

“Deep in the earth: Called to deep growth”

Virtual Worship Service

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March 21, 2021

Fifth 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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday Worship Service March 21, 2021

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

Focus statement: *Like a seed that falls deep into the dark, rich earth, we are called to deep growth, releasing our attachments that prevent us from bearing and offering fruit.*

-- Gathering --

Welcome and Invocation

Call to Worship

One: The days are coming, says the Lord,
when I will make a new covenant with Israel.
I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Many: God, teach us wisdom in our secret hearts.

**Put a new and right spirit within us.
Restore to us the joy of salvation, and
sustain in us a willing spirit.**

One: We trust you, God, to forgive our iniquities and
remember our sin no more.

**Many: There is a time for everything, and sometimes,
the hour is upon us.**

One: Jesus offered up prayers and supplications,
with loud cries and tears,
knowing that those who love their life will lose it.

Many: “The hour has come.

**Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it remains just a single grain;
but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”**

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

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 our resistance to being planted
into your aching earth,
into the way of your covenant.

We confess our need for you to plant within us
the joy of your salvation,
a willing spirit.

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

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

Many: Calling us to deep growth.

We come to you, God.

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-33;
(No Children's Time today)

Hymn of Preparation

Time for Silent Reflection

Sermon Title:

"Deep in the earth: Called to deep growth"

~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

Only when a seed "lets go" does new life arise from it. And here is the secret planted deep within the earth—this change happens not once for us but many times over. Go into this week aware of the times of letting go that have allowed for new life to come. Go, aware of the deep growth stirring within you. Amen.

Song of Sending

Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler

Song Leader: Mel Shenk

Reader: James Salyers and Samantha Salyers

Zoom Host: Micah Shenk

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for SADRA Conflict Transformation, a branch of the Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency, which trains high school peer mediators. Pray for Director Oscar Siwali and the young mediators as they use their skills to build peace in their communities.
- ❖ "...for the LORD your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him."
~ 2 Chronicles 30:9
- ❖ *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 21	Lillian Miller
March 22	Steve Ziegler
March 29	Nicholas Mumaw
March 30	John Dey
March 31	Karen Mumaw

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
ms1YlFZTFJjUT09](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. 21* – Fifth Sunday of Lent
Worship Service via ZOOM:
10:00AM ZOOM Coffee Connect
10:40AM ZOOM Worship Service
- ❖ *Sun., Mar. 28* – Palm Sunday
- ❖ *Fri., Apr 2* – 7:00 p.m. 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: Condiments, Canned Mixed Vegetables, Canned Seasoned Greens, Boxed Cake Mixes. 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:

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Stewardship Chair Tom Salyers

Christian Education Chair Ann Aulich

Fellowship Chair Theresa Siebels

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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 14, 2021** **Worship Service: 53**

Offering Report March 14, 2021
 \$ 2000.00 Mail Offertory totals this week
 \$ 0.00 (net) E-giving support totals this week
\$ 0.00 Received for Lent challenge benefit of Church building fund
 \$ 2000.00 Offertory Total 03/14/2021

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1, 2020 – Mar 14, 2021= \$41,061.24)

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

03/07/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,475,891.00
<u>03/14/2021 Contributions toward Lent challenge this week</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
03/14/2021 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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