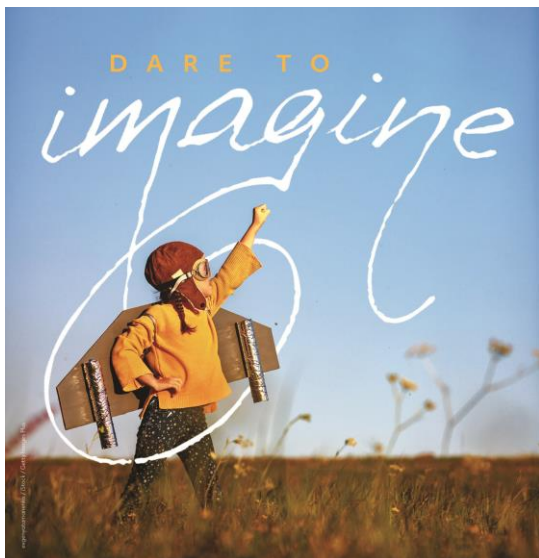


“Dare to Imagine God’s Robe!”

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

*Virtual Worship Service
Or join us via ZOOM – details inside*



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December 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 December 26, 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: Robes dominate this week’s images, from Samuel’s
annual little robe from Hannah while he, like Jesus, grew in wisdom and
stature to Paul’s instructions to clothe ourselves with compassion,
kindness, humility, meekness, patience, love, peace.*

-- Gathering --

*Welcome and Invocation

*Call to Worship

(adapted from Psalm 148 for four readers and congregation)

1: Alleluia! Praise Yahweh from the heavens!

Praise God in the heights.

Praise God, sun and moon.

People: Praise God, all you shining stars!

2: Praise God from the earth,
sea creatures and ocean depths,
lightning and hail,

People: snow and mist.

3: Sing praise to God,
mountains and hills.
fruit trees and cedars.

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(Call to Worship continued...)

People: **small animals and flying birds.**
4: Let them praise God's name.
Let all creation praise the name of Yahweh,
whose name alone is exalted.

People: **Praise God's name!**

All: **Alleluia!**

***Advent Hymn**

-- Lighting of Advent Candle --

Candle Litany

Leader: We light the Christ candle
and we welcome new life.

People: **Hurry, hurry, sing the glory!**
Imagine that . . . we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.

***Advent Hymn**

-- Prayer of Confession --

God, we bring our brokenness to you—
our bodies, minds, relationships.
We trust you, the source of wholeness and miracles,
to take our fragments, jagged edges, and pain.
Bring healing and forgiveness in ways we cannot imagine.
Restore the joy of our salvation
as only you can do.

-- Words of Assurance --

God forgives you.
Forgive others.
Forgive yourself.
(silence)
Be at peace.

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading:
26;

1 Samuel 2:18-20,
Psalm 148;
Colossians 3:12-17;
Luke 2:41-52

***Hymn of Preparation**

Time for Silent Reflection

Sermon Title: "Dare to Imagine God's Robe!" ~ John Dey

-- Responding --

***Christmas Carol**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Time for Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Benediction**

(adapted from Colossians 3:12-17)

Imagine a robe of God's design—

clothing yourself with heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility,
gentleness, patience . . . and above all else, with love.

Love is the seam that binds the rest together and makes them perfect.

Do we dare to imagine?

Imagine wearing a robe of God's design as you go from here.

***Song of Sending**

Serving Today:

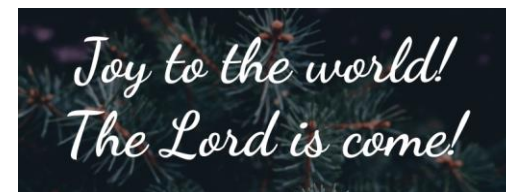
Worship Leader: Ursula Bock

Song Leader: Don Brunk

Reader: Lisa Fannin

Zoom Host: Leanna Schrock

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



Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Tue., Dec. 28*—WRMC front office closed
- ❖ *Wed + Thur + Fri, Dec. 29,30,31*--WRMC front office open
- ❖ *Fri., Dec. 31* – *New Year's Eve*
- ❖ *Sat., Jan 1*—Happy New Year!
- ❖ *Thurs., Jan. 6* – WRMC Council Meeting
- ❖ *Sat., Jan. 8* – Committee Chairs please turn in annual reports

