

“Becoming Properly Formed”



Warwick River Mennonite Church

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First Sunday of Lent

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 of Lent Sunday Worship Service March 1, 2020

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

Focus statement: God's boundaries are wise and protective. When we push through them, surrendering to temptation, our vulnerabilities are exposed. Show us, Jesus, through fasting and Scripture how we can grow stronger through temptation and remain true to the calling of God in our lives.

Prelude

*Welcome & Invocation

*Time for Greeting

*Call to Worship

Leader: Eternal God, you call beloved daughters and sons.

People: We praise you for creating us and calling us to cultivate your life in the world.

Leader: Eternal God, you call our name in the garden.

People: We come to worship, acknowledging our vulnerabilities and temptations.

Leader: Eternal God, you are our hiding place, where forgiveness and mercy encircle us.

All: Thanks be to God for the radical grace offered to us through Jesus Christ.

*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

Confession

Leader: God calls to us, “Where are you?”

People: We, like Adam, hide in the garden, hoping God does not come looking for us.

Leader: God asks, “What have you done?”

People: We, like Eve, say, “the devil made me do it,” masking our shame.

Leader: Our choices have consequences and yet God's grace abounds.

**People: I confess I have hidden and denied my sin.
When I refused to admit my wrongs, I was miserable;
even my bones felt brittle.
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.**
(Silence)

Assurance of pardon (from Psalm 32)

How happy are the ones whose wrongs are forgiven.
How happy are the ones whose sin
the Eternal God will not take into account.
God has become our hiding place, our refuge from trouble.
God hears our prayers extending the arms of salvation
and songs of deliverance.

Time for Sharing of Announcements, Blessings, and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Offering

Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:15-17

*Hymn of Preparation

Sermon Title: "Becoming Properly Formed" -Tyler Yoder

*Ritual of Response and Hymn of Response

Each Sunday during the Lenten season we will offer a unique "Ritual of Response." This is a time for the congregation to respond to the sermon by participating in responsive activity.

Extinguishing the Light-

The candles before us represents each Sunday during Lent. One will be blown one out at the end of each service to symbolize the light of Jesus' life drawing to a close.

Benediction

May God remind you of your belovedness.
May Christ be by your side in times of struggle.
May the Spirit guide you back to the path when you are tempted.
Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Song of Sending

Worship Leader: Will Siebels

Song Leader: Noah Shenk & Young Adults

(*Those who are able please stand.)

Prayer and Praise Requests:

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

- ❖ Pray for participants in and leaders of "Shaping Faith in a Digital Culture" – a joint conference of Pastors and Leaders 2020 (AMBS) and Deep Faith (Mennonite Church USA) held this week – as they think together biblically and theologically about living, worshiping and playing in digital spaces.
- ❖ Pray for WRMC as Council of Ministries meets for the monthly business meeting Thursday, March 5, 2020.
- ❖ We pray for children who are victims of their circumstances.
- ❖ Prayer and praise concerns are always welcome and may be requested and updated by calling/emailing Pat in the front office.

Happy Birthday ~

March 1 Pat O'Connor
March 5 Jan Dennis
March 7 Tom Salyers
March 8 Paul Shenk
March 9 Chris Miller

Happy Anniversary ~

March 4 Steve & Lisa Ziegler

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:

- ❖ *Today, Mar. 1* – Deadline to sign up for Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner. Share your questions at Coffee Connect!
- ❖ *Today, Mar. 1* – Newport News One City Marathon <https://www.onecitymarathon.com/>
- ❖ *Tues., Mar. 3* – 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. WRMC Homemakers Fellowship meets in Sewing Room
- ❖ *Wed., Mar. 4* – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Ministries resume with meal at 6pm and Old School Game Night at 7pm
- ❖ *Thur., Mar. 5* – 7:00 p.m. monthly WRMC Council Meeting
- ❖ *Sat., Mar. 7* – 6:00 p.m. WRCS Talent Show followed by an ice cream social and silent auction.
- ❖ **Sun., Mar. 8 - Daylight Saving Time Begins & Standard Time Ends**
- ❖ *Sun., Mar. 8* – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner
- ❖ *Tues., Mar. 10* – 9:45 a.m. FAITH Prayer Group meets in WRCS Music Room
- ❖ *Sat., Mar. 14* – 4:30-9:30 p.m. Harmonica Club meets in Fellowship Room
- ❖ *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. It includes Bible readings, short litanies, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder this Lenten and Easter season.

TODAY 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 or call 800-368-3383; or the Financial Assistance Office: 800-330-9683.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020: Warwick River Christian School’s TALENT SHOW at Warwick River Mennonite Church. Join us as we cheer

our students on as they take the stage! An ice cream social and silent auction to follow. *Donations for the WRCS sustainability fund will be accepted.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020: Riptide Classic Golf Event for Warwick River Christian School \. If you are interested in participating, sign up information is available by the church office or you may contact Linda Clark at the school office (877-2941). **Kiln Creek Golf Club & Resort**

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 23, 2020

Worship Service: 52; Sunday School: 19; Offering: \$1,042.10
Mennonite Disaster Service: \$160.00; College Student Care Kits: \$125.00
FY Budget collected YTD (Dec. 1, 2019-Feb. 23, 2020) = \$33,810.49
FY Budget Need [Dec. 1, 2019-Nov. 30, 2020] = \$208,000.00



Building News Corner:

-- This Week’s Building Fund Update --

02/16/2020 Building Fund Balance	\$1,467,464.38
02/23/2020 Building Fund Donations	100.00
02/23/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$1,467,564.38