

**“The Ethics of Jesus:
Jesus’ Focus on Virtue and Character”**



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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 September 15, 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: Jesus condemned the Teachers of the Law, because they washed the outside of the cup, but inside they were full of greed.

People: Jesus said what defiles a person comes from the heart.

Leader: Jesus condemned the Teachers of the Law, because they were like white washed tombs; beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of dead bones.

People: Jesus said what defiles a person comes from the heart.

Leader: Jesus challenged his disciples to clean the inside of the cup first, because what defiles a person comes from the heart.

All: As Jesus' disciples, let's focus together on possessing clean hearts and a character that reflects the person of Jesus.

*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

-- Hearing from God's Word--

Scripture Reading: Mark 7:14-23; Luke 11:37-42;
Matthew: 23:25-28

Time for Silent Reflection

(Children may now go to Children's Church)

*Hymn of Preparation

Sermon Title: "The Ethics of Jesus:

Jesus' Focus on Virtue and Character

-John 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)

The Spirit of God is upon you and has anointed you.

You are the salt of the earth and you bring light to the world.

You are not too young or too old,
you are not too rich or too needy
to bring good news to the impoverished,
to give a hand to the broken-hearted,
and to live out freedom and pardon
through the gifts you have been given.

So remember to pack peace in your toolbox,
hope in your briefcase,
love in your lunch box,
and may integrity, honesty, and joy be your designer wear of choice.

Do not be frightened, for you are never alone.
The God in whose image you are made
will walk with you and guide you today, tomorrow, and every day.
Amen.

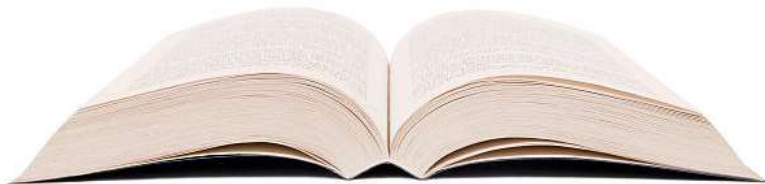
*Song of Sending

Worship Leader:

Song Leader:

Mackenzie Butler

Noah Shenk



(*Those who are able may stand.)

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barron serve the Bolivia Mennonite Church in many capacities through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for them as they work with young congregations, coordinate Christian education ministries, provide pastoral care, and train church leaders.
- ❖ We pray for all those suffering from Hurricane Dorian.
- ❖ Prayer concerns may always be requested and updated by calling or emailing the church office.

Happy Birthday ~

September 17 Katherine Stover

September 18 Cheri Shenk, Caden Stover

September 19 Connie Heatwole

Happy Anniversary ~

September 17 David & Shawn McDaniel

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:

- ❖ *Tues., Sept. 17* – 6:30 p.m. WRCS Parents/Teachers (only)
Back to School Night meet in WRMC Chapel
- ❖ *Sat., Sept. 21* – 8:30-11:30 a.m. DENBIGH DAY PARADE
- ❖ *Sun., Sept. 22* – 3:30 p.m. WRMC Movie Club (information follows)
- ❖ *Sun. Sept. 29* – Fellowship Meal follows Worship Service

-- Announcements --

Sunday, October 13, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., an additional Adult Sunday School Class experience will begin. This class will be focused on “Who We Are” as Mennonites and Pastor John will be teaching the class. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MINISTRY returns to WRMC:

Beginning Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. join us for *DINNER & GAME NIGHT*. Potluck, so please bring a dish to share. The following weeks include dinner and an activity as follows:

WRMC Wednesday Family Night Schedule

Date	Day	Meal	Activity
10/2/2019	WED.	x	Game Night
10/9/2019	WED.	x	Acapella Hymn Sing
10/16/2019	WED.	x	Assembling Care Kits
10/23/2019	WED.	x	Passing out Flyers in Neighborhood AND/OR Assembling treats for Oct. 31
10/31/2019	THUR.	x	Trunk or Treat AND Pet & People Costume fun
11/6/2019	WED.	x	Soup-Off!
11/13/2019	WED.	x	Game Night

HIKING ACTIVITY GROUP: Saturday September 28, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. the Hiking Activity Group will be gathering for a hike. Location to be determined. Stay tuned!

