

## “Becoming The People of God”



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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

**Sunday Worship Service January 12, 2020**

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

*-- Gathering --*

Prelude

\*Welcome

\*Time for Greeting

\*Call to Worship

**The kingdom of God is here, and coming.**

A mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;  
it is the smallest of all the seeds,

but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree,  
so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

**The kingdom of God is here, and coming.**

Yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour  
until all was leavened.

**The kingdom of God is here, and coming.**

Treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid;  
then joyfully sells all he has and buys the field.

**The kingdom of God is here, and coming.**

A merchant in search of fine pearls;  
on finding one of great value,

sells all of his possessions and buys the pearl.

**The kingdom of God is here, and coming.**

Let all who have ears, hear.

\*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

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

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 13:44-46

\*Responsive Reading

Time for Silent Reflection

\*Hymn of Preparation

Sermon Title:

“Becoming The People of God”

-Tyler Yoder

**-- Responding--**

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

**-- Sending --**

\*Prayer of Sending:

Eternal God,  
you call us to ventures,  
of which we cannot see the ending,  
by paths as yet untrodden,  
through perils unknown.

Give us faith  
to go out with courage, not knowing  
where we go but only that your hand  
is leading us,  
and your love supporting us.

\*Song of Sending

Worship Leader:

Song Leader:

Ursula Bock

Don Brunk

(\*Those who are able please stand.)



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

**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
- ❖ Pray for WRMC as we prepare to assemble for the Annual Business Meeting, Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 9 a.m.
- ❖ Pray that homes and communities destroyed by natural disasters all over the world will be rebuilt.

**Happy Birthday ~**

January 13    Olivia Wagner  
January 15    Anna Longacher  
January 21    Anje Cassel

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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, Jan. 12* – Noisy Offering to benefit our building fund
- ❖ *Today, Jan. 12* - Coffee Connect Table is in foyer
- ❖ *Mon., Jan. 13* – **RSVP deadline** to: [DLLehman@davevon.us](mailto:DLLehman@davevon.us) or by text or call to (540) 810-2754 for Jan. 18 – 9am-3pm Comforter knotting for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) at Williamsburg Mennonite Church (WMC). Please come!
- ❖ *Tues., Jan. 14* – 9:45am FAITH Prayer Group meets WRCS Music Room
- ❖ *Tues., Jan. 14* - Eastern District Council @Williamsburg Mennonite Church
- ❖ *Wed., Jan. 15* – 6pm Wed. Ministries resume, enjoy a Meal, Fellowship, & making Care Kits for COLLEGE STUDENTS & LINK.
- ❖ *Sat., Jan. 18* – 9am-3pm Comforter knotting for MCC at WMC
- ❖ **Sat., Jan. 18 – 1-3pm Joshua Walk (prayer walk) at WRCS**
- ❖ *Mon., Jan. 20* – WRCS closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- ❖ *Wed., Jan. 22* – 6pm Wednesday Evening Ministries - Meal and Game Night - join us for food, fellowship & laughter!
- ❖ *Wed., Jan. 29* – 6pm Wednesday Evening Ministries - Meal and Soup Cook Off – everyone loves this popular activity!

## -- Announcements --

### Coffee Connect

#### Coffee and Homemade Baked Goods today

Contributions will go to *Lezhë Academic Center School* in Lezhë, Albania, for needs related to 11/26/2019 Earthquake. Let's chat! Table in the foyer.

### January 15, 2020 WED. NIGHT MINISTRIES:

(a)\*\***LINK Care Kits** – Needed: Warm winter HATS, SCARVES, and GLOVES for men, women, & girls. No Socks. No hygiene items. Just snugly warm winter gear.

*P.S. Did you know? - LINK was founded in 1990 in Newport News by interfaith, civic & business community leaders, to help break the cycle of poverty. LINK is a nonprofit volunteer organization which exists to help people help themselves.*  
<http://www.linkhr.org/>

(b)\*\***College Student Care Kits** - two things – (1)you do not need to bring anything tonight and (2)there will be a list of items needed at a later date

**THRIVE:** Food pantry needs this month are soups/stews, vegetables, pasta, cereal/oatmeal, and canned fruit, canned meat. Your help is so appreciated, and we all thank you very much.

**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 fifth meeting of the school year is Tuesday, January 14. If you have any questions, contact Mary Anne Leonard [jhleonard@cox.net](mailto:jhleonard@cox.net) .

## -- FY 2020 Offering Report --

*January 5, 2020*

Worship Service: 50; Sunday School: 28; Offering: \$3,135.00

01/05/2020 Coffee Connect for Albania School: \$126.41

(Albania Earthquake monies raised, as of 1/5/2020: \$126.41)

Offering collected YTD (Dec. 1, 2019-Jan. 5, 2020) = \$17,935.00

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



## Building News Corner:

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

12/29/2019 Building Fund Balance	\$1,466,840.75
01/05/2020 Building Fund Contribution	00.00
01/05/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$1,466,840.75

*Helpful information*

**IN THE NEW YEAR, DO NOT WRITE DATES USING JUST THE LAST TWO DIGITS OF THE YEAR**

**EXAMPLE: 1/5/20**

**THE DATE CAN EASILY BE ALTERED BY ADDING NUMBERS TO THE END**

**EXAMPLE: 1/5/2015 OR 1/5/2001**

**USE THE FULL YEAR TO PROTECT YOURSELF**

**EXAMPLE: 1/5/2020**