

## “Not As Orphans”



### Warwick River Mennonite Church

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**February 23, 2020**

**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 23, 2020

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

*-- Gathering --*

Prelude

\*Welcome

\*Time for Greeting

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus promised that he would not leave us  
as orphans.

**People: Jesus promised to send us an Advocate, the  
Holy Spirit.**

Leader: The Spirit is here among us

**People: within us, around us, between us.**

Leader: The Spirit is here to form our character

**People: bringing courage, humility and love.**

Leader: The Spirit is here to move us,

**People: making us sing and praise.**

Leader: The Spirit is here.

**People: May we feel the Spirit as we gather.**

**May we be fed by her fiery strength.**

**May we be emboldened by her powerful wind.**

Leader: We gather in the Spirit's arms to be nurtured as we worship.

**People: And may our worship fill us with the Spirit  
as we go back out into our daily lives.**

\*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

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

Scripture Reading:

John 14:15-31

Time for Silent Reflection

\*Hymn of Preparation

Sermon Title:

“Not As Orphans”

-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:

Leader:

Listen to the promise Jesus makes:

I will never abandon you as orphans—I will come to you.

Even though the world will not be able to see me,

I will never vanish from your sight.

And since I live, you will also live.

Go from here in the knowledge

that you do not go alone:

the power and presence of God goes with you.

**People: Praise be to God!**

\*Song of Sending

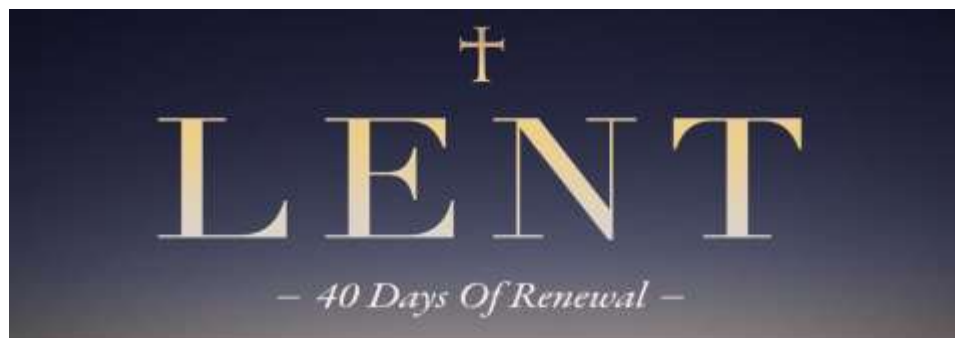
Worship Leader:

Mackenzie Butler

Song Leader:

Lisa Fannin

*(\*Those who are able please stand.)*



**Prayer and Praise Requests:**

- ❖ We pray that people the world over might feel God's presence in their lives today.

**Happy Birthday ~**

February 23 Christine Hurr

February 27 Bonnie Zook; Heath Wagner

**Happy Anniversary ~**

February 26 Don & Tete Mulamba

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**2020 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:

- ❖ *Sun., Feb. 23* – Our monthly fellowship meal follows Sunday Worship Service this morning.
- ❖ *Wed. Feb. 26* – Ash Wednesday – no supper tonight (There is no worship service at WRMC this year because the Lent materials have integrated Ash Wednesday into the first Sunday of Lent.)
- ❖ *Wed. Feb. 26* – Huntington Mennonite Church 6:30-7:30 p.m. Lenten Service Series
- ❖ *Thur., Feb. 27* – **new time! 12NOON – 2:00 p.m.** Sr. Fellowship Meeting, Luncheon, and Program
- ❖ *Sun., Mar. 1* – Deadline to sign up for Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. Share your questions at Coffee Connect!
- ❖ *Wed., Mar. 4* – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Ministries resume with meal at 6pm and Old School Game Night at 7pm
- ❖ *Sun., Mar. 8* – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
- ❖ *Sun., Mar. 29* – Our monthly fellowship meal follows Sunday Worship Service, March 29. For the meal each family is asked to bring one or two dishes to share; singles only need to bring one. Thank you so much!
- ❖ *Thurs. Apr. 16* – WRCS Riptide Classic Golf Event at Kiln Creek Golf Club & Resort

## -- Announcements --

**Mennonite Church USA:** Nurture your children's faith at home this Lent and Easter. *Reminder: last year's free, downloadable Lent "At Home" pdf / digital guide is still available!* Go to [mennoniteusa.org/lent2019](http://mennoniteusa.org/lent2019). It includes Bible readings, short litanies, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder this Lenten and Easter season.



**Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 12noon ~ 2:00 p.m. ~**

SR. FELLOWSHIP Meeting, Luncheon, and Program. Susan Ackerman is our speaker this month and her topic is: "It All Began in a Brussels Toy Shop and Other Stories". All are welcome and bring your friends.

**DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2020:** 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. Information [ChurchRelations@emu.edu](mailto:ChurchRelations@emu.edu) or call 800-368-3383; or the Financial Assistance Office: 800-330-9683.

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

**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?**  
Come mix with folks from  
Providence, Huntington, and Warwick River  
for dinner in various host's homes on  
**Sunday, March 8 from 2:30-4:30.**

You can sign up to be a host or a guest and we will mix and match guests with each host. If you are signing up to be a host, you will need to indicate how many guests you can accommodate. If you are signing up to be a guest you will need to indicate if you have any dietary allergy/restrictions. You will not know who else is coming to dinner, but will be informed prior to March 8th as to which host family house you will be going to. What do you need to do to join in?

**Sign up by March 1st on the sign-up sheet  
in your church.**

**SAVE THE DATE: Oct. 6-8, 2020 *Living Life to the Fullest:*** A Retreat for Mature Age People. Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center.

## -- FY 2020 Offering Report -- February 16, 2020

Worship Service: 41; Sunday School: 17; Offering: \$4,415.00  
WRCLC Shared Dec & Jan Utilities received: \$422.40;  
FY Budget collected YTD (Dec. 1, 2019-Feb. 16, 2020) = \$32,768.39  
**FY Budget Need [Dec. 1, 2019-Nov. 30, 2020] = \$208,000.00**



## Building News Corner:

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

02/09/2020 Building Fund Balance	\$1,467,070.75
02/09/2020 Noisy Offering	56.14
02/16/2020 Building Fund Donations	300.00
02/16/2020 Coffee Connect	37.49
02/16/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$1,467,464.38