

“Creation Care”

Virtual Worship Service

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July 4, 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 July 4, 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*)

In the midst of darkness & chaos...

God imagined.

In the fury & darkness...

God imagined a world filled with trees,

and blue skies

and fluffy white clouds.

In the meadow, God stood and...

imagined foxes, bluebirds, and slithering snakes.

In a world of rainstorms and wildlife

and cattle and grasses blowing in the breeze...

God imagined humanity.

God imagined the continuum from man to woman.

In a world teeming with billions of people...

God imagined me.

God imagined you and God imagined me.

We are created in the image of God.

God imagined us all. God loves each of us.

Let us worship with our creative and creating God!

Amen.

~ written by Tim Graves

Hymn of Praise and Gathering

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 2:4-15

Hymn of Preparation

Time for Silent Reflection

Sermon Title:

“Creation Care”

~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 we always walk gently upon the Earth,
in right relationship,
nurtured by your love,
open to the wind of the Spirit,
taking only what we need,
always open to the needs of others,
making choices that bring wellbeing,
living with generosity,
striving for justice,
honoring all with reverence,
reconciling and peacemaking,
mindful of those who will come after,
recognizing our proper place as part of your creation.

Grant us the strength and courage, Lord,
for such a radical transformation into your Kingdom.
Amen.

Song of Sending

Serving Today:

Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman

Song Leader: Micah Shenk

Reader: Chris Miller

Zoom Host: Don Brunk

We're Grateful for You

The work of our church is done by many dedicated people.
We appreciate all the sacrifices you make
to keep things moving.
Thank you for your masterful planning.
Thank you for your grace (under fire).
Thank you for being willing to communicate.
Thank you for using your talent.
Thank you for sharing the gospel.
Thank you for your encouragement.
Thank you for teaching others.
Thank you for asking people to get involved.
Thank you for your contagious joy.
Thank you for your creativity.
Thank you.
Seriously, thank you.

2021 Council of Ministries:

Pastor John M. Dey

Congregation Chair Lisa Ziegler

Christian Education Chair Ann Aulich

Outreach Chair Sue Yoder

Fellowship Chair Theresa Siebels

Stewardship Chair Tom Salyers

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.

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Martha Young is out of the hospital and returns daily for anti-biotic infusions. She isn't feeling well and lacks strength, please continue to pray for her good health.
- ❖ "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." ~ Psalm 90:12
- ❖ Arloa Bontrager of Mennonite Mission Network has been the servant project coordinator for Mennonite Church USA conventions since 2003! Thank God for her faithful ministry and for the 23,533 volunteers who have contributed to the ministry of 420 local agencies during the past 18 years. Pray that Jesus' love will be shown through this year's Service-in-a-Box projects.
- ❖ *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*



Happy Birthday ~

July 6	Jacqueline Zimmerman
July 7	Nikki Boldy
July 8	Grace Shenk
July 12	David Wing

Happy Anniversary ~

July 12	Robby & Susan Ackerman
July 16	Hartley & Rebecca Kayumba

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Sun., July 4* – Sunday Worship Service via ZOOM:
10:00AM ZOOM Coffee Connect
10:40AM ZOOM Worship Service

Announcements

While expecting Christ's return, we welcome yours.

STAY INFORMED ~ Virginia Mennonite Conference – Bulletin

Notes: [Bulletin notes – Virginia Mennonite Conference \(virginiacommunity.org\)](https://virginiacommunity.org/bulletin)

SAVE THE DATE ~ Bike Shenandoah ~ Saturday, September 18, 2021. For more information visit: [Bike Shenandoah | An annual fundraiser bicycle ride through the Shenandoah Valley](https://www.bikeshenandoah.com/)

SAVE THE DATE ~ Mennonite Women of Virginia is looking forward to having its annual retreat on Friday, November 12, through Sunday, November 14, 2021 at the Richmond Short Pump Marriott. The speaker will be Dawn Mast. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend! More information and registration forms will be coming this summer.

Warwick River Mennonite Church
Zoom platform

HOW TO CONNECT

*Worship Service * Meetings * Gatherings of all kinds

Computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84674071811?pwd=dWRKODZleWRucmRuams1YlFZTFJjUT09>

*MEETING ID: 846 7407 1811

*PASSWORD: 809884

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*If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to
Mackenzie Shenk (740-868-0016) or Don Brunk (610-787-0823)
They will do their very best to assist you.*



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

Mennonite World Conference has called Anabaptist and Mennonite congregations around the world to unite in prayer: (2020~2021 Pandemic)

- ❖ 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.

Attendance Report June 27, 2021 Worship Service: 42

Offering Report June 27, 2021

\$ 805.00	Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 150.21 (net)	E-giving support totals this week
<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>Building Fund Contribution</u>
\$ 1,005.21	Offertory Total 06/27/2021

Budget Offertory collected YTD (Dec 1, 2020 – June 27, 2021= \$72,150.54)

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

06/20/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,515,591.00
06/27/2021 Contributions	50.00
06/27/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,515,641.00

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)