FELLOWSHIP MEALS resume Sunday, September 29th following Worship Service and will continue on the last Sunday of each month until further notice. Potluck, so please bring a main dish, a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Mark your calendar

HOMEMAKERS FELLOWSHIP announces they are in need of funds for the annual making of (1) belonging bags for the homeless, (2) knitted caps, (3) school kits, and (4) for supplies to make comforters. **Homemakers purchase items as needed and if you feel moved to**

contribute please make your check payable to Warwick River Mennonite Church and write “Homemakers Fellowship” on the memo line. Homemakers meet monthly on the first Tuesday and welcome all who are interested in sharing time sewing and making new friends. Contact Elaine Smith, President at 757-874-5889 with any questions. Homemakers thank you for helping them, help others by their sewing projects. They all appreciate it so much!



You are invited to join the movie club! The movie club is open to everyone no matter your age. If you wish to join, please make sure Susan Dey (757.272.2213) has your updated phone number and email address so you can be added to the list.

The movie club will meet periodically to view a wide genre of movies. Some movies may be viewed in the theater and some may be in homes. Some may be Christian and some may be secular. Some may be appropriate for children and some may not. Nothing will be R-rated. Just pick and choose the movies that work best for you.

The movie club kicks off with Downton Abbey on Sunday, September 22 @ 3:30 p.m.. We will first meet at the Deys' for an afternoon cream tea (tea, scones and cream) and follow with the movie at 4:50 p.m.. A limited number of tickets have been pre-purchased from Cinemark Theaters. Additional tickets will be purchased as needed and assuming availability. The cost is \$10/per person. Please reserve your seat as soon as possible.

VIRGINIA MENNONITE RELIEF SALE: Friday, Oct. 4, 2019, 4:00pm – 9:00pm through Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019, 7:00am – 3:00pm. Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg, Virginia. Free admission. Support Mennonite Central Committee’s natural disaster relief efforts, community development, and peace building around the world. More information and reserved auction seating is available online: www.vareliefsale.com

THRIVE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THIS MONTH:
Soups/Stews, canned vegetables, pasta, cereal/oatmeal, canned fruit. If you wish to help, we have a collection box in the hallway near the Church Office and we all thank you very much.


Council of Ministries: Due to scheduling conflicts, please note some MONTHLY MEETING DATES have changed. Mark your calendars!

October	will be held	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019
November	will be held	MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019
December	will be held	MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019
January	will be held	THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2020 (no change)
February	will be held	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020


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A note from the Executive Director, THRIVE

Dear friends and supporters,

THRIVE has gone through many exciting changes over the past several years, and my husband Chris and I are about to embark on a significant change ourselves. On September 20, 2019 we are expecting our first child, a little boy. While it will be hard for me to break away from the office, I admit that I am looking forward to spending my favorite season, fall, at home getting to know this new addition to our family. I plan to be out of the office for 3 months on maternity leave, but in my place, I leave the best staff and volunteer crew I could ask for, who will be keeping things moving in my absence.

My email address and voicemails will be checked regularly and forwarded to the appropriate staff members who can help you with your donations, drives, client referrals, event speaking engagement requests, volunteer inquiries and more. THRIVE won't skip a beat while I'm out, so please don't hesitate to reach out to for what you need. Thank you for your love, encouragement and prayers as my family and I enter this exciting new chapter! God Bless, Angela York



-- FY 2019 Offering Report --
September 8, 2019

Worship Services: 51; Sunday School: 24; Offering: \$2,227.00
 Long Green Mennonite Cemetery: \$246.00
 Offering collected YTD: [Dec 1, 2018-September 8, 2019] = \$107,246.18
 Budget Need [Dec 1 2018-September 8, 2019] = \$141,922.80



Building News Corner:

-- This Week's Building Fund Update --

09/01/2019 Building Fund Balance	\$1,462,199.04
09/08/2019 Contribution	25.00
<u>09/08/2019 Noisy Offering</u>	<u>29.08</u>
<u>09/08/2019 Building Fund Balance to date</u>	<u>\$1,462,253.12</u>