

“Finding Joy in the Kingdom’s Presence”

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 July 26, 2020

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

-- Gathering --

*Welcome and Invocation

*Time for Greeting

***Call to Worship**

The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

A mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;

it is the smallest of all the seeds,

but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree,

so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

Yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour

until all was leavened.

The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

Treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid;

then joyfully sells all he has and buys the field.

The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

A merchant in search of fine pearls;

on finding one of great value,

sells all of his possessions and buys the pearl.

The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

Let all who have ears, hear.

***Hymns of Praise and Gathering**

-- Prayer of Intercession --

Lord, we give you thanks for the word that you hide like a treasure in our heart, for the leaven which is able to penetrate to every area of our life - for the seed that is able to grow into a mighty plant. Help us to value that which you have given us - to make following Christ the most important thing in our daily lives - to concentrate above all upon doing your will and sharing your love and the good news you have proclaimed through Jesus with one another and with the world.

We give you thanks for the wonders of our heritage and for the new things that you continue to do in our midst. We praise you for the teachings of the prophets, for the law you revealed unto Moses, for the grace and the love that you poured out and continue to pour out through Christ - and for the guidance, the strength, the wisdom, the peace, the joy, the patience, and the gentleness that you bestow upon us through your Spirit. Help us to value both the old and the new and to become worthy teachers of the lessons of your eternal kingdom.

We pray for the people around us this day - for those who are upon our hearts and minds because of a need that they have...

A TIME OF SILENCE

Bless each one according to the need that they have and bring all to a closer walk with you.

We ask you to hear all our prayers, O God, in the name of the one who taught us to pray... OUR FATHER....

—posted on [Starters for Sunday](#) website of the Church of Scotland.

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Time for Silent Reflection

Children's Time

***Hymn of Preparation**

Sermon Title: "Finding Joy in the Kingdom's Presence"

~ Pastor 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:

Maybe in this there is a glimpse of the kingdom

a foretaste

a hint

a promise.

Let it hold you and let it send you

so you will never be at peace

until all are fed

until all know home

until all are free

until justice is done

until peace is the way

until grace is the law

until love is the rule

until God's realm comes

until God's realm comes

until God's realm comes....

~ written by Cheryl Lawrie

***Song of Sending**

Worship Leader: Head Elder, Kathryn Baer

Song Leader: Mel Shenk

Zoom Host: Mackenzie Butler



Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ This is a call to pray for Carl & Lois Mericle serving at Providence Mennonite Church, Newport News. Lois had some skin lesions removed recently and more extensive cancer was discovered. She has qualified for trial test treatment. Part of this will be an oral chemo regimen. There are more scans and tests to be done in the short term to then be followed by treatment, possibly as early as next week.
- ❖ Word has been received from Ted & Snooky Yoder - that Snooky's brother, Jim Collins and his wife Linda, who live in Georgia, have tested positive for the COVID-19 Coronavirus. Linda's breathing has caused her to be admitted to the hospital. Jim is very sick but opted to remain at home. Please offer up prayers of healing, that Jim & Linda may be safely delivered from this very serious health threat. We also pray for Snooky & Ted and all of the family in the coming weeks.
- ❖ We extend our love, sympathy and prayers for the family of Ray W. Hertzler, as they grieve his loss. Ray passed away July 14, 2020 in Powhatan, Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Betty Mast Hertzler, and his two children, Kevin Hertzler of Powhatan, and Anita Lucas (Michael) of Shenandoah. Online condolences may be made at www.bennettbardenfh.com.
- ❖ "Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord." Psalm 31:24
- ❖ *Prayer/Praise concerns are always welcome & may be requested & updated by calling/emailing Pat in the front office – or just leave a note in the Church Office mailbox. (telephone: 757-874-0794) (warwickrivermc@gmail.com)*

Happy Birthday ~

July 28 Steve Fannin; Katie Fannin
August 1 Kenneth Ziegler
August 2 Anna Mumaw; Pat Bellamy
August 3 Wyatt McDaniel
August 4 Jack Smith
August 11 Samantha Salyers

Happy Anniversary ~

August 2 Chris & Ursula Bock
August 5 George & Pat Brunk
August 8 Ben & Fran Redekop; Joshua & Amy Longacher

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Mon., Jul 27 – 7:00 p.m.* Topic: Racism, Culture, and Church. Pastor John is inviting you to join this continued conversation *via ZOOM* - See specific zoom connection information below.
- ❖ *Sun., Aug 2 – Sunday Worship Service via ZOOM*
10 a.m. Coffee Connect & 10:40 a.m. Worship Service
- ❖ *Thurs., Aug 6 – 7:00 p.m.* WRMC *virtual* Council Meeting

Announcements

Warwick River Christian Learning Center: Thank you to all who made our food drive a huge success! The WRCLC Food Drive Express picked up 387 items for THRIVE Peninsula from businesses and families in the area. There were also lots of items dropped off to us. We are so excited to be able to help families in our community.

