

“Healing Water”



Warwick River Mennonite Church

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March 15, 2020

Third 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

Third Sunday of Lent Sunday Worship Service March 15, 2020

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

Focus statement:

When all we can see of our lives is a pile of stones in the desert or a deep well of pain, God shows us there is water deep within the rocks and wells—the living water of God's love. We rejoice in the Rock of our Salvation!

Prelude

Evangeline Schrock

*Welcome & Invocation

*Time for Greeting

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, let's sing out loud to the Lord!

People: Let's raise a joyful shout to the Rock of our Salvation!

Leader: Come, you who are thirsty and can find no water in the desert.

**People: We bring our questions, our complaints,
to the Rock of our Salvation.**

Leader: Come and see the One who speaks to us of living water.

People: Show us who you are and who we are, O Jesus.

All: Let's raise a joyful shout to the Rock of our Salvation!

*Hymns of Praise & Gathering

Confession

All: God of living waters, we confess that we have often turned from you and wandered in our own wildernesses of fear and doubt. Our thirst mounts daily, and we turn to many things we believe will satisfy us. In the silence of this moment we name those things.

Assurance of pardon

Leader: The wells of salvation are offered to you. Drink deeply and find healing, hope, and joy, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us! Amen.

All: Thanks be to God.

Time for Sharing of Announcements, Blessings, and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Evangeline Schrock

Offering

Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:1-7 John 4:5-52

Children's Time

*Hymn of Preparation

Sermon Title: "Healing Water" -Steve Fannin

*Hymn of Response

*Ritual 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 out at the end of each service to symbolize the light of Jesus' life drawing to a close.

Benediction

Leader: We have seen the Rock of our Salvation,
and we have quenched our thirst for the living water
that gives our lives purpose and meaning.
Let us go now to meet all thirsting for God.

People: We will share the living water with everyone we meet.

Leader: Let us go now to listen as Jesus does with us.

People: We will hear the stories and hearts of all who are considered voiceless

by our world.

Leader: Let us go now to bring the Spirit's wholeness to others.

**All: We will bring peace and healing to the broken and lonely,
even as they offer us hope and grace by their lives.**

*Song of Sending: HWB 429 Go now in peace, STJ 73 The Lord lift you up

Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler

Song Leader: Lisa Fannin

(*Those who are able please stand.)

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Prayers of healing for all who are battling the coronavirus and for all the health care workers here and abroad, that we may be delivered from this serious health threat.
- ❖ We continue to 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.
- ❖ Lezha (Albania) Academic Center: Our school has been helping the Roma people who are living in shelters after the November 26, 2020 earthquake. Recently, we heard that 29 people from this community, including children and the elderly, are living on the streets. Please pray for our school and community.
- ❖ 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 16 Scott Mumaw
March 19 Leigha Sawyer; Ingrid Showalter; Cheri Nice
March 21 Lillian Miller
March 22 Steve Ziegler
March 29 Nicholas Mumaw
March 30 Pastor John
March 31 Karen Mumaw

Happy Anniversary ~

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:

- ❖ *Sun., Mar. 15* – Third Sunday of Lent
- ❖ *Wed., Mar. 17* – St. Patrick's Day
- ❖ *Thurs., Mar. 19* – Huntington Mennonite Church *Lenten Services* today at 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. AND 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. All are welcome.
- ❖ *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!
- ❖ *Sat., Apr. 4* – 5:30-8 p.m. WCRC Banquet (details below)
- ❖ *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
- ❖ *Wed., Apr. 22* – 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **One day only:** “Mennonite Memories” based in the Denbigh community.

-- Announcements --

URGENT: If there is anyone in the congregation who needs help getting groceries or running errands during the coronavirus situation, please phone the church office (757-874-0794) or Pastor John (757-272-3154). We have a number of people who have volunteered to run errands or go grocery shopping.

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.

Come to a WCRC Banquet! Be sure to register for the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center banquet, April 4th from 5:30-8 PM at Huntington Mennonite Church, 785 Harpersville Road, Newport News. Enjoy great food, music, an opportunity to support WCRC and the chance to win a quilt. In addition to a short association meeting, hear about the newly renovated Oakwood as well as other inspiring updates. RSVP to <https://www.wcrc.info/> or 757-566-2256.

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, jelly, crackers, and canned/boxed meals. We are in receipt of a digital Thank You card (copy is on the bulletin board) from THRIVE for our support and giving during the 2020 Souper Bowl of Caring. Always know that your help is truly making a difference.

APRIL 22, 2020, 10 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. : One day only:

“Mennonite Memories” based in the Denbigh community. Sponsored by the Garden Club of Virginia *Historic Garden Week* Hampton-Newport News. Warwick River Mennonite Church and some of its members have been asked to participate in the tour. Details can be found at www.vagardenweek.org.

WCRC Family Fun Day will be Saturday, April 25th, from 10 AM – 3 PM. It will include food, music, vendors and some great activities for the whole family.

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 8, 2020

Worship Service: 46; Sunday School: 21; Offering: \$2,925.00
FY Budget collected YTD (Dec. 1, 2019-Mar. 8, 2020) = \$38,804.49
FY Budget Need [Dec. 1, 2019-Nov. 30, 2020] = \$208,000.00



Building News Corner:

-- This Week's Building Fund Update --

03/01/2020 Building Fund Balance	\$1,469,564.38
03/08/2020 Coffee Connect	28.00
03/08/2020 Building Fund Donations	178.00
03/08/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$1,469,770.38

