

“The People Called”

Virtual Worship Service

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Sunday Worship Service

January 24, 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 24, 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 invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:

"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

**We come to this place, to this time,
at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

In the name of Christ,

we accept the invitation to discipleship.

In the name of Christ,

as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,
we proclaim the God of Compassion.

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up
whole lives, whole peoples,
we proclaim the God of Hope.

In the midst of indifference and apathy,
we proclaim the God of Love.

Come, let us worship together
and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

~ from the **On Earth Peace** website

*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

-- Prayer of Confession --

**Holy One, what a blessing and privilege we share
here in this sacred space and
among this loving community.
But, like Jonah,
we sometimes are jealous of what we share here.
We know that others are longing and thirsting
for what we know and experience.
Forgive us our reluctance to open our doors,
open our hearts to others;
some like us, some not.
We repent of our hesitations and unwillingness
to witness to those we have considered strangers
and even enemies
for fear they just might become friends.
Amen.**

-- Words of Assurance --

**The one who calls us to this place
calls us to reconciliation through grace.
God will not deny a repentant heart or an open spirit.
Know that you are forgiven
and walk in the new way that is made known to you in God's love. Amen**

~ written by the Rev. Madison Shockley

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Mark 1:14-20

Time for Silent Reflection

Children's Time

***Hymn of Preparation**

Sermon Title: "The People Called" ~ 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 now, follow where Christ calls you
and proclaim the message God gives you.

Wait in hope for God.

Avoid becoming bound up in the business of the world,
but live in readiness for the inbreaking of the Kingdom.

And may God be your haven and your glory;

May Christ Jesus give you courage for his mission;

And may the Spirit embrace your soul in God's silence.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

..... ***In the name of Christ. Amen.***

~ Written by Nathan Nettleton

***Song of Sending**

Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman

Song Leader: Mel Shenk

Reader: Peggy Kipfer

Zoom Host: Mackenzie Butler



Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Jan. 24 – Sunday*
Worship Service via ZOOM:
10:00AM ZOOM Coffee Connect
10:40AM ZOOM Worship Service
- ❖ *Thurs., Feb. 4 – WRMC Council Meeting – via ZOOM*

Announcements

A message from Pastor John and the Worship Commission:

The theme for Lent this year, as provided by the Mennonite Church USA Worship Writing Team, is entitled, "Deep Calls to Deep". Through the scriptures that we will be exploring, the team suggests that we are called to identify "what is essential, what really matters, who we are at our core, and what God asks... of us." As in Psalm 42:7, we are called to go deeper.

Each week as we are called to go deeper, there will be a response activity related to that week's theme. The response activity will involve six stones and some sort of container in which you can store those stones. The stones and the container should be close to you each week when logged into Zoom worship. Each week you will be asked to remove a stone from the container and write a word on the stone reflecting that morning's challenge to go deeper.

So, what the Worship Commission is asking each person to do is collect six stones before the first Sunday of Lent (which is February 21), have the stones stored in some sort of container, and have a felt tip pen with which to write on the stone.

Also, please note that there will be no Ash Wednesday service this year, but the commission is busy planning a Good Friday service which we are certain will be enjoyed by all.

Thank you everyone, ~Pastor John

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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.*

From: Mennonite Church USA

- Mennonite Men, a constituency group of Mennonite Church USA, has launched JoinTrees, an initiative to plant a million trees and protect 5,000 acres over the next decade. Learn how to get involved at mennonitemen.org/jointrees
- Menno Snapshots
Beryl Jantzi of Everence, an agency of Mennonite Church USA, looks at cautionary scriptures for those who lead and preach in his blog, "Preaching to the clergy." <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/preaching-clergy>

THRIVE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THIS MONTH: Cereal, Egg Noodles, Pudding/Jello, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Baked Beans, dried beans of all kind but especially black, white, and kidney beans. If you wish to help, we collect them at the Church Office in the WRCS and we all thank you very much. If any question, please ask!

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ *A message from Sue & Ted Yoder:*
Our family wants to thank you for the phone calls, cards, sandwiches, homemade goodies, and especially your prayers that upheld Sandy and her children in the death of Rick...We are thankful for God's blessings of love and care!
~Ted, Snooky, & Wagner Family
- ❖ Upon completing her first year of service in eastern France with Mennonite Mission Network, Kate Widmer felt God's call to extend for a second year. Pray for her as she continues to work with immigrant families as part of the outreach of *La Prairie Mennonite Church*.
- ❖ "Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory." ~*Psalm 73:24*
- ❖ *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 30 Krystal Ann Hurr
 January 31 Harold Yoder (Ted); Jewell Schaefer
 February 2 Peggy Kipfer
 February 5 Mary Anne Leonard; Suzy Todd (Zollinger)
 February 7 Myrna Alderfer

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



Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year)

FY2021 runs 12/01/2020 through 11/30/2021

Annual operating expense budget: pending

Attendance Report

January 17, 2021

Worship Service: 47

Offering Report January 17, 2021

\$ 0.00	Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 150.21 (net)	E-giving support totals this week
\$ 150.21	Offertory Total 01/17/2021

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1, 2020 – Jan 17, 2021= \$21,196.09)

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

01/10/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,470,490.66
01/17/2021 Contributions	\$ 0.00
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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)