

## “Opening and Closing in Thanksgiving”

*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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757-874-0794

May 22, 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 22, 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) ]

District Overseer – David Lehman Church Elder – Tammarra 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*

### -- Gathering --

Welcome and Invocation

Time for Greeting

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We enter this place with thanksgiving  
because we know that the Lord to whom  
we belong is our Shepherd and our King

**People: We rejoice over the steadfast love and  
faithfulness of God enduring forever  
—to all generations.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God with praise and joy,  
and with thanksgiving in our hearts.

**Hymn of Praise and Gathering**



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

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:1-8

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

Time for Silent Reflection

Sermon Title: "Opening and Closing in Thanksgiving"

~ 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 --**

**\*Song of Sending**

**Prayer of Sending:**

As you go from here,  
may God, the source of our hope,  
fill you up completely with joy and peace,  
so that you overflow with thanksgiving  
for God and one another.

**Serving Today:**

*Pastor John M. Dey*

*Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler Shenk*

*Song Leader: Mel Shenk*

*Reader: Jan Dennis*

*Zoom Host: Don Brunk*



**Prayer and Praise Requests:**

- ❖ Continue to pray for healing for Connie Saunders. Her surgery went well and she is now at Gardens of Warwick Forest for a few weeks of rehabilitation. Her contact information is:  
Denbigh Blvd., Room 202 (Rehab 200), Newport News, VA 23608 //  
Cell Phone: 804-586-1045
- ❖ **Brian and Noelia Fox of Mennonite Mission Network visit the Mennonite church in Barcelona, Spain, monthly. Pray that God will protect the Fox family on the roads, as they make the seven-hour drive from their home in Burgos. Pray also for the congregation in Barcelona as they discern their next avenues of ministry.**
- ❖ "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth." ~ 1 Timothy 2:1-3
- ❖ **Praise and thanks for our most generous congregation over all the years, who have been steadfast in supporting our church's needed projects. Reminding us that God is always faithful in supplying our needs.**
- ❖ *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 28	Darrel Schrock
May 31	Jake Hanbury
June 3	Jonathan Aulich; Chris Bock
June 4	Ken Hurr
June 7	Louretta Wilson

## Anniversaries ~

May 22	Micah & Mackenzie Shenk
May 30	Sam & Susan Parrucci
June 1	Richard & Theresa Siebels
June 2	Darrel & Evangeline Schrock



### 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

## WRCLC 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.

## Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Sun., May 22<sup>nd</sup>: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School*
- ❖ *Sun., May 22<sup>nd</sup>: 10:40 a.m. Worship Service & Coffee Connect*
- ❖ *Tues., May 24<sup>th</sup>: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Community Prayer Group meets in the Warwick River Chapel*
- ❖ *Thurs., May 26<sup>th</sup>: Ascension Day*
- ❖ *Thurs., June 2<sup>nd</sup>: 7pm – WRMC Council Meeting*

## Announcements

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

### NOTICE

#### WORSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

**Affirmation Ballots will be made available**

**June 5, 2022 for your vote, as follows:**

Stuart Hunnicutt has been nominated and approved by WRMC Council of Ministries, for the position of WRMC Worship Committee Chair, and, he has agreed to serve, if affirmed by the congregation. Ballots will be collected following WRMC Worship Service June 5, 2022.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE THE WRCLC STAFF AND FACULTY APPRECIATION DAY A SUCCESS.** The menu was well received and helped WRMC provide a joyful day to the staff and faculty who make such a difference to the children who attend the Learning Center. We thank you so very much.

### THRIVE FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED THIS MONTH:

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

Wish to help? Collection points are at the Church Office & now also in the Chapel foyer. Thank you in advance for pitching in and helping with this important mission. Questions? Call: 757-874-0794

**MOTORCYCLE FOR MISSIONS 2022:**

JUNE 3-4, 2022 POWHATAN – HARRISONBURG-STAUNTON  
Join us for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Motorcycle for Missions ride! Learn more:  
<https://www.vmissions.org/motorcycle-for-missions>

*Warwick River Christian Preschool & Learning Center  
is seeking employees for full and part time positions.  
Shifts would be Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm.  
So, no evenings or weekends!  
Previous child care experience preferred  
but all applicants will be considered.  
Interested parties should call 757-877-2941.  
Please help us spread the word!  
We ask for prayers as we search for dedicated people  
to care for the children.  
Thanks, Ann Aulich  
757-870-2042*



**Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year)**  
FY2022 runs 12/01/2021 through 11/30/2022  
Annual operating expense budget: \$191,710.00

**Attendance Report  
May 15, 2022**

**Worship Service: 59 ~ Sunday School: 14**

**Offering Report May 15, 2022**

\$ 732.00	In-person Offertory totals this week toward FY2022
\$ 0.00	Mail Offertory totals this week toward FY2022
\$ 522.24	Bequest
\$ 2094.75	from WRCLC/WRCS reimbursed shared stormwater fee
\$ 0.00(net)	E-giving support totals this week
\$ 0.00	no Coffee Connect this week (5/15/2022)
\$ 3348.99	Offertory Total 05/15/2022
Budget Offertory collected YTD (12/01/2021-05/15/2022= \$67,394.53)	
Total Budgeted need 12/01/2021-05/15/2022=\$88,481.52	

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

Deuteronomy 16:17



**Building News Corner**

**This Week's Building Fund Update**

<b>05/08/2022 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,532,388.05*</b>
<b>05/15/2022</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>05/15/2022 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,532,388.05*</b>
<i>(*includes \$12,947.05 estimated value stock shares)</i>	

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)

FROM THE WRMC VISIONING TEAM  
MAY 22, 2022



*A THOUGHT TO PONDER ...*

None of us know where we will be in 20 years, but we do know we want the church and congregation to be healthy and thriving. So, given that, what sort of groundwork should you lay now, so your vision for 20 years from now can happen with or without you?



How would you answer that question?

If you like, your response can be emailed to one of the Visioning Team members listed below. Or keep pondering and share your thoughts during small group meetings.

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|---------------|--|--------------|
| Don Brunk     | <a href="mailto:dhbrunk@hillmeadow.net">dhbrunk@hillmeadow.net</a> | 610-787-0823 |
| Tammara Geary | <a href="mailto:tammarag@cox.net">tammarag@cox.net</a>             | 757-329-8959 |
| Twila Brunk   | <a href="mailto:tybrunk@hillmeadow.net">tybrunk@hillmeadow.net</a> | 757-566-1619 |
| Ann Aulich    | <a href="mailto:aulichwrms@yahoo.com">aulichwrms@yahoo.com</a>     | 757-870-2042 |

[Next week we will provide information on how to sign up for small groups!](#)

"According to the grace of God, which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it." ~1 Corinthians 3:10

