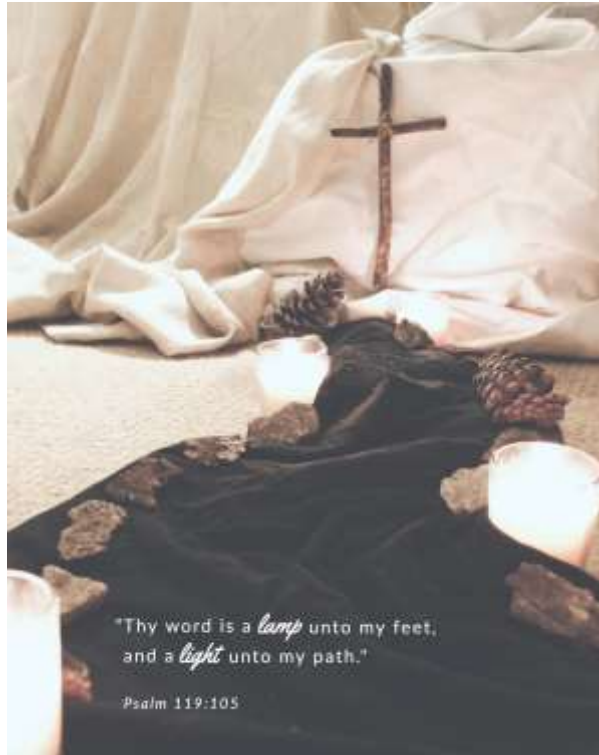


## “On the road to revelation”

*Virtual Worship Service*

*Sign in via ZOOM - details inside under Announcements*



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**December 20, 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

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday Worship Service December 20, 2020**

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

**Focus statement:** *On the road to revelation, if we have faith and a willing spirit, God will show us the way. God's word to us is "I am with you; do not be afraid."*

**-- Gathering --**

\*Welcome and Invocation

\*Time for Greeting

\***Call to Worship** (Adapted from Psalm 89:1-2, 26)

Leader: We will sing of your steadfast love,  
O Lord, forever;

People: we will proclaim your faithfulness  
to all generations.

Leader: We declare that your steadfast love  
is established forever;

People: your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

All: You are our Father, our God, and  
the Rock of our salvation!

\***Hymns of Praise and Gathering**

\***Lighting of Advent candles**

**-- Confessing --**

**Confession** (Adapted from Luke 1:26-38)

Leader: God, you come to us with the words "Do not be afraid."

People: Yet we cower and live in anxiety and fear.

Leader: We lack faith and trust in your ways.

People: We want to respond like Mary, "I am your servant."

All: Give us humble, willing hearts to follow your call.

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38; 46b-55  
Time for Silent Reflection  
Children's Time  
**\*Hymn of Preparation**  
Monologue: "The Birth of Jesus Revealed" (based on Luke 1:26-38)  
~Selah Shenk  
Sermon Title: "On the road to revelation" ~ 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: as you go forth, find rest and security in the knowledge that the God you serve is faithful, a God whose promises will be fulfilled.

**\*Song of Sending**

Worship Leader: Ursula Bock  
Song Leader: Rachael Shenk  
Reader: Ursula Bock  
Zoom Host: Micah Shenk



**Prayer and Praise Requests:**

- ❖ Pray that everyone would focus on the true meaning of Christmas.
- ❖ *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
- ❖ Pray for the orphans, that they will be protected and given a loving Christian home.
- ❖ "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 O'Connor in the front office:*  
(757)-874-0794 or [warwickrivermc@gmail.com](mailto:warwickrivermc@gmail.com)

**Happy Birthday ~**

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 3 Rachael Shenk  
January 4 Will Siebels  
January 5 Nelson Baer; Ricky Dillon

## Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, Dec. 20 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Worship Service via ZOOM:  
10:00AM ZOOM Coffee Connect  
10:40AM ZOOM Worship Service
- ❖ Tue., Dec. 22 – WRMC Office is open
- ❖ Wed.-Fri, Dec. 23, 24, 25 – WRMC Office is closed
- ❖ Thurs., Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve
- ❖ Fri., Dec. 25 – Christmas Day

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**



## 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*

**NEWPORT NEWS/PENINSULA CROP WALK 2020:** *We are in receipt of a letter from Chairman, LeRoy Griffin that even with the pandemic, the 2020 Crop Walk was a success! \$11,646.00 was raised this year which is a record for the Newport News/Peninsula Crop Walk. WRMC contributed \$125.00. Thank you one and all in Christ's Service.*

**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*



**Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year)**  
 FY2021 runs 12/01/2020 through 11/30/2021  
 Annual operating expense budget: pending

**Attendance Report                      December 13, 2020                      Worship Service: 47**

**Offering Report December 13, 2020**

\$ 8,000.00      Mail Offertory totals this week  
 \$ 2,500.00      donation to Virginia Mennonite Missions  
                          Purpose: Dini & Klementina Shahini  
                          Lezha Academic Center (Albania-Shahini)  
 \$ 392.66 (net) E-giving support totals this week  
 \$ 30.00      Sold 6 books / \$5 each *Fifty Years Building On The Warwick*  
 \$10,922.66      Offertory Total 12/13/2020

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1, 2020 – Nov 30, 2021= \$12,647.87)

**Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church**

Deuteronomy 16:17



**Building News Corner**

**This Week's Building Fund Update**

12/06/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,470,440.66
12/13/2020 Contributions	\$ 00.00
12/13/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,470,440.66

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 Paypal.

Please go directly to Paypal:

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