

“Healing and Hope”

Virtual Worship Service

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Sunday Worship Service

January 31, 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 31, 2021

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

-- Gathering --

*Welcome and Invocation

*Time for Greeting

***Call to Worship**

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
what hopes do you bring to worship?
We bring hope for health and wholeness.

What afflictions do you bring to worship?

Physical pain?

From illness and injury.

Emotional pain?

From sad and scary life situations.

Mental pain?

From dis-ease of many kinds.

With all of these afflictions,
it's a miracle that any of us have made it to worship this morning!
But where else would we be?

We yearn to know God's powerful love
and to know that wholeness is possible.

In today's gospel, a person with an “afflicting spirit” * interrupts Jesus
and Jesus frees him.

And where does the miracle of his story and our stories begin?

When we bring all of who we are

—hopeful, afflicted, bold—

into relationship with the Divine.

So come, let us enter this sanctuary with our whole selves

—hopeful, afflicted and bold—

Come, let us worship!

—as written by the Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel

*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

-- Prayer of Intercession --

What have we done, Lord? We want to praise you, so we splash your words on screens on a wall, with brightly colored and powerful images. We shout your praises, with hands held on high. We teach and preach your word. But we don't listen carefully for you. We are so busy trying to shout above the noise of the day, that we don't take time to really listen and know you. The voices of the prophets spoke to people long ago who were too busy and anxious to hear. Their words streamed in the winds of time and have come to us. We need to pay attention to your message offered through them. You are our God, the God of all creation, the God of power and love, whose mercy is offered to us. In Jesus' time, he proclaimed the good news through words and actions, reaching out to those who were troubled, alienated, cast aside. He offered healing and hope to those others turned away. Help us to learn that you alone can heal us and fix those areas in our lives that are wounded and twisted. Help us to understand that you alone can offer to us a new way of life through Jesus Christ. Remind us again that the same touch that healed the person afflicted with an evil spirit, is offered to us. Now and forever. Amen.

— as written by Nancy C. Townley

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:21-28

Time for Silent Reflection

Children's Time

***Hymn of Preparation**

Sermon Title: "Healing and Hope" ~ 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 forth...

...replenished by the grace and mercy of God,

...blessed by the healing love of Jesus,

...energized by the limitless power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

—as written by Moira Laidlaw

***Song of Sending**

Worship Leader: Ursula Bock
Song Leader: Noah Shenk
Reader: Steve Fannin
Zoom Host: Rachael Shenk



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

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Jan. 31 – 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**

Computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84674071811?pwd=dWRKODZleWRucmRuams1YlFZTFJjUT09>

[Ruams1YlFZTFJjUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84674071811?pwd=dWRKODZleWRucmRuams1YlFZTFJjUT09)

*MEETING ID: 846 7407 1811

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*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

- Menno Snapshots
Read how the new Voices Together hymnal connects to our Anabaptist roots in the blog, "Sixteenth-century Anabaptist material in Voices Together."
<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/16century>
- Menno Snapshots
"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, you must become greater. I must become less." This is the heart of a Scripture-based prayer by Ruben Chupp, retired pastor and spiritual director. Read the full prayer in his blog, "Prayer before spiritual direction." <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/prayer-direction>

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 Christine & Ken Hurr:*
Please pray for our daughter-in-law, Anna Davis – wife of our son – as she is really sick after testing positive for the COVID-19 virus in Denver, Colorado.
~Thank you from Christine
- ❖ *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
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network praises God for John Fumana of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Bruce Yoder of Canada, who have said "yes" to God's call to work as a team of executive coordinators for Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission. Pray for Bruce and John as they begin their new roles tomorrow.
- ❖ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. ~Ephesians 2.8-9
- ❖ *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.



Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year)

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

Annual operating expense budget: pending

Attendance Report

January 24, 2021

Worship Service: 49

Offering Report January 24, 2021

\$ 1,455.00	Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 150.21 (net)	E-giving support totals this week
\$ 20.00	one book sold "Fifty Years: Building on the Warwick"
<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	<u>Contribution to Building Fund</u>
\$ 3,625.21	Offertory Total 01/24/2021

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1, 2020 – Jan 24, 2021= \$22,821.30)

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

01/17/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,470,490.66
01/24/2021 Contributions	\$ 2,000.00
01/24/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,472,490.66

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