

“Renewing Your Covenant”

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 November 8, 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 are pulled in many directions.

Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.

This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.

This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.

Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives. Amen.

*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading:

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Time for Silent Reflection

Children's Time

*Hymn of Preparation

Sermon Title:

“Renewing Your Covenant”

~ Pastor John Dey

-- Responding --

Covenant Renewal Litany

Every day we journey on this earth is a day in which we make choices:
left or right, up or down, in or out, yes or no?

Some choices are simple, and some are very complex,
but one choice informs all the others:

Who will be our God?

Who will we trust to see us through this journey?

Who has been with us from before the beginning,
bringing us into existence?

Who has loved us and blessed us and sent us on our way?

Who has pointed us toward the path
and posted the signs we need to find our way?

Who has been at our side when the road has been smooth
and gently curving?

Who has kept with us through hairpin turns
and construction zones and potholes and detours?

Who will celebrate with us when we complete our course
and seek the comfort of eternity?

Only One. The One and Only.

Holy One. The One and Holy.

Will you choose this day to stay faithful to the One who is faithful to us?

Count us in.

Will you choose this day to place your whole trust
in the One who is trustworthy?

Count us in.

Will you choose this day to commit your talents and your resources
to the One who first endowed them?

Count us in.

Will you choose this day to love the One who loved us first?

Count us in.

Praying together,

We devote ourselves to you by renewing the covenant—
the promise you made to humanity so long ago.

Because you are our God, we will be your people.

Enlarge our faithfulness, our trust, our commitment and our love
so that we may graciously uphold our side of the deal.

Help us always to recognize your presence and your blessings
throughout our journey.

Keep us in your care. Amen.

~written by Rev. Christine Sobania Johnson

***Hymn of Response**

Time for Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Prayer of Dedication

Offering

Time for Announcements

-- Sending --

***Prayer of Sending**

Hear this: The Lord our God is the one and only Lord.

Therefore, go out into the world

and love the Lord your God

with all your heart, soul, mind and strength,

and love others as you love yourself.

And may God give you justice and freedom;

May Christ Jesus set you free for love;

and may the Holy Spirit go where you go

.....and protect you on your way.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

...In the name of Christ. Amen.

***Song of Sending**

Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman

Song Leader: Don Brunk

Reader: Steve Fannin

Zoom Host: Mackenzie Butler



Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ *A message from the Parrucci Family:*
Dear Church Family, Recently Sam Parrucci's brother, Robert, died unexpectedly. We would appreciate your prayers for all our family during this sad time.
~Thank you, Susan Parrucci
- ❖ *A message from the Leal Family:*
Thank you for the beautiful service that you gave for my Dad, David Longacher, in February of last year. We appreciate all you've done for us and our family.
~With love, Adena Leal (Josh & Family)
- ❖ We offer up prayer to our Lord for comfort and hope for all who are suffering employment troubles.
- ❖ Janie and Neal Blough have retired in France after 45 years of ministry there through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for them as they continue to serve by teaching and providing worship resources to congregations throughout Europe and beyond.
- ❖ "Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The LORD be with you all." 2 Thessalonians 3:16
- ❖ *Prayer/Praise concerns are always welcome & may be requested & updated by calling or emailing Pat in the front office:*
(757)-874-0794 or warwickrivermc@gmail.com

Happy Birthday ~

November 9 Pauline Nice; Austin Hodges
November 10 Noah Shenk
November 11 Ethan Boldy; Noah Boldy; Corey Paster
November 13 Edie Holsopple

Happy Anniversary ~

November 1 Kenneth & Ruby Ziegler
November 9 Ernie & Ruth Ann Miller
November 20 Robert & Karen Mumaw



Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Wed., Nov. 11* – 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Zoom Fellowship Meal
- ❖ *Wed., Nov. 11* – 6:00 p.m. in-person Adult Sunday School – *open to all* - will meet in the **Youth Building behind the church**. Masks and social distancing will be required. Call Sue Yoder or Chris Miller if any question.
- ❖ *Wed., Nov. 11* – TONIGHT is signup deadline for the Nov. 14th INGATHERING FOOD BUS! Call 757-877-4135 (more details below)
- ❖ *Sat., Nov. 14* – 9:00–11:00 a.m. INGATHERING FOOD BUS ~ COLLECTION #1! Curbside pickup from your own front porch
- ❖ *Sun., Nov. 15* – Sunday Worship Service via ZOOM = **Coffee Connect is at 10 am & Worship Service is at 10:40 am**
- ❖ *Mon., Nov. 16* – deadline to vote (WRMC Confirmation Ballot for Church Officers)
- ❖ *Sun., Nov. 22* – INGATHERING SUNDAY

