

“Deep in the wilderness: Called to deep healing”

Virtual Worship Service

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March 14, 2021

Fourth 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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday Worship Service March 14, 2021

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

Focus statement: *The wilderness confronts us with our vulnerability and exposes our wounds and our needs. We are called to deep healing by trusting in God, who calls us in love.*

-- Gathering --

Welcome and Invocation

Call to Worship

One: The wilderness is without and within. It too is part of God's path,
though we fear wild, barren places,
as did the people of old.

**Many: When the people became impatient, asking,
“Why have you brought us up out of Egypt
to die in the wilderness?”**

God answered by bringing healing.

One: In our barren places, God calls us to wholeness,
even when we cannot see beyond
the danger, isolation, and need.

**Many: We forget that God is already at work
in these difficult, painful places.**

One: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
so must the Chosen One be lifted up,
that whoever believes may have eternal life.

**Many: For we are what God has made us,
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand
to be our way of life.**

All: We call out to you, as you call us to deeper healing.

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 how the wilderness has revealed our need,
uncovering our impatience,
lifting up our pain.

We confess how the wilderness has revealed your truth.

We are created for good works.

We can turn and live.

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

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

Many: Calling us to deep healing.

We come to you, God.

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Readings: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Children's Time

Hymn of Preparation

Time for Silent Reflection

Sermon Title:

"Deep in the wilderness: Called to deep healing"

~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

Through the barren lands of our lives, God is calling us to wholeness. Although we may not see this time as possibility, God is already at work. As we rest in the long nights of winter, a cosmic spark restores us. Look to Christ in faith, noticing the many ways his words and eyes and hands and feet brought healing. Go with the healing light of Christ. Amen.

Song of Sending

Worship Leader: Sue Yoder

Song Leader: Micah Shenk

Reader: Steve Fannin

Zoom Host: Don Brunk

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for the two-day virtual meeting of Mennonite Voluntary Service staff and local unit leadership, which begins on Friday. Pray for them as they discuss opportunities for the future of the program, share best practices, and build relationships.
- ❖ "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."
~1 Peter 4:10
- ❖ *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 14	Leon Mulamba
March 16	Scott Mumaw
March 19	Cheri Nice, Leigha Sawyer; Ingrid Showalter
March 21	Lillian Miller
March 22	Steve Ziegler
March 29	Nicholas Mumaw
March 30	John Dey
March 31	Karen Mumaw

Happy Anniversary ~

March 17	Blair & Ann Aulich
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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=dWRKODZleWRucmRua
ms1YIFZTEjUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84674071811?pwd=dWRKODZleWRucmRua
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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. 14* – Fourth Sunday of Lent
Worship Service via ZOOM:
10:00AM ZOOM Coffee Connect
10:40AM ZOOM Worship Service
- ❖ **Sun., Mar. 14 – Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- ❖ *Wed., Mar. 17* – St. Patrick's Day
- ❖ *Sat., Mar. 20* – Spring begins
- ❖ *Sun., Mar. 21* – Fifth Sunday of Lent
- ❖ *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 = \$4,350.00

**News: Anonymous benefactor has informed the front office these challenge monies may also be used for renovation of the newly named Warwick River Chapel.*

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.

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

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 werc@werc.info or call him at 757-566-2256.

Bike Shenandoah Save the date: Friends of Bike Shenandoah, be sure to save Saturday, September 18, 2021 for our annual ride through the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. This is a significant anniversary for enjoying this event together, as we partner with the Stephen R. Leaman Memorial Endowment for Missions as one of our ongoing beneficiaries of the ride. Although our organizing committee puts great effort in preparation and organization of this event, YOU make it a success. Please help us spread the word and keep this tradition alive and growing. For more information, visit <https://bikeshenandoah.org/> for updates and to register when available.



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 **March 7, 2021** **Worship Service: 55**

Offering Report March 7, 2021

\$ 1930.00	Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 436.65 (net)	E-giving support totals this week
\$ 1550.00	Received for Lent challenge benefit of Church building fund
\$ 1000.00	Received for Lent challenge benefit of Chapel
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\$ 4916.65	Offertory Total 03/07/2021

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1, 2020 – Mar 7, 2021= \$39,061.24)

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

02/28/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,473,341.00
03/07/2021 Contributions toward Lent challenge this week	\$ 2,550.00
03/07/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,475,891.00

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:

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