

“The Beloved”

Virtual Worship Service

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Sunday Worship Service

January 10, 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

Sunday Worship Service January 10, 2021

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

-- Gathering --

*Welcome and Invocation

*Time for Greeting

*Call to Worship

The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

Jesus emerges from the water.

And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

"This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."

Jesus is named. Claimed.

We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

~ written by Caela Wood

*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

-- Prayer of Intercession for the first Sunday after Epiphany --

Gracious Father, you are Lord of our beginnings and our endings and all that lies between. We praise you: for how you have poured out upon us blessing after blessing; for how you have reached out to us; for how you have come to us; for how you have spoken to us. Help us to live the faith you have given us... Lord, hear our prayer...

Loving God - we thank you for how Christ Jesus came among us and identified himself completely with us - going so far as to take upon himself our sin, our suffering, and finally our death.

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Help us Lord to not hold back ourselves from identifying with him and with the church that he established. May we indeed be united with him in his death so that we might also share in his resurrection. Help us to commit ourselves to him and to the family he has called us to be a part of - to be members of his visible body here in this place - to be his disciples and his apostles - his evangelists and his teachers - his feet and his hands - his eyes and his ears - his light and his salt - day by day.

Anoint all the people of your church, O God, that your will may be done and your name be glorified. Make us one as you are one... both those who are near and those who are far off.

O God of infinite mercy, pour your love out upon us each day. We pray through Jesus, your Anointed One, Amen.

~ written by Rev. Richard J. Fairchild

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading:
Time for Silent Reflection
Children's Time

Genesis 1:1-5; Mark 1:4-11

***Hymn of Preparation**

Sermon Title: "The Beloved"

~ 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**

Go in peace; love and care for one another in the name of Christ;
and may the Spirit of God which filled John and Jesus,
fill your hearts, souls and minds;
may the power of God which upheld them,
strengthen you for each day;
and may the love of God which directed their every action
be your guiding light and your shining star,
both now and forevermore. Amen.

~written by Rev. Richard J. Fairchild

***Song of Sending**

Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler

Song Leader: Micah Shenk

Reader: Chris Miller

Zoom Host: Leanna Schrock



Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Mary Raber of Mennonite Mission Network has not been able to return to Odessa Theological Seminary in Ukraine because of COVID-19 restrictions. Pray for her as she continues her translation and editing work from the United States.
- ❖ "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." ~John 14:27
- ❖ *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 10	Sue (Snooky) Yoder; Nicole Mulamba
January 11	Christian Shenk
January 13	Olivia Wagner
January 15	Anna Longacher
January 21	Anje Cassel



In December, a contribution to the WRMC General Fund was received from Carolyn Hamblin:

***"In Loving Memory of
Nelson and Dorothy Burkholder."***



Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Sat., Jan. 9 – Deadline Annual Reports due today*
- ❖ *Today, Jan. 10 – Sunday*
Worship Service via ZOOM:
10:00AM ZOOM Coffee Connect
10:40AM ZOOM Worship Service
- ❖ *Wed., Jan. 13 – 6:00 pm Wednesday Evening Zoom Fellowship Meal*
- ❖ *Mon., Jan. 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr., Day*

Announcements

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 Hours:

In person: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 12:30–6:30 p.m.

Remote: Wednesday 12:30–6:30 p.m.

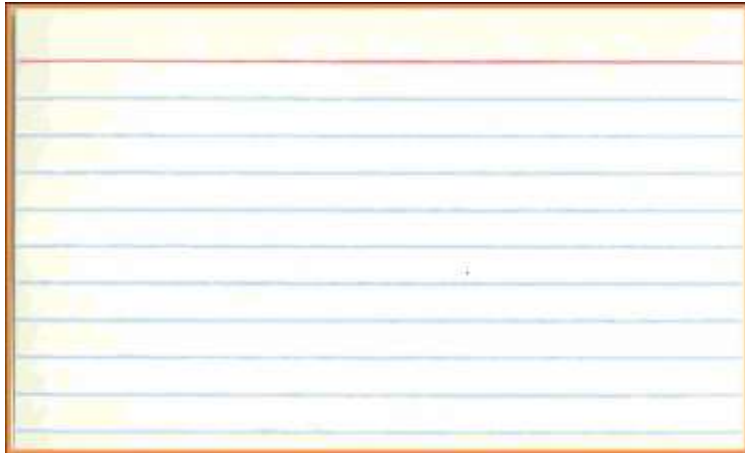
**DUE TO COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS, ALL CHURCH GATHERINGS ARE
SUSPENDED FOLLOWING GUIDANCE FROM THE CDC**

Looking for a new car? Ask Everence FCU, a faith based financial services company, about its auto loan rates, so you can get behind the wheel. Learn more at [Auto & motorcycle loans \(everence.com\)](https://www.everence.com)

Join Mennonites across Mennonite Church USA in a “Common Read,” a shared reading experience focused on specific books written to nurture Christian faith in this cultural moment. The featured book for January is "I Am Not Your Enemy: Stories to Transform a Divided World" by Michael T. McRay. Learn more here: <https://heraldpress.com/books/i-am-not-your-enemy>

MennoCon21

Save the date for MennoCon21, the biennial gathering of Mennonite Church USA, July 6-10, in Cincinnati, Ohio. To learn more, including what a hybrid convention might look like, visit <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/>



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

Attendance Report **January 3, 2021** **Worship Service: 52**

Offering Report January 3, 2021

\$ 2,630.00	Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 812.80 (net)	E-giving support totals this week
\$ 20.00	Long Green Mennonite Cemetery
<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$ 3,512.80	Offertory Total 01/03/2021

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1, 2020 – Jan 3, 2021= \$21,045.88)

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update	
12/27/2020 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,470,440.66
01/03/2021 Contributions	\$ 50.00
01/03/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,470,490.66

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.

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