

**“Deep in the changing sky:
Called to deep wisdom”
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Virtual Worship Service

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March 7, 2021

Third 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

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday Worship Service March 7, 2021

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

Focus statement: *In the patterns and glory of God's creation, and in God's commandments and promises, we are called to obtain deep wisdom. God's wisdom undermines our assumptions and takes us deeper than our efforts can lead us.*

-- Gathering --

Welcome and Invocation

Call to Worship *Adapted from Psalm 19*

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**Many: Day to day pours forth speech, and
night to night declares knowledge.**

One: There is no speech . . . yet the voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

**Many: In the heavens you set a tent for the sun. . . .
Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
its circuit to the end of them;
nothing is hid from its heat.**

One: The law of the LORD is perfect . . .
sure . . . clear . . . true and righteous.
The fear of the LORD is pure.

**Many: God, clear us from hidden faults;
teach us to trust you.**

**All: Let the words and meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to you, O LORD,
our rock and redeemer.**

We call out to you, as you call us to deeper wisdom.

Focus Song and Slides

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 settled into sameness,
forgetting the rhythms of the heavens,
ignoring the rhythms of justice.

We confess when we have not looked up
into the eyes of a neighbor,
into your Word that still lives.

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

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

Many: Calling us to deep wisdom.

We come to you, God.

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 20:1-17;

Children's Time

Hymn of Preparation

Time for Silent Reflection

Sermon Title:

"Deep in the changing sky: Called to deep wisdom"

~Pastor John Dey

-- Responding to God's Word --

Response Ritual

Hymn of Response

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Offertory Prayer

Time for Announcements

-- Sending --

Prayer of Sending

The changing sky speaks about the larger rhythms of life. The moons and seasons that dance over the horizon reflect the language of the infinite. And when we notice our own smallness in relationship to the sky's expansiveness, only then do we begin to be wise. Go into this week in search of deep wisdom. Go with humility. Amen.

Song of Sending

Worship Leader: Ursula Bock

Song Leader: Don Brunk

Reader: Peggy Kipfer

Zoom Host: Mackenzie Butler

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." ~Psalm 23:4
- ❖ Elena Buckwalter de Satalaya and Freddy Satalaya Banda, serving with Mennonite Mission Network and VMissions, request that the people God is calling to lead the Mennonite churches' children and youth ministries in Iquitos, Peru, will say, "Yes!" Pray for Elena and Freddy as they extend their assignment for another year.
- ❖ *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 ~

March 7 Tom Salyers
March 9 Chris Miller
March 14 Leon Mulamba
March 16 Scott Mumaw

Happy Anniversary ~

March 4 Steve & Lisa Ziegler
March 10 Dallas & Peggy Kipfer
March 17 Blair & Ann Aulich

**Warwick River Mennonite Church
Zoom platform**

HOW TO CONNECT

***Worship Service * Meetings * Gatherings of all kinds**

Computer:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84674071811?pwd=dWRKODZleWRucmRua
ms1YIFZTFjUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84674071811?pwd=dWRKODZleWRucmRua
ms1YIFZTFjUT09)

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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.*

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Mar. 7* – Third Sunday of Lent
Worship Service via ZOOM:
10:00AM ZOOM Coffee Connect
10:40AM ZOOM Worship Service
- ❖ *Sun., Mar. 14* – Fourth Sunday of Lent
- ❖ *Sun., Mar. 14* – Daylight Savings Time Begins
- ❖ *Wed., Mar. 17* – St. Patrick's Day
- ❖ *Sat., Mar. 20* – Spring begins
- ❖ *Fri., Apr 2* – Good Friday ZOOM Worship Service ~ WRMC & HMC
- ❖ *Sun., Apr. 4* – Easter Sunday



Announcements

While expecting Christ's return, we welcome yours.

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 (2/21/2021) and runs through Lent-Easter 2021.*

Challenge monies received to date = \$1,800.00

Everence Federal Credit Union News: Annual virtual members' meeting is Friday, April 23, 2021 at 4 p.m. Further details: www.everence.com/banking, and on your March statement. Everence helps individuals, organizations and congregations integrate finances with faith through a national team of financial representatives. Everence offers banking, insurance and financial services with community benefits and stewardship education. Everence is a ministry of Mennonite Church USA and other churches.

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.

WCRC Save the date - 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.

From: Mennonite Church USA

- Learn, Pray, Join
This month, Mennonite Church USA invites you to engage with the "Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of War" initiative to promote peacemaking and anti-militarism. Learn more: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/cost-of-war>
- Learn, Pray, Join
Cyneatha Millsaps, co-pastor of Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Indiana and executive director of Mennonite Women USA, explains that, for some, including her niece, the military offers peace in ways that civilian life does not. How then, should the church respond? Read "When military creates peace" for Millsaps' thoughts on the matter. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/military-peace>

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

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 28, 2021 Worship Service: 50

Offering Report February 28, 2021
 \$ 3250.00 Mail Offertory totals this week
 \$ 0.00 (net) E-giving support totals this week
\$ 1300.00 Received toward Lent challenge for benefit of building fund
 \$ 4550.00 Offertory Total 02/28/2021

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1, 2020 – Feb 28, 2021= \$36,694.59)

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

02/21/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,473,041.00
<u>02/28/2021 Contributions toward Lent challenge this week</u>	<u>\$ 1,300.00</u>
02/28/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,474,341.00

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)