

“The Labor of Human Forgiveness”

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 August 16, 2020

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

-- Gathering --

*Welcome and Invocation

*Time for Greeting

***Call to Worship**

Holy are you, O God of grace and mercy.

May all the nations praise you, O God.

May all the nations of the earth joyfully
sing because God's justice is supreme!

May the love that lights up the face of God
shine with favour upon us and bless us;
teaching us God's way of loving and forgiving
so that we may witness to that love and grace.

We gather to worship our wise and holy God.
We are in awe and revere you for your saving works.
We come together to seek your blessing, O God.
Praise be to our generous and just God. Amen.

***Hymns of Praise and Gathering**

-- Prayer of Confession --
(Genesis 45, Psalm 133)

God of Love,
we have come here today for a family reunion!
We know that we are sisters and brothers in Christ.
Each of us is your precious child.
And yet there is division in this family.
There is sibling rivalry, old resentments, new irritations.
We are quick to anger, slow to forgive.
We would rather choose our relatives,
than acknowledge the all-inclusive nature
of your family.
Open our hearts to your love,
and show us the way of reconciliation.
Teach us to see each brother and sister with your eyes.
Help us claim our heritage as your own children,
and live together in unity as your family.

-- Words of Assurance --
(Genesis 45, Psalm 133, Romans 11)

Do not be distressed or angry with yourselves,
for the God who reconciled Joseph and his brothers,
can surely reconcile us.
God's mercy extends to everyone.
Rejoice and live in unity!

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Genesis 45:1-15

Time for Silent Reflection

Children's Time

***Hymn of Preparation**

Sermon Title: "The Labor of Human Forgiveness" ~ *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:**

Loving God,
Like Joseph, we don't always understand
why things happen the way they do;
why our plans and dreams fail,
and we find ourselves facing challenge after challenge,
and disappointment after disappointment.
Yet, like Joseph, we also believe that You are at work in our lives,
and that You have a larger plan and purpose for each one of us.
Give us faith to trust in You no matter what challenges we face.
Give us courage to place our dreams and ambitions in Your hands,
and then follow where You lead without hesitation,
confident that Your loving presence goes with us.
Amen.

***Song of Sending**

Worship Leader: Sue Yoder

Song Leader: Mel Shenk

Zoom Host: Rachael Shenk



Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ *A message from the family of Paul E. Shenk:*
Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the cards, phone calls, food, flowers, and prayers, following the passing of my dear father. My family feels surrounded by your love.
~Evangeline Schrock
- ❖ *A message from Elaine Evans:*
Hello all, just wanting to say thank you to Mel and Micah Shenk who used their time and energy to help us safely transport furniture Thursday (August 6, 2020). It was a huge blessing.
~peace elaine
- ❖ Please join us in prayer for Gladys Hostetter as she undergoes a cardiac catheterization and further testing in the coming days.
- ❖ Remembering Mrs. Stephanie Neighbors, beloved WRCS Art teacher, at the hour of her passing from cancer, July 29, 2020. Please keep all of her family and friends in your prayers as together we mourn her loss.

Mennonite World Conference has called Anabaptist and Mennonite congregations around the world to unite in prayer:

- ❖ We pray for people in the U.S and around the world impacted by coronavirus.
- ❖ We pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones, and for those who have been quarantined and are feeling alone.
- ❖ We pray for healing for those who are sick.
- ❖ We pray for safety, strength and compassion for medical workers who may be overwhelmed caring for those who are battling various illnesses, and workers who are exposed to greater risks.
- ❖ We pray that our public officials act with compassion and wisdom as they work to contain the virus.
- ❖ We pray for those without access to health care, and for those who don't know how they will make it if they get sick and can't go to work.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Guide our hearts and our actions to greater care, kindness and generosity in the midst of these fears and uncertainties.
- ❖ *Prayer/Praise concerns are always welcome & may be requested & updated by calling/emailing Pat in the front office –757-874-0794*

Happy Birthday ~

August 16	Laurie Brunk; Dallas Kipfer
August 19	Brenda Bailey
August 20	Lisa Fannin; Wayne Steiner; Hallie Whitecotton
August 22	Twila Brunk
August 28	Ursula Bock
August 30	Leanna Schrock; Amy Longacher
August 31	Helene Portela

Happy Anniversary ~

August 20	John & Susan Dey
August 24	Noah & Rachael Shenk; Aaron & Myra Millikin

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.

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=dWRKODZleWRucmRuams1YlFZTFJlUT09>

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.*

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Sun., Aug 23* – Sunday Worship Service *via ZOOM*
10 a.m. Coffee Connect & 10:40 a.m. Worship Service

Announcements

Warwick River Christian Learning Center: Sincere thanks for all of the recyclables donated to WRCLC this summer, the children have used their creativity in amazing ways! Effective immediately we no longer need any additional recyclables – we now have more than we can use - which is always a nice problem to have 😊 Thank you again for your support. We will reach out again as new projects are announced.

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.



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

August 9, 2020

Worship Service: 51

Offering Report

August 9, 2020

\$2,580.00	Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 145.35 (net)	E-giving support totals this week
<u>\$ 94.00</u>	For food expense for funeral
\$2,819.35	Offertory Total 8/9/2020

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1,2019-Aug 9,2020) = \$91,147.20

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

08/02/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,470,240.66
08/09/2020 Contributions	\$ 0.00
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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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