

“Prejudice and a Provincial God”

Virtual Worship Service

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May 16, 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 16, 2021

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

-- Gathering --

Welcome and Invocation

Time for Greeting

Call to Worship (*Leader only*)

The word of God came to Jonah

The word of God comes to us:

Go

Despite your fears

Speak

the truth of God

Love

your neighbor and your enemy

Forgive

as you have been forgiven

Receive

grace upon grace

overflowing from the fullness of God.

~ written by Joanna Harader

Hymn of Praise and Gathering

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Readings:

Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

Children's Time

Hymn of Preparation

Time for Silent Reflection

Sermon Title: “Prejudice and a Provincial God” ~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

God of Heaven and Earth,
you created the one human family
and endowed each person with great dignity.
Aid us, we pray, in overcoming the sin of racism.
Grant us your grace in eliminating this blight
from our hearts, our communities,
our social and civil institutions.
Fill our hearts with love for you and our neighbor
so that we may work with you
in healing our land from racial injustice.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Song of Sending

Worship Leader: Ursula Bock
Song Leader: Mel Shenk
Reader: Steve Fannin
Zoom Host: Don Brunk



Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Please keep Mackenzie Butler and Micah Shenk in your prayers as they prepare to exchange wedding vows. The ceremony will take place on Sat, May 22nd at the Shenk's family home. All your love and support is greatly appreciated.
- ❖ Jack and Elaine Smith and family are improving as their struggles with Covid-19 continue. Although not yet home, Jack has begun physical therapy/rehab. Please pray for their healing and complete recovery.
- ❖ Keep Christine Hurr in your prayers as she begins her search for employment.
- ❖ Family is a wonderful thing. It is where life begins and is nurtured, where growth takes place. A family provides warmth, joy, counsel, companionship. Above all else it gives you roots, a place to belong and return for strength and hope. We pray for our families.
- ❖ A church family is much the same. Being part of a local congregation opens a whole new world of relationships with people who need each other, who love and care for one another unselfishly, people attempting to serve Jesus Christ. We pray for our church families.
- ❖ "One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple." ~ Psalm 27:4
- ❖ Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for Robin Gingerich's 20 years of ministry at LCC International University in Lithuania. Pray for students from around the world, who persevere in learning despite the many difficulties caused by COVID-19 restrictions, which compound other trauma they may have experienced in their lives.
- ❖ *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., May 16* – Sunday Worship Service via ZOOM:
10:00AM ZOOM Coffee Connect
10:40AM ZOOM Worship Service
- ❖ *Fri.-Sat, May 21-22* – 8a.m.–4p.m. Ernie & RuthAnn Miller - Garage Sale

Happy Birthday ~

May 16	Everett Cassel
May 17	Alexander Crumly
May 19	Ruby Ziegler
May 20	Rudy Mulamba
May 28	Darrel Schrock
May 31	Jake Hanbury

Happy Anniversary ~

May 17	Nelson & Kathryn Baer
May 30	Sam & Susan Parrucci

Announcements

While expecting Christ's return, we welcome yours.

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*

May 21 & 22, 8am – 4pm: Yard Sale at Ernie & Ruth Ann Miller's place (#3 Hertzler Road). All kind of goodies (furniture, cabinets, collectibles, hand tools, yard tools, lamps).

Looking for a summer job? Work in a fun, Christ-centered environment. Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center (WCRC) Kaleidoscope Camp has available positions again this summer. For more info contact 757-566-2256.

Warwick River Mennonite Church Zoom platform

HOW TO CONNECT

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

Computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84674071811?pwd=dWRKODZleWRucmRualms1YlFZTFJjUT09>

*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: diced tomatoes, stewed tomatoes, pasta sauce, carrots, baked beans, seasoned greens. 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.



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

Attendance Report **May 9, 2021** **Worship Service: 42**

Offering Report May 9, 2021

\$ 1,825.00 Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 0.00 (net) E-giving support totals this week
 \$ 1,825.00 Offertory Total 05/09/2021

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1, 2020 – May 9, 2021= \$60,590.90)

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

05/02/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,515,491.00
<u>05/09/2021 Contributions</u>	<u>0.00</u>
05/09/2021 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 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)

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 SUSPENDED FOLLOWING GUIDANCE FROM THE CDC**