectation for the coming of Your kingdom when the humble will be exalted and the hungry fed.

People:

Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

Leader:

Lord, we watch with those who wait and weep, longing to see the rule of justice and the reign of peace.

People:

Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

Leader:

Lord, we seek You among the despised and rejected, knowing that there we will find Your light shining in the dark.

People:

Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

Leader:

Lord, we proclaim sight to the blind and liberty to the oppressed, trusting in Your tender mercy and passion for justice.

People:

Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

Leader:

Lord, we work with others to proclaim Your truth, challenging the mighty and raising the meek.

People:

Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

Leader:

Lord, we wrestle with our hopes and our fears, our struggles and our joys laboring with creation to come to new birth.

People:

Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

*Song of Sending

Worship Leader:

Chris Miller

Song Leader:

Lisa Fannin

*(*Please stand if you are able)*

*We extend a very special welcome and sincere thanks to
Zachary Dey
for bringing the message this morning.*

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Remembering Dorothy B. Shenk at the hour of her passing, July 13, 2019. Please keep Paul, Evangeline, Darrel, Leanna and all of Dorothy's family and friends in your prayers as together we mourn her loss.
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Elena Buckwalter and Freddy Satalaya, recently married and serving in Iquitos, Peru. Pray for them as they give leadership to the Isla Bonita ministry, sharing God's love and care with children and adolescents. To learn more, visit: <https://www.mennonitemission.net/workers/Latin%20America/Peru/Elena%20and%20Freddy%20Satalaya>
- ❖ A lovely greeting card and note has been received in the office from Alfred and Delma Breneman in Harrisonburg. They send their good wishes to all of us here, their Warwick River Mennonite Church family. Their card has been placed on the bulletin board and I know they would enjoy hearing from you.
- ❖ Hallie Whitecotton was recently in the hospital for a couple of days. Please pray for her as she recovers at her home at Warwick Forest.
- ❖ Prayer concerns may always be requested and updated by calling or emailing the church office.

Happy Birthday ~

July 21 Joyce Walker
July 24 Blair Aulich
July 28 Katie Fannin; Steve Fannin

Happy Anniversary ~

July 25 Jack & Elaine Smith

2019 Council of Ministries: **Congregation Chair** Lisa Ziegler **Pastor** John M. Dey
Head Elder Kathryn Baer **Outreach Chair** Sue Yoder
Stewardship Chair Tom Salyers **Christian Education Chair** Ann Aulich
Worship Chair Lisa Fannin **Fellowship Chair** Susan Dey
Member-at-Large Noah Shenk **Member-at-Large** Theresa Siebels
Trustees: Mel Shenk, Clark Siebels **Finance Committee:** Steve Ziegler, Noah Shenk
Church office hours are: Tues. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Thur., July 25* – 6 p.m. Monthly Senior Fellowship Supper and Program
- ❖ *Sun., July 28* – Special Offering for *The Walker Home Partnership Project (VMC & MDS project)*
- ❖ *Thur., Aug. 1* – 7:00 p.m. WRMC Council Meeting

-- Announcements --

WRMC COUNCIL MEETING: Due to conflicting schedules the July 11, 2019 WRMC Council of Ministries meeting had to be cancelled. Please note the next WRMC Council Meeting will be Thursday, August 1, 2019.

PASTOR JOHN BEGAN HIS SABBATICAL on the second Sunday in June through the last Sunday in August. Zachary Dey will be serving as WRMC ministry intern during June and July and we will have special guest speakers in August. During this sabbatical, Pastor John and Susan are planning to do service work at the *Lezha Academic Center* in Lezha, Albania, with Dini and Klementina Shahini. <http://www.albanianchristianschool.org/index.php> Among other things, John and Susan will be assisting with their summer camp programs.

IN SUPPORT OF PASTOR JOHN'S SERVICE TRIP, the Council of Ministries has opened a fund and our members are encouraged to give generously and please note Albania Service Trip on the memo.

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Sunday, July 28, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.
you are all invited to a
Wedding Shower for
Rachael Moseley and Noah Shenk.
Join us at Warwick River Mennonite
Church Fellowship Hall.
Guys, Gals, Kids Welcome!
RSVP - Cheri Shenk 757.814.1989



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THRIVE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THIS MONTH: Canned tuna; Rice; Soup. If you wish to help, we have a collection box in the hallway near the Church Office and we all thank you very much.

JULY 20, 2019, 6:45-8:15am : Mennonite Women of Virginia Prayer Breakfast at Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, VA. \$10 each. To register: glorialehman67@gmail.com or call 540-421-2122 by July 15, 2019.

"The Walker Home Partnership Project"

VMC + MDS + FEMA

WRMC special collection is scheduled July 28, 2019
With your help, the Walker family (Daniel, Darla, son Daniel and daughter Rebecca) can be home before winter. They have been displaced for the past three years, when a 2016 flood destroyed their Clendenin, West Virginia home. \$70,000 project funded \$30,000 by FEMA. Please consider a gift for this project as together our congregations demonstrate compassion to the Walker family. See Bulletin Board for details.

-- FY 2019 Offering Report --

July 14, 2019

Worship Services: 48; Sunday School: 22; Offering: \$827.00
Brotherhood: \$50.00; Brotherhood Gift Car designated contributions: \$100.00
Offering collected YTD: [Dec 1, 2018-July 14, 2019] = \$86,063.05
Budget Need [Dec 1 2018-July 14, 2019] = \$110,384.40



Building News Corner:

-- This Week's Building Fund Update --

07/07/2019 Building Fund Balance	\$1,461,464.08
07/08/2019 Designated Giving received	\$ 500.00
07/14/2019 Noisy Offering collected	\$ 85.38
07/14/2019 Building Fund Balance to date	\$1,462,049.46