

“Imitating Christ Through Unity”

Virtual Worship Service

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Warwick River Mennonite Church

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September 13, 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 September 13, 2020

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

-- Gathering --

*Welcome and Invocation

*Time for Greeting

***Call to Worship**

One: Do not give easy or unthinking response to this day's call to worship.

For today we ask God's Spirit to fill us, that we may prophesy, and dream dreams, and see visions.

The call to worship today is a summons to be touched by holy fire.

All: Even now the flames may dance above our heads,

One: igniting our opinions on peacemaking so that they blaze into commitment.

All: Even now the flames may be burning into our hearts,

One: animating us, leaving us no peace as individuals until God's justice and peace fill the earth as the waters fill the seas.

All: Prophets, visionaries, dreamers!

Let us all worship with courage and with hope!

One: Let us worship God!

***Hymns of Praise and Gathering**

-- Call to Confession --

We do not stop enough to listen to the still-speaking God.
And like the people of Jerusalem long ago,
we often misunderstand the Spirit's movement among us.
In the silence and stillness of this moment,
let us draw near to God and listen.

[silence]

Let us confess together:

**We confess to you, Renewing Spirit,
that we confuse unity with uniformity,
and diversity with divisiveness.
We speak and behave as if being a part of your family
means assimilating others to our way of living.
We deny and destroy the beauty you created in each person.
We long to change these patterns, O Creator,
but we do not know how.
Teach us to value challenge.
Help us to see strength in difference.
And empower us to build your kingdom
in creativity and love.
Amen.**

-- Assurance of God's Love --

Hear the good news!
God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh,
and we have been made one.
We are no longer scattered or divided,
but gathered together to build up the kingdom on this earth.
Thanks be to God!

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-13
Time for Silent Reflection
(no Children's Time this morning)
***Hymn of Preparation**
Sermon Title: "Imitating Christ Through Unity"

~ Zachary Dey

-- Responding --

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

-- Sending --

***Prayer of Sending**
Go out into the world,
and labour to bring forth new life.
Dream dreams, pursue visions
and speak of God's goodness
in the words of those who would hear.

And may the God who breathed life into creation be your delight.
May Christ Jesus give hope to your dreaming,
and may the Holy Spirit, your advocate and supporter,
.....set your hearts ablaze with a passion for peace.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
...**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

***Song of Sending**

*Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler
Song Leader: Micah Shenk
Reader: Chris Miller
Zoom Host: Leanna Schrock*



Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ As the 2020-21 school year begins, we pray for health and safety for all students, all faculty, all staff and all administration as they maneuver the many new COVID adjustments together.
- ❖ Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God that no students, staff, or faculty of the Near East School of Theology were injured when last month's explosion rocked Beirut, Lebanon. Pray for wisdom for George Sabra, the school's president, and for the necessary resources to repair the extensive damage done to the eight-floor building. Pray also for all who have lost loved ones and homes.
- ❖ *Prayer/Praise concerns are always welcome & may be requested & updated by calling/emailing Pat in the front office –757-874-0794*

Happy Birthday ~

September 13 Jay Shenk
 September 17 Katherine Stover
 September 18 Cheri Shenk; Caden Stover
 September 19 Connie Heatwole
 September 25 Hannah Meyeres
 September 26 Brandon Stover
 September 27 Jessica (Saunders)Lasris
 September 28 Phil Cassel
 September 30 Jim Boldy; Martha Young

Happy Anniversary ~

September 17 David & Shawn McDaniel

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Sun., Sept. 20 – Sunday Worship Service via ZOOM
 10 a.m. Coffee Connect & 10:40 a.m. Worship Service*

Announcements

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

2020 CROP Walk goes Virtual
Sept. 1 to Oct. 10, 2020
(donations due Oct. 18, 2020)
 Contact our Sue & Ted Yoder 757-877-4135 for details
 WRMC raised \$188 in 2019.
 Our 2020 goal is \$300.

All Fall CROP Hunger Walks will be virtual, but the need for donations could not be greater. Since spring CROP Hunger Walks were down nearly \$1 million this year, it is urgent that fall walks raise funds to provide solutions to hunger, poverty, housing, and disaster relief both locally and around the world.

This year, individual teams can walk on their own, with immediate family members, or in small groups. Teams can choose a date between September 1 – October 10 to walk around a block in the neighborhood or church, a nature trail, a parking lot, a recreation area or some other suitable setting. Teams should follow health and safety guidelines by wearing masks and social distancing.

The 25th Newport News/Peninsula CROP Hunger Walk celebration will be held October 18 with a Zoom Presentation at 2pm and a Car Parade starting at 3pm at Grace United Methodist Church on Shoe Lane. As cars drive through the parking lot, teams will drop off their donations, shoes collected for THRIVE, and canned food for the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank. This will be a culminating celebration in place of the usual kick off.

Both THRIVE Peninsula and the Peninsula Food Bank are beneficiaries of CROP Walk donations. To join or start a team and/or donate to the CROP Hunger Walk go

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=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.*



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

September 6, 2020

Worship Service: 29

(WRMC zoomed to First Mennonite Church of Richmond)

Offering Report

September 6, 2020

\$ 2175.00 Mail Offertory totals this week

\$ 0.00 (net) E-giving support totals this week

\$ 2175.00 Offertory Total 8/16/2020

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1, 2019-Sep. 6, 2020) = \$100,180.70

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

08/30/2020 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,470,290.66

09/06/2020 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.
Please go directly to PayPal:

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