

“On The Road To Readiness”

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

1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday Worship Service November 29, 2020

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

Focus statement: *What does readiness look like? How might we prepare ourselves to receive the One sent to save us? May our heart's desire be to make space to receive the gift God has sent.*

-- Gathering --

*Welcome and Invocation

*Time for Greeting

***Call to Worship** (Adapted from Isaiah 64:1, 6, 9; Psalm 80:3)

Leader: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence.

People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: Do not remember our iniquity forever.

All: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

*Lighting of the Advent Candle

-- Confessing --

Confession and Words of Assurance

Adapted from Isaiah 64:5-6, 8-9; Psalm 80:3

Leader: Is there any hope for us? Can we be saved?

People: All of us are unclean. Our righteous acts are like filthy rags.

Leader: Do not be angry beyond measure, O Lord;

Do not remember our sins forever.

Look upon us, we pray.

People: **O Lord, you are our Father.**
We are the clay, and you are our potter.
We are all the work of your hand.

Leader: Forgive our sins.

All: *No ear has heard, no eye has seen a God like you, who works for those who wait for him.*

Mold us and make us into vessels you can use.

Restore us, O God.

Make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Time for Silent Reflection

Children's Time

***Hymn of Preparation**

Monologue: "The Day and Hour Unknown" (based on Mark 13:24-37)
~ Susan Ackerman

Sermon Title: "On the Road to Readiness" ~ 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**

People of God, people on the road:

keep alert;

keep awake – the Lord is coming! Get ready.

***Song of Sending**

Worship Leader: Kathryn Baer

Song Leader: Don Brunk

Reader: Peggy Kipfer

Zoom Host: Don Brunk

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ David and Sophie Lapp Jost of Mennonite Mission Network live in Germany but were on the Greek island of Lesbos to witness more than 12,000 people displaced by a fire that burned a migrant camp. Pray that God's people throughout the world will open their hearts to welcome as neighbors those who are without homes.
- ❖ "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."
Psalm 119:105
- ❖ *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 28 Ann Aulich; Nicholas Dey; Paul Mulamba
November 29 Mel Shenk
November 30 Louise Kraus
December 4 Ruth Ann Miller
December 5 Clark Siebels; Kyle Fannin;
Anna Mulamba; Johnnie Stafford, Jr.
December 6 Ben Redekop; Tete Mulamba
December 7 Josh Longacher
December 15 Don Mulamba





**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**

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Nov. 29 – 1st Sunday of Advent*
- ❖ *Tues., Dec. 1 – WRMC Office reopens*
- ❖ *Thurs., Dec. 3 – 7:00 pm WRMC Council Meeting (via Zoom)*
- ❖ *Sun., Dec. 6 – 2nd Sunday of Advent*
Sunday Worship Service via ZOOM:
Coffee Connect at 10 am & Worship Service at 10:40 am
- ❖ *Weds., Dec. 9 – 6:00 pm Wednesday Evening Zoom Fellowship Meal*
- ❖ *Thurs., Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve*
- ❖ *Fri., Dec. 25 – Christmas Day*

Announcements

**DECEMBER 9, 2020: Please do join us this month for the
Wednesday Evening ZOOM FELLOWSHIP MEAL at 6 pm.** Just fix your
plate (or a snack) and something to drink ~ then log in to our WRMC Zoom
Platform (see the big blue box “how to connect”) and enjoy your meal with us.
Let’s chat and enjoy a relaxing evening together!

THRIVE:

- Giving Tuesday is Tuesday, December 1 and 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!*



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 22, 2020
Worship Service: 51

Offering Report November 22, 2020

\$25,000.00 Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 150.21 (net) E-giving support totals this week
\$ 100.00 THRIVE for Ingathering
\$25,250.21 Offertory Total 11/22/2020

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1,2019-Nov. 22,2020) = \$162,020.84

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

11/15/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,470,390.66
11/22/2020 Contributions	\$ 0.00
11/22/2020 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