

“Deep in the sea: Called to deep relationship”

Virtual Worship Service

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February 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent

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

First Sunday of Lent Sunday Worship Service February 21, 2021

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

-- Centering Time --

Focus statement: *The voice of God pierces the deep, calling us to deep relationship. With the floodwaters behind us and the waters of baptism holding us, our relationship with God establishes our identity with other people and the world we live in.*

Focus Song: "You are all we have"

-- Gathering --

*Welcome and Invocation

*Call to Worship

One: God, we are here at the water's edge, casting off from shore

Many: into unknown waters.

One: With fear and trembling, we drop our oars,

Many: letting them go, trusting the sea.

One: God, we trust the signs of your covenant:

the ark through the water,

the waters of baptism,

Many: the bow in the clouds and the dove from the heavens.

All: We call to you as you called us deeper into steadfast love.

*Hymn of Gathering

-- Prayer of Confession and Assurance --

Many: Deep calls to deep.

We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

One: We confess when we have stayed too close to the surface,
avoiding you,
avoiding our neighbors.

We confess when we have felt in over our heads.
Needing you,
needing our neighbors.

(Silence. Or name the forces that keep us from deep relationship.)

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

Many: Calling us to deep relationship.

We come to you, God.

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 9:8-17; Mark 1:9-15

Children's Time

***Hymn of Preparation**

Time for Silent Reflection

Sermon Title: "Deep in the sea: Called to deep relationship" ~ *Pastor John Dey*

-- Responding to God's Word --

Response Ritual

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Offertory Prayer

Time for Announcements

-- Sending --

***Prayer of Sending**

The divine calls for us to move beyond the shallows of our lives into deep relationship. God requires our trust and vulnerability as we reach out to a neighbor, bursting the surface bubbles of our lives and striving for deeper understanding. Go into the week before you, reaching out for a story far beyond your own, in love. Amen.

***Song of Sending**

Worship Leader: Kathryn Baer

Song Leader: Mel Shenk

Reader: Lisa Fannin

Zoom Host: Don Brunk

Upcoming Events:

❖ *Today, Feb. 21* – First Sunday of Lent

Worship Service via ZOOM:

10:00AM ZOOM Coffee Connect

10:40AM ZOOM Worship Service

❖ *Today, Feb. 21* – Virtual Vote today

Church Facility Recommendation Concept

❖ *Sun., Feb. 28* – Second 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 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>

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

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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.

Building Fund CHALLENGE RECEIVED: A member of Warwick River Mennonite Church is excited about the Church Remodel and has reached out to the congregation with a challenge! The anonymous benefactor(s) will match each dollar contributed to the Church Building Fund up to and including \$30,000.00. God is good! **The Challenge Match starts immediately and runs through Lent-Easter 2021.**

Save the date! WCRC March 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM: The Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center will not be holding the WCRC Banquet due to COVID-19. Instead, they will hold smaller *WCRC Receptions* at each church. Warwick River Mennonite and Huntington Mennonite folks are invited to attend the WCRC Reception on **March 28 from 7:00 to 8:00 at Huntington Mennonite Church.** The reception will include an update on WCRC's ministry and opportunities for support through donating, volunteering, and spreading the word about the ministry. If you would like to attend, please **rsvp to Bob Briscoe at wrcr@wrcr.info** or call him at 757-566-2256.



Service Adventure unit in Jackson, Mississippi. Back row: Debbie and Rick Lee. Front row: Jocelyn Baker and Malachi Lind. Photo by Warren Yoder.

Mennonite Mission Network would like to share the latest issue of **Beyond: Faith in Action** with the congregation. In this publication, you will find an inspiring story, opportunities for service, and a printable scripture graphic. We continue to pray for you and for God's mission around the world.

Please share this with your congregation through whatever virtual means you are currently using to stay in touch.

You can link to the online version in your church e-mail newsletter.

[Beyond: Faith in Action](#) | [Mas Allá: Fe en acción](#)

God bless you,
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Director of Marketing and Communications
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Jackie Zimmerman has a new address: 101 Arboretum Way, Apartment 355, Newport News, VA 23602

From: Mennonite Church USA

- **Menno Snapshots**
In her blog, "Endings and beginnings," Chantelle Todman reflects on her work with Mennonite Church USA's Women in Leadership initiative and as an intercultural leadership coach with Mosaic Conference – and her exciting new beginning as the co-owner of a radical coffee and tea house in Philadelphia. Read more: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/endings-and-beginnings/

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.

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**Warwick River Mennonite Church
THRIVE CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT**

Financial giving: \$ 2,689.00
Food given: 1448.8 lbs (1,207 meals!)
Volunteer hours given: 24.42 hours



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

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

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” ~*Matthew 5:16*
- ❖ *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*
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo, of Mennonite Mission Network, live out the good news of Jesus Christ in Cambodia, which is a Buddhist country. Pray for them as they teach at all levels – from informal classes for children to the university level – and as they help provide leadership for a multicultural congregation.
- ❖ *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 ~

February 21	Lily Zollinger
February 23	Christine Hurr
February 27	Bonnie Zook; Heath Wagner
March 1	Pat O’Connor
March 5	Jan Dennis
March 7	Tom Salyers
March 9	Chris Miller
March 14	Leon Mulamba
March 16	Scott Mumaw

Happy Anniversary ~

February 26	Don & Tete Mulamba
March 4	Steve & Lisa Ziegler
March 10	Dallas & Peggy Kipfer
March 17	Blair & Ann Aulich

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 14, 2021

Worship Service: 45

Offering Report February 14, 2021

\$ 2000.00	Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 150.21 (net)	E-giving support totals this week
\$ 1000.00	WRCLC School
<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>Brotherhood</u>
\$ 3,650.21	Offertory Total 02/14/2021

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1, 2020 – Feb 14, 2021= \$31,489.38)

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week’s Building Fund Update

02/07/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,472,541.00
02/14/2021 Contributions	\$ 0.00
02/14/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,472,541.00

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)