

“Deep in the current: Called to deep hope”

Virtual Worship Service

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Palm Sunday

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

Palm Sunday

Sunday Worship Service March 28, 2021

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

Focus statement: *As we follow Jesus into Holy Week, we sense the rush of the crowds and seek the deep, steady current of God's steadfast love, calling us to deep hope in the One who comes in the name of the Lord.*

-- Gathering --

Welcome and Invocation

Call to Worship

One: In the current of life,

God calls us to deep hope.

Many: God awakens my ear, and I turn to God.

I do not turn toward those who strike me.

I do not hide my face from insult.

One: God helps us,

so let us stand up together.

Many: Save us, O Lord!

Bind the festival procession with branches.

You are our God.

We give thanks, for you are good, and

your steadfast love endures.

One: Many shouted, “Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!”

Many: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus,

who humbled himself

and became our hope.

All: We call out to you, as you call us to deep hope.

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 the rapid pace of life that sweeps us off our feet
into whirlpools of expectations,
into eddies of busy distractions.

We confess our need for a steadfast stream of your grace
enduring forever,
saving us.

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

Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love.

Many: Calling us to deep hope.

We come to you, God.

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Readings:

John 12:12-16

Children's Time

Hymn of Preparation

Time for Silent Reflection

Sermon Title: "Deep in the current: Called to deep hope" ~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 current of the crowd, Jesus came. The shouts swelled, blurred, and hurried, but he remained calm. It is easy to be swept up in a changing current. May we see the current for what it is and be centered in deep hope. Go in the knowledge that the current of the crowd was not the end of the story, but led to a new beginning. May hope in the kingdom of God be with you always. Amen.

Song of Sending

Worship Leader: Kathryn Baer

Song Leader: Noah Shenk

Reader: Lisa Fannin

Zoom Host: Rachael Shenk



Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Naomi Tice, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, began an assignment with Christliche Dienste (German Mennonite Voluntary Service) last month. Pray for Naomi's fluency in the German language and ability to adapt, as this is the third country in which she has worked in the past year, due to COVID-19 restrictions and visa regulations.
- ❖ **"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."** ~ John 3:16
- ❖ 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

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Mar. 28* – Palm Sunday, Sixth Sunday of Lent
Worship Service via ZOOM:
10:00AM ZOOM Coffee Connect
10:40AM ZOOM Worship Service
- ❖ *Today, Mar. 28* – 7:00 p.m. WCRC in-person Reception at Huntington Mennonite Church
- ❖ *Thurs., Apr. 1* – Maundy Thursday
- ❖ *Fri., Apr. 2* – 7:00 p.m. Good Friday ZOOM Joint Worship Service ~ Warwick River Mennonite Church & Huntington Mennonite Church
- ❖ *Sun., Apr. 4* – 6:30am annual Easter Sunrise Service @ Providence Mennonite Church
- ❖ *Sun., Apr. 4* – 10:40 am WRMC Easter Sunday Worship Service

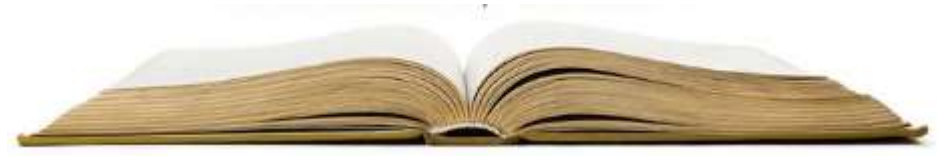


Happy Birthday ~

March 29	Nicholas Mumaw
March 30	John Dey
March 31	Karen Mumaw
April 1	Brenda Lytle
April 4	Suzanne Brooks; Evangeline Schrock; Don Brunk; Casey Sawyer Nelson
April 6	Joelle Durren
April 9	Dakota Wade
April 10	Ernie Miller
April 11	Johnnie Stafford, Sr.
April 13	Lisa Ziegler
April 16	Lena Aulich; Brad Guisewite

Happy Anniversary ~

April 12	Jim & Nikki Boldy
April 16	David & Dawn Wing



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 = \$7,000.00

****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.

Tonight: March 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM: The Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center will hold a **WCRC Reception 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.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84674071811?pwd=dWRKODZleWRucmRuaMs1YlFZTFJjUT09>
*MEETING ID: 846 7407 1811
*PASSWORD: 809884

Phone: 929-205-6099
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*PASSWORD: 809884

*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.*

- 2021 Council of Ministries:**
Pastor John M. Dey
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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.

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



Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year)
 FY2021 runs 12/01/2020 through 11/30/2021
 Annual operating expense budget: \$185,700.00

Attendance Report	March 21, 2021	Worship Service: 53
Offering Report March 21, 2021		
\$ 4200.00	Mail Offertory totals this week	
\$ 150.21 (net)	E-giving support totals this week	
\$ 1000.00	THRIVE	
\$ 2650.00	Received for Lent challenge benefit of Church building fund	
\$ 8000.21	Offertory Total 03/21/2021	

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1, 2020 – Mar 21, 2021= \$45,261.24)

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

03/14/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,475,891.00
03/21/2021 Contributions toward Lent challenge this week	\$ 2,650.00
03/21/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,478,541.00

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:

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