

“Walking Trees and 4 x 4s”

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

Virtual Worship Service

Or join us via ZOOM – details inside



Warwick River Mennonite Church

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November 21, 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 November 21, 2021

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

Pastor - John M. Dey [johnmichaeldey@gmail.com]

District Overseer - David Lehman Congregation Chair - Lisa Ziegler

Christian Education Chair - Ann Aulich Outreach Chair - Sue Yoder

Fellowship Chair - Theresa Siebels Stewardship Chair - Tom Salyers

Members-at-Large - Peggy Kipfer & Tammara Geary

Secretary - Pat O'Connor office hours: 9:30am – 3:30pm [Tue; Wed; Thu; Fri]

-- Gathering --

Welcome and Invocation

Time for Greeting

Call to Worship:

Leader: Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

Remember that our God is the only God—

**People: the One who made us,
the One who sustains us,
the One whose Spirit lives within us.**

Leader: Let us enter God's house with thanksgiving;
and come into God's presence with praise.

**People: For God is good,
with unfailing love that lasts forever,
and faithfulness that extends to all generations.**

Hymn of Praise and Gathering

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading:

Mark 8:22-25; Matthew 7:1-5

Hymn of Preparation

Time for Silent Reflection

Sermon Title: “Walking Trees and 4 x 4s”

~Jim Thornton

*We extend a very special welcome and sincere thanks to
Jim Thornton
for bringing the message this morning.*

-- Responding to God's Word --

Hymn of Response

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

-- Sending --

Prayer of Sending

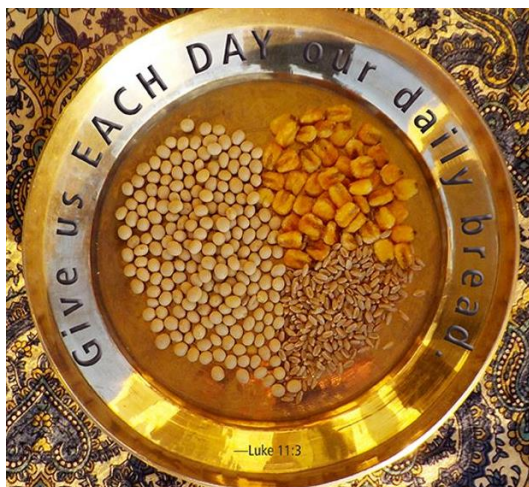
Go now from this service of worship
to the service of God's people near and far,
refreshed by the living water that Jesus offers to you.
Listen for the parched voices of the least of these;
search out the dry places and the arid souls,
and become for them a spring of living water.
And as you go,
may the blessings of the God of life,
the Christ of love,
and the Spirit of grace
be upon you this day and forevermore. Amen

Song of Sending

Serving Today:

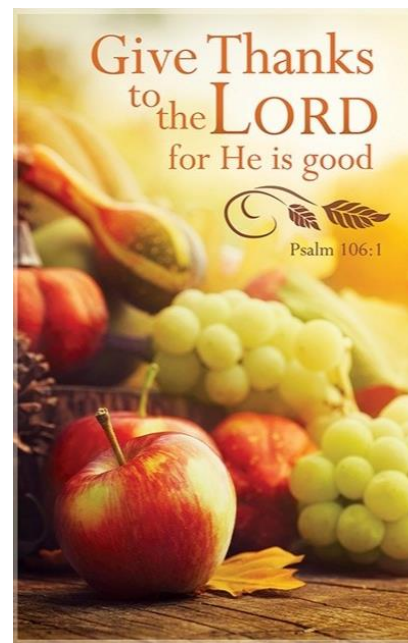
Worship Leader: Ursula Bock
Song Leader: Noah Shenk
Reader: Jan Dennis
Zoom Host: Rachael Shenk

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



Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ **“Give us this day our daily bread.” ~Matthew 6:11**
- ❖ Liz Breckbill and Erin McWilliams are participants in Mennonite Mission Network’s Alamosa, Colorado, Mennonite Voluntary Service unit. Pray for them as they extend the ministry of the Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa, through educating local youth on environmental issues in their community and contributing to environmental restoration.
- ❖ “I will praise God’s name with singing, and I will honor him with thanksgiving.” Psalm 69:30
- ❖ We offer up prayer to our Lord for comfort and hope for all who are suffering employment troubles.
- ❖ “Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” ~John 13:35
- ❖ *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 ~

- November 23 Sandy Wagner
- November 27 Sarah Wilde
- November 28 Ann Aulich;
Nicholas Dey;
Paul Mulamba
- November 29 Mel Shenk
- November 30 Louise Kraus
- December 4 Ruth Ann Miller
- December 5 Clark Siebels;
Kyle Fannin;
Anna Mulamba;
Johnnie Stafford, Jr.
- December 6 Ben Redekop;
Tete Mulamba
- December 7 Josh Longacher

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Sun., Nov. 21—Today is Ingathering Sunday
- ❖ Sun., Nov. 21—Today is final day to order Poinsettias for Advent and Christmas (details below)
- ❖ Wed., Thurs., Fri., Nov. 24, 25, 26--WRMC Office Closed
- ❖ Thurs., Nov. 25—Happy Thanksgiving
- ❖ Sun., Nov. 28—1st Sunday of Advent
- ❖ Sun., Nov. 28—10:40 am WRMC Worship Service
- ❖ Fri., Dec. 3—7:00 pm WRCLC Preschool presents “We Wish You a Merry Christmas!” at Calvary Chapel, 15553 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, VA

Announcements

While expecting Christ's return, we welcome yours.

