

“Hospitality and Transformation”

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 26, 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: We need your presence on the long road, Lord.

People: **The road between fear and hope,
the road between the place where all is lost
and the place of resurrection.**

Leader: Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,
we are in need of your company!

People: **Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power,
let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.**

*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

-- Confession and Words of Assurance --

(based on Luke 24:13-35)

Confession

O Jesus Christ, sometimes we are so busy talking with each other that we fail to find you beside us. We walk on, so focussed on our questions that we do not create the silent spaces which would allow you to speak with us and enlighten our journeying.

Silent reflection

Stay with us, Jesus Christ. Reach out towards us and invite us to pause and meet with you, we pray.

As we look at our lives and that of the world around us, we are sometimes too anxious to share our real questions or our doubts and fears. We keep them within us in troubled silence.

Silent reflection

Stay with us, Jesus Christ.
Reach out towards us
and invite us to pause and meet with you, we pray.
We call your name, O Christ,
and hope to discover you here
in our community of vulnerable faith.
Amen.

-- Words of Assurance --

Whether we believe it, or not, Jesus Christ never leaves us nor forsakes us. Let us open our hearts to receive the grace which Christ brings to us in faithfulness. We are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35
Time for Silent Reflection
Children's Time
*Hymn of Preparation
Sermon Title: Hospitality and Transformation -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 as those who have met with Christ
in the morning of this day.

Go now as those whose hearts have burned within them,
as the Scriptures were explained.

Go now as those
who have been touched by resurrection.

And may the blessing of God
be upon you, body, mind and spirit,
as you leave this place,
Amen.

*Song of Sending

Worship Leader:

Mackenzie Butler

Song Leader:

Micah Shenk



Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Guide our hearts and our actions to greater care, kindness and generosity in the midst of fear and uncertainty.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ *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 ~

May 4 Alfred Brenneman; Addison Fuller;
William Longacher
May 9 Kelleigh Longacher; Carleigh Longacher
May 11 Ronda Miller; Dale Shenk
May 13 Chris Davis

Happy Anniversary ~

May 2 Brandon & Katherine Stover
May 4 Carl & Lois Mericle
May 10 Raul & Adena (Longacher) Leal
May 13 Harold & Sue Yoder



Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Sun., May 3* – 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: Please consider donating some of the following items that we are most in need: 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”.

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

FY2020 runs 12/01/2019 through 11/30/2020

Annual operating expense budget: \$208,000.00 ÷ 52 = \$4,000 weekly need

Attendance Report

April 19, 2020 Worship Service: 63

(45 ZOOM viewing connections)

Offering Report

April 19, 2020

\$ 6,705.00	Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 0.00	E-giving support totals this week
\$ 200.00	Thrive (for food)
\$ 6,905.00	Offertory Total 4/19/2020

Offertory collected YTD (Dec. 1, 2019-Apr. 19, 2020) = \$54,785.79

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

04/12/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,469,940.66
04/19/2020 Contribution received	0.00
04/19/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,469,940.66

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.

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