

## “The Shared Reality of Humankind”

*Virtual Worship Service*

*Sign in via ZOOM - details inside under Announcements*



### Warwick River Mennonite Church

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**May 2, 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 May 2, 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: In the beginning God created all things,

**Many: and God saw that they were good.**

One: At our beginning, God created us

**Many: unique and irreplaceable,  
loved and wanted by God,  
known and treasured by God, and  
God said it was very good.**

One: Lord God, King of Creation,

**Many: open our eyes to see all people as fearfully  
and wonderfully made in your image.**

~ Adapted from *Liturgy of Creation*

#### Hymn of Praise and Gathering

#### -- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 1:26-31

Children's Time

#### Hymn of Preparation

Time for Silent Reflection

Sermon Title: “The Shared Reality of Humankind”

~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**

May God's creative Spirit be with us in our hearts  
and minds as we leave this time of worship.  
May God's creative Spirit help us to see with new wonder  
the image of God in all people.

**Song of Sending**

*Worship Leader:* Ursula Bock  
*Song Leader:* Don Brunk  
*Reader:* Peggy Kipfer  
*Zoom Host:* Micah Shenk



**Prayer and Praise Requests:**

***Mennonite World Conference has called Anabaptist and Mennonite congregations around the world to unite in prayer:***

- ❖ We pray for people in the U.S and around the world impacted by coronavirus.
- ❖ We pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones, and for those who have been quarantined and are feeling alone.
- ❖ We pray for healing for those who are sick.
- ❖ We pray for safety, strength and compassion for medical workers who may be overwhelmed caring for those who are battling various illnesses, and workers who are exposed to greater risks.
- ❖ We pray that our public officials act with compassion and wisdom as they work to contain the virus.
- ❖ We pray for those without access to health care, and for those who don't know how they will make it if they get sick and can't go to work.
- ❖ We pray that your peace will guard our hearts and minds so that we are not overcome by anxiety and fear.
- ❖ God, inspire in us ways to show your love to one another and to ourselves.
- ❖ Guide our hearts and our actions to greater care, kindness and generosity in the midst of these fears and uncertainties.
- ❖ *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](mailto:warwickrivermc@gmail.com)*

## Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, Sun., May 2 – Sunday Worship Service via ZOOM:  
10:00AM ZOOM Coffee Connect  
10:40AM ZOOM Worship Service
- ❖ Thurs., May 6 – 7:30 p.m. WRMC Council Meeting
- ❖ Sun., May 9 – Mother's Day

## Happy Birthday ~

May 4	Alfred Brenneman; Addison Fuller; William Longacher
May 9	Kelleigh Longacher; Carleigh Longacher
May 11	Ronda Miller; Dale Shenk
May 13	Chris Davis
May 16	Everett Cassel

## Happy Anniversary ~

May 2	Brandon & Katherine Stover
May 4	Carl & Lois Mericle
May 10	Raul & Adena (Longacher) Leal
May 13	Harold & Sue Yoder
May 14	Steve & Lisa Fannin
May 17	Nelson & Kathryn Baer

## Announcements

*While expecting Christ's return, we welcome yours.*

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*Warwick River Christian Preschool & Learning Center is seeking employees for full and part time positions. Shifts would be Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm.*

*So, no evenings or weekends! Previous child care experience preferred but all applicants will be considered.*

*Interested parties should call 757-877-2941.*

*Please help us spread the word!*

*We ask for prayers as we search for dedicated people to care for the children.*

*Thanks,  
Ann Aulich  
757-870-2042*

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## ANNOUNCEMENT:

WRMC Office will be closed this Friday, May 7, 2021.

Warwick River Mennonite Church  
Zoom platform

## HOW TO CONNECT

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

**Computer:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84674071811?pwd=dWRKODZleWRucmRuals1YlFZTFJjUT09>

\*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.*

**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 25, 2021**

**Worship Service: 40**

**Offering Report April 25, 2021**

\$ 4850.00 Mail Offertory totals this week  
\$ 0.00 (net) E-giving support totals this week  
 \$ 4850.00 Offertory Total 04/25/2021

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1, 2020 – Apr 25, 2021= \$57,665.90)

**Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church**

Deuteronomy 16:17



**Building News Corner**

**This Week's Building Fund Update**

<b>04/18/2021 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,515,491.00</b>
<b><u>04/25/2021 Contributions</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>
<b>04/25/2021 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,515,491.00</b>

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 consistent offerings that are so important to your church, we are now able to accept ACH savings/checking drafts as well as PayPal. Please inform Pat in the front office as to the date and amount of ACH transfers along with any special instructions so that we may watch for receipt.

For PayPal, please go directly to:

[Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)

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