

“God’s Indiscriminate Love and a Ban on Favoritism”

*In-Person Service meets in Warwick River Chapel
located directly behind the Church building*

Virtual Worship Service

*will continue to be available via ZOOM – details inside under Announcements; and
the Sermon is recorded for replay at www.warwickrivermennonite.org*



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September 26, 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 September 26, 2021

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

-- Gathering --

Welcome and Invocation

Time for Greeting

Call to Worship:

Leader: We know we shouldn't do it,

People: but we play favorites.

Leader: We know it is wrong,

People: but we distinguish between 'us' and 'them.'

Leader: We know we have nothing to fear,

People: but turn aside from God's indiscriminate love.

Leader: We know God does not show favoritism,

**People: and as God’s people we commit to not
show favoritism.**

Hymn of Praise and Gathering

-- Hearing from God’s Word --

Scripture Reading:

James 2:1-13

Hymn of Preparation

Time for Silent Reflection

Sermon Title: “God’s Indiscriminate Love and a Ban on Favoritism”

~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

Go now, and invest your lives in the works of faith.
Make a name for yourselves for generosity and compassion.
Fulfill God's holy law of indiscriminate love
by putting love into action and welcoming all people.
And may God be your defender and provider;
May Christ Jesus dispel all that disturbs or disables you;
and may the Holy Spirit make you rich in faith
.....and loving and merciful in action.
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
.. In the name of Christ. Amen.

Song of Sending

Serving Today:

Worship Leader: Sue Yoder
Song Leader: Noah Shenk
Reader: Lisa Fannin
Zoom Host: Rachael Shenk

Offering box and bulletins are on a table just inside Chapel.

Warwick River Mennonite Church
Zoom platform

HOW TO CONNECT

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

Computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84674071811?pwd=dWRKODZleWRucmRuams1YlFZTFJlUT09>

*MEETING ID: 846 7407 1811

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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.*

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Sept. 26 – in-person* Warwick River Chapel Worship Service
10:00AM ZOOM Coffee Connect *virtual only*
10:40AM ZOOM Worship Service
- ❖ *Friday, Oct. 1 – 4-9pm* Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale
- ❖ *Saturday, Oct 2 – 7am – 2pm* Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Rejoice with Brian and Noelia Fox of Mennonite Mission Network that COVID-19 cases in Spain are decreasing and in-person meetings for churches and schools are starting to resume. Pray for Brian and Noelia as they search for a place to hold their English classes, after a year of conducting online classes.
- ❖ “The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”
~ James 5:16
- ❖ *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 ~

September 26 Brandon Stover
September 27 Jessica (Saunders) Lasris
September 28 Phil Cassel
September 30 Martha Young; Jim Boldy
October 1 Robby Ackerman
October 4 Leona Ross; Dawn Wing
October 5 Tammara Geary; Elaine Evans; Micah Evans

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



Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year)

FY2021 runs 12/01/2020 through 11/30/2021
Annual operating expense budget: \$185,700.00

Attendance Report **September 19, 2021** **Worship Service: 49**

Offering Report September 19, 2021

\$ 4,960.00	Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 582.50 (net)	E-giving support totals this week
<u>\$ 125.00</u>	<u>Long Green Mennonite Cemetery Fund</u>
\$ 5,667.50	Offertory Total 09/19/2021

Budget Offertory collected YTD (12/01/2020-09/19/2021= \$119,181.79)

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

09/12/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,529,238.05*
09/19/2021	<u>00.00</u>
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(*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: [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)

The Warwick River Chapel is open and worship services have resumed along with some committee meetings. Masks are required to be worn by each person entering the building and social distancing remains a must.

Announcements

While expecting Christ's return, we welcome yours.

OCT. 1-2, 2021 ~ LIVE & ONLINE AUCTION: VIRGINIA MENNONITE RELIEF SALE: Friday, Oct. 1, 2021, 4:00pm – 9:00pm through Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, 7:00am – 2:00pm. Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg, Virginia. Free admission. Support Mennonite Central Committee's natural disaster relief efforts, community development, and peace building around the world. More information and reserved auction seating is available online. For more information: www.vareliefsale.com

OCT. 30, 2021 ~ SHAHINI FUNDRAISER: October 30, 2021, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., at Mt. Pleasant Christian School, 1613 Mt. Pleasant Road, Chesapeake, Virginia 23322: You are invited to an evening with Dini & Klementina Shahini who serve with Virginia Mennonite Missions in Lezha, Albania. The event includes a Barbeque Chicken Dinner Fundraiser (dine in or take out), and hearing about their work in Lezha, Albania. All proceeds go to Lezha Academic Center and the Guri E. Themelit Church, in Lezha, Albania. We hope you'll share with those you know.

NOV. 12-14, 2021 ~ 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.

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE: The Building Committee continues to meet on a regular basis, but due to Covid everything takes longer, and some things cost more so it has been a challenge to develop a plan that will meet our needs and stay in our budget. However, the good news is that the building committee is hopeful that within the next two months we will have drawings ready to present to the congregation. Thank you for your patience!

THRIVE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THIS MONTH: carrots, jelly, peas, pudding (instant), 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.

2021 Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale

