

“The Church and Racism: Beginning with the End in Sight”

Virtual Worship Service

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April 18, 2021 Sunday Worship Service

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

Sunday Worship Service April 18, 2021

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

-- Gathering --

Welcome and Invocation

Time for Greeting

Call to Worship

One: What is Jesus' vision for the kingdom of God?

Many: **That people from the north, south, east and west will share in a great banquet.**

One: Jesus said the kingdom of God is at hand,
present in our lives and world,
planted like a mustard seed.

Many: **So, we can therefore live today in the hope of a new tomorrow. Today people from the north, south, east and west can share in a great banquet. This is our hope.**

Hymn of Praise and Gathering

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Readings:

Matthew 8:5-13

Children's Time

Hymn of Preparation

Time for Silent Reflection

Sermon Title: “The Church and Racism: Beginning with the End in Sight”

~Pastor John Dey



-- Responding to God's Word --

Hymn of Response

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer/Offertory Prayer
Time for Announcements

-- Sending --

Prayer of Sending

Just as God's Word was sent into the world
to heal and redeem all people,
so God sends you into the world this day
to be light and love, healing and hope.
Go now to be light for the world!
And may the grace and peace of God the Creator,
the Redeemer, and the Sustainer
come upon you this day
and remain with you always. Amen.

Song of Sending

Worship Leader: Sue Yoder
Song Leader: Mel Shenk
Reader: Lisa Fannin
Zoom Host: Mackenzie Butler



Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the two-day Sent Network conference that begins on Thursday, April 23. Pray that all who participate in this virtual church-planting summit will be inspired, energized, and given the tools necessary for encouraging the growth of Jesus' church.
- ❖ *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. 18* – Sunday Worship Service via ZOOM:
10:00AM ZOOM Coffee Connect
10:40AM ZOOM Worship Service
- ❖ *Thurs., Apr. 22* - Earth Day

Happy Birthday ~

April 19	Evelyn Hertzler
April 20	Carmen Stover
April 21	Andrew Crumly
April 22	Patricia Brunk; Chris Dey
April 23	Mary Lou Shives; Charlie Zollinger
April 25	Zach Dey; Ashley Jean Lytle
May 4	Alfred Brenneman; Addison Fuller; William Longacher

Happy Anniversary ~

May 2	Brandon & Katherine Stover
May 4	Carl & Lois Mericle

Announcements

While expecting Christ's return, we welcome yours.

**Warwick River Mennonite Church
Zoom platform**

HOW TO CONNECT

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

Computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84674071811?pwd=dWRKODZleWRucmRualms1YlFZTFJlUT09>

*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.*

Building Fund CHALLENGE RECEIVED: A member(s) 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.*

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

**Building Fund Challenge
Final Tally**

The “Building Fund Challenge” match benefiting the Church Building and Warwick River Chapel, has been nothing short of extraordinary.

Thank you for such generous giving. From February 21, 2021 – April 4, 2021 we raised: \$13,950.00.

Our most generous benefactor(s) decided to still match the full \$30,000.00 ~ making the CHALLENGE TOTAL \$43,950.00.

THRIVE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THIS MONTH: Canned tomatoes, pasta sauce and tomato sauce. 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.

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

April 11, 2021

Offering Report April 11, 2021

\$ 3,006.54	Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 30.00	Long Green Cemetery Preservation Committee
<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>	<u>Benefactor(s) Matched Building Fund Challenge</u>
\$ 33,036.54	Offertory Total 04/11/2021

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1, 2020 – Apr 11, 2021= \$52,463.89)

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

04/04/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,485,491.00
<u>04/11/2021 Contributions toward Lent challenge this week</u>	<u>30,000.00</u>
04/11/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,515,491.00

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)

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