

“Deep in the feast: Called to deep living”

Virtual Worship Service

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April 4, 2021
Easter 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

Easter Sunday Worship Service April 4, 2021

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

Focus statement: *We have seen the Lord! A rich feast has been prepared for all peoples on the mountain of God. Like Mary, Jesus calls us each by name into abundant life.*

The Cross is positioned at our front parking lot and the Congregation is invited to drive through and place flowers today.

Pandemic safety measures are still required:
wear your mask and observe the 6 foot social distancing from others.

-- Gathering --

Welcome and Invocation

Call to Worship

One: And while it was still dark, Mary found the light!

Many: The disciples came running, but they did not understand.

One: Mary stood weeping and saw angels but did not recognize Jesus.

Many: But when Jesus calls our name,

then we recognize the way, the truth, and the life.

One: And then there was feasting! And there is feasting to come.

God will make for all peoples a feast
of rich food and well-aged wines
and will wipe away tears from all faces.

Many: It will be said on that day,

“This is our God for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice.

There is peace by Jesus Christ.”

One: Hold firmly to the good news, which you received,
in which you stand, through which you are being saved.

**All: Let's open the gates of righteousness to enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

Focus Song and Slides

Hymn of Gathering

-- Affirmation of Faith --

Many: Deep calls to deep.

We give thanks from the depths of our hearts!

One: Once weeping, now proclaiming:

“I have seen the Lord!”

Many: Once famished, now feasting:

“This is the God for whom we have waited!”

One: Once divided, now convicted:

“Jesus Christ is Lord of all!”

**Many: We shall not die but we shall live and
keep telling the deeds of the Lord.**

One: Deep calls to deep.

You call to us from the depth of your love, O God.

You have come to us in Jesus Christ.

Many: We answer your call to deep living!

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Readings:

John 20:1-18

Children's Time

Hymn of Preparation

Time for Silent Reflection

Sermon Title: “Deep in the feast: Called to deep living” ~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

In the early light, urgent feet pound along the path toward the room: “He is alive!” they say. The tomb is empty, and the room is full of wonder.

And the feasting, the deep nourishment, and knowledge of a risen Christ begins! May we receive this news, once again, with a call to deep living.

Go into this day, forever changed. Amen.

Song of Sending

Worship Leader:

Susan Ackerman

Song Leader:

Don Brunk

Reader:

Jan Dennis

Zoom Host:

Leanna Schrock

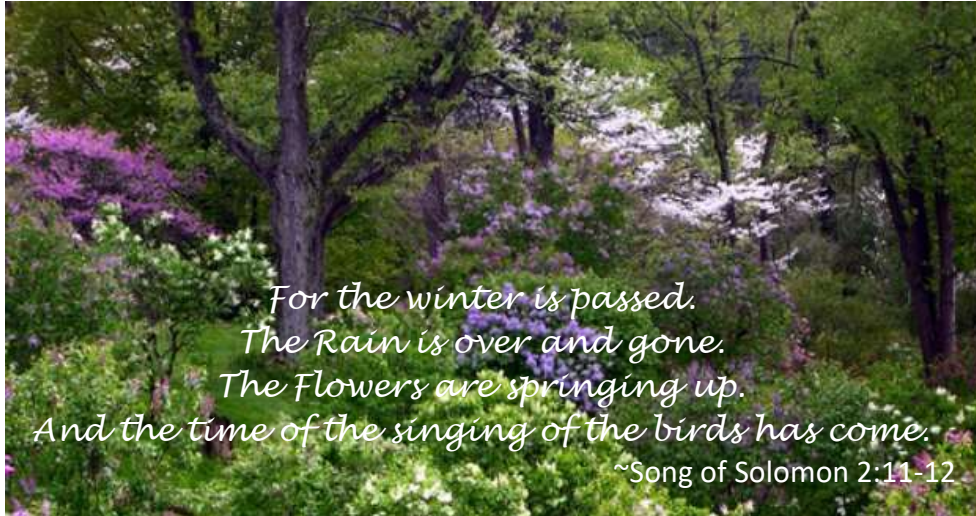


Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ On this Easter Sunday, pray with Mennonite Mission Network that the continuing need to proclaim Jesus' resurrection and his offer of new life is met in the land where he lived. Nazareth Hospital, in Israel, is seeking volunteer chaplains to provide holistic care for patients from diverse religious backgrounds. May God inspire and equip qualified people to respond.
- ❖ *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, Sun., Apr. 4* – 6:30am annual Easter Sunrise Service at Providence Mennonite Church
- ❖ *Today, Sun., Apr. 4* – 10:40 am WRMC Easter Sunday Worship Service
10:00AM ZOOM Coffee Connect
10:40AM ZOOM Worship Service
- ❖ *Sunday, Apr. 11* – Sunday Worship Service via ZOOM:
10:00AM ZOOM Coffee Connect
10:40AM ZOOM Worship Service

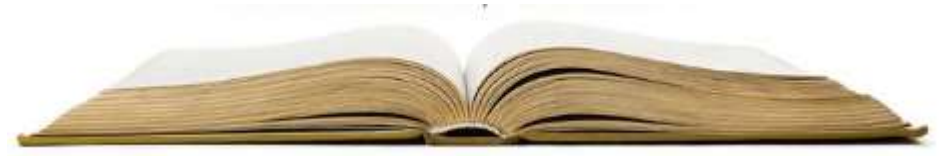


Happy Birthday ~

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| 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 ~

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| 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.

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.

Warwick River Mennonite Church
Zoom platform

HOW TO CONNECT

*Worship Service * Meetings * Gatherings of all kinds

Computer:

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ms1YlFZTFJjUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84674071811?pwd=dWRKODZleWRucmRua
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*MEETING ID: 846 7407 1811

*PASSWORD: 809884

Phone: 929-205-6099

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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.*

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.

**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 28, 2021

Worship Service: 56

Offering Report March 28, 2021

\$ 1330.00	Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 145.35 (net)	E-giving support totals this week
<u>\$ 350.00</u>	<u>Received for Lent challenge benefit of Church building fund</u>
\$ 1825.35	Offertory Total 03/28/2021

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1, 2020 – Mar 28, 2021= \$46,886.80)

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

03/21/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,478,541.00
<u>03/28/2021 Contributions toward Lent challenge this week</u>	<u>\$ 350.00</u>
03/28/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,478,891.00

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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