

“Discerning your Golden Calf”

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 11, 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've been in exile.

We've allowed ourselves to be tempted
by the idols of things and power.

We've found it isn't what we thought.

Shopping therapy and yearning for a soda pop
does nothing to build up our world.

They are all fizz and sugar,
satiating only temporarily.

We're left with the same emptiness.

We're left without the spirit-words of God.

We're alone in harshness and brokenness.

Acknowledging our idolatry and mistakes,
we turn back to the living water.

We turn back to the love that flows forward
bringing justice and hope to all of humanity.

The word that comes from God's mouth
does not return empty.

God's word does as God intends.

Always.

Always.

Amen.

***Hymns of Praise and Gathering**

-- Prayer of Confession --

Confession is not an easy or a pleasant thing to do.
We would like to think that we have been good and faithful disciples,
following your way.
But we know in our hearts the many ways in which
we have turned our backs on you and rejected your will for us.
Like the people in the wilderness,
we create for ourselves idols and worship them,
only to discover their shallowness and emptiness for our lives.
And we wonder what went wrong.
Stop us in our tracks, O Lord.
Help us to be open to your will for our lives.
We know what you want us to do.
Give us the persistence and the courage to do your will.
Heal us from our wayward actions and attitudes.
Remind us that we must reach out to others in compassion and peace.
Merciful God, come to us this day with your healing power
and help us again to be your disciples,
offering hope and peace to your hurting and wounded world.
In Jesus' Name, we pray. **Amen.**

Words of Assurance

God, who has never strayed from you, is with you.
God will heal your hearts and direct your steps.
Place your life in God's loving care. **Amen.**

~Nancy Townley

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

Time for Silent Reflection

No Children's Time today

***Hymn of Preparation**

Sermon Title: "Discerning your Golden Calf" ~ Pastor John Dey

-- Responding --

***Hymn of Response**

Time for Sharing of Announcements, Blessings, and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer/Prayer of Dedication
Offering

-- Sending --

(based on Philippians 4:4-9)

***Prayer of Sending**

Be glad in the Lord always!
Focus your thoughts on all that is true,
all that is holy, all that is just,
all that is pure, all that is lovely,
and all that is worthy of praise.
And the peace of God—
peace that goes far beyond anything we can comprehend—
that peace will guard your hearts and minds
as you live in Christ Jesus.
So, go from here with confidence and joy,
to serve the Lord.

***Song of Sending**

Worship Leader: Ursula Boch
Song Leader: Noah Shenk
Reader: Chris Miller
Zoom Host: Rachael Shenk



Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ We offer up prayer to our Lord for all those who are lonely, may they be comforted.
- ❖ Brian and Noelia Fox of Mennonite Mission Network are trusting God to show them the way through adjustments made necessary by COVID-19. Pray for family members as their daughters continue with e-learning and as Brian and Noelia adapt classes at the English academy. Pray also for their ministry with the Anabaptist community in Burgos, Spain.
- ❖ “This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24
- ❖ *Prayer/Praise concerns are always welcome & may be requested & updated by calling/emailing Pat in the front office –757-874-0794*

Happy Birthday ~

October 13	Zane Shenk
October 23	Rebekah Ferrell; Curt Holsopple
October 24	Juanita Baer
October 25	Emily Miller
October 26	Carolyn Hamblin
October 29	George Brunk; Kevin Aulich
October 30	Rebekah Josephine Ferrell
October 31	Autumn Ferrell

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Sun., Oct. 11* – Sunday Worship Service via ZOOM =
Coffee Connect is at 10 a.m. & Worship Service is at 10:40 a.m.
- ❖ *Wed., Oct. 14* – 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Zoom Fellowship Meal
- ❖ *Sun., Oct. 18* – Annual CROP WALK (virtual participation ran this year from 9/1 – 10/10/2020; donations are due next Sunday 10/18/2020)

Announcements

WED. EVENING ZOOM FELLOWSHIP MEAL is THIS Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.... Just fix your plate and something to drink and log in* to our WRMC Zoom Platform and enjoy your meal with us. Let's chat and enjoy a relaxing evening together!

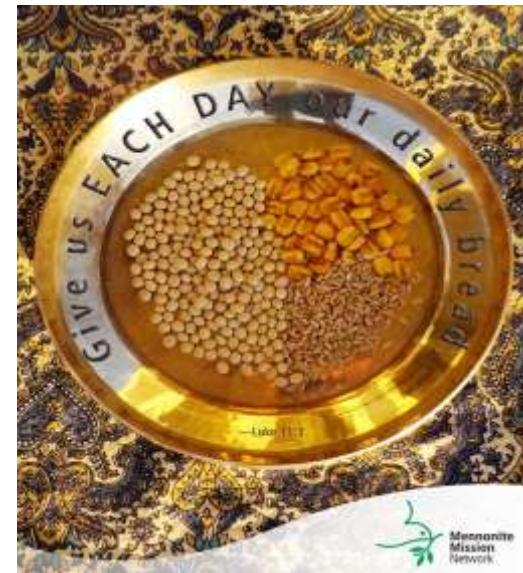
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THRIVE: Food pantry needs this month: Beef Soup, Canned Pinto Beans, Canned Meat, Mac & Cheese Cups, Mashed Potato Cups, Oatmeal Packets, and Boxed Mashed Potatoes Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter & Jelly. Your help is so appreciated, and we all thank you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

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

As we make our way into the fall and approach the end of this fiscal year on November 30 2020, we ask for your prayers as we discern how to work with God for the most effective stewardship of all of our resources.

MCC 100 YEARS 1920 – 2020: Congratulations to Mennonite Central Committee as they mark a century of sharing God's love and compassion for all, in the name of Christ. A gathering time featuring a look at MCC's first century begins at 6:50 p.m. EDT USA (be sure to join in then – you won't want to miss the video timeline), with the service start time at 7 p.m. Join the Celebration 2020, a livestreamed event by logging on to this web address: <https://livestream.com/rctv/mcccentennial>



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

October 4, 2020

Worship Service: 52

Offering Report October 4, 2020

\$ 5975.00	Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 489.46 (net)	E-giving support totals this week
\$ 500.00	Brotherhood
\$ 200.00	<u>THRIVE</u>
\$ 7164.46	Offertory Total 10/04/2020

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1,2019-Oct. 4,2020) = \$116,611.07

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

09/27/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,470,340.66
10/04/2020 Contributions	\$ 0.00
10/04/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,470,340.66

We are grateful for your financial support, and committed to exercising faithful stewardship over the funds contributed to us. We are aware of the many sacrifices you make in order to provide these gifts, and sincerely pledge to see that these dollars are used wisely, especially during this time of uncertainty.

To assist everyone in making the consistent offerings that are so important to your church, we are now able to accept savings/checking drafts

AND

we now offer online giving.

Please go directly to PayPal:

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