# "Living at the Intersection of Reverence and Hospitality"

Virtual Worship Service

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## **Warwick River Mennonite Church**

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**August 30, 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 30, 2020**

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

## -- Gathering -

- \*Welcome and Invocation
- \*Time for Greeting

#### \*Call to Worship

We gather together to worship the God of our fathers and mothers—the God of Abraham and Sarah, of Miriam and Moses—who hears the cries of His people and comes to their aid; who meets us on holy ground and calls us follow; who invites us to leave our selfish ways behind, take up our cross, and discover what it means to truly live.

This is our God!

\*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

Let's worship together.

## -- Prayer of Approach & Confession -- (based on Exodus 3:1-15)

God of fire,

You are a force beyond human understanding, with the power to sear through the veins of creation with passion and vigour, or to extinguish life in consuming flame.

(continued)

Your presence is dangerous for there is no predicting where you might burn, and yet comforting for the light and warmth offer an invitation to draw closer.

Redeeming God,

out of the flames of your creation,
your voice calls,
marking us as your own.
Yet there are times
when we choose to ignore your voice,
and listen instead to our own needs and desires
and those that challenge our faith
from within the world.
Forgive us for those times;
when we have ignored the needs of others;
when we have failed to place our feet upon your path;
when we allow the earthly voice to distract us from your call.

#### (Silence)

Loving Lord,
in your forgiveness
you offer again your invitation
to know your love,
to be loved,
and to respond to your call.
In hearing your voice
may we find our place
within your creation.
AMEN.

-written by Rev. MaryAnn R. Rennie

## -- Hearing from God's Word --

Exodus 3:1-15

Scripture Reading: Time for Silent Reflection Children's Time

## \*Hymn of Preparation

Sermon Title: "Living at the Intersection of Reverence and Hospitality" ~ Pastor John Dev

## -- 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.

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: Ursula Bock Song Leader: Noah Shenk Reader: Lisa Fannin Zoom Host: Rachael Shenk



## **Prayer and Praise Requests:**

- ❖ We extend our love, sympathy, and prayers for the family of Sally Carr, who passed away August 26, 2020, at St. Francis Nursing Center in Newport News. Sally is survived by her two sons, Mark Wheatley and John Wheatley, and John's wife Jennifer and their son Sally's much-loved Grandson, Austin Wheatley. Our heartfelt prayers and sympathies to all.
- ❖ 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.
- Thank God for how the youth of the Barcelona Mennonite community in Catalonia are flourishing in their spiritual growth despite pandemic restrictions. Pray for Alisha and Joshua Garber, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, as they explore best practices to mentor and teach online.
- ❖ Prayer/Praise concerns are always welcome & may be requested & updated by calling/emailing Pat in the front office −757-874-0794

#### Happy Birthday ~

August 30 Leanna Schrock; Amy Longacher

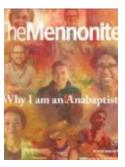
August 31 Helene Portela

September 4 Rebecca (Mulamba) Kayumba

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- ❖ Thur., Sept. 3 7:00 p.m. WRMC Council Meeting via ZOOM
- ❖ Sun., Sept. 6 WRMC, we are traveling via Zoom to worship with our sister congregation, First Mennonite of Richmond. Stay tuned for more information to include a specific zoom meeting id.
- ❖ *Mon., Sept. 7* Labor Day
- ❖ Tues., Sept. 8 First day of school Newport News Public Schools virtual school only

## **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!

**THRIVE:** Food pantry needs this month are Beef Soup, Canned Pinto Beans, Mac & Cheese Cups, Oatmeal Packets, and Tuna Packets. Your help is so appreciated, and we all thank you very much.

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#### 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=dWRKODZleW

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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 \div 52 = $4,000$ weekly need$ 

Attendance Report August 23, 2020 Worship Service

## Offering Report

August 23, 2020

\$ 505.00 Mail Offertory totals this week \$ 145.35 (net) E-giving support totals this week \$ 650.35 Offertory Total 8/16/2020

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1,2019-Aug 23,2020) = \$92,410.35

## 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

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

 08/23/2020 Contributions
 \$ 50.00

 08/23/2020 Building Fund Balance to date
 \$ 1,470,290.66

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.

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