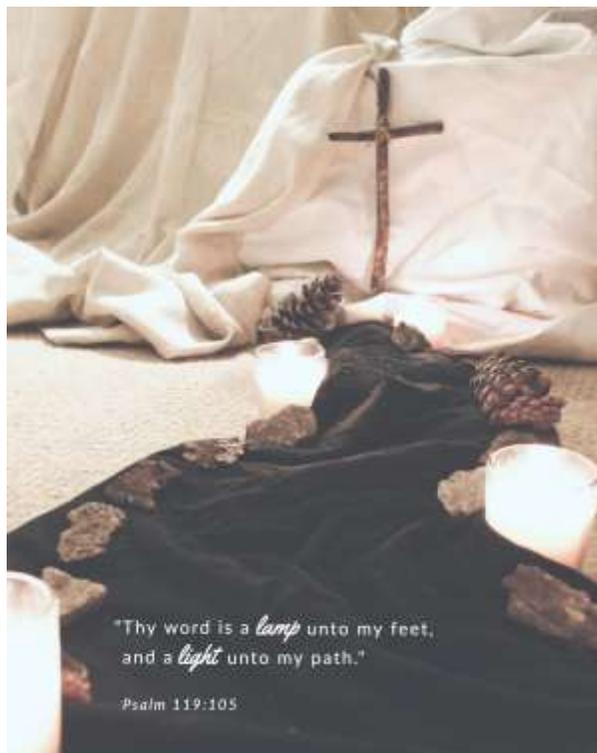


“On the road to radiance”

Virtual Worship Service

Sign in via ZOOM - details inside under Announcements



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January 3, 2021

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

Epiphany Sunday

Sunday Worship Service January 3, 2021

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

Focus statement: Jesus, light of the world, has come and shed light on our journey. We are radiant in the light of his love and grace.

-- Gathering --

*Welcome and Invocation

*Time for Greeting

*Call to Worship

Adapted from Isaiah 60:4-6; Psalm 72:12

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around:

People: God delivers the needy when they call.

Leader: Let your hearts thrill and rejoice:

**People: God will deliver the poor
and those who have no helper.**

Leader: The nations will bring gold
and frankincense before the Lord.

People: We shall see and be radiant,

All: and we will proclaim the praise of the Lord!

*Hymns of Praise and Gathering



-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Time for Silent Reflection

Children's Time

***Hymn of Preparation**

Monologue: "The Magi Seek the Messiah" (adapted from Matthew 2:1-12)
~ Pastor John Dey

Sermon Title: "On the road to radiance"
~ 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 Isaiah 60:1

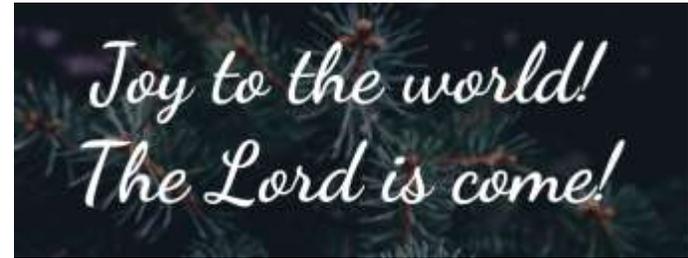
People of God, people on the road: arise and shine!
Go forth in the radiance of God:
for your light has come
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

***Song of Sending**

Worship Leader: Kathryn Baer
Song Leader: Noah Shenk
Reader: Peggy Kipfer
Zoom Host: Rachael Shenk



*The Lord Himself is our first and greatest gift.
Rejoice in the Lord Always.*



Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Mike Sherrill, Mennonite Mission Network's executive director, begins each week with an all-staff worship and prayer time. During this time, he prays for each one of Mission Network's employees by name. Ask for God's wisdom and strength for Mike as he leads the church in mission.
- ❖ "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"
~Psalm 27.1
- ❖ *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 ~

January 3	Rachael Shenk
January 4	Will Siebels
January 5	Nelson Baer; Ricky Dillon
January 7	John Cassel
January 10	Sue (Snooky) Yoder; Nicole Mulamba
January 11	Christian Shenk
January 13	Olivia Wagner
January 15	Anna Longacher

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Jan. 3 – Epiphany Sunday*
Worship Service via ZOOM:
10:00AM ZOOM Coffee Connect
10:40AM ZOOM Worship Service
- ❖ *Thurs., Jan. 7 – WRMC Council Meeting – via ZOOM*
- ❖ *Sat., Jan. 9 – Committee Chairs please turn in annual reports*
- ❖ *Wed., Jan. 13 – 6:00 pm Wednesday Evening Zoom Fellowship Meal*
- ❖ *Mon., Jan. 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr., 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=dWRKODZleWRucmRuams1YlFZTFJlUT09>

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

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

Announcements

Menno Snapshots

Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, reflects on 2020 and looks ahead with hope in his year-end blog. Read it here:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/request-blessing-2020>

Menno Snapshots

In his blog, “The inexorable darkness: A reflection for this season of longest nights,” Chaplain Eric Massanari offers words of hope for us in a season that is “shadowed by unrest, uncertainty *and* great possibility.”

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/longest-nights>



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 27, 2020

Worship Service: 45

Offering Report December 27, 2020

\$ 950.00 Mail Offertory totals this week

\$ 0.00 (net) E-giving support totals this week

\$ 950.00 Offertory Total 12/27/2020

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1, 2020 – Dec 27, 2020= \$17,603.08)

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

12/13/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,470,440.66
12/20/2020 Contributions	\$ 00.00
<u>12/27/2020 Contributions</u>	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
01/03/2021 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)