

“Show Us Your Loving Presence”



Warwick River Mennonite Church

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March 8, 2020

Second 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**

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday Worship Service March 8, 2020

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

Focus statement:

God calls us out of familiar and comfortable places in our lives and invites us into new challenges, new ways of being, thinking, and doing. As we respond to this invitation, God shows us a deeper experience of Divine Presence.

Prelude

*Welcome & Invocation

*Time for Greeting

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We lift up our eyes looking for help.

**People: Our help comes from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: When we have troubles and difficulties,
where does our help come from?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: When we are invited into new ways of thinking and being,
where does our help come from?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.**

**Let us worship the One who faithfully helps us
and never leaves us or forsakes us.**

*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

Confession

All: We confess, O God, that you are faithful, loving, and totally trustworthy. We also confess our desire for what is familiar, comfortable, and secure. We acknowledge that you sometimes call us to accept new challenges, new ways of thinking, or new places of service. Lord, give us the grace to respond to your call when you invite us into new ways of being.

Assurance of pardon

Leader: Friends, the One who calls us is the faithful One
who promised to never leave us or forsake us.
May you know God's faithful presence more fully.

All: Thanks be to God.

Time for Sharing of Announcements, Blessings, and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Prayer of Dedication

Offering

Noisy Offering

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:1-4; John 3:1-17

Children's Time

*Hymn of Preparation

Sermon Title: "Show Us Your Loving Presence" -John Dey

*Ritual of Response & 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-

As you move into this new week, may you be blessed with opportunities to live more fully into God's faithful, loving presence.

*Song of Sending: STJ 73 The Lord Lift You Up

Worship Leader:

Song Leader: Don Brunk

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

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ We pray for Myra Milliken - who received two blood transfusions last month - that the doctors can find the cause of her low hemoglobin. Myra is the daughter of Jack and Elaine Smith.
- ❖ The Lancaster Mennonite High Campus Chorale spring concert season begins today. Pray that God may be glorified and that students and listeners be blessed in each concert. Pray also for safety as students travel to the difference locations.
- ❖ We pray that God would provide for the needs of the people in the poorest of countries.
- ❖ Prayer/Praise concerns are always welcome & may be requested & updated by calling/emailing Pat in the front office – or you may leave a note in the Church Office mailbox. Thank you everyone.

Happy Birthday ~

March 8 Paul Shenk
March 9 Chris Miller
March 14 Leon Mulamba
March 16 Scott Mumaw
March 19 Leigha Sawyer; Ingrid Showalter; Cheri Nice

Happy Anniversary ~

March 10 Dallas & Peggy Kipfer
March 17 Blair & Ann Aulich

2020 Council of Ministries:

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

Outreach Chair Sue Yoder

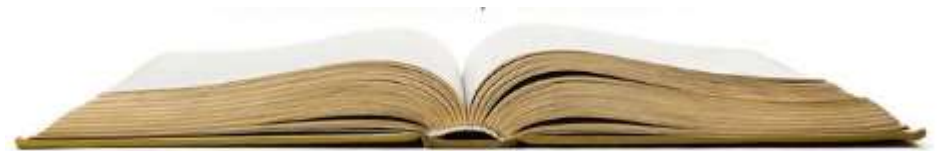
Stewardship Chair Tom Salyers **Christian Education Chair** Ann Aulich

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. 8* – Second Sunday of Lent
- ❖ *Today, Mar. 8* – Thank you for contributing to the Noisy Offering today. This collection will benefit the building fund.
- ❖ *Today, Mar. 8* - Daylight Saving Time Begins & Standard Time Ends
- ❖ *Today, Mar. 8* – from 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
- ❖ *Wed., Mar. 11* – 6–8:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Ministries with meal at 6pm and Visioning with Pastor Dey at 7pm
- ❖ *Sat., Mar. 14* – 4:30-9:30 p.m. Harmonica Club meets in Fellowship Room
- ❖ *Sun., Mar. 15* – Third Sunday of Lent
- ❖ *Wed., Mar. 17* – St. Patrick’s Day
- ❖ *Thurs., Mar. 19* – Spring begins
- ❖ *Thurs., Mar. 26* – 12NOON Sr. Fellowship Luncheon, & Program
- ❖ *Sun., Mar. 29* – 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
- ❖ *Tues., Apr. 21* – 8:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Senior Advocate Seniors Services Seminar at Huntington Mennonite Church

-- Announcements --

HUNTINGTON MENNONITE CHURCH: Lenten Services will be held on Thursdays – MARCH 12, 19, 26 AND April 2 AT 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. – 7:30. All are welcome.

THE MENNONITE is the magazine of Mennonite Church USA, and seeks to fulfill its mission of helping readers glorify God, grow in faith and become agents of healing and hope in the world through articles that challenge and inspire, plus news that connects readers to the larger Mennonite community.

Our group subscription plan to *The Mennonite* is renewing.

Individual cost is \$46 per year (12 issues).

Group discount is available - \$39 per subscription

We need three (3) subscriptions to qualify.

If you are interested in joining our group plan,

please contact Pat in the Church Office

no later than March 31, 2020.

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). Venue: **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.

EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENT: Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) is seeking a half-time Executive Director to start between May and September 2020 who is committed to Anabaptist values and the mission of MHF, has proven skills in administration, communication, and networking, and has an intergenerationally compelling vision for MHF. Interested persons are invited to send a resume and statement of intent, including the broad strokes of your vision and thoughts about a strategic plan, to president@mennohealth.org. More information at www.mennohealth.org.

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 --

March 1, 2020

Worship Service: 47; Sunday School: 23; Offering: \$2,069.00

Brotherhood: \$50.00

FY Budget collected YTD (Dec. 1, 2019-Mar. 1, 2020) = \$35,879.49

FY Budget Need [Dec. 1, 2019-Nov. 30, 2020] = \$208,000.00



Building News Corner:

-- This Week’s Building Fund Update --

02/23/2020 Building Fund Balance	\$1,467,564.38
03/01/2020 Building Fund Donation	2,000.00
03/01/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$1,469,564.38