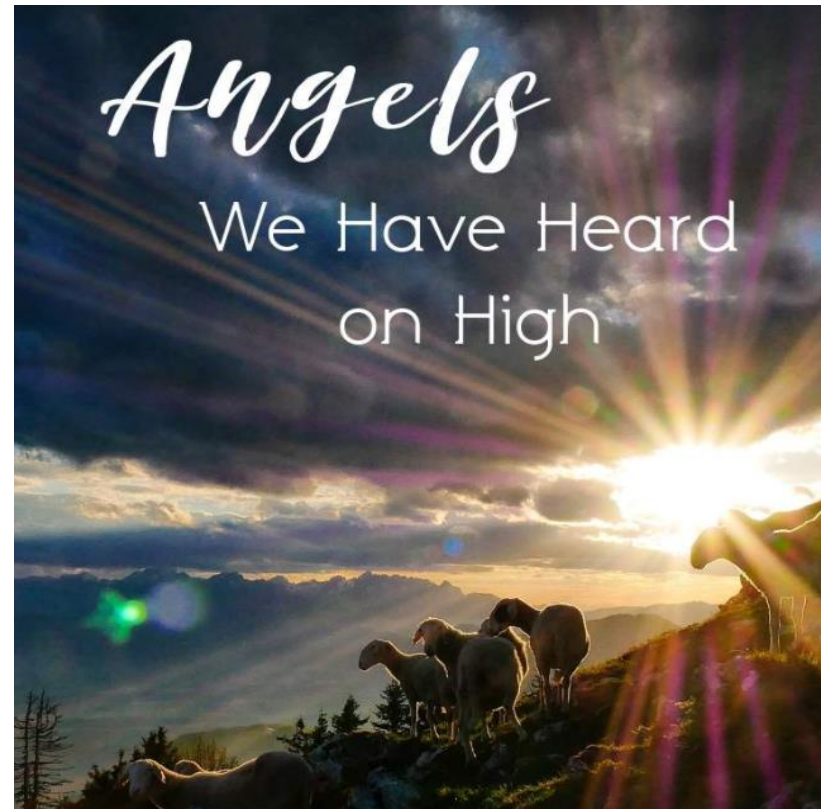


Happy Birthday ~

December 27	Delma Brenneman Theresa Siebels
December 31	Donna Nice
January 3	Rachael Shenk
January 4	Will Siebels
January 5	Nelson Baer Ricky Dillon
January 7	John Cassel
January 10	Sue Yoder (Snooky) Nicole Mulamba

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Please pray healing and health for Myra Millikin, daughter of Jack and Elaine Smith as she continues under her doctor's care while searching for a diagnosis and treatment of her low iron count.
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Linda Beachy, who is in the middle of her year-long SOOP assignment at the Navajo Brethren in Christ Mission in Bloomfield, New Mexico.
- ❖ Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light. With the Angels let us sing "Alleluia" to our King.
- ❖ "And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love." ~ 1 Corinthians 13:13
- ❖ *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.

Gladys Hostetter is moving from her home in Ivor to live with family in Cumberland at the end of this year. Her new contact information is: Gladys Hostetter, 50 Ownby Road, Cumberland, VA 23040; new telephone number will be: (804)-492-4232. Gladys wants you to know "Visitors are always Welcome!"

HOMEMAKERS FELLOWSHIP UPDATE: Belonging bags continue to be assembled for LINK (the homeless shelter). Please consider helping by donating any or all of the following items the next time you are out shopping for your family. Many of these items can be purchased at The Dollar Tree and other inexpensive stores, as follows: Toothbrushes, Toothbrush cases, Small tubes toothpaste, Combs, Deodorant, size large heavy men's Socks, and any small tubes of Hand Lotions.

If you can help
please bring donations to Pat in the church office
or call Elaine at 757-874-5889.

