

## “Why are we still looking up in the sky?”

*Virtual Worship Service*

*Sign in via ZOOM - details inside under Announcements*



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**May 24, 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 24, 2020

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

*-- Gathering --*

\*Welcome and Invocation

\*Time for Greeting

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Why are we looking up to heaven?

**People: Christ has come;**

**Christ has risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

Leader: Why are we looking ahead to the future?

**People: The Holy Spirit is among us now.**

**In our baptism,**

**we have already died and risen with Christ.**

Leader: Why are we afraid of death and dying?

**People: God's love casts out our fear.**

Leader: Why are we afraid to follow Jesus?

**People: In Christ, we have the promise of new life now,  
eternal life to come.**

**In Christ, we join our hearts to worship God,**

**who has prepared for us to enter the reign of God.**

~ written by Rev. Mindi and posted on **Rev-o-lution**

**\*Hymns of Praise and Gathering**

*-- Confession and Words of Assurance --*

Too often, Lord God,

we are hesitant in our proclamation;

seeking safe and suitable opportunities to speak of our faith.

Too often, Lord God,

we are half-hearted in our service;

reluctant to stand out from the crowd or to attract criticism.

Too often, Lord God,  
we live as if dependent wholly on our own resources;  
relying on our perceived skills and modest insights.

Too often, Lord God,  
we look to the clouds for our inspiration,  
in the vain hope of finding you there.

Forgive the poverty of our efforts and the frailty of our faith  
and open wide our hearts and minds to the immanent presence  
of our Risen, Living and Ascended Lord Jesus Christ .  
In his name we pray and say together:  
“Our Father ...”

~ written by Rev. Malcolm Macdougall

-- Hearing from God’s Word--

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Scripture Reading:  
Time for Silent Reflection  
Children’s Time

Acts 1:6-14

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

Sermon Title: “Why are we still looking up in the sky?” -John Dey

**-- Responding --**

**\*Hymn of Response**

Time for Sharing of Announcements, Blessings, and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer/Prayer of Dedication  
Offertory  
Offering

**-- Sending --**

**\*Prayer of Sending:**

Leader: As people of faith we have gathered for worship.  
**People: As people of faith we now return to the world.**  
Leader: Go out to share the story of faith,  
the story of life, with the world around you.

**People: We share the faith in word and in deed,  
in speech and in action.**

Leader: As you go out to give a living witness,  
as you go out to testify to God's love active in the world,  
go knowing that God goes with you,  
sharing the laughter and the hope, the fears and the tears.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*Song of Sending**

Worship Leader: Susan Akerman  
Song Leader: Aubrey Siebels  
Scripture Reader: Chris Miller  
Zoom Host: John Dey



**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.**

## Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Pray that God will bless our WRMC Building Team as they tackle the many hours of detail work to bring life to our vision.
- ❖ Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for Noelia Fox's recovery from COVID-19 and protection for Brian and their three daughters in Spain. Pray that God will provide as the family reconfigures their English-language school due to closure during the pandemic.
- ❖ Please pray for Warwick River Christian School students, faculty, and staff as they left their school three months early due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic. Pray for each of them as they grieve the early loss of relationships and adapt to new schools in the future.
- ❖ *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. ([warwickrivermc@gmail.com](mailto:warwickrivermc@gmail.com))*

## Happy Birthday ~

May 28	Darrel Schrock
May 31	Jake Hanbury
June 3	Jonathan Aulich; Chris Bock
June 4	Ken Hurr
June 7	Louretta Wilson
June 9	Aubrey Siebels

## Happy Anniversary ~

May 30	Sam & Susan Parrucci
June 1	Richard & Theresa Siebels
June 2	Darrel & Evangeline Schrock
June 8	Tom & Jenn Salyers



## Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Sun., May 31* – Sunday Worship Service via ZOOM  
Coffee Connect at 10 a.m. & Worship Service at 10:40 a.m.
- ❖ *Thur., Jun 4* – 7:00 p.m. WRMC Council Meeting via ZOOM

## Announcements

**Do you need assistance?** 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.



## MAY 24 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://vccs.zoom.us/j/93925782371>

\*If prompted for Meeting ID: 939 2578 2371

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

\*If prompted for Meeting ID: 939 2578 2371

\*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.*



**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**

**May 17, 2020**

**Worship Service: 58**

(43 ZOOM viewing connections)

**Offering Report**

**May 17, 2020**

\$ 1,450.00	Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 1,165.20	E-giving support totals this week
\$ 39.00	"The Mennonite" magazine subscription
<u>\$ 2,654.20</u>	Offertory Total 5/17/2020

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec. 1, 2019-May 17, 2020) = \$65,125.99

**Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church**

Deuteronomy 16:17



**Building News Corner**

**This Week's Building Fund Update**

<b>05/10/2020 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,469,990.66</b>
<b>05/17/2020 Contributions</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>05/17/2020 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,469,990.66</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)

**YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE**



**WRCS FACILITIES EXPLORATION COMMITTEE**

The difficult decision has been made to downsize WRCS to a preschool program. This will leave much of the building unused. The vision is to continue the mission of serving our local community as WRCS has done for the past 75 plus years. Going forward we know that the face of the mission will change but the commitment will not. The school building is a wonderful facility with lots of possibilities. *Are you a visionary? Do you have ideas for possible uses for the building? Want to join in the discussion as options are explored?* Then please seriously consider joining the WRCS Facilities Exploration Committee. We are a working committee committed to continuing the mission as we look to the future. We meet once a week, currently using Zoom. *Curious? Need more information? Energy and ideas needed and wanted!*

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