

“From Fear to Compassion”

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

*Virtual Worship Service and Sunday School
will continue to be available via ZOOM – details inside.*

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



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March 13, 2022

Second 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

Second Sunday of Lent Sunday Worship Service March 13, 2022

In-person and Virtual Sunday School: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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;

Members-at-Large - Laura Siebels & Ursula Bock

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 a place where fear dictates our actions to a space where our response to others is guided by compassion.*

-- Gathering --

Welcome and Invocation

Time for Greeting

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Together we seek the way of God.

People: **As disappointment oppresses
and violence threatens,**

Leader: we come to ask:
Whom shall we fear?

People: **We come to be reminded of God's power
and to be led more deeply into God's love.**

Leader: We long to gather under the wings of Christ,
as a mother hen,

All: and to learn the holy way of compassion.

***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 away from fearful responses into the light of your compassion.

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 living with fear.
Help us live out compassion.**
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

God, you are our light and our salvation. You are the stronghold of our life; of whom shall we be afraid? We seek a home in you. We seek a heart of curiosity. We seek an eye for beauty. Grounded in you, sheltered by your wings, you reveal a world unfolding in layers of love. Though we will suffer in the journey before us, our consent to your way of compassion makes us strong. Continue to gather and release, O God, as we peck out our path. Amen.

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Luke 13:31-35
***Hymn of Preparation**
Time for Silent Reflection
Sermon Title: "From Fear to Compassion" ~ 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 compassion. May the embrace of Jesus ease your fears and encourage you to care for others. 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: Mackenzie Butler Shenk
Song Leader: Mel Shenk
Readers: James & Samantha Salyers
Zoom Host: Don Brunk

**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>

*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 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:

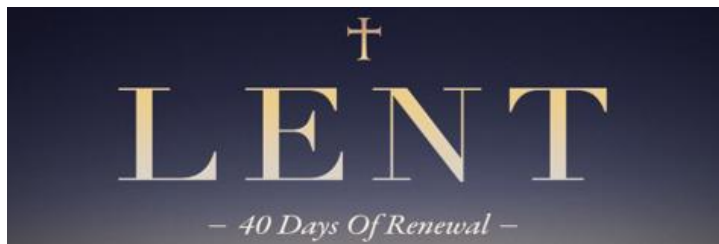
- ❖ “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!” ~ 2 Corinthians 9:15
- ❖ On March 5, 2022, Suzanne Brooks went to be with her Lord and Savior. Our thoughts and prayers are with Karen, David, Eric, and all her family as they come together to mourn her loss.
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for *Prince of Peace Mennonite Church* and the Service Adventure unit in Anchorage, Alaska, as Zaden Issah, Sam Setiawan and leader Michael Oyer recently welcomed three new participants from Germany: Sarah Huber, Alexander Mantler and Daniel Schumacher. Ask God to bless their transition to a larger household.
- ❖ “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.” ~Psalm 23:4
- ❖ *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 14	Leon Mulamba
March 16	Scott Mumaw
March 19	Leigha Sawyer; Ingrid Showalter; Cheri Nice
March 21	Lillian Miller
March 22	Steve Ziegler
March 29	Nicholas Mumaw
March 30	John Dey
March 31	Karen Mumaw

Happy Anniversary ~

March 17	Blair & Ann Aulich
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Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year)

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

Attendance Report

March 6, 2022

Worship Service: 52

Offering Report March 6, 2022

\$2,395.00	Mail Offertory totals this week toward FY2022
\$ 0.00(net)	E-giving support totals this week
\$2,395.00	Offertory Total 03/06/2022

Budget Offertory collected YTD (12/01/2021-03/06/2022= \$38,793.96)
Total Budgeted need 12/01/2021-03/06/2022=\$51,614.22

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

02/27/2022 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,531,438.05*
03/06/2022	00.00
03/06/2022 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,531,438.05*

(*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 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:

- ❖ *Sun., March 13*-Daylight Saving Time Begins
- ❖ *Sun., March 13*-9:30 a.m. Sunday School resumes
- ❖ *Thur., March 17*-St. Patrick's Day
- ❖ *Sun., March 20*-Worship Service & Coffee Connect
- ❖ *Sun., March 20*-1st Day of Spring



Announcements

While expecting Christ's return, we welcome yours.

WRMC COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES NEWS: Please welcome our newest Member-At-Large, **Ursula Bock**, as she helps bridge the communications between the Congregation and Council. Welcome Aboard!

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.: A celebration of life service for Suzanne Sault Hinson Brooks will be held at Christopher Newport University's Pope Chapel, followed by a reception at Alumni Hall. To celebrate the beauty of Suzanne's life and art, an endowment has been created in her name to provide opportunities for community members to participate in art programs. Donations may be made to the Suzanne Sault Hinson Brooks Community Arts Endowment at CNU's Mary M. Torggler Fine Arts Center. The family thanks everyone for their generous outpouring of love, prayers, meals, and sharing of memories.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022, at 11 a.m.: A celebration of life service for Muriel Lynn Brunk will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 11 a.m. followed by a light lunch. The service will be at Lindale Mennonite Church, 6255 Jesse Bennett Way, Lindale, VA 22834. Masks indoors are required. For those unable to attend, the service will be live streamed on https://youtu.be/uaCTuWel_Eg and will remain online at least a month for viewing later.

Sunday School resumes (*In-person and Virtual Adult Sunday School*)

- **Preschool Class:** **Katherine Hunnicutt** (*start date to be announced*)
Attend in-person class only.
- **Middler Class:** **Ann Aulich** (*resumes March 13, 2022*)
Attend in-person class only.
- **Adult Class:** **Sue Yoder** (*resumes March 13, 2022*)
Attend lively discussion type classes in-person or virtually. This Spring quarter 2022 we will be studying the book of Mark with the theme of "Disciples and Stewards".

Join Adult Sunday School via Zoom: (9:30-10:30 a.m.)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88305491609?pwd=Ri9ObjZ3b1lxWEtIUFRFN2NoTzJLQT09>

Meeting ID: 883 0549 1609

Passcode: 950132

