

## “When Love and Trust Embraced”



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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

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Sunday Worship Service December 22, 2019

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

*Focus statement: What am I waiting for? When I call out to God, God hears me and restores my soul. I am a child of God, called to belong and to be redeemed by grace.*

#### -- Gathering --

Prelude

\*Welcome

\*Time for Greeting

\*Call to Worship

One: Oh God, my God, I cry out to you.

**Many: Asking, will I be saved to your goodness,  
forgiven of the brokenness I have made,  
certain that I am called to you?**

One: Will I follow the child you sent to lead me?  
Will I no longer be afraid, but be restored?

**All: God, what am I waiting for?**

\*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

#### -- Lighting of the Advent Candle --

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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.**

## -- Responding--

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...); 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 7:10-17; Matthew 1:18-25

\*Responsive Reading  
(from Psalm 80)

Leader: Stir up your might, and come and save us!

**People: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved,**

Leader: Let your hand be upon us and make us strong.

**People: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Leader: Give us life, and we will call on your name.

**All: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Time for Silent Reflection

\*Hymn of Preparation

Sermon Title: "When Love and Trust Embraced" -John Dey

\*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:

Ursula Bock

Song Leader:

Noah Shenk

(\*Those who are able please stand.)

## Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ We extend our sympathy, love, and prayers for Carol Peterson & Family on the death of her Husband, Ken Peterson, who died unexpectedly December 16, 2019. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, December 28, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. at Williamsburg Mennonite Church.
- ❖ Pray that everyone would focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

## Happy Birthday ~

December 22 Gabriella Davis (2016)

December 23 Graham Wagner

December 24 Micah Shenk

December 27 Theresa Siebels and Delma Brenneman

December 31 Donna Nice; Rick Wagner

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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, Dec. 22 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
- ❖ Today, Dec. 22 – 4:00 p.m. Providence Mennonite Church Carol Service
- ❖ Tues., Dec. 24 - 10:00 p.m. WRMC Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- ❖ Wed., Dec. 25 – Merry Christmas!



-- Announcements --

**Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service  
Warwick River Mennonite Church,  
Dec. 24 @ 10:00 p.m.  
Sweet Melodies of Christmas**

### Providence Mennonite Church CAROL SERVICE:

Sunday, December 22, at 4:00 PM

**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: This year our INGATHERING donation to THRIVE totaled 1,474 pounds of food, which will provide 1,228 meals.** Food pantry needs this month are boxed mashed potatoes, canned meat, canned

or boxed meals, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce. Your help is so appreciated, and we all thank you very much.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS: 2019 Annual Reports** are coming due please take a moment to schedule a time you may prepare and submit. If you need help in any way, or perhaps a format to follow, please let Pat know. If you have already submitted your report, thank you!

-- FY 2020 Offering Report --

**December 15, 2019**

Offering: \$850.00

Brotherhood: \$7,500.00

Offering collected YTD (Dec. 1, 2019-Dec. 15, 2019) = \$5,672.00

FY Budget Need [Dec. 1, 2019-Nov. 30, 2020] = *pending*



### Building News Corner:

-- This Week's Building Fund Update --

12/08/2019 Building Fund Balance	\$1,466,667.91
12/15/2019 Building Fund Contribution	100.00
<u>12/15/2019 Coffee Connect</u>	<u>28.84</u>
<u>12/15/2019 Building Fund Balance to date</u>	<u>\$1,466,796.75</u>

