

“Peace for the Journey”

Virtual Worship Service

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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

Worship Service April 19, 2020

Virtual Coffee Connect: 10 a.m. Virtual Worship Service: 10:40 a.m.

-- Gathering --

Prelude

*Welcome and Invocation

*Time for Greeting

*Call to Worship

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: We have not seen the risen Christ,

**People: But we see him in the lives
of those transformed by grace.**

Leader: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

**People: But we have seen him in the faces
of everyone whose love encourages us.**

Leader: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

**People: But we have been called
to bring healing to the scarred of the world.**

~ written by Thom Schuman

*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

-- Confession and Words of Assurance --

Must we see you in order to believe you, Lord?

Is seeing truly believing?

Are we to be prisoners of our senses,

distrusting and rejecting whatever we cannot see, touch, or hear?

Yet you are faithful—

you give sight to the blind,

you carry us when we are weary,

you call us to your side.

The locked room of our hearts opens at the turn of your key.
Speak your words of life to us again:
“Do not doubt, only believe.”
Speak your words of life,
that we might live.

-- Words of Assurance --

The peace of God be with you.
Receive God’s forgiveness
and the promise of the Spirit,
for Jesus is risen from the dead.
Seen or unseen, he is present in our midst,
and we see the presence of Christ reflected in each other’s faces.
Happy are those who have not seen,
yet have come to believe.

~ from the **Ministry Matters**

-- Hearing from God’s Word --

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31
Time for Silent Reflection
Children’s Time
Hymn of Preparation
Sermon Title: “Peace for the Journey” -John Dey

-- Responding --

*Hymn of Response
Time for Sharing of Announcements, Blessings, and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer/Prayer of Dedication
Offering

-- Sending --

***Prayer of Sending:**

Go now, sent by the one who was sent by God.
Walk in the light;
testify to the resurrection of Christ;

forgive the sins of all,
and live at peace with one another.
And may God bless you with life forever;
May Christ Jesus breathe his Spirit and peace into you;
And may the Holy Spirit lead you into the life and light of God.
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Song of Sending

Worship Leader:
Song Leader:

Susan Ackerman
Noah Shenk



Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Please keep Stephanie Neighbors (WRCS Art Teacher) and her husband, Tom Neighbors, (prior WRCS basketball coach) in your prayers as Stephanie is battling cancer. Her initial treatment plan did not accomplish the goal and they are trying to initiate a treatment plan at either UVA or MCV. Please pray that the right Doctors come into her path. Please pray for her strength to continue this fight and of course pray for the miracle of complete healing through Jesus.
- ❖ We pray that your peace will guard our hearts and minds so that we are not overcome by anxiety and fear.
- ❖ God, inspire in us ways to show your love to one another and to ourselves.
- ❖ *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.*

Happy Birthday ~

April 19 Evelyn Hertzler
April 20 Carmen Stover
April 21 Andrew Crumly
April 22 Patricia Brunk; Chris Dey
April 23 Mary Lou Shives; Charlie Zollinger
April 25 Zach Dey; Ashley Jean Lytle

Happy Anniversary ~

April 12 Jim & Nikki Boldy
April 16 David & Dawn Wing



Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Sun., Apr. 26* – Sunday Worship Service
Coffee Connect at 10 a.m. & Worship Service at 10:40 a.m.
- ❖ *Thurs., May 7* – 7:00 p.m. WRMC Council Meeting via ZOOM

Announcements

VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE “how to” information

Warwick River Mennonite Church has begun hosting virtual Worship Services. Please join us at 10:00 a.m. for Coffee Connect followed by Sunday Service at 10:40 a.m. via ZOOM.

If you are connecting by computer: <https://zoom.us/j/521236696>

*If prompted for Meeting ID: 521 236 696

If you are connecting by phone: 646-558-8656

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*Please note - If you haven't used Zoom before on your computer or smart phone, it may prompt you to download Zoom. Follow the prompts to download. Once Zoom is downloaded, it will automatically connect you to the Zoom call.

*If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to
Mackenzie Butler (740-868-0016) or Don Brunk (610-787-0823).
They will do their very best to assist you.*

THRIVE

Between March 16 – April 16, 2020, THRIVE's food pantry served 747 people, distributing nearly 15,030 pounds of food. 36% of recipients are children and 60% of recipients have not visited us in at least 9 months. To continue to distribute food at this level, we need your support.

FOOD - . Please consider donating some of the following items that we are most in need of: Mashed Potatoes; Peanut Butter; Jelly; Ravioli; White Rice; Canned tuna; Canned chicken.

THRIVE Donations can be made Monday – Thursday 10am – 5pm and Fridays 10am – 2pm at our THRIVE office: 13195 Warwick Blvd, Unit 2C, Newport News. Please pull around back and call when you've arrived: 757-877-6211 x2. THRIVE will unload from your vehicle to accommodate “no contact”.

VOLUNTEERS – Thank you! THRIVE is so grateful for the many new volunteers who have recently stepped up to help! If you would like to learn more about our new volunteer procedures or ways YOU can volunteer from HOME, [click here](#). (<https://mailchi.mp/4f660e8f5d4a/coronavirus-health-safety-precautions-3894797>)

URGENT:

If anyone in the congregation 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.

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.

**DUE TO COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS, ALL CHURCH GATHERINGS
ARE SUSPENDED FOLLOWING GUIDANCE FROM THE CDC.**

Gift Giving

Fiscal Year 12/01/2019 through 11/30/2020 (FY2020)

Annual operating expense budget: \$208,000.00

Offering Report

April 12, 2020

\$ 1,050.00	Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 21.30	E-giving support totals this week
<u>\$ 0.00</u>	Other donation totals not used for budget this week
\$ 1,071.30	Offertory Total 4/12/2020

Attendance Report

April 12, 2020

47 Virtual Worship Service viewing connections
Sidenote: each connection had one or more persons attending

Fiscal Year 12/1/2019-11/30/2020 total budget = \$208,000.00 ÷ 52 = \$4,000.00

In offertory is needed per week.

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Offertory collected year to date: (12/01/2019-11/30/2020) = \$48,080.79

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

04/05/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,469,940.66
04/12/2020 Contribution received	<u>0.00</u>
04/12/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,469,940.66

Easter Offering

The Easter season presents a wonderful opportunity for Warwick River to thank those individuals and families that support the church throughout the year with their time, talent and financial contributions. We are grateful for your financial support, especially during this time of uncertainty. To assist everyone in making the consistent offerings that are so important to your church, we can accept savings/checking drafts

AND we now offer online giving. Please visit www.warwickrivermennonite.org
or go directly to:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=N2YJ68M7R67JN&source=url

