

“Dare to Imagine God’s Goodness”

*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 28, 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

1st Sunday of Advent Sunday Worship Service November 28, 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]

***Focus statement:** Can we, dare we, embrace hope once more? We can when we remember God’s steadfast goodness and the goodness of learning and walking in God’s ways.*

-- Gathering --

*Welcome and Invocation

***Call to Worship**

We acknowledge that we are gathering
on the traditional territory of Indigenous peoples.
We affirm that settlers have specific responsibilities
in the journey of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

We give thanks to Creator,
and to those peoples who have stewarded this land for generations.

We are grateful for the opportunity to live, work, and worship here,
As we witness the reconciling movement of the Spirit
and seek to live into right relations with our Indigenous neighbors
and all of creation.

***Advent Hymn**

-- Lighting of Advent Candle --

Candle Litany

Leader: We light a candle of hope.
And we imagine:
People: God's righteousness, God's steadfast love, God's justice.
Leader: We light the candle to see God's goodness in us, among us.
People: Imagine that . . . we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.

***Advent Hymn**

-- Confession and Assurance --

-- Confession --

Leader: A friend once said children grow taller at night—
while at rest—bones quietly stretch, and bit by bit their
bodies grow.
Trees grow silently, too—
from deep inside—energy is released.
Branches reach for the light.
People can grow silently, too.
**People: We confess that all too often we stifle the growth
God inspires deep inside of us,
preferring the immediate, the good enough, the
comfortable.**
Leader: In Advent—O God—cause us to get up on our tiptoes,
lean forward, and extend our gaze.
**People: Surely God, who caused the righteous Branch to spring
up,
will enliven our imaginations in this season of hope.**
(silence)

-- Assurance --

Leader: The kingdom of God is near.
Listen—can you hear it?
Look—can you see it?
Our God says, “Surely the days are coming—
they are already here!”

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10
***Hymn of Preparation**
Time for Silent Reflection
Sermon Title: “Dare to Imagine God's Goodness” ~ *Pastor John Dey*

-- Responding --

***Christmas Carol**
Sharing of Blessings and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
Time for Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Benediction**

Stand up, raise your heads,
reach toward the light,
wait in growing hope.
Dare to imagine the goodness of our God.

***Song of Sending**

Serving Today:

*Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman
Song Leader: Don Brunk
Reader: Peggy Kipfer
Zoom Host: Leanna Schrock*

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



Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Alfonsina and Jose Oyanguren have walked alongside Toba-Qom churches in the Argentine Chaco since 2004, serving through a partnership that includes the Argentina Mennonite Church, Mennonite Mission Network, and congregations in Ohio. Pray for them and their children as they build relationships and promote indigenous languages and cultures.
- ❖ “When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” ~ John 8:12
- ❖ *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*



THE POINSETTIAS

that adorn the sanctuary during the Christmas season are provided in remembrance and in honor of those who have filled our lives with love and joy

Given in Honor of:

Joe Kipfer

by Dallas & Peggy Kipfer

Myrna Alderfer

Nelson & Kathryn, Dorcas, Wally, & Harold

Given in Memory of:

Mom & Dad

by Anonymous

Belle King

by Ken & Twila Brunk

Derek Blume

by Twila Blume

David Alderfer

by Twila Blume

Richard Alderfer

by Twila Blume

Amos & Mabel Yoder

Margy Fries

by Ted & Snooky Yoder

Wes & Sue Collins

John Wesley Collins

by Ted & Snooky Yoder

Don Shenk

by Mel & Cheri Shenk

Will Ziegler

by Twila Blume

Mattie Ziegler

by Twila Blume

Frank Alderfer

by Twila Blume

Hilda Alderfer

by Twila Blume

Paul & Dorothy Shenk

by Darrel & Evangeline Schrock

Orville H. & Geneva Spicher Yoder

by Krista Goodwin

Michael O’Connor

by Pat O’Connor

Melvin & Bette O’Connor

by Pat O’Connor

Bob & Gertrude Hollen

by Pat O’Connor

Myron Ross

Debra Ross Raines

by Leona Ross

Esther Fisher

by Twila Blume

Patty Garnand Waltrip

by Twila Blume

Suzie Ziegler

by Twila Blume

Michael O’Connor

by Tom & Jenn Salyers, James, Samantha, & Diana

Bo Sloan

by Tom & Jenn Salyers, James, Samantha, & Diana

Chris Yoder

by Anonymous

Mark Yoder

by Anonymous

Harvey & Alta Yoder

by Anonymous

John David & Esther Mable Yoder

by Anonymous

Rich Brawley Wagner

by Sandy Wagner, Olivia, Graham, & Heath



Happy Birthday ~

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

December 15 Don Mulamba

December 17 Ken Brunk

Dina Fentress

December 18 Ronald Ziegler

Shawn McDaniel

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Advent 2021

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Fri., Dec. 3*—7:00 pm WRCLC Preschool presents “*We Wish You a Merry Christmas!*” at Calvary Chapel, 15553 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, VA
- ❖ *Sun., Dec. 5*—2nd Sunday of Advent
- ❖ *Sun., Dec. 5*—10:40 am WRMC Worship Service
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Announcements

While expecting Christ's return, we welcome yours.

Birth Announcement and Congratulations!

Toby Christian

Born November 3, 2021.

Parents: Emily and Kendall Wenger

Big brother: Arlo, 2 1/2 years old

Grandparents: Chris and Ronda Miller

Great Grandparents: Ernie and Ruth Ann Miller

The Warwick River Chapel Sanctuary is ready to celebrate Advent and Christmas and we thank everyone for their participation in *Poinsettias for Advent and Christmas* program.

INGATHERING 2021: Thank you one and all for participating. Expect an announcement with all of the final counts as soon as it is available.

Warwick River Mennonite Church
Zoom platform

HOW TO CONNECT

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

Computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84674071811?pwd=dWRKODZleWRucmRucms1YlFZTFJjUT09>

*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.

**WARWICK RIVER CHRISTIAN
PRESCHOOL AND LEARNING CENTER
PRESENTS:**

*We Wish You A
Merry Christmas!*

December 3rd - 7:00 pm

Calvary Chapel

15553 Warwick Blvd.

Newport News, VA 23608



Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year)

FY2021 runs 12/01/2020 through 11/30/2021

Annual operating expense budget: \$185,700.00

Attendance Report **November 21, 2021** **Worship Service: 45**

Offering Report November 21, 2021

\$ 850.00	In person + Mail Offertory totals this week
\$ 96.80 .00 (net)	E-giving support totals this week
\$ 946.80	Offertory Total 11/21/2021

Budget Offertory collected YTD (12/01/2020-11/21/2021= \$140,602.97)

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

11/14/2021 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,530,338.05*
11/21/2021	00.00
11/21/2021 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 and social distancing remain a must.