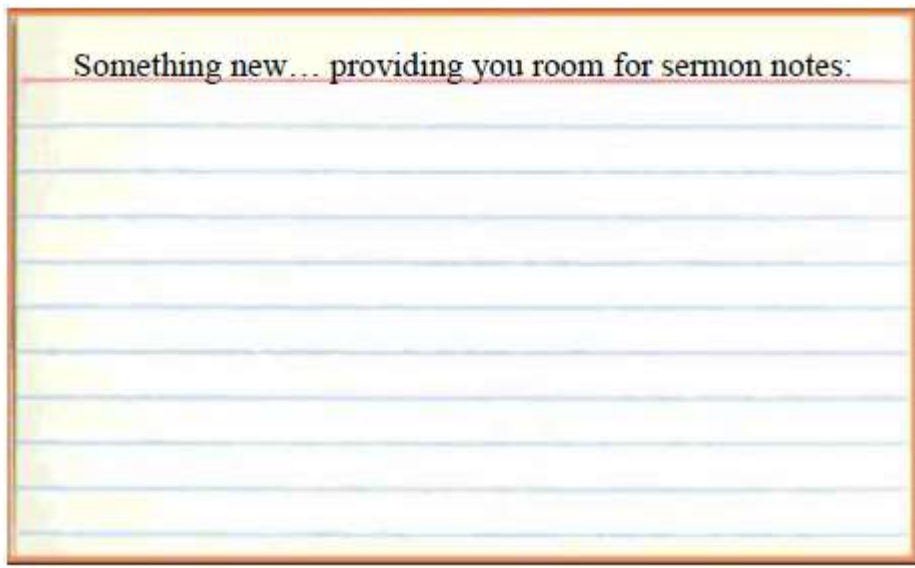
Drum roll please.....🥁🥁🥁🥁🥁🥁🥁🥁.....
410.6 POUNDS!!!!!! 😊



THRIVE: Food pantry needs this month are Mashed Potato Cups, Mac & Cheese Cups, Ramen Noodles, Oatmeal Packets, Tuna Packets and Vienna Sausage. Your help is so appreciated, and we all thank you very much.

WARWICK RIVER CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER: Summer Campers want your recyclable stuff! *Cardboard* ~ tubs, boxes - all sizes *Plastic Bottles & Containers* ~ all sizes *Cans* ~ clean with no sharp edges – please no soda cans *Newspaper & Magazines and other miscellaneous items*
Please make sure all items are clean with no sharp edges. The children will be encouraged to create their own creations!
Questions? Please call Ann Aulich 757-870-2042
~ Thanks in advance ~

Something new... providing you room for sermon notes:



Join Special Zoom Meeting
TOPIC: Racism, Culture, and Church
TIME: Monday, July 27th @ 7:00 PM Eastern Time
<https://vccs.zoom.us/j/93226504292?pwd=UG9HV2ZaRi8zbTcrWTRBcFFSYk9zdz09>

Meeting ID: 932 2650 4292
Passcode: 237256

July breezes...

As we make our way through the remaining days of summer and approach the end of this fiscal year on November 30 2020, we ask for your prayers as we discern how to work with God for the most effective stewardship of all of our resources.

**Warwick River Mennonite Church
Zoom platform**

HOW TO CONNECT

***Worship Service * Meetings * Gatherings of all kinds**

*MEETING ID: 846 7407 1811

*PASSWORD: 809884

Computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84674071811?pwd=dWRKODZleWRucmRuams1YlFZTFJjUT09>

Phone: 929-205-6099

*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.*

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

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

July 19, 2020

Worship Service: 49 ~ (37 ZOOM viewing connections)

Offering Report

July 19, 2020

\$2,005.00	Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 514.33 (net)	E-giving support totals this week
<u>\$ 118.18</u>	<u>WRCS <i>final</i> Shared Utilities Jun 2020</u>
\$2,637.51	Offertory Total 7/19/2020

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec. 1, 2019-July 19, 2020) = \$83,768.41

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

07/12/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,470,190.66
07/19/2020 Contributions	\$ 0.00
07/19/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,470,190.66

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. Please go directly to PayPal:

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