

“Courageous Women and The Will of God”

Virtual Worship Service

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August 23, 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 August 23, 2020

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

-- Gathering --

*Welcome and Invocation

*Time for Greeting

***Call to Worship**

Our help is in the name of the Lord our God,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
who comes to our aid in times of need,
who gives us the courage to do what we know is right,
who invites us to turn away
from the influences of the world around us
and confess Him alone as Saviour and Lord.
This is our God!

Let's worship together.

***Hymns of Praise and Gathering**

-- Prayer of Intercession --

(based on Ex. 1:8 - 2:10; Rom. 12:1-8; Matt. 16:13-20)

Gracious God,
In love You created us,
and in love You sustain us, day after day.
So it is with confidence that we bring our prayers to You,
knowing that You hear us, and will respond.

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We offer our prayers for the world around us.
We pray for those who find themselves in bondage:
those forced into slavery or prostitution,
those oppressed by governments or economic systems,
those enslaved by personal addictions.

Gracious God, hear our prayer,
and in Your love, answer.

We pray for those who struggle to raise their children
in the midst of violence or poverty;
those who can only stand by and watch as their sons or daughters die
of starvation or malnutrition,
of preventable disease,
or from gang violence.

Gracious God, hear our prayer,
and in Your love, answer.

We pray for those who refuse to participate in violence or injustice,
who courageously stand up for what they know is right,
regardless of the personal consequences.

Gracious God, hear our prayer,
and in Your love, answer.

We also pray for those who oppress others,
who are unable to break free from cycles of violence and anger,
who are no longer able to empathize with their victims.

Gracious God, hear our prayer,
and in Your love, answer.

We pray for all who suffer this day,
whether physically, emotionally, or spiritually.
May Your presence surround and sustain each one,
so that they may know your love and live.

Gracious God, hear our prayer,
and in Your love, answer.

Finally, God, we pray for ourselves—members of Your Body here on earth.

Break down the barriers that divide us from one another.
Unite us in our common allegiance to You as Lord and Saviour.
Grant us compassion and humility in our relationships.
Release the gifts You have given to each one,
so that in us and through us,
Your kingdom might come and Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Amen.

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Exodus 1:8-2:10
Time for Silent Reflection
(No Children's Time this morning)
***Hymn of Preparation**
Sermon Title: "Courageous Women and The Will of God"
~ 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:
God's children still suffer—
whether from famine, or natural disaster, or poverty or violence.

Like Moses,
we too are called by God
to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

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To speak against injustice and inequality,
to speak against the political and economic powers of this world
which continue to enslave the poor and the powerless.

And, like Moses, we do not go alone,
but in the strength of God who calls and sends us.
So go from here in confidence and hope,
knowing that the great I AM goes with you.

***Song of Sending**

Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman
Song Leader: Micah Shenk
Zoom Host: Mackenzie Butler



Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ *A message from the family of Sean Collins:*
Dear Friends, thank you so much for your prayers, cards, food, texts, telephone calls, and flowers following Sean's passing. We are blessed by your kindnesses.
~Niki & Olivia Collins
- ❖ This is a call to pray for Gladys Hostetter as she undergoes a heart valve replacement surgery September 4, 2020 at Sentara Heart Hospital in Norfolk. To help comfort her, Gladys can be reached via her mailing address: P.O. Box 448, Ivor, VA 23866.
- ❖ *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
- ❖ This is a month of change for Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service participants. Pray for those who are transitioning from their completed assignments to study or work. Pray also for those who are beginning to learn and serve in Alamosa, Colorado, San Francisco, and Washington D.C.
- ❖ *Prayer/Praise concerns are always welcome & may be requested & updated by calling/emailing Pat in the front office -757-874-0794*

Happy Birthday ~

August 28 Ursula Bock
August 30 Leanna Schrock; Amy Longacher
August 31 Helene Portela

Happy Anniversary ~

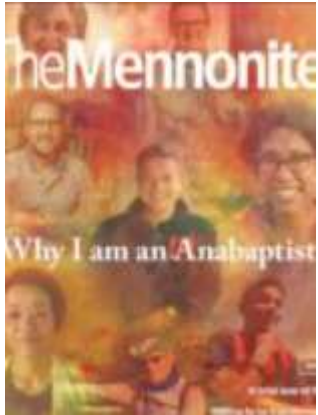
August 24 Noah & Rachael Shenk; Aaron & Myra Millikin



Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Sun., Aug 30* – Sunday Worship Service *via ZOOM*
10 a.m. Coffee Connect & 10:40 a.m. Worship Service

Announcements



WRMC Library copy of
THE MENNONITE magazine
has arrived and is now available
in the WRMC Office.

Please call Pat at (757)-874-0794
and borrow it for a few days!

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.

Gracious thanks for
GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTION

Donated by: Norma Heath

In Honor of: Alfred and Delma Brenneman's
70th Wedding Anniversary

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.

FALL WRMC OFFICE HOURS ANNOUNCED
Beginning the week of September 8, 2020

Tuesday in office: 12:30 - 6:30pm

Wednesday from home only: 12:30 - 6:30pm

Thursday in office: 12:30 - 6:30pm

Friday in office: 12:30 - 6:30pm

2020 Council of Ministries:

Pastor John M. Dey

Elder Kathryn Baer **Congregation Chair** Lisa Ziegler
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.

or please call and leave a message: (757)-874-0794

**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=dWRKODZleWRucmRuanU1YlFZTFJjUT09>

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.*



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 16, 2020

Worship Service: 53 ~ (40 ZOOM viewing connections)

Offering Report

August 16, 2020

\$ 0.00	Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 387.80 (net)	E-giving support totals this week
<u>\$ 225.00</u>	<u>Insurance Audit refund</u>
\$ 612.80	Offertory Total 8/16/2020

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1,2019-Aug 16,2020) = \$91,760.00

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

08/09/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,470,240.66
08/16/2020 Contributions	\$ 0.00
08/16/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,470,240.66

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:

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