

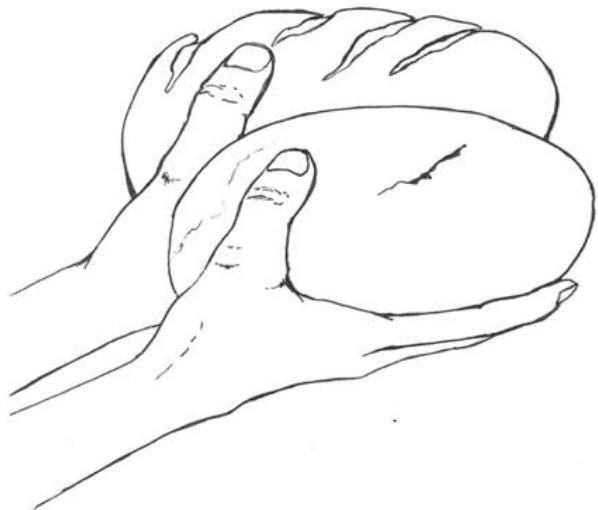
“From Security to Generosity”

*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.

The Sermon is recorded for replay at www.warwickrivermennonite.org



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March 6, 2022

First Sunday of Lent

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

First Sunday of Lent Sunday Worship Service March 6, 2022

Virtual Coffee Connect: 10 a.m.

In-person and Virtual Worship Service: 10:40 a.m.

In-person Coffee Connect follows Worship Service

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

District Overseer – David Lehman Church Elder – Tammara Geary

Congregation Chair - Lisa Ziegler Christian Education Chair - Ann Aulich

Outreach Chair - Sue Yoder Fellowship Chair - Theresa Siebels

Stewardship Chair - Tom Salyers; Member-at-Large - Laura Siebels

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

Masks are required to be worn by each person entering the Chapel for Sunday Worship Service

-- Centering Time --

Focus statement: *As we seek God's way, we move from prioritizing our personal security to living with generosity toward our neighbors.*

-- Gathering --

Welcome and Invocation

Time for Greeting

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

People: **through the wilderness of Lent,
through the wilderness of life.**

Leader: We crave the safety of God's shelter,

People: **the cool comfort of the divine shadow,
the security of the holy fortress.**

Leader: God offers the care of angels,

People: **the gentleness of creation,
the protection of love.**

Leader: God is generous to all who call on the holy name,

All: *so come, let us seek God's way of generosity.*

***Hymn of Praise and Gathering**

-- Confessing --

Responsive Reading

Leader: Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways.
People: Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.
Leader: We seek God's ways.
All: Lord, move us from our ways of clinging to security to your ways of generous living.

Prayer of Confession (Isaiah 55 adapted)

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.
People: We call upon you while you are near.
Leader: Have mercy on us, O God,
for our thoughts are not your thoughts
and our ways are not your ways.
**People: Forgive us for seeking security.
Lead us into your way of generosity.**
Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey,
let us see your way more clearly
All: and follow your way more faithfully.

Prayer of Assurance

When the fruit from the soil springs forth and ripens, and the laughing trees seem to bow before us, may we remember that a wandering Aramean was our ancestor. May we remember that the earth is yours, O God, and that our dwelling place is only a tent. Our security is in you and your way. May your winds rattle our walls and shake our false sense of security. May we walk with Jesus as we seek your way while he turns from the temptation to rule the world and turns toward those who cry out in their affliction, toil, and oppression. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13
***Hymn of Preparation**
Time for Silent Reflection
Sermon Title: "From Security to Generosity" ~ 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**

From this time and place into whatever awaits, may you follow God's way of generosity. May you release whatever you hold in fear, so that you may be free to live generous lives. As you go, know that our God of the wilderness remains with you on the way.

***Song of Sending**

Serving Today:

Pastor John M. Dey

Worship Leader: Ursula Bock

Song Leader: Micah Shenk

Readers: Jan Dennis

Zoom Host: Mackenzie Butler Shenk

Announcements

While expecting Christ's return, we welcome yours.

**Warwick River Mennonite Church
Zoom platform**

HOW TO CONNECT

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

Computer:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84674071811?pwd=dWRKODZleWRucmRuams](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84674071811?pwd=dWRKODZleWRucmRuams1YlFZTFJjUT09)

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*If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to
Mackenzie Butler Shenk (740-868-0016) or Don Brunk (610-787-0823)
They will do their very best to assist you.*

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Prayer and Praise Requests:

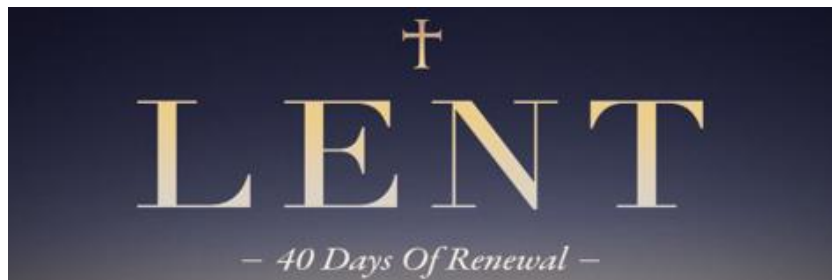
- ❖ “For thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth.” ~Psalm 71.5
- ❖ *A prayer request from the Family of Katherine Hunnicutt:*
If you wouldn't mind praying for Katherine it would be greatly appreciated. She has been in and out of the ER, urgent care, and doctor visits. This is due to ongoing severe pain concentrated in her left eye which is radiating throughout her face.
Thank you all very much! ~Stuart
Update: Kitty is being treated for ocular shingles and she asks for prayers for Stuart as he takes over all the mom-duties while she recovers.
- ❖ “I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety” ~Psalm 4:8
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network praises God for the safety of its personnel and partners in Burkina Faso during January's *coup d'état*. Pray for peace, both on the national level and in the increasing number of communities impacted by Islamist militant violence. May Mennonite churches witness to God's peace.
- ❖ *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 ~

March 7 Tom Salyers
 March 9 Chris Miller
 March 14 Leon Mulamba
 March 16 Scott Mumaw

Happy Anniversary ~

March 10 Dallas & Peggy Kipfer
 March 17 Blair & Ann Aulich



Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year)

FY2022 runs 12/01/2021 through 11/30/2022
 Annual operating expense budget: \$191,710.00

Attendance Report

February 27, 2022

Worship Service: 55

Offering Report February 27, 2022

\$ 330.00	Mail Offertory totals this week toward FY2022
\$ 101.66(net)	E-giving support totals this week
\$ 431.66	Offertory Total 02/27/2022

Budget Offertory collected YTD (12/01/2021-02/27/2022= \$36,398.96)

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

02/20/2022 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,531,438.05*
02/27/2022	00.00
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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 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)

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Sat-Sun., March 5-6*-Newport News One City Marathon Weekend
Info + Traffic impacts: www.onecitymarathon.com/plan-your-race/
- ❖ *Sun., March 13*-Worship Service & Coffee Connect
- ❖ *Sun., March 13*-Daylight Saving Time Begins
- ❖ *Thur., March 17*-St. Patrick's Day
- ❖ *Sun., March 20-1st* Day of Spring



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CHURCH ELDER ANNOUNCEMENT

February 27, 2022

Voting took place last Sunday
as timely announced by Notice to the congregation.

By unanimous decision,
Tammara Geary has been affirmed
to represent and serve WRMC
as Church Elder.

Please offer your support to her
as she becomes familiar with the position.

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