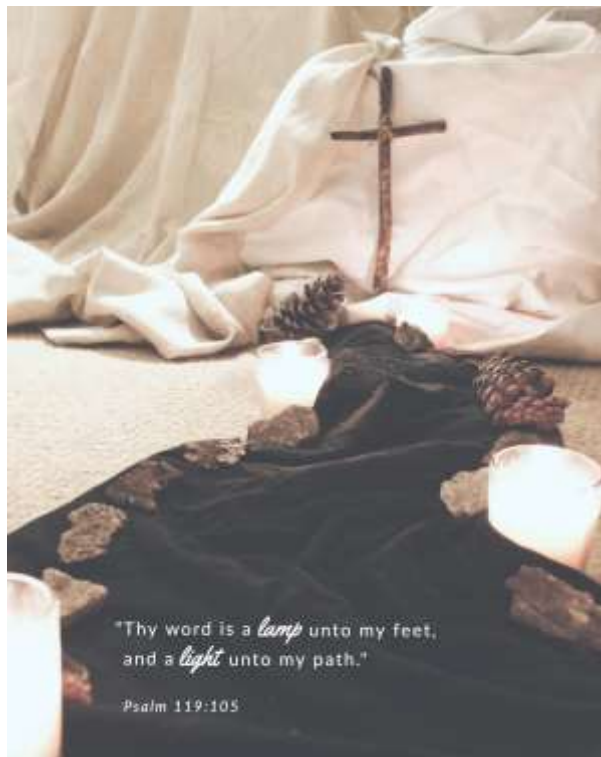


## “On the road to repentance”

*Virtual Worship Service*

*Sign in via ZOOM - details inside under Announcements*



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**December 6, 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday Worship Service December 6, 2020**

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

**Focus statement:** *When the heart is moving in readiness, there is an openness to the “new”—perhaps the fresh thing God wants to do. To embrace the new requires a letting go of the past. Repentance means we are letting go and making space for God’s new work in us.*

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

\*Welcome and Invocation

\*Time for Greeting

\***Call to Worship** (Adapted from Isaiah 40:3-5)

**People: Prepare the way of the Lord!**

Leader: Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill made low.

**People: Prepare the way of the Lord!**

Leader: Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together.

**All: Prepare the way of the Lord!**

\*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

\*Lighting of Advent candles

### **-- Confessing --**

**Response: Confession and Words of Assurance**

*Adapted from Psalm 85:8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a*

Leader: We hear John the Baptist’s cry in the desert  
and are called to repentance.

**People: We will hear what God the Lord will say:**

Leader: The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, but is patient,  
not wanting anyone to perish.

**People:** Revive us again, that we may rejoice in you.  
Show us your unfailing love,  
and grant us your salvation.

**Leader:** Salvation is near to those who fear God.

**All:** *We receive this gift. Help us to walk in your way.*

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

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11  
Mark 1:1-8

Time for Silent Reflection

Children's Time

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

Monologue: "John the Baptist Prepares the Way" (based on Mark 1:1-8)

Sermon Title: "On the road to repentance" ~ *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:

something greater is coming—prepare the way of the Lord!

Go forth, attuned to the Holy Spirit,

making room for the light of the world.

**\*Song of Sending**

*Worship Leader: Sue Yoder*

*Song Leader: Micah Shenk*

*Reader: Chris Miller*

*Zoom Host: Leanna Schrock*



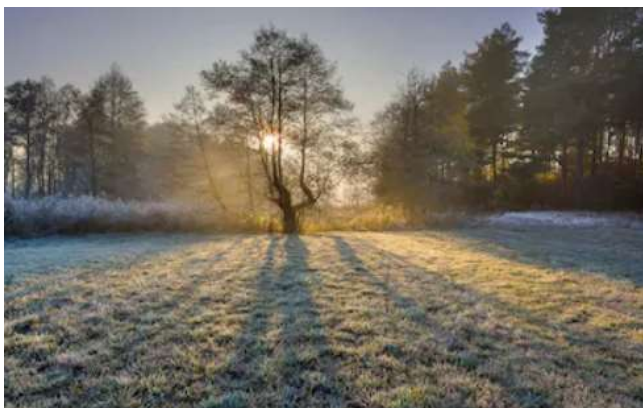
**Prayer and Praise Requests:**

- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network's SOOP has developed COVID-19 protocols that permit serving in some locations. While the Navajo Nation has a high rate of infections, most of the cases are further west than the Navajo Brethren in Christ Mission. Pray for volunteers to serve through tutoring and Christmas activities.
- ❖ "Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name." Psalm 33:20-21
- ❖ *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 ~**

December 6 Ben Redekop; Tete Mulamba  
December 7 Josh Longacher  
December 15 Don Mulamba  
December 17 Ken Brunk; Dina Fentress  
December 18 Ronald Ziegler; Shawn McDaniel  
December 21 Kathryn Baer; Lois Mericle  
December 22 Gabriella Davis  
December 23 Graham Wagner  
December 24 Micah Shenk  
December 27 Delma Brenneman; Theresa Siebels  
December 31 Donna Nice; Rick Wagner  
January 4 Will Siebels  
January 5 Nelson Baer; Ricky Dillon



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, Dec. 6* – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Worship Service via ZOOM:  
10:00AM ZOOM Coffee Connect  
10:40AM ZOOM Worship Service
- ❖ *Weds., Dec. 9* – 6:00 pm Wednesday Evening Zoom Fellowship Meal
- ❖ *Thurs., Dec. 24* – Christmas Eve
- ❖ *Fri., Dec. 25* – Christmas Day

### Announcements

*A message from the Worship Leader:*

"Each Sunday during the Advent season we will light our individual advent candles after the Call to Worship. We invite you each to bring your Advent wreath or a single candle to Zoom church. If you are able to set the candle in front of your camera for others to see, that would be even better!"

~Thank you, Mackenzie Butler

**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!



### *Still needed!*

**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) ...*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 29, 2020

Worship Service: 50

### Offering Report November 29, 2020

\$ 7,605.00 Mail Offertory totals this week

\$ 416.94 (net) E-giving support totals this week

\$ 8,021.94 Offertory Total 11/29/2020

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1,2019-Nov. 29,2020) = \$170,042.78

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



### Building News Corner

#### This Week's Building Fund Update

11/22/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,470,390.66
<u>11/29/2020 Contributions</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
11/29/2020 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)