

“The God of Covenant Love”

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 October 4, 2020

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

-- Gathering --

*Welcome and Invocation

*Time for Greeting

***Call to Worship**

All heaven and earth proclaim the majesty of God's creative power!

Praise God for the amazing and awesome beauty.

God has given to us codes by which to live together in harmony and peace.

In these commandments,

God has summed up the ways we must respect one another.

Rejoice in the goodness of God.

Praise God for God's complete and steadfast love for us. Amen.

~ written by Nancy C. Townley

***Hymns of Praise and Gathering**

-- Prayer of Confession --

(Inspired by Exodus 20:1-17)

God of all Good Gifts,

you call us to be generous people;

but instead, we covet what others have.

Forgive our selfish ways,

and teach us to give.

God of Perfection,

you call us to be honest in all we say and do;

but instead, we tell lies that hurt our neighbors.

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**Forgive our deceitful ways,
and teach us to speak the truth in love..**

God of Benevolence, you call us to provide for those in need;
but instead, we swindle and steal.

**Forgive our double-dealing ways,
and teach us to share.**

God of the Covenant,
you call us to be faithful in our relationships with others;
but instead, we are disloyal.

**Forgive our adulterous ways,
and teach us to honor our commitments.**

God of Creation,
you call us to value the lives of others;
but instead, we work to destroy those who are different
and annihilate those with whom we disagree.

**Forgive our murderous ways,
and teach us to seek reconciliation and peace.**

God of our Ancestors,
you call us to respect those who have gone before us;
but instead, we dismiss the wisdom of our elders.

**Forgive our impertinent ways,
and teach us to be humble.**

God of Time and Space,
you call us to recognize creation's dependence on you;
but instead, we work without pausing to reflect or give thanks.

**Forgive our ungrateful ways,
and teach us to both receive and provide times of holy rest.**

God of the Sacred Name,
you call us to hold your name in reverence;
but instead, we vainly attach your name
to every personal, political, and religious agenda we promote.

**Forgive our arrogant ways,
and teach us to submit to your authority.**

God of Limitless Possibilities,
you call us to celebrate your Unbounded Spirit;

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but instead, we try to define who you are
and make you to be something we can manage.

**Forgive our small-mindedness and idol-making ways,
and teach us to imagine.**

God of Deliverance and Might,
you call us to devote ourselves to you;
but instead, we abandon you for lesser gods.

**Forgive our wandering ways,
and teach us to love and follow you alone.**

~ written by Amy Loving

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 20:1-4; 7-9; 12-20

Time for Silent Reflection

Children's Time

***Hymn of Preparation**

Sermon Title:

"The God of Covenant Love"

~ Pastor John Dey

-- Responding --

***Hymn of Response**

Time for Sharing of Announcements, Blessings, and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Prayer of Dedication

Offering

-- Sending --

***Prayer of Sending**

Go now, with God's foolishness and weakness
as your only wisdom and strength.

Proclaim Christ crucified,
and seek riches only in the love of God's Word
and in zeal for God's house.

And may God's just demands be your nourishment & delight.

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May Christ be the power and wisdom of God to you.
And may the Holy Spirit keep you, thought and word,
in God's good grace.

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

~Written by Nathan Nettleton

*Song of Sending

Worship Leader: Kathryn Baer

Song Leader: Mel Shenk

Reader: Peggy Kipfer

Zoom Host: Micah Shenk

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
- ❖ We offer up prayer to our Lord for comfort and hope for all who are suffering the loss of a loved one.
- ❖ Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher of Mennonite Mission Network completed their sabbatical leave in the United States last month. Pray for them as they pick up their ministries, many have been put on hold due to South Korea's COVID-19 restrictions.
- ❖ "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."
Proverbs 3:6
- ❖ *Prayer/Praise concerns are always welcome & may be requested & updated by calling/emailing Pat in the front office -757-874-0794*

Happy Birthday ~

October 4	Dawn Wing; Leona Ross
October 5	Tammara Geary; Elaine Evans; Micah Evans
October 7	Arielle Shenk
October 8	Charlie Miller; Shelly Yode
October 9	Fran Redekop; Rebecca Mumaw; Sarah (Miller) Lemon
October 13	Zane Shenk

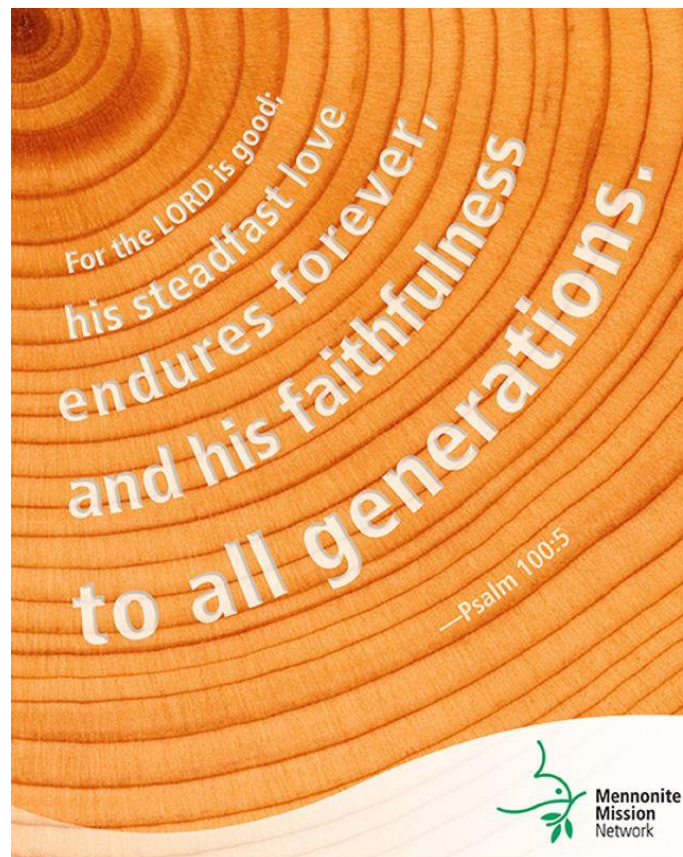
Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Sat., Oct. 10* – Annual CROP WALK ends (virtual participation runs this year from 9/1 – 10/10/2020; donations are due Oct. 18, 2020)
- ❖ *Sun., Oct. 11* – Sunday Worship Service via ZOOM =
Coffee Connect is at 10 a.m. & Worship Service is at 10:40 a.m.

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.

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#success>

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 27, 2020

Worship Service: 42

Offering Report

September 27, 2020

\$ 4345.00	Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 150.21 (net)	E-giving support totals this week
\$ 50.00	Long Green Mennonite Cemetery Preservation Committee
\$ 4545.21	Offertory Total 9/27/2020

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1,2019-Sep. 27,2020) = \$110,146.61

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

09/20/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,470,290.66
09/27/2020 Contributions	\$ 50.00
09/27/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,470,340.66

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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