

## “The Distant Mirror of 1521”

*Virtual Worship Service*

*Sign in via ZOOM - details inside under Announcements*



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**August 8, 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 August 8, 2021

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

*-- Gathering --*

Welcome and Invocation

Time for Greeting

**Hymn of Praise and Gathering**

**Call to Worship:**

He who follows me, walks not in darkness," says the Lord.\*

By these words of Christ we are advised

to imitate his life and habits,

if we wish to be truly enlightened and

free from all blindness of heart.

Let our chief effort, therefore, be to study the life of Jesus Christ.

The teaching of Christ is more excellent

than all the advice of the saints, and

he who has his spirit will find in it a hidden manna.

Now, there are many who hear the Gospel often

but care little for it because they have not the spirit of Christ.

Yet whoever wishes to understand fully the words of Christ

must try to pattern his whole life on that of Christ.

~ Thomas à Kempis *The Imitation of Christ*

\*John 8:12



**-- Hearing from God's Word --**

**Hymn of Preparation**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:15-20

<sup>15</sup> "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup> You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Thus you will know them by their fruits. (NRSV)

History Lesson with Meditation – "The Distant Mirror of 1521"

~Speaker Steve Fannin

**-- Responding to God's Word --**

**Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Offertory Prayer

Time for Announcements

**-- Sending --**

**Prayer of Sending**

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. – Philippians 4:8

**Song of Sending**

**Serving Today:**

Worship Leader: Ursula Bock

Song Leader: Micah Shenk

Reader: Lisa Fannin

Zoom Host: Don Brunk

**WRMC OFFICE will be closed  
August 24, 2021 – August 31, 2021.**

**Prayer and Praise Requests:**

- ❖ "...and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday."  
~ Isaiah 58:10
- ❖ This month, the Bokgoni Sporting Club in Botswana is showcasing opportunities for at-risk teenage girls to participate in life-skills training and sports. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for increased community participation in this program.
- ❖ *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)*

**Happy Birthday ~**

August 11	Samantha Salyers
August 12	Gladys Hostetter
August 15	Grant Showalter
August 16	Laurie Brunk; Dallas Kipfer
August 19	Brenda Bailey
August 20	Lisa Fannin; Wayne Steiner; Hallie Whitecotton
August 22	Twila Brunk
August 28	Ursula Bock
August 30	Leanna Schrock; Amy Longacher
August 31	Helene Portela

**Happy Anniversary ~**

August 20	John & Susan Dey
August 24	Aaron & Myra Millikin; Noah & Rachael Shenk



## Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, Sun., August 8 – Sunday Worship Service via ZOOM:  
10:00AM ZOOM Coffee Connect  
10:40AM ZOOM Worship Service
- ❖ Sun., August 22 – Warwick River Chapel Worship Service  
Congregation will resume meeting in person, and will still be available via the usual ZOOM link
- ❖ August 24 – 31, 2021 – WRMC Office closed – (mark your calendar)

### Announcements

While expecting Christ's return, we welcome yours.

**NEWS FROM THE WRMC ARCHIVES:** David Brunk of Harrisonburg, VA recently gifted his “crazy piece comforter” to the **WRMC Archives**. In sharing the history of the comforter Mr. Brunk stated: “...it was made by the WRMC Sewing Circle as a going away gift for his Mother when the family moved from Newport News to Harrisonburg in 1940/1941. It is an amazing piece of skill and artwork, put together with the love of about 40 ladies who each embroidered their names on the pieces. David Brunk closed by saying he wanted the comforter to go back home after these 80 years...” We all thank you very much David.

**MORE NEWS FROM THE WRMC ARCHIVES:** Margaret Palmer Smoker recently gifted her handmade Mennonite Wedding Dress, handkerchief, and bride and groom ornament to the **WRMC Archives**. She wore the dress January 16, 1956 at her marriage to Kenneth Smoker in the old wood frame Warwick River Mennonite Church, Denbigh, Virginia. The bride carried a bouquet of Lily of the Valley in the handkerchief. We all thank you very much Margaret.

Warwick River Mennonite Church  
Zoom platform

## HOW TO CONNECT

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

Computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84674071811?pwd=dWRKODZleWRucmRuas1YlFZTFJjUT09>

\*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 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

### Attendance Report

August 1, 2021

### Offering Report August 1, 2021

\$ 4,505.00	Mail Offertory totals this week
<u>\$ 150.21 (net)</u>	<u>E-giving support totals this week</u>
\$ 4,655.21	Offertory Total 08/01/2021

Budget Offertory collected YTD (12/01/2020-08/01/2021= \$101,692.01)

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



### Building News Corner

#### This Week's Building Fund Update

07/25/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,528,588.05*
<u>08/01/2021</u>	<u>0.00</u>
08/01/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,528,588.05*

(\*includes \$12,947.05 estimated value stock shares)

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:

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