

“God’s Grace and Open Hearts”



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

Epiphany Sunday Sunday Worship Service January 5, 2020

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

Focus statement: The wait is over. The mystery has been made known. Arise! Shine! Walk in this new path and be transformed!

-- 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 the light that I am,
the grace I have extended to all people,
the dance out of the darkness
and into righteousness to which I invited you!**

One: Can we see that in you we are transformed,
unable to go back to the way we have known?

All: God, what are we waiting for?

*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

-- Hearing from God’s Word--

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 2:1-12

*Responsive Reading

(from Isaiah 60:1-6)

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around.

People: Arise! Shine! For our light has come.

Leader: The darkness shall no longer cover the earth.

People: Arise! Shine! For our light has come.

Leader: Gather your children and bring gifts to the Lord.

All: Arise! Shine! And be transformed!

Time for Silent Reflection

*Hymn of Preparation

Sermon Title: "God's Grace and Open Hearts" -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 extend the grace given to us by God, to all people, everywhere. May we embrace the power of God to refresh and redeem us. May we hold fast to God's endurance.

*Song of Sending

Worship Leader: Lisa Fannin

Song Leader:

(*Those who are able please stand.)



Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ *A message from Louretta Wilson:*
--- To all of you dear ones at WRMC: How wonderful it has been through the past six weeks to feel your prayers and loving kindness each day, each hour! The abundance of your remembrances - gifts, cards, flowers - has been so appreciated, and my love is also being returned to you from a heart full of gratefulness for each of you. Thanks to all, ~Louretta Wilson
- ❖ Deb Byler of Mennonite Mission Network has just returned to Guatemala after three months on North American Assignment. Pray for her as she continues to work with Mennonite women in Bible studies, trauma healing, and leadership training.
- ❖ Pray that we remember others less fortunate than ourselves.

Happy Birthday ~

- January 4 Will Siebels
- January 5 Nelson Baer; Ricky Dillon; Rachel Paster
- January 7 John Cassel
- January 10 Sue Yoder, Nicole Mulamba
- January 11 Christian Shenk
- January 13 Olivia Wagner
- January 15 Anna Longacher

2019 Council of Ministries:

Congregation Chair Lisa Ziegler **Pastor** John M. Dey **Head Elder** Kathryn Baer

Outreach Chair Sue Yoder

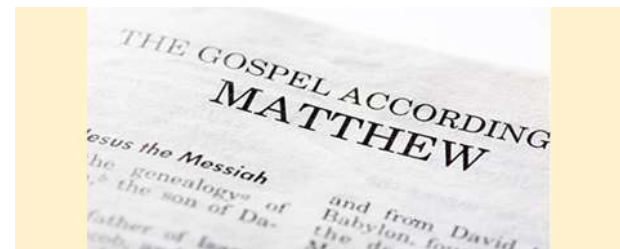
Stewardship Chair Tom Salyers **Christian Education Chair** Ann Aulich

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, Jan. 5* – Epiphany Sunday. The Coffee Connect proceeds today and all of January, will be for the school in Albania which was recently damaged by an Earthquake.
- ❖ *Mon., Jan. 6* – Warwick River Christian School resumes
- ❖ *Tues., Jan. 7* – 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. WRMC Homemakers Fellowship meets in Sewing Room
- ❖ *Sat., Jan. 11* – 4:30-9:30 p.m. Harmonica Club meets in Fellowship Room
- ❖ *Sun., Jan. 12* – Noisy Offering for benefit of building fund
- ❖ *Tues., Jan. 14* – 9:45 a.m. FAITH Prayer Group meets in WRCS Music Room
- ❖ *Tues., Jan. 14* - Eastern District Council @Williamsburg Mennonite Church
- ❖ *Wed., Jan. 15* – 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Ministries resumes, please join us for a meal and help assemble College Student Care Packages and hygiene kits for LINK.
- ❖ *Wed., Jan. 22* – 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Ministries Meal and Game Night!
- ❖ *Wed., Jan. 29* – 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Ministries Meal and Soup Cook Off!



-- Announcements --

JANUARY 18, 2020: 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: DLLehman@davevon.us or by text or call to (540) 810-2754.

NEWS from 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 50th 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 for further information. Again, we all thank you!

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.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: 2019 Annual Reports were due yesterday, January 4, 2020. 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 29, 2019

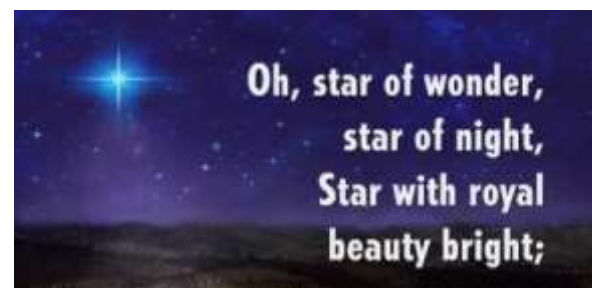
Worship Service: 57; Sunday School: 22; Offering: \$2,195.00
Mennonite Disaster Services: \$250.00
Offering collected YTD (Dec. 1, 2019-Dec. 29, 2019) = \$14,800.00
FY Budget Need [Dec. 1, 2019-Nov. 30, 2020] = *pending*



Building News Corner:

-- This Week's Building Fund Update --

12/22/2019 Building Fund Balance	\$1,466,796.75
12/29/2019 (+ 12/22/2019) Coffee Connect	44.00
12/29/2019 Building Fund Contribution	00.00
12/29/2019 Building Fund Balance to date	\$1,466,840.75



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