

## “The In-Breaking Kingdom”



### Warwick River Mennonite Church

250 Lucas Creek Rd., Newport News, VA 23602

[www.warwickrivermennonite.org](http://www.warwickrivermennonite.org)

[warwickrivermc@gmail.com](mailto:warwickrivermc@gmail.com)

757-874-0794

**December 1, 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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Sunday Worship Service December 1, 2019

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

*Focus statement: Together we enter the season of Advent crying out to God to break into our lives with a new light and a new hope. We ask the question, God what are you waiting for?*

*-- Gathering --*

Prelude

\*Welcome

\*Time for Greeting

\*Call to Worship

Listen to the Spirit urging us to get ready—

**Our calendars are jam-packed full.**

Listen to the Spirit calling us to wait—

**We've already been waiting; there's a line everywhere we go.**

Listen to the Spirit inviting us to walk in the way of the Lord—

**This is good news!**

The way of the Lord is the path of peace.

**We are glad to be in the house of the Lord!**

May the Advent blessing of peace be with you.

**We rejoice, for we are blessed to walk in the light of God!**

\*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

*-- Lighting of the Advent Candle --*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Advent Prayer of Intercession

(- Rick Morley, from his [A Garden Path](#) blog.)

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, remind us that you are always with us, that like Joseph we might always be eager to fulfill your will, and be eager to pray:

O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the church (especially...), that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

In your Kingdom, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind (especially...); that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

In your Kingdom, O Lord, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. We pray for those who rejoice this week as they celebrate their birthday (especially... and anniversaries...); that they might obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

In the fulness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

O Christ, hear our prayers, restore us, and show us the glorious light of your countenance, that we might be saved. Come Lord Jesus. **Amen.**

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

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5  
Time for Silent Reflection  
\*Hymn of Preparation  
Sermon Title: "The In-Breaking Kingdom" -Tyler Yoder

### ***-- Responding--***

\*Hymn of Response  
Time for Sharing of Announcements, Blessings, and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer/Prayer of Dedication  
Offertory  
Offering

### ***-- Sending --***

\*Prayer of Sending:  
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.  
Go with us now into the world.  
We can begin again!  
Everything is about to change.  
So make everything new. Make us new.  
Reveal your glory in our lives and in the rhythms of our lives,  
so that nothing will get in the way of your coming. Amen.  
(-April Yamasaki, posted on the **Emmanuel Mennonite Church**)  
\*Song of Sending

Worship Leader: Lisa Fannin  
Song Leader: Will Siebels and Noah Shenk

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

*(\*Those who are able may stand.)*

### **Prayer and Praise Requests:**

- ❖ We offer up our continued prayers of healing for Loretta Wilson who is recovering in the hospital.
- ❖ Prayer concerns may always be requested and updated by calling or emailing the church office.

### **Happy Birthday ~**

December 4 Ruth Ann Miller  
December 5 Kyle Fannin; Clark Siebels; Johnnie Stafford, Jr.  
December 6 Ben Redekop  
December 7 Josh Longacher

## Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Dec. 1* – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
- ❖ *Mon., Dec. 2* – Deadline to turn in WRCS Poinsettia order forms
- ❖ *Mon., Dec. 2* – 7:00 p.m. WRMC Council Meeting
- ❖ *Tues., Dec. 3* – WRMC Office reopens
- ❖ *Tues., Dec. 3* – 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. WRMC Homemakers Fellowship meets in Sewing Room
- ❖ *Tues., Dec. 3* – 5-8 p.m. WRCS Chick-fil-A Spirit Night (details below)
- ❖ *Fri., Dec. 6* – 7 p.m. WRCS, Learning Center, 4K & Kindergarten Christmas Program being held in the WRMC Sanctuary
- ❖ *Sat., Dec. 14* – 9-2 p.m. WRCS Christmas Craft Fair & Cookie Walk
- ❖ *Sat., Dec. 14* – 4:30-9:30 p.m. Harmonica Club meets in Fellowship Room
- ❖ *Sun., Dec. 15* – 6:00 p.m. WRMC *Sweet Melodies of Christmas* (from the pews) Refreshments to follow
- ❖ *Wed. Dec. 24* – 10:00 p.m. WRMC Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### -- Announcements --

**2019 WRCS Christmas Poinsettia Sale** Order Forms must be returned to WRCS by Monday, December 2, 2019. Delivery date is Friday, December 6, 2019. Poinsettias are red with gold foil in 6" pot and are \$10.00 per plant. Support WRCS!

**Martha Young** wants to share her new phone number with everyone, which is 908-874-8154.

**WRCS Spirit Night:  
Tuesday, December 3 at  
5:00-8:00 p.m.**

Support WRCS - Tell your friends family & co-workers!  
Go to Chick-fil-A at the Hidenwood Shopping Center, on  
Warwick Blvd., near CNU. Mention WRCS when you  
order and a % of your meal price is donated to WRCS!

**WRCS NEEDS LOTS OF COOKIES for the Cookie Walk part of their upcoming Holiday Craft Fair and Cookie Walk which is scheduled Saturday, December 14.** A Cookie Walk is similar to a bake sale except cookies are sold by the pound allowing people to purchase as many or as few as they wish. Every year WRCS sells out of cookies in less than 2 hours! Homemade cookies are needed. Pull out your special recipes and donate to the Cookie Walk. For more information please contact Ann Aulich 757-870-2042

**Providence Mennonite Church CAROL SERVICE:** 4:00 PM Sunday on December 22

**Comforter knotting for MCC will be held** at Williamsburg Mennonite Church (WMC), Saturday, January 18 from 9:00 to 3:00. We would love to have at least one comforter top from each congregation, but providing one is not necessary to participate. If you are bringing comforter tops, please bring the backing, batting, small scissors and thread for tying. Lunch will be provided by WMC but in order to plan for the meal, please RSVP by January 13 to Lavonne Lehman: [DLLehman@davevon.us](mailto:DLLehman@davevon.us) or by text or call to (540) 810-2754.

**THRIVE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THIS MONTH:**  
**Boxed mashed potatoes, canned meat, canned or boxed meals, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce.** We maintain a collection box in the hallway for food and another for used shoes. Your help is so appreciated, and we all thank you very much.

### -- FY 2019 Offering Report -- November 24, 2019

Worship Service: 56; Sunday School: 26; Offering: \$52,480.00

General Fund contributions received via mail: \$9,500.00

Offering collected YTD: [Dec. 1, 2018-Nov. 27, 2019] = \$211,077.39

FY Budget Need [Dec 1 2018-November 30, 2019] = \$205,000.00



## Building News Corner:

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

11/17/2019 Building Fund Balance	\$1,463,142.55
11/24/2019	00.00
<u>11/24/2019 Building Fund Balance to date</u>	<u>\$1,463,142.55</u>