

## “The Healing Presence”

*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](http://www.warwickrivermennonite.org)*



## Warwick River Mennonite Church

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**April 24, 2022**

*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 April 24, 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](mailto:johnmichaeldey@gmail.com) ]

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    District Overseer – David Lehman  
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***

### -- Gathering --

Welcome and Invocation

Time for Greeting

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: We have not seen the risen Christ,

**People: But we see him in the lives  
of those transformed by grace.**

Leader: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

**People: But we have seen him in the faces  
of everyone whose love encourages us.**

Leader: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

**People: But we have been called  
to bring healing to the scarred of the world.**

Hymn of Praise and Gathering

**-- Hearing from God's Word --**

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

Time for Silent Reflection

Sermon Title: "The Healing Presence" ~ Pastor John Dey

**-- Responding to God's Word --**

**Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Offertory Prayer

Offering

Time for Sharing of Announcements

**-- Sending --**

"Peace be with you," Jesus says to us in this room.

"As the Father sent me, so I send you."

No doubt or fear can lock God out of our lives.

Remember that as you leave this place,

sent forward to live by faith.

And may these words echo through your mind, as well:

"Blessed are those who have not seen

and yet have come to believe."

And all God's people said, "Amen!"

— written by Peter L. Haynes

**\*Song of Sending**

**Serving Today:**

*Pastor John M. Dey*

*Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler Shenk*

*Song Leader: Micah Shenk*

*Reader: Jan Dennis*

*Zoom Host: Leanna Schrock*



**Prayer and Praise Requests:**

- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Colleen and Pablo Fast, who have been asked by leadership of the Paz Church in Brazil to help shepherd a congregation in Apui for eight months. Pray for the Fasts as they transition from their home along the Purus River to a new culture that focuses on cattle-raising and lumber.
- ❖ "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise." ~ Jeremiah 17:14
- ❖ Pray for the orphans, that they will be protected and given a loving Christian home.
- ❖ 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](mailto:warwickrivermc@gmail.com)

**Happy Birthday ~**

April 25 Zach Dey; Ashley Jean Lytle

May 4 Addison Fuller, William Longacher

May 9 Kelliagh Longacher, Carleigh Longacher

**Upcoming Events:**

- ❖ Sun., April 24<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- ❖ Sun., April 24<sup>th</sup>: 10:40 a.m. Worship Service & Coffee Connect
- ❖ Tues., April 26<sup>th</sup>: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Community Prayer Group meets in the Warwick River Chapel
- ❖ Wed. May 18<sup>th</sup>: WRCLC Staff/Faculty Appreciation Day

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

\*MEETING ID: 846 7407 1811

\*PASSWORD: 809884

*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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## Sunday School

- **Preschool Class: Katherine Hunnicutt 09:30-10:30**  
Attend in-person class only.  
LOCATION: WRCS SCHOOL BUILDING, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- **Middler Class: Ann Aulich 09:30-10:30**  
Attend in-person class only.  
LOCATION: WRCS SCHOOL BUILDING, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## Announcements

*While expecting Christ's return, we welcome yours.*

Offering baskets are back and will be distributed during in-person worship service.

### **PASTORAL SEARCH WRITTEN BALLOT - VOTING PROCEDURES, APRIL 24, 2022:**

Please turn in your Ballot before you leave the Chapel today. Absentee Ballots will be available at the mailboxes and printed in the bulletin, and may be submitted via emailing or calling the office no later than Tuesday, 04/26/2022 at 12:00 noon. Thank you in advance.

### **COFFEE CONNECT:**

Baked goods are now available for you to enjoy with your coffee. Monetary donations are encouraged and will be used to support the WRMC General Fund. If you wish to donate baked goods to the cause, please contact Jenn Salyers at: [salyers.jennifer@gmail.com](mailto:salyers.jennifer@gmail.com)

## Announcements continued:

### **THRIVE FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED THIS MONTH:**

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

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

### **WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN RETREAT CENTER:**

is announcing summer camp options, for information, visit their website <https://www.wcrc.info/summer-camp/family-camp/>

### **Board Members Needed:**

The Warwick River Christian Learning Center (WRCLC) is seeking additional Board Members from Warwick River and the wider community to support this important and thriving ministry. The Board meets monthly. Please contact Lisa Zeigler if you are interested in serving.

### **WRCLC Staff/Faculty Appreciation Day, WEDNESDAY, 5/18/2022**

#### **~ Volunteers Needed:**

As a congregation, we are blessed with the mission of supporting the children who attend the Warwick River Christian Learning Center (WRCLC). We have a new mission to accomplish in May 2022: Staff Appreciation Event on Wednesday, 5/18/2022.

What's on the menu? Leafy-green salads, sandwiches, and perhaps a few sweet/healthy treats. All items will need to be dropped off by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 5/18/2022. Please label your containers to aid in the return process.

INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT? Please [Click Here](#) to sign up. Questions? Contact your WRMC/WRCLC Liaison Jenn Salyers at 757-848-8284 or [salyers.jennifer@gmail.com](mailto:salyers.jennifer@gmail.com).

### **Worship Commission Chair Needed:**

The WRMC Worship Commission is the amazing group of volunteers that plan the church worship service every Sunday! This team brings the service to life with contributions like responsive readings, music selections, decorations, etc., and ensures we have the technology to do it. The Chair of the Worship Commission is, in essence, the chief administrator of this group and sits on the WRMC Council. Please contact Lisa Zeigler if you are interested in serving!

# Ballot

**Warwick River Mennonite Church  
Affirmation Ballot allowing Council to pursue a  
Transitional Pastor  
who is trained to guide congregations through transition.**

**April 24, 2022**

Council of Ministries Recommendation up for vote:

A transitional pastor would be hired for up to 2 years while we spend time exploring our hopes and dreams, while also knowing that the significant functions of our pastor are being fulfilled. A transitional pastor would need to preach, teach, and carry out the ministries of pastoral care and administration.

Please indicate your affirmation (yes), or, non-affirmation (no) votes below.

affirmed  not affirmed

**I am a member at Warwick River Mennonite Church**

Yes  No

**Signature (for absentee ballot only)**

x \_\_\_\_\_



## Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year)

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

Annual operating expense budget: \$191,710.00

**Attendance Report: APRIL 17, 2022- Sunday School: 8 / Worship Service: 60**

**Offering Report April 17, 2022**

\$ 370.00 In-person Offertory totals this week toward FY2022

\$ 0.00 Mail Offertory totals this week toward FY2022

\$ 200.00 Building Fund

\$ 0.00(net) E-giving support totals this week

\$ 570.00 Offertory Total 04/17/2022

Budget Offertory collected YTD (12/01/2021-04/17/2022= \$52,773.54)

Total Budgeted need 12/01/2021-04/17/2022=\$73,734.60

**Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church**

Deuteronomy 16:17



## Building News Corner

### This Week's Building Fund Update

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

04/17/2022 200.00

04/17/2022 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,531,738.05\*

(\*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)