

## “Celebrating the Christ”

*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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May 1, 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 May 1, 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** [ [johnmichaeldev@gmail.com](mailto:johnmichaeldev@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: Brothers and sisters. If you lift your net and it is empty,  
Come here!

**All: We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.**

Leader: If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One,  
Come here!

**All: We'll find the Risen Christ here among us.**

Leader: If your life is filled with mourning,  
Come here!

**All: Christ is leading a dance of joy.**

Leader: Come here, sisters and brothers!

**All: To give blessing and honor and glory to God!**

*~ from Feed My Lambs, written by Rev. Quentin Chin*

Hymn of Praise and Gathering

## -- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: John 21:1-19; Revelation 5:11-14

### \*Hymn of Preparation

Time for Silent Reflection

Sermon Title: "Celebrating the Christ" ~ 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 --

### Prayer of Sending:

Christ asks if we love him?

If we say yes, he says; "Then care for one another."

This is our opportunity to make a difference, to live lovingly on the frontiers of his bright new world.

**We cannot promise to do it perfectly, but we can give it a go, relying on his abundant wisdom to take our small love, and fit it into a larger pattern of good for all creation.**

May God bless the world in which you move,  
and bless your home and bless your friends.

May God bless the eyes with which you see,  
and bless the ears with which you listen.

May God bless the way you use your hands,  
bless the way you employ your tongues. (From a Celtic prayer)

As a bonus from the living God in Christ Jesus,  
grace mercy and peace will be yours, today and always.

**Amen!** ~ written by Bruce Prewer

### \*Song of Sending

## Serving Today:

*Pastor John M. Dey*

*Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman*

*Song Leader: Noah Shenk*

*Reader: Chris Miller*

*Zoom Host: Rachael Shenk*

## Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ **Mennonite Mission Network joins Marlene Wall, president of LCC International University in Lithuania, in requesting prayer for faculty and staff, who are caring for both students and refugees from Ukraine. Ukrainian refugees have traveled about 700 miles to flee the violence from the Russian invasion. Pray that God's people around the world will contribute to this ministry.**
- ❖ "You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah!" ~Psalm 32:7
- ❖ **Pray to the Lord that peace will come back to Ukraine, and families will return home and be reunited.**
- ❖ *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)*

### 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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## Happy Birthday ~

May 4	Addison Fuller, William Longacher
May 9	Kelliagh Longacher, Carleigh Longacher
May 11	Rhonda Miller, Dale Shenk
May 13	Chris Davis

## Anniversaries ~

May 2	Brandon & Katherine Stover
May 10	Raul & Adena (Longacher) Lear
May 13	Harold & Sue Yoder (1961)

## Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Sun., May 1<sup>st</sup>*: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- ❖ *Sun., May 1<sup>st</sup>*: 10:40 a.m. Worship Service & Coffee Connect
- ❖ *Tues., May 3<sup>rd</sup>*: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Community Prayer Group meets in the Warwick River Chapel
- ❖ *Thur., May 5<sup>th</sup>*: 7:00 p.m. WRMC Council Meeting
- ❖ *Wed. May 18<sup>th</sup>*: WRCLC Staff/Faculty Appreciation Day

### 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.**

### WRMC COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES ~ ANNOUNCEMENT DATED MAY 1, 2022:

Voting took place last Sunday as timely announced by Notice to the congregation. Ballots have been counted and by majority vote ***Council will move forward in the pursuit of a transitional pastor who is trained to guide congregations through transition.*** Please offer your prayers to our Lord and your support to each other as we venture forward in faith and hope and a new chapter at WRMC.

## Announcements continued:

### COFFEE CONNECT:

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

### 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

### 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!

### 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



**Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year)**

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

Annual operating expense budget: \$191,710.00

**Attendance Report**

**April 24, 2022**

**Worship Service: 44 ~ Sunday School: 19**

**Offering Report April 24, 2022**

\$ 1580.00	In-person Offertory totals this week toward FY2022
\$ 500.00	Mail Offertory totals this week toward FY2022
\$ 110.00	Designated toward food for Memorial Service
\$ 0.00(net)	E-giving support totals this week
\$ 4.00	Coffee Connect donations received (4/17/2022)
<u>\$ 38.00</u>	<u>Coffee Connect donations received (4/24/2022)</u>
\$ 2,232.00	Offertory Total 04/24/2022

Budget Offertory collected YTD (12/01/2021-04/24/2022= \$54,895.54)

Total Budgeted need 12/01/2021-04/24/2022=\$77,421.33

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

Deuteronomy 16:17



**Building News Corner**

**This Week's Building Fund Update**

<b>04/17/2022 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,531,738.05*</b>
<b>04/24/2022</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>04/24/2022 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,531,738.05*</b>

(\*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)