

## **“The Shepherding God”**

*Virtual Worship Service*

*Sign in via ZOOM - details inside under Announcements*



### **Warwick River Mennonite Church**

250 Lucas Creek Rd., Newport News, VA 23602

<https://www.warwickrivermennonite.org/>

[warwickrivermc@gmail.com](mailto:warwickrivermc@gmail.com)

757-874-0794

## **Ingathering Sunday**

**November 22, 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 November 22, 2020**

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

#### **-- Gathering --**

\*Welcome and Invocation

\*Time for Greeting

\***Call to Worship** (Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24)

Day by day, God leads us:

to the deep, deep pools of peace,

to the green, lush lawns of grace.

Day by day, Jesus calls us:

to pour out ourselves in service,

to anoint the stranger with hope.

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

the community we could be,

the family we are called to become.

*~ written by Thom Shuman*

\***Hymns of Praise and Gathering**

#### **-- Good Shepherd Prayer --**

(based on Psalm 23, Ezekiel 34-11-24, John 10, Revelation 22:17)

I am the Good Shepherd and I know my sheep. My sheep recognize and listen to my voice. I know them and they follow Me. I give them eternal life and they shall never perish.

Lord, You are my Shepherd. I shall not want.

In the dark and cloudy day that you were scattered, I sought you out to deliver you from places of chaos, devastation, panic, and fear.

Lord, You are my Shepherd. I shall not want. You Lord are my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear: You are the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

(continued)

(continued)

I am the Good Shepherd. You shall not hunger or thirst, neither shall the heat nor the sun strike you down. For in mercy I will lead you and by springs of water I will guide you.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me by still waters.

I am the Lamb in the midst of the throne. I will tend you, shepherd you, lead you to living fountains of water. And God, your Creator shall wipe away all tears from your eyes.

Lord, You are my Shepherd. I shall not want.

There is a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God. And I say come. You who are thirsting..... come!

And the bride says "Come!" Let each of us who hears say "Come!" Let us each who thirsts come to the river. Let us take the water of life freely and deeply into the areas of our needs.

~ by Jeanie Rose

### ***-- Hearing from God's Word --***

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16; 20-24;  
Matthew 25:31-46

Time for Silent Reflection

Children's Time

#### **\*Hymn of Preparation**

Sermon Title: "The Shepherding God" ~ Pastor John Dey

### ***-- Responding --***

#### **\*Hymn of Response**

Time for Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Prayer of Dedication

Offering

Time for Announcements

### ***-- Sending --***

#### **\*Prayer of Sending**

**(based on Psalm 23, John 10, 1 John 3:16-24)**

**One:** Go now with your trust in the good shepherd,  
and let us love, not just in words,  
but in truth and action.  
Believe in the name of Jesus Christ,  
and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

**One:** And may God be at your side, even in valleys of death.  
May Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life.  
And may the Holy Spirit abide in you  
....and tend you with love and mercy  
all the days of your life.

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

~by Nathan Nettleton

#### **\*Song of Sending**

*Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler*

*Song Leader: Mel Shenk*

*Reader: Lisa Fannin*

*Zoom Host: Rachael Shenk*



## Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ *A message from the Brenneman Family:*  
Dear WRMC Family, Thought we would send a little hello to let you know we think of you often and keep you in our prayers.  
~*Blessings and Happy Holidays, Alfred and Delma Brenneman*
- ❖ In many North American Indigenous cultures, every day is Thanksgiving Day. For the Onondaga People around Lake Ontario, the morning begins with the Thanksgiving Address, known as the “Words that Come Before All Else.” Join Mennonite Mission Network in thanking God for the good gifts that sustain us even in difficult times.
- ❖ “The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.” Psalm 18:2
- ❖ *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](mailto:warwickrivermc@gmail.com)

## Happy Birthday ~

November 23	Sandy Wagner
November 27	Sarah Wilde
November 28	Ann Aulich; Nicholas Dey; Paul Mulamba
November 29	Mel Shenk
November 30	Louise Kraus



**WRCLC / WRCS**  
*Future cutting garden for the children  
planted November 2020*

## Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Thurs., Nov. 26* – Happy Thanksgiving
- ❖ *Wed., Thurs., Fri., Nov. 26, 27, 28* – WRMC Office closed
- ❖ *Sun., Nov. 29* – 1st Sunday of Advent  
Sunday Worship Service via ZOOM:  
Coffee Connect is at 10 am & Worship Service is at 10:40 am
- ❖ *Thurs., Dec. 3* – 7:00 pm WRMC Council Meeting (via Zoom)

## Announcements

### THRIVE:

- Mark your calendars for Giving Tuesday on December 1. One of our partners @thrivepeninsula is offering a dollar for dollar match on gifts, up to \$8,000. Join the event here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2744073119139496/>
- Want to support families experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19? @thrivepeninsula offers relief to Peninsula residents who are falling behind on critical bills or struggling with food insecurity now and throughout the calendar year. Gifts made on December 1 for #givingtuesday will be matched! It's the perfect time to give. Learn More: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2744073119139496/>



**WRCLC / WRCS** has put out a call for any empty plastic coffee containers you may have... for a craft project the children are doing here at the school. If you can help please just bring them by WRCS. (Photo is of a 25-26 oz. size container) *Needed ASAP...thank you!*

**THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS:** Please note the WRMC Office will close on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and reopen on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. **Happy Thanksgiving everyone, gobble gobble.**



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=dWRKODZleWRucmRuamslYlFZTFJjUT09>

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

**November 15, 2020**

**Worship Service: 52**

### Offering Report November 15, 2020

\$ 700.00	Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 586.86 (net)	E-giving support totals this week
<u>\$ 725.00</u>	<u>THRIVE for Ingathering</u>
\$ 2011.86	Offertory Total 11/15/2020

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1,2019-Nov. 15,2020) = \$136,870.63

**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

11/08/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,470,390.66
<u>11/15/2020 Contributions</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
11/15/2020 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](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=N2YJ68M7R67JN&source=url)