

“From Earning to Receiving”

*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 20, 2022

Third 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

Third Sunday of Lent Sunday Worship Service March 20, 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 believing that we
must earn our nourishment, our privileges, even our identity as God's
children, to an understanding that abundant life is a gift from God to all.*

-- Gathering --

Welcome and Invocation

Time for Greeting

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

People: **whose ways are not our ways,
whose thoughts are beyond our thoughts.**

Leader: Today we accept God's invitation to the feast,

People: **where there is water in the desert
and delightful food to share.**

Leader: As we worship, we receive the abundant gifts of God

People: **without money and without price.**

All: *So let us praise God and sing for joy.*

***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. (*Snip the cords that bind third box so the sides fall down to reveal another box, deeper in color.*)

All: ***Lord, move us from feeling we must earn your love to receive and give your grace to ourselves and others.***

Lenten 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 acting as if we must earn your love. Open us to receiving your love as a gift.**

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

Gracious God may our rich feast be an open ear to listen. May our rich feast be a song that springs forth from the heart. May our rich feast be a word of praise on our lips. May our rich feast grow as a gift, simple nutrients slowly nourishing the soil, patient as a tree. May we trust that the fruit will come. May we trust that Jesus is providing—the earth, the water, the air, the ear, the heart, the lips, the hands, the tools for the work—and that we are invited to take our place at the table, a table set long before our arrival. Amen.

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9; Luke 13:1-9; 1

*Hymn of Preparation

Time for Silent Reflection

Sermon Title: "From Earning to Receiving" ~ 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 receiving. May you let go of your feelings of unworthiness and accept God's abundant gifts. 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: Susan Ackerman

Song Leader: Don Brunk

Reader: Peggy Kipfer

Zoom Host: Leanna Schrock

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Please pray for all the people of Ukraine and all the helpers here and abroad, that the Lord may deliver us from this serious threat to peace.
- ❖ "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the Name of the Lord our God." ~ Psalm 20:7
- ❖ On March 15, 2022, Carolyn Hamblin went to be with her Lord and Savior. Our thoughts and prayers are with all her family and friends as we come together to mourn her loss.
- ❖ ***"The faithful love of the LORD never ends, His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning."*** ~ ***Lamentations 3:22-23***
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Austin Roberts, who has worked with *Youth With A Mission* (YWAM) in Northern Ireland since 2016. Pray for him as he juggles teaching locally and internationally with pursuing a mostly online doctorate from Fuller Theological Seminary in California.
- ❖ ***"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."*** ~ ***Ephesians 4:2-3***
- ❖ *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*

Sunday School

- **Preschool Class:** **Katherine Hunnicutt** (start date to be announced)
Attend in-person class only.
- **Middler Class:** **Ann Aulich** (resumed March 13, 2022)
Attend in-person class only.
LOCATION: WRCS SCHOOL BUILDING - 9:30 to 10:30 A.M.
- **Adult Class:** **Sue Yoder** (resumed March 13, 2022)
Lively discussion type class. This Spring quarter 2022 we are studying the book of Mark (Theme: "Disciples & Stewards")
Attend in-person OR virtually.
LOCATION: CHAPEL - 9:30 to 10:30 A.M.

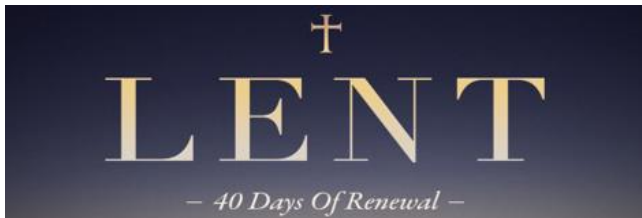
Join Adult Sunday School via Zoom: (9:30-10:30 a.m.)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88305491609?pwd=Ri9ObjZ3b1lxWEtUFRFN2NoTzJLQT09>

Meeting ID: 883 0549 1609
Passcode: 950132

Happy Birthday ~

March 21 Lillian Miller
March 22 Steve Ziegler
March 29 Nicholas Mumaw
March 30 John Dey
March 31 Karen Mumaw
April 1 Brenda Lytle
April 4 Evangeline Schrock; Don Brunk; Casey Sawyer Nelson
April 6 Joelle Durren
April 9 Dakota Wade
April 10 Ernie Miller



Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year)

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

March 13, 2022 Attendance Report: ~Sunday School: 19 ~Worship Service: 50

Offering Report March 13, 2022

\$ 320.00	Mail Offertory totals this week toward FY2022
\$ 50.00	Building Fund
\$ 0.00(net)	E-giving support totals this week
\$ 370.00	Offertory Total 03/13/2022

Budget Offertory collected YTD (12/01/2021-03/13/2022= \$39,210.58)
Total Budgeted need 12/01/2021-03/13/2022=\$55,300.95

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

03/06/2022 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,531,438.05*
03/13/2022	50.00
03/13/2022 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,531,488.05*

(*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 20-9:30 a.m.* Sunday School
- ❖ *Sun., March 20-Worship Service & Coffee Connect*
- ❖ *Sun., March 20-1st Day of Spring*
- ❖ *Tues., March 22-4:00 – 6:00 p.m.* Community Prayer Group meets in the Warwick River Chapel
- ❖ *Sun., March 27-4th Sunday of Lent*
- ❖ *Sun., April 10-Palm Sunday*
- ❖ *Fri., April 15-Good Friday*
- ❖ *Sun., April 17-Easter Sunday*



Announcements

While expecting Christ's return, we welcome yours.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022, 7:00 p.m. in the WARWICK RIVER CHAPEL:

Come and explore Gary Chapman's book "[The Five Love Languages](#)" which will be presented by Lewi Blosser, who is with Child Development Resources in Williamsburg, VA. Coffee & donuts will be served. Masks optional. Child care unavailable. Contact Sue Yoder (Snooky) if any question: 7570877-4135.

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.

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>

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*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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