

## “When God’s Will and Human Obedience Embrace”



### 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

### First Sunday after Christmas Sunday Worship Service December 29, 2019

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

*Focus statement: What are we waiting for? All creation sings the praises of our God, who is faithful and just. Let us join our voices and rejoice, proclaiming the glory of our Lord. Proclaiming the coming of Emmanuel.*

*-- Gathering --*

Prelude

\*Welcome

\*Time for Greeting

\*Call to Worship

One: Oh God, our God, you cry out to us.

**Many: Asking, when will you see that I love you,  
that I have shown you abundance,  
saved you with my presence,  
freed you from the powers of brokenness?**

One: When will we see that when bad things happen,  
you remain?

**All: God, what are we waiting for?**

\*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

*-- Hearing from God’s Word--*

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 2:13-23

\*Responsive Reading  
(from Psalm 148)

Leader: Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
People: **the sun, moon, and stars and all the angels  
praise the Lord!**

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth;  
People: **the mountains and the valleys, the creatures  
above and below; they all praise the Lord!**

Leader: Young and old,  
women and men,  
let us all praise the Lord.

All: ***Let us all praise the Lord, for the Lord's name  
alone is exalted above all.  
The Lord God is faithful. Praise the Lord!***

Time for Silent Reflection

\*Hymn of Preparation

Sermon Title: "When God's Will and Human Obedience Embrace" -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:

May we join in praise with all creation, rejoicing at the presence of a God who abides with and among us. May we recognize the establishment of mercy, across nations and generations, that God has made.

\*Song of Sending

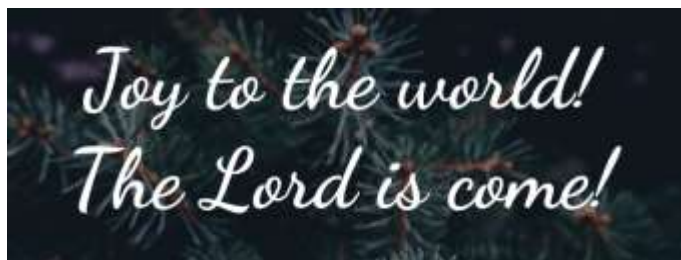
Worship Leader:

Mackenzie Butler

Song Leader:

Lisa Fannin

*(\*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 was held Saturday, December 28, 2019, at Williamsburg Mennonite Church.
- ❖ Pray for God's blessings that the hearts of those who are weary might be encouraged.

### **Happy Birthday ~**

December 31 Donna Nice; Rick Wagner

January 4 Will Siebels

January 5 Nelson Baer; Ricky Dillon; Rachel Paster

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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. 29 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day
- ❖ Tues., Dec. 31 – WRMC Office closed
- ❖ Wed., Jan. 1 – Happy New Year!
- ❖ Wed., Jan. 1 – WRMC Office closed
- ❖ Mon., Jan. 6 – Warwick River Christian School resumes
- ❖ Tues., Jan. 14 - Eastern District Council @Williamsburg Mennonite Church



### -- Announcements --

**Comforter knotting for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) will be held** at Williamsburg Mennonite Church (WMC), Saturday, January 18 from 9:00 to 3:00. These comforters will be sent to individuals and families who are in disaster situations or lack basic necessities. They are used as bed covers, room dividers, carpets, curtains, wraps, mattresses and more. 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: [DLehman@davevon.us](mailto:DLehman@davevon.us) or by text or call to (540) 810-2754.

**THRIVE:** 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.

**NEWS ~ 2019 PENINSULA CROP WALK Fundraiser:** WRMC received a thank you letter for participating again this year with highlights as follows: This year the Peninsula raised \$9,289.31 - which is a near record for the Newport News Chapter – of which WRMC contributed \$188.00. Sincere thanks to all who helped make this happen. Nationwide, 2019 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CROP Walks. Newport News has participated for 24 years. Looking forward, next year marks 25 years and the organizing committee is being expanded. If you would like to be a member of the organizing committee for the October 18, 2020 Crop Walk please contact LeRoy Griffin, Chair, at 757-223-9591 or email [lg1006@cox.net](mailto:lg1006@cox.net) for further information. Again, we all thank you!

**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 22, 2019

Worship Service: 64; Sunday School: 34; Offering: \$6,933.00  
Offering collected YTD (Dec. 1, 2019-Dec. 22, 2019) = \$12,605.00  
FY Budget Need [Dec. 1, 2019-Nov. 30, 2020] = *pending*



### Building News Corner:

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

12/15/2019 Building Fund Balance	\$1,466,796.75
<u>12/22/2019 Building Fund Contribution</u>	<u>00.00</u>
<u>12/22/2019 Building Fund Balance to date</u>	<u>\$1,466,796.75</u>



*The Lord Himself is our first and greatest gift.  
Rejoice in the Lord Always.*