

## “The Tangible vs. Intangible Source of Hope”

*Virtual Worship Service*

*Sign in via ZOOM - details inside under Announcements*



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### **Sunday Worship Service**

**February 7, 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 February 7, 2021**

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

#### *-- Gathering --*

\*Welcome and Invocation

\*Time for Greeting

\***Call to Worship** (inspired by Isaiah 40:28-31)

Have you not known?

Our God is the everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth.

Have you not heard?

God does not faint or grow weary.

Have you not known?

God's understanding is unsearchable.

Have you not heard?

God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

Have you not known?

Those who wait for God will renew their strength  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles.

We come to hear.

We come to know.

Thanks be to God.

*~ written by Joanna Harader*

\***Hymns of Praise and Gathering**

**-- Prayer of Illumination --**  
*(inspired by Isaiah 40:21-31)*

Creating God,  
it has been told to us since the very beginning  
that you are truly the Lord of all that is and ever shall be.  
You are the God of both the prince and pauper,  
of feast and famine,  
of the mighty and the weak —  
and yet, you do not favor the strong over the powerless.

Remind us of your love as we read the scriptures,  
O God of True Justice.  
Open our eyes – open our hearts –  
that we may be strengthened and renewed by your Word.  
*~ written by Amy Loving*

**-- Hearing from God's Word --**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31  
Time for Silent Reflection  
Children's Time  
**\*Hymn of Preparation**  
Sermon Title: "The Tangible vs. Intangible Source of 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**

May you run and not be weary.  
May you rise up on the wings of eagles.  
May you know without doubt  
that the everlasting God goes with you!

— *written by Mary J. Scifres*

**\*Song of Sending**

Worship Leader: Sue Yoder  
Song Leader: Don Brunk  
Reader: Chris Miller  
Zoom Host: Micah Shenk



*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*

## Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Feb. 7 – Sunday*  
Worship Service via ZOOM:  
10:00AM ZOOM Coffee Connect  
10:40AM ZOOM Worship Service  
Facilities Exploration Team presents recommendation concept
- ❖ *Sun. Feb. 14 – Happy Valentines Day*
- ❖ *Mon., Feb. 15 – Presidents Day*
- ❖ *Wed., Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday (there is no WRMC service scheduled)*

## Announcements

*While expecting Christ's return, we welcome yours.*

**NOTICE: The Facilities Exploration Team** will present their church facility recommendation concept Sunday, February 7, 2021, during the Time for Announcement portion of Sunday Worship Service. A vote will be taken IN TWO WEEKS, 02/21/2021 followed by a three-day grace period for absentee votes to be turned in. The final results will be known 2/24/2021.

**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](#)

\*MEETING ID: 846 7407 1811

\*PASSWORD: 809884

**Phone:** 929-205-6099

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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.*

**Old Childcare Building Naming Contest NEWS:** The winner of the recent vote taken is:

## *Warwick River Chapel*

Congratulations to Sue Yoder for submitting the winning name and enjoy that homemade *Kathryn Baer Pie!* Our very special thanks to Kathryn for making time to bake a pie for our winner. Thank you everyone for participating

**THRIVE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THIS MONTH: baking supplies, beans, boxed meals, breakfast items, crackers, fruit/fruit juice, jelly, meats, milk, pasta, peanut butter, potatoes, pudding/jello, rice, soup, spaghetti sauce, tomatoes, vegetables.** If you wish to help, we collect food at the Church Office in the WRCS as well as shoes and coats for those in need. Thank you very much from all of us.

**WRMC COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES NEWS:** As timely announced by Notice to the congregation, voting took place and results were announced at the 01/31/2021 Sunday Worship Service. Affirmed to represent WRMC in the following positions, are:

### **FY2021 & FY2022:**

Congregation Chair (2 years) Lisa Ziegler  
Education Chair (2 years) Ann Aulich  
Fellowship Chair (2 years) Theresa Siebels  
Member-At-Large (2 years) Tammara Geary

### **FY2021**

Stewardship Chair (1 year) Tom Salyers  
Outreach Chair (1 year) Sue Yoder (Snooky)  
Member-At-Large (1 year) Peggy Kipfer

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Church Elder – position currently vacant  
Worship Chair – position currently vacant

Welcome aboard Peggy and Tammara and our most sincere thank you to Kathryn and Mackenzie as they step back. God Bless you all for your faithfulness and the many hours devoted to  
Warwick River Mennonite Church.

### From: Mennonite Church USA

- Mennonite Church USA's 2021 Lent at Home guide for home-based worship provides daily and weekly scripture readings, prayers and rituals for individuals and families observing Lent (Feb. 17 to April 4). View and download it here: <http://mennoniteusa.org/lentathome>
- Menno Snapshots  
Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, explains the denomination's resolution process and encourages us all to use our voices in his blog, "Do you understand the resolution process?" Read it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resolution-process>
- Learn, Pray, Join  
During February and March, Mennonite Church USA invites you to learn more about the Anabaptist peace witness and resistance to militarism by engaging its new "Learn, Pray, Join" initiative – Cost of War. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/cost-of-war>
- February is Black History Month. Celebrate and learn about Mennonite Church USA's African American Mennonite history through a timeline that highlights the people, events and work of the church from 1886 to today. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/black-history-mennonite>

#### 2021 Council of Ministries:

Pastor John M. Dey  
Congregation Chair Lisa Ziegler  
Outreach Chair Sue Yoder  
Stewardship Chair Tom Salyers  
Christian Education Chair Ann Aulich

Member-at-Large Peggy Kipfer Member-at-Large Tammara Geary

#### WRMC Office Hours:

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

*Remote: Wednesday 12:30–6:30 p.m.*

### Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ We pray for the residents and staff of Mennowood Retirement Home that each new day brings good health and renewed hope to all.
- ❖ *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*
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for 30 participants who are about half-way through ENVIADOS, a 12-week curriculum used to prepare Colombian Mennonite church planters. Three cohort groups are meeting weekly.
- ❖ "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." *~Ephesians 4:2*
- ❖ *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](mailto:warwickrivermc@gmail.com)*

### Happy Birthday ~

February 5 Mary Anne Leonard; Suzy Todd (Zollinger)  
February 7 Myrna Alderfer  
February 9 Elaine Smith  
February 14 Krista Goodwin; Gordon Zook  
February 18 James Salyers  
February 19 Daniel Shenk  
February 21 Lily Zollinger  
February 23 Christine Hurr  
February 27 Bonnie Zook; Heath Wagner

### Happy Anniversary ~

February 7 Gary & Dina Fentress  
February 12 Chris & Ronda Miller  
February 19 Ricky & Maria Dillon  
February 26 Don & Tete Mulamba

**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 31, 2021**

**Worship Service: 49**

**Offering Report January 31, 2021**

|                 |                                      |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| \$ 5,975.00     | Mail Offertory totals this week      |
| \$ 392.66 (net) | E-giving support totals this week    |
| <u>\$ 50.34</u> | <u>Contribution to Building Fund</u> |
| \$ 6,418.00     | Offertory Total 01/31/2021           |

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1, 2020 – Jan 31, 2021= \$29,188.96)

**Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church**

Deuteronomy 16:17



**Building News Corner**

**This Week's Building Fund Update**

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| <b>01/24/2021 Building Fund Balance to date</b> | <b>\$ 1,472,490.66</b> |
| <b><u>01/31/2021 Contributions</u></b>          | <b><u>\$ 50.34</u></b> |
| <b>01/31/2021 Building Fund Balance to date</b> | <b>\$ 1,472,541.00</b> |

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)