

“From Certainty to Openness”

*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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April 17, 2022

Resurrection Sunday

*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

Resurrection Sunday Sunday Worship Service April 17, 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 the confidence of
knowing how things are to the unsettling openness of realizing God's
ways are beyond what we can imagine.*

-- Gathering --

Welcome and Invocation

Time for Greeting

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Together we seek the way of God—

Group 1: the generous,

Group 2: compassionate,

Group 1: grace-filled,

Group 2: inclusive,

Group 1: abundant,

Group 2: powerful,

Group 1: unsettling,

All: way of God.

Leader: On this day that God has made, may our hearts be open to the good
news: Christ is not here, for he is risen.

All: Jesus Christ is risen indeed!

-- Confessing --

Prayer of Assurance

Creating God, redeeming God, sustaining God, you are always on the cusp of creating new heavens, new earth. The twists and turns of life, the resurrection from death, the power of love to find a path in the wilderness—all astound and confound us. We stand wet-eyed with open mouths before the tomb. The stone has been rolled away, and we peer into darkness as your voice calls from behind. You know our names. You are a new being, you are compassion, and you are release, urging us not to hold on to you but to join in your movement. May we move so that our lives become new, the circle of our care expands and connects, our openness clearly declares, “We have seen the Lord!” On this day of resurrection, we praise you for your renewing promise and power. Amen.

-- Hearing from God’s Word --

Scripture Reading:

John 20:1-18

*Hymn of Preparation

Time for Silent Reflection

Sermon Title: “From Certainty to Openness” ~ 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 openness. May you have the courage to step beyond certainty into the unsettling miracle of the resurrection. As you go, give thanks that the Resurrected One leads you toward God’s way. Alleluia!

*Song of Sending

Serving Today:

Pastor John M. Dey

Worship Leader: Kathryn Baer

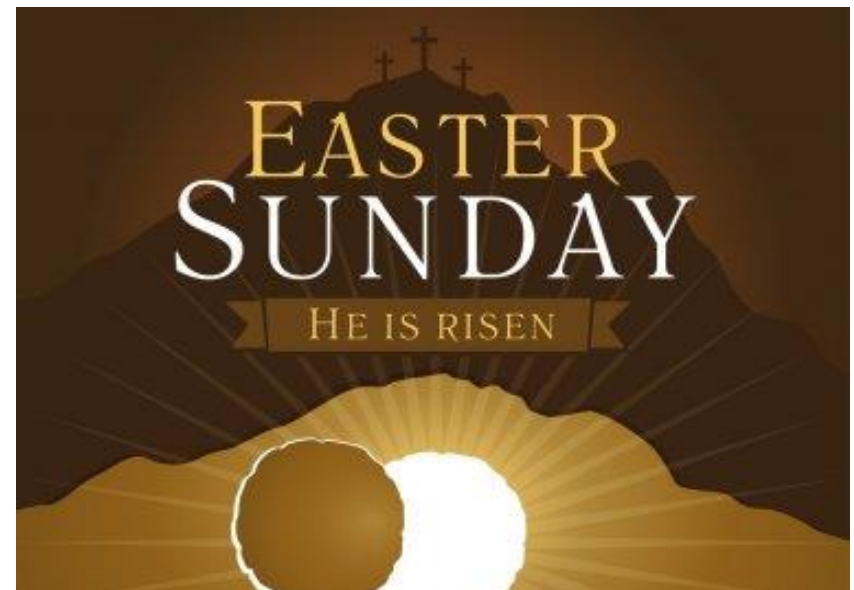
Song Leader: Don Brunk

Reader: Jan Dennis

Zoom Host: Don Brunk

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Continue to 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.
- ❖ “Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.” ~ Jeremiah 17:14
- ❖ **On this Easter Sunday, join Mennonite Mission Network’s 161 workers and 116 partner organizations throughout the United States and in 47 countries around the world in proclaiming the message of Jesus’ resurrection power and love to those you encounter. Pray that each of God’s children will be a faithful witness.**
- ❖ “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading...” ~1 Peter 1:3-4a
- ❖ **Please pray for Kay Smith as she was admitted to the Williamsburg Sentara Hospital with a cough and fever. Pray also for Kay's family and friends as they make their way through the coming days.**
- ❖ *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 09:30-10:30**
Attend in-person class only.
LOCATION: WRCS SCHOOL BUILDING, 1st Floor
- **Middler Class: Ann Aulich 09:30-10:30**
Attend in-person class only.
LOCATION: WRCS SCHOOL BUILDING, 1st Floor
- **Adult Class: Sue Yoder 09:30-10:30**
Lively discussion type class. This Spring quarter 2022 we are studying the book of Mark (Theme: “Disciples & Stewards”)
Attend in-person OR virtually.
LOCATION: WRCS SCHOOL BUILDING, 2nd Floor

