

**“How are we a people when we cannot gather?”**

*Virtual Worship Service*

*Sign in via ZOOM - details inside under Announcements*



## **Warwick River Mennonite Church**

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**May 3, 2020**

***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 May 3, 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 are God's church:**

**People: We come together to worship.**

**Leader: He has given us his Word:**

**People: We come together to learn from him.**

**Leader: He has filled us with his power:**

**People: We go out to bring others to him.**

**Leader: He has called us into his family:**

**People: We come together to share our lives.**

**Leader: He has put his words on our lips:**

**People: We go out to tell the world about him.**

**Leader: He has given us his Spirit:**

**People: We come together to celebrate.**

**Leader: He has showered us with his riches:**

**People: We go out to share his goodness with others.**

**Leader: He has freed us from our past:**

**People: We come together to move forwards.**

**Leader: He has planned for us a glorious future:**

**People: We go out to live our lives to please him.**

**Leader: We are God's church:**

**People: We come together to worship.**

\*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

**-- Confession and Words of Assurance --**

God of mercy,  
we come celebrating our unity,  
but we confess the many ways  
that we are divided.  
Our nationality, ethnic origin, economic status,  
gender, age, and musical preferences  
all too often obscure the common calling  
we share in Christ's name.  
May our common identity as your children  
and our communal witness to Christ  
bind us together in your name.  
Forgive our tendency toward separation and division,  
and remind us that we are your Easter people.

**-- Hearing from God's Word --**

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:42-47  
Time for Silent Reflection  
Children's Time  
\*Hymn of Preparation  
Sermon Title: How are we a people when we cannot gather? -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 from here as witnesses of what you have seen and heard.  
Share God's love with those you meet.  
Bring hope to those who are in despair.  
Live lives of gratitude and praise.  
And may the love of God,  
the peace of Jesus Christ,  
and the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit  
be within you and among you until we meet again.  
Amen.

\*Song of Sending

Worship Leader:  
Song Leader:

Kathryn Baer  
Don Brunk



## Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Pray for all the nations of the earth to know the love of Christ.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Pray for WRMC as the Council of Ministries holds the monthly meeting this Thursday via Zoom.com.
- ❖ *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:

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

## 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

\*If prompted for Meeting ID: 521 236 696

\*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 26, 2020 Worship Service: 51**

(40 ZOOM viewing connections)

## Offering Report

**April 26, 2020**

\$ 3,400.00	Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 0.00	E-giving support totals this week
<u>\$ 0.00</u>	Other donation totals not used for budget this week
\$ 3,400.00	Offertory Total 4/26/2020

Offertory collected YTD (Dec. 1, 2019-Apr. 26, 2020) = \$58,185.79

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



### Building News Corner

**This Week's Building Fund Update**

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

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 go directly to PayPal:

[https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=N2YJ68M7R67JN&source=url](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=N2YJ68M7R67JN&source=url)