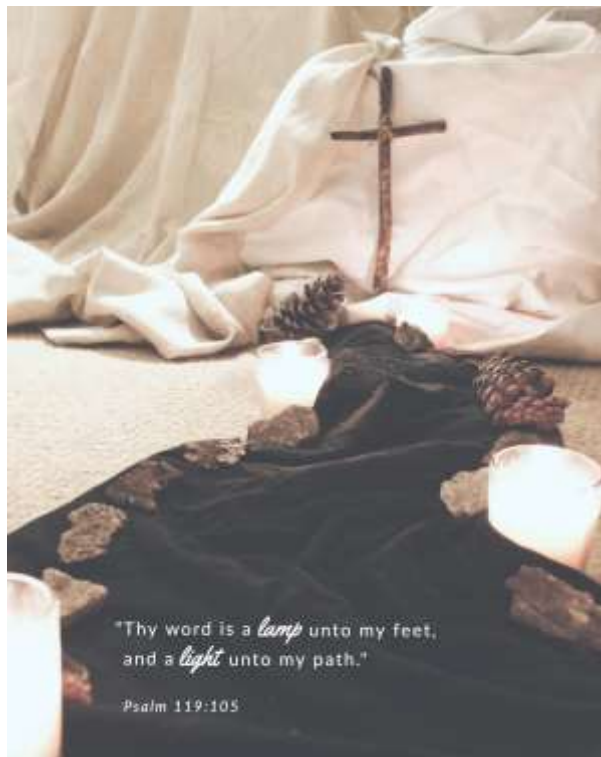


## “On the road to restoration”

*Virtual Worship Service*

*Sign in via ZOOM - details inside under Announcements*



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**December 13, 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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday Worship Service December 13, 2020**

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

**Focus statement:** *The gift offered to the repentant is restoration. The road to restoration is a journey toward wholeness in body, soul, and spirit.*

**-- Gathering --**

\*Welcome and Invocation

\*Time for Greeting

\***Call to Worship** (Adapted from Psalm 126:2-6)

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us, and so we rejoice!

People: **Our mouths are filled with laughter,  
and our tongues with shouts of joy.**

Leader: Those who sow in tears will reap shouts of joy.

People: **Those who go out weeping  
will come home with shouts of joy.**

All: ***The Lord has done great things for us—we rejoice!***

\*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

\*Lighting of Advent candles

**-- Confessing --**

**Confession**

Leader: God, we confess we do not always recognize you.

People: **We confess that when we do, we do not always receive you.**

All: ***Open our eyes to see you and our hearts to receive you.***

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

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Time for Silent Reflection

Children's Time

### \*Hymn of Preparation

Monologue: "John the Baptist Denies Being the Messiah" (based on John 1:19-28)  
~Tammara Geary

Sermon Title: "On the road to restoration" ~ 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

*Adapted from 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, 28*

People of God, people on the road:

May the God of peace sanctify you entirely;  
and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The one who calls you is faithful and will do this.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Go in peace.

### \*Song of Sending

Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman  
Song Leader: Don Brunk  
Reader: Steve Fannin  
Zoom Host: Mackenzie Butler



## Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Please pray for all students, all faculty, and all staff of education systems all over the world, as they continue to experience the social isolation due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic.
- ❖ *A message from Jackie Zimmerman:*  
My mother is sick with Stage IV Lung Cancer and I would like to ask you to pray for her – no cards – just pray that she will live as long as she can and that she will go to heaven.  
~Thank you from Jackie
- ❖ *A message from Suzanne Hinson Brooks:*  
Please pray for my daughter-in-law, Patience Hinson – wife of my son, David - as she undergoes chemo and radiation treatments.  
~Thank you from Suzanne
- ❖ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21
- ❖ *Prayer/Praise concerns are always welcome & may be requested & updated by calling or emailing Pat O'Connor in the front office:*  
(757)-874-0794 or [warwickrivermc@gmail.com](mailto:warwickrivermc@gmail.com)

## Happy Birthday ~

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

**WRMC OFFICE WILL BE OPEN: Dec. 30-31 and Jan. 5-8**

**WRMC OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: Dec. 23-29 and Jan. 1-4**

**DUE TO COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS, ALL CHURCH GATHERINGS ARE  
SUSPENDED FOLLOWING GUIDANCE FROM THE CDC**

### Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Dec. 13 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent* Worship Service via ZOOM:  
10:00AM ZOOM Coffee Connect  
10:40AM ZOOM Worship Service
- ❖ *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*

**WRMC INGATHERING 2020:** *We have received word from Angela York at THRIVE that monies gifted by our congregation totaled \$1,575.00; and, our total food donation came in at 1,186.50 pounds, which will provide 989 meals! God Bless you all, Merry Christmas!*

ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2020

*A message from the front office:*

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS: 2020 Annual Reports** are coming due please take a moment to schedule a time you may prepare and submit. If you need help in any way, or perhaps a format to follow, please let me know. The preferred format is WORD (via email, to: [warwickrivermc@gmail.com](mailto:warwickrivermc@gmail.com)). If you have already submitted your report, thank you!  
*~Thank you very much, Pat O'Connor*

**FY 2020  
FINAL OFFERING REPORT**



**Gift Giving**

FY2020 runs 12/01/2019 through 11/30/2020  
Annual operating expense budget: \$208,000.00 ÷ 52 = \$4,000 weekly need

**Final Offering Report through and including November 30, 2020**

\$ 5,200.00 Final Nov30 Mail Offertory received  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00 (net) E-giving support totals this week  
\$ 5,200.00 Offertory Total 11/30/2020

**FINAL: Budget Offertory collected (12/01/2019-11/30/2020)=  
\$175,242.78**

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



**Building News Corner**

**This Week's Building Fund Update**

<b>11/29/2020 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,470,390.66</b>
<b><u>11/30/2020 Contributions</u></b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>11/30/2020 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,470,390.66</b>

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.

**FY 2021  
OFFERING REPORT BEGINS**



**Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year)**

FY2021 runs 12/01/2020 through 11/30/2021  
Annual operating expense budget: pending

**Attendance Report December 6, 2020 Worship Service: 49**

**Offering Report December 6, 2020 (NN = Newport News) (YTD = year to date)**

\$ 4,075.00	Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 150.21 (net)	E-giving support totals this week
\$ 50.00	Contribution toward Building Fund
\$ 2,026.35	WRCS reimbursed WRMC 50% NN Stormwater Fees
\$ 6,301.56	Offertory Total 12/06/2020

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1, 2020 – Nov 30, 2021= \$4,225.21

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**Building News Corner**

**This Week's Building Fund Update**

<b>11/30/2020 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,470,390.66</b>
<b><u>12/06/2020 Contributions</u></b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>12/06/2020 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,470,440.66</b>

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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 Paypal.

Please go directly to Paypal:

[Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)