Join Adult Sunday School via Zoom:

Zoom Link: [Click Here](#) to enter Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 817 4044 5865

*When you join, you will enter a waiting room and then be admitted individually

Phone: 301-715-8592 / 817 4044 5865

Happy Birthday ~

April 17	Kathy Saunders; Mackenzie Shenk
April 19	Evelyn Hertzler
April 20	Carmen Stover
April 21	Andrew Crumly
April 22	Patricia Brunk; Chris Dey
April 23	Mary Lou Shives; Charlie Zollinger
April 25	Zach Dey; Ashley Jean Lytle

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Sun., April 17th: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School (Preschool and Middler’s Sunday School are cancelled)*
- ❖ *Sun., April 17th: 10:40 a.m. Worship Service & Coffee Connect*
- ❖ *Tues., April 19th: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Community Prayer Group meets in the Warwick River Chapel*



Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year)

FY2022 runs 12/01/2021 through 11/30/2022

Annual operating expense budget: \$191,710.00

Attendance Report: APRIL 10, 2022- Sunday School: 18 / Worship Service: 55
Offering Report April 10, 2022

\$ 2,675.00	Mail Offertory totals this week toward FY2022
\$ 1,000.00	Missions
\$ 500.00	Brotherhood
\$ 500.00	THRIVE
\$ 500.00	WRCLC
<u>\$ 101.48(net)</u>	<u>E-giving support totals this week</u>
\$ 5,276.48	Offertory Total 04/10/2022

Budget Offertory collected YTD (12/01/2021-04/10/2022= \$52,403.54)

Total Budgeted need 12/01/2021-04/10/2022=\$70,047.87

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week’s Building Fund Update

04/03/2022 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,531,538.05*
04/10/2022	0.00
04/10/2022 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,531,538.05*

(*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)

Warwick River Mennonite Church
Zoom platform

HOW TO CONNECT

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

Computer: [Click Here](#) to enter Zoom Meeting

*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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Announcements

While expecting Christ's return, we welcome yours.

Happy Easter, everyone! Thank you for helping decorate the cross!

WRMC SUNDAY SCHOOL,

Beginning SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.: Adult Sunday School will begin meeting in the WRCLC school building across the parking lot from the Chapel.

EASTER EGG HUNT, SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH

An Easter Egg Hunt for the children will follow the worship service during coffee connect.

THRIVE FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED THIS MONTH:

- **Chicken (fresh, frozen, canned)**
- **Crackers**
- **Jelly**
- **Ready Meals**

If you wish to help, we collect all donations at the Church Office located in the preschool building (formerly WRCS).

Thank you in advance for pitching in and helping with this important mission. Questions? Call: 757-874-0794

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

A celebration of life service for Paul Shenk will be held at Providence Mennonite Church, followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Announcements continued:

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022,

A congregational meeting will be held following the worship service to discuss and vote (via written ballot) on Council's recommendation for moving forward with our pastoral search, as outlined in the announcement made April 8, 2022. Absentee ballots will be available at the mailboxes and may be submitted via emailing or calling the WRMC office (757-874-0794).

WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN RETREAT CENTER:

is announcing summer camp options, be sure to explore by visiting their website:

<https://www.wcrc.info/summer-camp/family-camp/>



Family Camp Registration is opening this Wednesday!

Registration fills quickly - keep an eye on [our website](#) for the access link!

Register by May 15th to get \$20 off the price of Family Camp!

We take care of the details so you can focus on spending quality time in a distraction-free environment and enjoying God's wonderful creation with an assortment of outdoor activities. We also provide a spiritual focus to help you shepherd your family into a deeper relationship with God so you'll feel reconnected, refreshed, and ready to do life.