

“Homecoming Versus Coming-Home”

Virtual Worship Service

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August 22, 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 22, 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: Gathered together in the square

People: young and old

men and women

certain and seeking

slave and free.

Leader: Gathered together in the square

People: they opened the book

read and listened

talked and prayed.

Leader: They opened the book

gathered together in the square

and heard the Word of God.

All: *Let us now gather*

together

in the square

to open the book

and hear the Word of God.

~ written by Katherine Hawker

Hymn of Praise and Gathering

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading:

Nehemiah 8:1-10

Hymn of Preparation

Time for Silent Reflection

Sermon Title: “Homecoming Versus Coming-Home” ~Pastor John Dey

-- Responsive Prayer --

Loving God
may we be found
and may we find
a place called home
a place where faith holds us
and grace renews us
where forgiveness longs for us
to be who you will us to be

may we find a place called home
where we are accepted as we are
where we are taken in
and loved unconditionally

a place called home
where we belong
and our souls fit
and our questions are allowed
and our anger is heard
and our needs are recognised
and our pain is held
and our names are known

and may this
be that place, O God,
this community
this group of travellers and doubters
and companions on the way

this home
where your place
is our place
and place isn't a building
but a way of being together
in relationship
held together
by love

Loving God
Homecoming God
may we make this a home
to all who still yet seek
a place of grace-filled sanctuary
and gracious welcome

So be it
Amen

~ written by Roddy Hamilton

-- Responding to God's Word --

Hymn of Response

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

-- Sending --

Prayer of Sending

As we go from here to face the joys and challenges of the
coming week, remember this:

The faithful love of God never ceases; it is inexhaustible!
God's mercy and compassion is new every morning!
Great is Your faithfulness, O God!

So go into the week ahead with courage, and with joy.
Trust in God, and wait patiently for God to act.
For God is good to all who seek God;
and God's loving presence goes with us.

Song of Sending

Serving Today:

Worship Leader: Sue Yoder

Song Leader: Micah Shenk

Readers: Jan Dennis

Zoom Host: Mackenzie Butler Shenk

Upcoming Events:

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



Happy Birthday ~

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| August 22 | Twila Brunk |
| August 28 | Ursula Bock |
| August 30 | Leanna Schrock; Amy Longacher |
| August 31 | Helene Portela |

Happy Anniversary ~

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| August 24 | Aaron & Myra Millikin; Noah & Rachael Shenk |
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Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Myrna Alderfer continues to suffer the effects of a kidney stone and will return to the hospital on Monday, August 16, 2021 for another procedure to bring relief and resolve these troubles. Please offer up your prayers for healing and peace for Myrna. Please also pray for Kathryn and Nelson as they accompany her through these difficult health challenges.
- ❖ God, inspire in us ways to show your love to one another and to ourselves. We pray that your peace will guard our hearts and minds so that we are not overcome by anxiety and fear.
- ❖ Participants in Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service program are in a time of transition. Pray for those who are transitioning from their completed assignments to schooling or work, and pray for those who are beginning their first or second term of learning and service..
- ❖ *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*

Announcements

While expecting Christ's return, we welcome yours.

WARWICK RIVER CHAPEL, Today, August 22, 2021

Worship Service 10:40 a.m. As we meet in person for the first time since March, 2020, please, kindly take note...

- First, everyone must wear a mask.
- Second, social distancing must be followed at all times.
- Third, any and all fellowshiping will take place outside - maintaining social distancing.
- Fourth, the Zoom option will still be available for those who are not ready to meet face to face.

THRIVE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THIS MONTH: mashed potatoes, baked beans, pork and beans, and canned fruit. If you wish to help, we collect food at the Church Office in the WRCS building. Remember we also collect shoes and coats for those in need. Let's work together to bring peace to our neighbors. Thank you very much.

**WRMC OFFICE will be closed
August 24, 2021 – August 31, 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=dWRKODZleWRucmRuaMs1YlFZTFJjUT09>

*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 15, 2021	Attendance: 44
Offering Report August 15, 2021		
\$ 1,850.00	Mail Offertory totals this week	
\$ 586.86 (net)	E-giving support totals this week	
125.00	Long Green Mennonite Cemetery	
\$ 2,561.86	Offertory Total 08/15/2021	

Budget Offertory collected YTD (12/01/2020-08/15/2021= \$105,453.87)

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

08/08/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,528,638.05*
08/15/2021	00.00
08/15/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,528,638.05*
<i>(*includes \$12,947.05 estimated value stock shares)</i>	

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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