Announcements

WED. EVENING ZOOM FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.... Just fix your plate and something to drink and log in* to our WRMC Zoom Platform. Good food, good company, see you there!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84674071811?pwd=dWRKODZleWRucmRuams1YlFZTFJjUT09>

Meeting ID 846 7407 1811

Passcode 809884



OUTREACH & HOMEMAKERS COMBINED EFFORTS TO HELP LINK, PORT, THRIVE

News from WRMC Homemakers, Elaine Smith: This year the Homeless Shelter NEEDS include: 1.) men's t-shirts size L and especially size XL; (2.) men's dark socks; and (3.) lightweight (about 60" x 70") throw blankets. For this annual effort our WRMC Homemakers have sewn 30+ belonging bags (Elaine Smith); 50+ knitted winter hats (Jackie Zimmerman); and 70 facemasks (Louretta Wilson). *If you can help please bring donations to Pat in the church office or call Elaine at 757-874-5889.* All donations are appreciated and don't forget to keep sewing for next year's effort. Thank you for helping in spite of all of the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic. Thank you!

LINK of Hampton Roads Announced: Questions? Please contact Snooky or Ted Yoder at 757-877-4135 (home) or 757-708-4036 (cell)... Donation options include: call Snooky to pick up from you; or bring your donations by the school (WRCS) and Pat will get them over to Snooky to run them down to LINK.



We are five weeks away from our PORT Winter Shelter kickoff and we are in need of the following Donations for our shelter guests:

- SOCKS
- SHOES
- COATS
- JEANS
- UNDERWEAR

If you are able to Donate, we are accepting drop-offs Monday-Friday between the times of 9AM and 2PM. We're located at: 10413 Warwick Blvd., N.N. VA, 23601.

Please contact our office at (757) 595-1953 if you have any questions.



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.*

WRMC Front Office News

Did you know Pat has been in the office
at the school for a year now!

THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS: Please note the
WRMC Office will close on Wednesday, Nov. 25th and
reopen on Tues., December 1st.
Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

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**



**WRMC
Ingathering
for THRIVE Peninsula**



Pick up Dates: Saturday, Nov 14 or 21, 9:00-11:00 AM

Better than curbside pickup! Ann Aulich & friends will swing by your house in a school bus and pick up your donations from your front porch!

How convenient is that!

Two pick up dates are available:

Saturday morning, Nov 14, 9:00-11:00 & Saturday morning, Nov 21, 9:00-11:00

So, pick which date works for you or pick both dates!

Please either call Snooky Yoder at 757-877-4135 or 757-708-4036

or email tedsnook@aol.com

to let us know you have items and which pick up date you would like!

Please call 48 hours in advance of pick up date.

Suggested Items

All-in-One, Boxed meals	Pasta
Canned or dry beans	Peanut Butter
Canned tomatoes	Potatoes
Cereal/Oatmeal	Pudding/Jell-O
Crackers	Rice
Fruit/Fruit Juices	Soup
Jelly	Stuffing
Meats	Vegetables (mixed veggies, peas, carrots)
Milk	Monetary Donations (checks payable to Thrive Peninsula)



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

November 1, 2020

Worship Service: 49

Offering Report November 1, 2020

\$ 7050.00	Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 150.21 (net)	E-giving support totals this week
\$ 500.00	THRIVE
<u>\$ 6.65</u>	<u>IRS refund received (Form 941, 09/2019)</u>
\$ 7706.86	Offertory Total 11/01/2020

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1,2019-Nov. 1,2020) = \$131,108.56

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

10/25/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,470,340.66
<u>11/01/2020 Contributions</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
11/01/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,470,390.66

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:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=N2YJ68M7R67JN&source=url