PREPARING! ... Poinsettias for Advent and Christmas

As we continue to enjoy our “new” Chapel for worship, *the Worship Commission would like to invite people to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one that could be used for decoration in the chapel for the four weeks of Advent. After the last Sunday of Advent (December 19), we would encourage those who purchased a poinsettia to take their poinsettia home with them for Christmas.* The cost for one poinsettia is \$17.99. The poinsettias will be purchased from Anderson's and delivered to the church through a special program Anderson's has established for churches in Hampton Roads.

The deadline for purchasing a poinsettia is Sunday, November 21.

For the first Sunday of Advent we will print out a list of who donated the poinsettia (being listed as anonymous is an option) and for whom the poinsettia was in honor or memory of. *Please contact our Church Secretary (Pat) via telephone or email to place your order. We do ask that checks be made payable to Warwick River Mennonite Church with clear spellings of the person or persons you wish to memorialize or honor.*

Christmas Poinsettias



*In Memory
Or
In Honor*



**WRMC
Ingathering
for THRIVE Peninsula**



P.S. Sue & Ted Yoder (757-877-4135) will shop for you if you aren't able to do so. Please contact them directly. Thank you Sue & Ted!!!

UPDATE! ... INGATHERING 2021: As we approach Sunday, November 21, 2021 we want to let everyone know that foods collected from now through that day will be included as part of our Ingathering effort. Feel free to bring any and all donations to church with you on Sundays at the Chapel or to the Warwick River Church front office, or to the School, when they are open. Please don't hesitate to call (757-874-0794) or email (warwickrivermc@gmail.com) if you need a special pickup at your home. You may also drive directly to THRIVE on Warwick Blvd. - they will unload your donation for you – just be sure to clarify you are donating on behalf of Warwick River Mennonite Church. That way when we receive our final counts (meals provided / pounds of food) your donation will have been included. Also, in addition to visiting www.thrivepeninsula.org/food, here is a list of suggested foods. Can it really be this time of year already? Let's work together to bring peace to our neighbors. Thank you so much and stay tuned... more information to come!

Ingathering this year runs November 7-21, 2021

Suggested Items

All-in-One, Boxed meals	Pasta
Canned or dry beans	Peanut Butter
Canned tomatoes	Potatoes
Cereal/Oatmeal	Pudding/Jell-O
Crackers	Rice
Fruit/Fruit Juices	Soup
Jelly	Stuffing
Meats	Vegetables (mixed veggies, peas, carrots)
Milk	Monetary Donations (checks payable to Thrive Peninsula)



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

Attendance Report November 14, 2021 **Worship Service: 47**
Offering Report November 14, 2021

\$ 200.00	In person + Mail Offertory totals this week
\$.00 (net)	E-giving support totals this week
\$ 200.00	Offertory Total 11/14/2021

Budget Offertory collected YTD (12/01/2020-11/14/2021= \$139,656.17)

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

11/07/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,530,338.05*
11/14/2021	00.00
11/14/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,530,338.05*

(*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: [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.

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>

[Ruams1YlFZTFJjUT09](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.

The Sermon is recorded for replay at

www.warwickrivermennonite.org.

FOUR BY FOURS AND WALKING TREES

Mark 8:22-26

²²Then they came to Bethsaida. They brought a blind man to Jesus and asked him to touch him. ²³He took the blind man by the hand and brought him outside of the village. Then he spit on his eyes, placed his hands on his eyes and asked, "Do you see anything?" ²⁴Regaining his sight he said, "I see people, but they look like trees walking." ²⁵Then Jesus placed his hands on the man's eyes again. And he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶Jesus sent him home, saying, "Do not even go into the village."

Matthew 7: 1- 5

⁷ "Do not judge so that you will not be judged. ² For by the standard you judge you will be judged, and the measure you use will be the measure you receive. ³ Why do you see the speck^[d] in your brother's eye, but fail to see the beam of wood^[f] in your own? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye,' while there is a beam in your own? ⁵ You hypocrite! First remove the beam from your own eye, and then you can see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

- A. Bias defined
- B. Six Biases
 1. Confirmation Bias
 2. Community Bias
 3. Complexity Bias
 4. Comfort Bias
 5. Cash Bias
 6. Cognitive Bias:
- C. Four x fours and walking trees