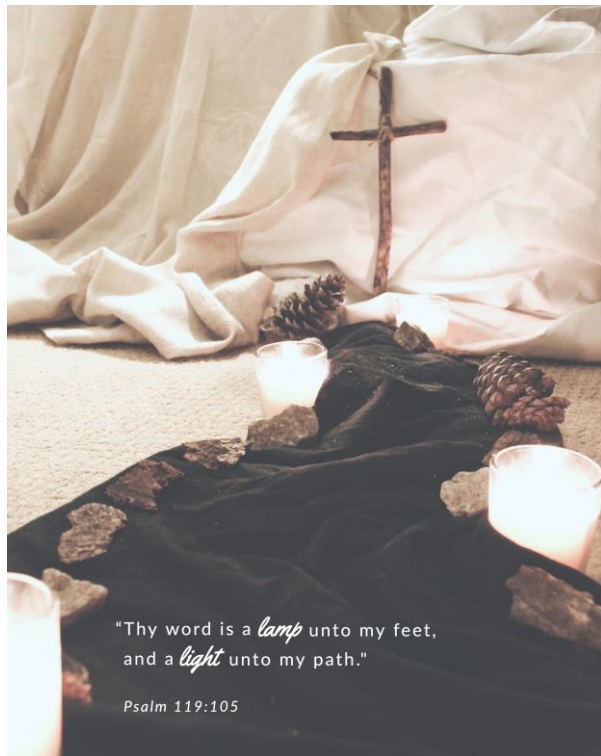


“On the road to rejoicing”

Virtual Worship Service

Sign in via ZOOM - details inside under Announcements



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December 27, 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

First Sunday after Christmas Sunday Worship Service December 27, 2020

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

Focus statement: *Walking the road of revelation results in overwhelming joy. The waiting is over. Jesus has come! We rejoice in the incarnation—God in the flesh—God with us!*

-- Gathering --

*Welcome and Invocation

*Time for Greeting

*Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 148:1-4,13

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

People: praise the Lord in the heights!

Leader: Praise the Lord, all God's angels;
praise the Lord, all God's host!

**People: Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
praise the Lord, all you shining stars!**

Leader: Praise the Lord, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

**People: Praise the name of the Lord;
God's glory is above earth and heaven.**

All: Praise the Lord!

*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

*Lighting of the Christ candle



-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148;
Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

Time for Silent Reflection

No Children's Time today

*Hymn of Preparation

Monologue: "Jesus Presented in the Temple" (based on Luke 2:22-40)

Sermon Title: "On the road to rejoicing" ~ *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: Go forth, rejoicing, for like Anna and Simeon, our eyes have seen the salvation of God!

*Song of Sending

Worship Leader: *Sue Yoder*

Song Leader: *Mel Shenk*

Reader: *Lisa Fannin*

Zoom Host: *Don Brunk*



Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer are in the North American portion of their two-way mission. They will not be able to return to Ecuador in January, as they normally do, due to travel restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Pray for them as they communicate electronically with congregations in Ecuador and the United States.
- ❖ "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." ~*Psalm 100:4-5*
- ❖ Praise for the blessing of Christmas Eve Worship Service and thank you Pastor John, Mackenzie Butler (Zoom Host), Evangeline Schrock (Prelude), Selah Shenk, Micah Shenk & Noah Shenk (Special Music), Jennifer Salyers, Tom Salyers and Tim Yoder (Monologue Readers).
- ❖ *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

Happy Birthday ~

December 27 Theresa Siebels, Delma Brenneman
December 31 Donna Nice; Rick Wagner
January 3 Rachael Shenk
January 4 Will Siebels
January 5 Nelson Baer; Ricky Dillon

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Dec. 27 – First Sunday after Christmas,*
Worship Service via ZOOM:
10:00AM ZOOM Coffee Connect
10:40AM ZOOM Worship Service
- ❖ *Tues., Dec. 29 - WRMC Closed*
- ❖ *Wed.-Thurs., Dec. 30-31 - WRMC Open*
- ❖ *Thurs., Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve*
- ❖ *Fri., Jan. 1, 2021 – New Year's Day, WRMC Closed*



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 CLOSED: Dec. 28-29 & Jan. 1-4

WRMC OPEN: Dec. 30-31 & Jan. 5-8

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

Announcements

Dear friends,

The WRCLC (Learning Center) has some mailboxes available that we can use as church mailboxes. Hooray!!!

If you'd like a church mailbox in the school building please call (757-874-0794) or email (warwickrivermc@gmail.com) Pat to request one. She will then label one for you.

The boxes are placed outside of Pat's office in the WRCS building on the file cabinet.

You can access the mailboxes through the school front doors 6:30am-6pm Monday-Friday. Masks are required.

Merry Christmas!

Lisa Z., Congregation chair

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). 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 20, 2020

Worship Service: 54

Offering Report December 20, 2020

\$ 3,855.00 Mail Offertory totals this week

\$ 150.21 (net) E-giving support totals this week

\$ 4,005.21 Offertory Total 12/20/2020

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1, 2020 – Dec 20, 2020= \$16,653.08)

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
<u>12/13/2020 Contributions</u>	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
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)