

**“The Ethics of Jesus:  
The Compassionate Self”**



**Warwick River Mennonite Church**

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**October 6, 2019**

***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 October 6, 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:

O God, we pray this day:

for all who have a song they cannot sing,

for all who have a burden they cannot bear,

for all who live in chains they cannot break,

for all who wander homeless and cannot return

for those who are sick and for those who tend them,

for those who wait for loved ones and wait in vain,

for those who live in hunger

and for those who will not share their bread,

for those who are misunderstood,

and for those who misunderstand,

for those who are captives and for those who are captors,

for those whose words of love are locked within their hearts

and for those who yearn to hear those words.

**ALL:**

**Have mercy upon these O God.**

**Have mercy upon us all. AMEN.**

\*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

*-- Hearing from God's Word--*

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 9:9-13; Matthew 15:21-28

Time for Silent Reflection

(Children may now go to Children's Church)

\*Hymn of Preparation

Sermon Title: "The Ethics of Jesus: The Compassionate Self" -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: (based on Micah 6:8)  
The Lord has told you what is required:  
do not back away from the challenges before you today,  
but go from this place with joy,  
doing justice,  
loving mercy,  
and walking humbly.  
The God of grace will go with you.  
\*Song of Sending

Worship Leader:  
Song Leader:

Krystal Hurr  
Lisa Fannin



(\*Please stand.)

**Prayer and Praise Requests:**

- ❖ Kate Widmer is preparing for ministry in France through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray that Kate will be guided by the Holy Spirit in language learning and building relationships as she assists at Paris Mennonite Center and serves alongside La Prairie Mennonite Church in community outreach programs in Montbeliard (Alsace region).
- ❖ Prayers for the all those displaced and suffering due to the effects of Hurricane Dorian. May communities near and far come together to help and offer comfort to those in need.
- ❖ Prayer concerns may always be requested and updated by calling or emailing the church office.

**Happy Birthday ~**

October 7      Arielle Shenk  
October 8      Charlie Miller; Shelly Yoder  
October 9      Fran Redekop; Sarah (Miller) Lemon; Rebecca Mumaw  
October 13     Zane Shenk

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**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** Mackenzie Butler **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:

- ❖ *Today, Oct. 6* – Coffee Connect follows Worship Service in lobby
- ❖ *Tues., Oct. 8* – 9:45 FAITH Prayer Group meets in WRCS Music Room
- ❖ *Wed., Oct. 9* – 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Ministry tonight is Acapella Hymn Sing and our menu this week is Spaghetti Casserole
- ❖ *Fri., Oct. 11* – WRCS Pansy Sale deadline is today
- ❖ *Sat., Oct. 12* – 4:30 – 9:30 p.m. Harmonica Club
- ❖ *Sun., Oct. 13* – 9:30 a.m. Second Adult Sunday School class begins today

### -- Announcements --

**TRUNK-OR-TREAT, OCT. 31, 2019** ~ It's time to start planning for the 2nd Annual Trunk-or-Treat. I just signed up for "Trunk-or-Treat" and you should too! The sign-up sheet can be found at <https://signup.com/go/WSoSWTD>. We need a wide variety of help ranging from donating items to decorating to food service. Last year's event was very successful and we are hoping to replicate and even expand on last year's fun. If you are not comfortable signing up online (your email will not be used for any other lists) or have any questions about how you can help, please call or text Susan Dey, (757) 272-2213.

**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
February	will be held	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020

**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.

Myrna Alderfer moved October 1<sup>st</sup> and has a new address which is: 850 Old Denbigh Blvd., Keswick Place, Room 126, Newport News, VA 23608.

**Pray for Warwick River Christian School and join the FAITH Prayer Group which meets the second Tuesday of each month from 9:45 – 10:15 a.m.** The second meeting of the school year is Tuesday, October 8. If you have any questions, contact Mary Anne Leonard [jhleonard@cox.net](mailto:jhleonard@cox.net).



## Warwick River Wednesday Night

Fall Schedule | 6-8PM

October 2nd: Game Night

October 9th: Hymn Sing

October 16th: Care Packages

October 23rd: Spread flyers for Trunk-or-Treat

October 31st: Trunk-or-Treat

November 6th: Make Soup for a Friend

November 13th: Game Night



**EAT A MEAL | JOIN THE FUN | BRING A FRIEND**

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## **SUPPORT WRCS 2019**

**PANSY SALE:** All plants are \$5.00 per 6" pot. Eight colors are available. Extra order forms are here - on the sideboard near church office. Order form and payment will be accepted now until Friday, October 11, 2019. Plants will be available for pick up at the WRCS Fall Festival Sat., October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**YARD SALE:** OCTOBER 19, 2019 ~ ~ ~ WRCS 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL YARD SALE will be conducted in conjunction with the WRCS Fall Festival. If you would like to help, DONATED items are being collected now until October 18th and may be dropped off at the school during normal office hours. Items not sold will be donated to charity at the end of the fall festival. This is your opportunity to bless someone else with your abundance and to clear the decks for the coming winter months. We are accepting: Artwork; baby items (no car seats please); books; clothing is limited to WRCS Uniforms; furniture; glassware; household goods; nic-nacs; lighting; linens; tools; toys and games. If you have any questions please contact Susan Yungbluth 757-817-3012. All profits to benefit WRCS. No private vendors.

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Peninsula CROP Walk is Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019 ~ Registration begins at 1:15 and the walk begins at 2:00 p.m. and ends at Grace United Methodist Church at Shoe Lane and Country Club Road.** The route is walking on Shoe Lane, up to the CNU Library, down the Avenue of the Arts to Warwick Blvd., and up to Drew Lane and back. A distance of about 3 miles. 25% of the funds raised will go to our local groups, including THRIVE Peninsula. See Sue Yoder (Snooky) for sponsor sheets!

### **Everence Week of Generosity Announced:**

Everence members: You're invited to volunteer at your favorite charity any day during the week of Oct. 21-25, and Everence will donate to your charity. Get the details and register at:

<https://www.everence.com/everence-events/harrisonburg-va/20191021-harrisonburg-week-of-generosity-2019>

**Mennonite Women of Virginia** invites you to their Annual Retreat, October 25-27, Richmond, Virginia. For details visit:

<https://virginiacommunity.org/events/mennonite-women-of-virginia-annual-womens-retreat/>



# COFFEE CONNECT

WHEN: EACH SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE  
WHERE: LOBBY

- GRAB SOME COFFEE TO GO OR STAY AND CHIT CHAT!
- BAKE SALE! \*\*DONATIONS/PROCEEDS GO TO THE BUILDING FUND\*\*
- CATCH THE LATEST DETAILS ON:
  - THE BUILDING PROJECT
  - GROUP EVENTS, AND MORE!

*Beginning October 6<sup>th</sup>!*

CONNECT | LEARN THE LATEST | COFFEE | BAKE SALE  
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### **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.

### **-- FY 2019 Offering Report -- September 29, 2019**

Worship Services: 44; Sunday School: 19; Offering: \$3,026.20

Brotherhood Gift Car designated contributions: \$50.00

Offering collected YTD: [Dec. 1, 2018-Sep. 29, 2019] = \$116,315.38

Budget Need [Dec 1 2018-September 29, 2019] = \$153,749.70



### **Building News Corner:**

#### **-- This Week's Building Fund Update --**

09/22/2019 Building Fund Balance	\$1,462,253.12
09/29/2019 Contribution	00.00
09/29/2019 Building Fund Balance to date	\$1,462,253.12