

## “The World-Contrasting Self”



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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 February 9, 2020**

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

*-- Gathering --*

Prelude

\*Welcome

\*Time for Greeting

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We are called to bring a new understanding of God:  
that God so loves the world.

**People: We are the salt of the earth.**

Leader: We are called to bring a new hope in God:  
that God gives us new life.

**People: We are the light of the world.**

Leader: We are called to follow  
the commandments and the law.

**People: The Law of God is to love God  
and to love one another.**

Leader: Come, let us be the salt of the earth,  
the light of the world.

*All:     Come, let us love one another  
with the love of God.*

*Let us join together in our love of God  
to worship and follow Jesus.*

\*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

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

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 5:13-16; Philippians 3:15-21

\*Responsive Reading

Time for Silent Reflection

\*Hymn of Preparation

Sermon Title:           “The World-Contrasting Self”

-John Dey

**-- Responding—**

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

**-- Sending --**

\*Prayer of Sending:

**The Spirit of God is upon you and has anointed you.**

You are the salt of the earth and you bring light to the world.

**You are not too young or too old,**

you are not too rich or too needy  
to bring good news to the impoverished,  
to give a hand to the broken-hearted,  
and to live out freedom and pardon  
through the gifts you have been given.

**So remember to pack peace in your toolbox,**

hope in your briefcase,  
love in your lunch box,  
and may integrity, honesty, and joy  
be your designer wear of choice.

**Do not be frightened, for you are never alone.**

The God in whose image you are made  
will walk with you and guide you  
today, tomorrow, and every day.

\*Song of Sending

Worship Leader:

Song Leader:

Richard Siebels

Noah Shenk

(\*Those who are able please stand.)

**Prayer and Praise Requests:**

❖ *a message from Carol Peterson:*

“Dear Friends, thank you for the beautiful bouquet of flowers which arrived on the one month anniversary of Ken’s death. It is so greatly appreciated. I would have not made it without my friends of the Churches. Love, Carol”

❖ *a message from Ruby Ziegler:*

"Dear Church Family, Thank you for all the cards, flowers, and food, I am feeling extremely loved!"

❖ We pray that people will share the gospel through their thoughts and deeds as they go about their daily lives.

**Happy Birthday ~**

February 9 Elaine Smith

February 14 Krista Goodwin; Gordon Zook

February 18 James Salyers

**Happy Anniversary ~**

February 12 Chris & Ronda Miller

February 19 Ricky & Maria Dillon

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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, Sun., Feb. 9* - Thank you for contributing to the Noisy Offering today. This collection will benefit the building fund.
- ❖ *Today, Sun., Feb. 9* – See Susan Dey to sign a card for college students!
- ❖ *Tues., Feb. 11* – 9:45 a.m. FAITH Prayer Group meets in WRCS Music Room
- ❖ *Wed., Feb. 12* – 6-8 p.m. Wed. Evening Ministries ~ Valentine’s Day Spaghetti Dinner, chocolate fondue dessert and a game of Bunco. (details below)
- ❖ *Wed., Feb. 19* – 6-8 p.m. Wed. Evening Ministries ~ Winter Hymn Sing
- ❖ *Wed. Feb. 26* – Ash Wednesday (no Wed. Evening Ministries tonight)

### -- Announcements --

**Today, Feb. 9 following Worship Service:** The Wed. Evening Ministries group has put together care package booklets to send to our college students. We would like to add a couple of gift cards to the gifts before we send them. If you would like to donate money to put towards gift cards, please see Susan Dey at Coffee Connect after the service. There will also be a card for each student where you can add well wishes. Thanks for supporting our students!

**Feb. 12 @ 6-8 p.m. - Wed. Evening Ministries:** We’re celebrating Valentine’s Day early with a spaghetti dinner, chocolate fondue dessert and a game of Bunco. Join the church family you love on Wednesday, February 12 for an evening of food, fellowship and prizes. Please bring a fondue dipping item to share; think strawberries, marshmallows, brownies, shortbread, pound cake, pretzels, rice crispy treats, etc. The chocolate will be provided. Hope to see you there!

**FAITH Group – Forward All Issues To Him: This group is open to** individuals who have a desire to pray for Warwick River Christian School (WRCS). They are meeting to pray for needs of the school, staff, and patrons. The next meeting is **Tuesday, February 12, at 9:45 a.m.** in the WRCS Music Room (Rm 205). Please contact Linda Clark (877-2941 or lclark@warwickriver.org) if you are interested or for more information.

#### REMINDER:

**It is college scholarship season, have you made your plans?**

**Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) SCHOLARSHIP NEWS:** EMU has a Church Matching Grant Program available. EMU encourages students to obtain a quality education enriched by the Christian/Anabaptist

perspective. Grant funds for students from a home congregation, conference and/or camp are eligible to be matched. **Please review the specific guidelines by program for the 2020-21 academic year. To participate, please print and complete the appropriate (Undergraduate or Seminary & Graduate) commitment form and return by March 1, 2020,** or as soon as possible to: **Financial Assistance Office; Eastern Mennonite University; 1200 Park Rd; Harrisonburg VA 22802. For info email = [ChurchRelations@emu.edu](mailto:ChurchRelations@emu.edu) or call 800-368-3383; or the Financial Assistance Office: 800-330-9683.**

**EVERENCE NEWS:** The Everence Sharing Funds provided \$1,250.00 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year (2019). Pat O’Connor serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact her for more information.

**Oct. 6-8, 2020 *Living Life to the Fullest:*** A Retreat for Mature Age People. Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. **Save the Date!**

### -- FY 2020 Offering Report -- February 2, 2020

Worship Service: 56; Sunday School: 25; Offering: \$4,875.00  
Contributions received for Souper Bowl Sunday Project: \$179.00  
(Grand total Souper Bowl Sunday monies raised thru 2/2/2020: \$189.00)  
WRCS Shared Stormwater Taxes received: \$2,026.35  
WRCS Shared Dec & Jan Utilities received: \$422.40  
Utilities designated contribution received: \$100.00;  
FY Budget collected YTD (Dec. 1, 2019-Feb. 2, 2020) = \$27,363.39  
**FY Budget Need [Dec. 1, 2019-Nov. 30, 2020] = \$208,000.00**



## Building News Corner:

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

01/26/2020 Building Fund Balance	\$1,466,990.75
02/02/2020 Building Fund Contribution	\$ 50.00
02/02/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$1,467,040.75