

## “A Reconciling Church”

*Virtual Worship Service*

*Sign in via ZOOM - details inside under Announcements*



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### Sunday Worship Service

February 14, 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 14, 2021

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

#### *-- Gathering --*

\*Welcome and Invocation

\*Time for Greeting

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Grace unto you and peace from God,  
who was and who is  
and who is to come,

**People: and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,  
the first born of the dead,  
ruler above all rulers of the earth.**

Leader: In love Jesus Christ suffered death to free us from our sins,

**People: making all who confess Christ a nation of priests  
set aside for God's service.**

*ALL: To Jesus Christ be glory and power forever and ever!*

**\*Hymns of Praise and Gathering**

#### *-- Prayer of Affirmation --*

Leader: Jesus taught us to speak of hope  
as the coming of God's kingdom.

*ALL: We believe that God is at work in our world  
turning hopeless and evil situations into good.*

*We believe that goodness and justice and love  
will triumph in the end*

*and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever.*

*One day all tears will be wiped away;*

*the lamb will lie down with the lion,*

*and justice will roll down like a mighty stream.*

Leader: True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired,  
they are assured and guaranteed in Christ.

*ALL: This is our faith.*

*This is our hope.*

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

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Time for Silent Reflection  
Children's Time  
**\*Hymn of Preparation**  
Sermon Title: "A Reconciling Church" ~ *Pastor Tyler Yoder*

**-- Responding --**

**\*Hymn of Response**  
Time for Sharing of Blessings and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer/Prayer of Dedication  
Offering  
Time for Announcements

**-- Sending --**

**\*Prayer of Sending**

Leader: We came to worship.  
**People: We go now to serve.**  
Leader: We have been given the light.  
**People: We go now to let it shine.**  
Leader: We have been blessed by God's love.  
**People: We go now to share it.**  
Leader: We are Christ's disciples.  
**People: We go now to witness to all.**

**\*Song of Sending**

*Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler*  
*Song Leader: Micah Shenk*  
*Reader: Steve Fannin*  
*Zoom Host: Leanna Schrock*



*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*

*We extend a very special welcome and sincere thanks to  
Pastor Tyler Yoder  
for bringing the message this morning.*

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

## Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Feb. 14 – Sunday Happy Valentine’s Day!*  
Worship Service via ZOOM:  
10:00AM ZOOM Coffee Connect  
10:40AM ZOOM Worship Service
- ❖ *Mon., Feb. 15 – Presidents Day*
- ❖ *Wed., Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday (there is no WRMC service scheduled)*
- ❖ *Sun., Feb. 21 – First Sunday of Lent*

## Announcements

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

**NOTICE TO VOTE: The Facilities Exploration Team** presented their church facility recommendation concept Sunday, February 7, 2021. A vote will be taken next Sunday, 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>

\*MEETING ID: 846 7407 1811

\*PASSWORD: 809884

**Phone:** 929-205-6099

\*MEETING ID: 846 7407 1811

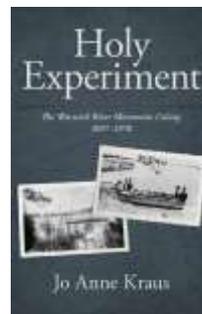
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*If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to  
Mackenzie Butler (740-868-0016) or Don Brunk (610-787-0823)  
They will do their very best to assist you.*

**THRIVE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THIS MONTH: rice sides, crackers, pudding/jello, Hamburger Helper.** 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.

*A message from WRMC Secretary, Pat O’Connor:*

I’ve received calls asking the title and author’s name - of this new book: *“HOLY EXPERIMENT”* by Jo Anne Kraus. Just visit [www.HeraldPress.com](http://www.HeraldPress.com) for purchase options... Happy reading! ~ Thanks, Pat



In 1897, Mennonite and Amish families from northern and western states began to relocate to former plantation land in Southeastern Virginia along the banks of **the Warwick River**. Their move to these 1,000 acres was part of a larger, though little known, movement in the Mennonite Church in the late nineteenth century to settle church colonies in the post-Civil War South. By developing the depleted soils of former plantations into successful farms and creating new Mennonite congregations, Mennonite leaders hoped to keep their church vital and growing in a time of shrinking membership. They also hoped to find a strategy for mission work in keeping with their faith. **Holy Experiment: The Warwick River Mennonite Colony, 1897-1970** explores a critical period of church history through the story of the only Mennonite colony planted in the American South to survive this experiment and eventually thrive.

## From: Mennonite Church USA

- **Learn, Pray, Join**  
What is militarism? How does it affect us? And what can we do about it? Join Mennonite Church USA on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. ET/6:30 p.m. CT/ 5:30 p.m. MT/4:30 p.m. PT for “Cost of War,” a panel discussion, featuring Anabaptists who have resisted war both in our neighborhoods and overseas and will address these questions and more. The webinar is part MC USA’s Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of War initiative.  
Register: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/cost-of-war>
- **MennoCon21**  
Mennonite Church USA is planning its first hybrid convention to be held July 6-10, 2021 in Cincinnati, Ohio, and online. Read more: [mennoniteusa.org/news/mennocon21-update/](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mennocon21-update/)
- Mennonite Church USA is equipping congregational faith formation leaders in exciting, new ways. Read more in the article, “Coaching cohorts: Building community among faith formation leaders during a pandemic.” [mennoniteusa.org/news/cohorts/](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/cohorts/)

## Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Praise God that travel restrictions were lifted, permitting Pablo Sanchez, from Argentina, to finally join the Service Adventure unit in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Pray for him as he adapts to the household which is comprised of Lexie Coburn, Luisa Dutchersmith, leaders, Eric and Julie Yoder and their family.
- ❖ As the staff at Mennowood Retirement Home battles the coronavirus outbreak, we pray for them and for the residents. May each new day bring a renewed hope that good health will soon return to all.
- ❖ “Accept one another...just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.” ~Romans 15:7
- ❖ *A message from Christine & Ken Hurr:*  
Please pray for our son as he has been laid off from his job and is seeking new employment in Denver, Colorado.  
~Thank you so much, from Christine
- ❖ *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 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 19 Ricky & Maria Dillon  
 February 26 Don & Tete Mulamba

### 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

**Fellowship Chair** Theresa Siebels

**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.*



### Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year)

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

Annual operating expense budget: \$185,700.00

### Attendance Report

February 7, 2021

Worship Service: 54

### Offering Report February 7, 2021

\$ 0.00	Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 150.21 (net)	E-giving support totals this week
<u>\$ 45.00</u>	<u>Long Green Cemetery</u>
\$ 195.21	Offertory Total 02/07/2021

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1, 2020 – Feb 7, 2021) = \$29,339.17)

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

Deuteronomy 16:17



### Building News Corner

#### This Week's Building Fund Update

<b>01/31/2021 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,472,541.00</b>
<b>02/07/2021 Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>02/07/2021 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)