

“Finding Water in the Deserts of Life”

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 September 27, 2020

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

-- Gathering --

*Welcome and Invocation

*Time for Greeting

*Call to Worship

Come, all who thirst—come to the water!

You who long for the water of life—come and drink!

Dip your soul in the river of God's goodness;

quench your thirst at God's well of grace.

For God is here among us,

offering living water to all who would drink!

Let's worship God together!

*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

-- Prayer of Intercession for Others --

God,

like the Israelites in the wilderness,

we too have known Your love,

and experienced Your care and provision.

You invite us to extend that love to the world around us—

to care for others as deeply as we care for ourselves.

(continued)

And so we bring the needs of our world before You now.
In Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the many who do not have enough:
enough food to eat, or shelter to keep warm;
enough employment, or money to pay their bills;
enough medicine or medical care.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We also pray for those who have more than enough,
but who still struggle to find meaning and purpose in life;
who indulge in dangerous or self-serving activities
to dull their pain or loneliness.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, Your grace reaches out to all of us.
You call us to live as citizens of heaven,
working together with one heart and mind.
Strengthen us to live in a manner worthy
of the Good News we have received,
offering our lives in service of Your kingdom,
where the last are first, and the first are last,
and there is grace enough for all.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, **Amen.**

~ Christine Longhurst

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 17:1-7

Time for Silent Reflection

Children's Time

***Hymn of Preparation**

Sermon Title: "Finding Water in the Deserts of Life" ~ 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**

Go in peace,

and may the Lord who gave water to his people in the wilderness

pour out upon you the fullness of his blessings,

may your faith be grounded upon the rock which cannot move

and your love be as bountiful as the love which sustains you

each and every day,

in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy One.

Amen.

***Song of Sending**

Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman

Song Leader: Rachael Shenk

Reader: Jan Dennis

Zoom Host: Mackenzie Butler



Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ *A message from Jan Dennis:*
To my anonymous benefactor. I would like to thank you for your generous gift of the stamps you sent, to help defray the expenses, for my mail ministry. I really appreciated your kindness. I enjoy sending cards to our church family members. ~*Sincerely, Jan*
- ❖ *A message from Gladys Hostetter:*
I want to thank my church family for the prayers, beautiful flowers, the cards, and phone calls. I am getting better slowly and I appreciate everything everybody has done for me. ~*Thank you, Gladys*
- ❖ Prayers for all those displaced and suffering due to the wild fires and extreme weather conditions worldwide. May communities near and far come together to help and offer comfort to those in need.
- ❖ Matthew and Toni Krabill, serving with Mennonite Mission Network at the Paris Mennonite Center in France, help resource Anabaptist Christians to engage with issues of injustice and conflict. Pray that they would continue to draw on God's words to guide their ministry and that they will help others to be faithful to Jesus' way.
- ❖ "The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy." Psalm 145:8
- ❖ *Prayer/Praise concerns are always welcome & may be requested & updated by calling/emailing Pat in the front office -757-874-0794*

Happy Birthday ~

September 27	Jessica (Saunders)Lasris
September 28	Phil Cassel
September 30	Jim Boldy; Martha Young
October 1	Robby Ackerman
October 4	Dawn Wing; Leona Ross
October 5	Tammara Geary; Elaine Evans; Micah Evans
October 7	Arielle Shenk
October 8	Charlie Miller; Shelly Yoder
October 9	Fran Redekop; Rebecca Mumaw; Sarah (Miller) Lemon



Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Sat., Oct. 3* – 10:00 a.m. Bidding “begins-to-end” Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale (details below)
- ❖ *Sun., Oct. 4* – Sunday Worship Service via ZOOM =
Coffee Connect is at 10 a.m. & Worship Service is at 10:40 a.m.
- ❖ *Sat., Oct. 10* – Annual CROP WALK ends (virtual participation runs this year from 9/1 – 10/10/2020; donations are due Oct. 18, 2020)

Announcements

The first ever WRMC Zoom Fellowship Meal happened this past Wednesday evening and was enjoyed very much, good company, good food and good conversation!

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.

VIRGINIA MENNONITE RELIEF SALE 2020: The sale is online this year. Go to: “Online Auction” at <https://vareliefsale.com/> to view and place your bid. There are many items listed for auction. Bidding began September 20, 2020 at 12:00 a.m. and ends October 3, 2020 at 10 a.m.

CROP Hunger Walk 2020: This year the walk is virtual and only online. Go to <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/newportnewsva/> for information. The walk began September 1, 2020 and ends October 10, 2020. Donations are due October 18, 2020. Contact Sue or Ted Yoder 757-877-4135 for details.



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:

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

Church office hours are: Tues. – Fri. 12:30 p.m. – 6:30 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

September 20, 2020

Worship Service: 35

Offering Report

September 20, 2020

\$ 4075.00 Mail Offertory totals this week

\$ 145.35 (net) E-giving support totals this week

\$ 4220.35 Offertory Total 9/20/2020

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1,2019-Sep. 20,2020) = \$105,651.40

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

09/13/2020 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,470,290.66

09/20/2020 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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