

“The Gospel”



Warwick River Mennonite Church

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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 26, 2019

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 10:40 a.m.

-- Gathering --

Prelude

*Welcome and Invocation

*Time for Greeting

*Call to Worship

Leader: Grace unto you and peace from God,
who was and who is
and who is to come,

**People: and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the first born of the dead,
ruler above all rulers of the earth.**

Leader: In love Jesus Christ suffered death to free us from our sins,

**People: making all who confess Christ a nation of priests
set aside for God's service.**

ALL: To Jesus Christ be glory and power forever and ever!

*Hymns of Praise and Gathering

-- Hearing from God's Word--

Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Time for Silent Reflection

(Children may now go to Children's Church)

*Hymn of Preparation

Sermon: "The Gospel"

Jim Thornton

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GOSPEL

1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 8

15 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

I. The Gospel

II. **Gospel on the Ground**
God-Person-Christ-Repentance

III. **Gospel in the Air**
God-Church-Community-Restoration

IV. **Gospel in the Heavens**
God-Creation-Redemption-Reconciliation

-- Responding--

*Hymn of Response

Time for Sharing of Announcements, Blessings, and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Offering

-- Sending --

*Prayer of Sending

Leader: Go in love,

People: for love alone endures.

Leader: Go in peace,

People: for it is the gift of God.

Leader: Go in safety,

People: for we cannot go where God is not.

*Song of Sending

Worship Leader:

Katherine Baer

Song Leader:

Lisa Fannin

*We extend a very special welcome and sincere thanks to
Jim Thornton
for bringing the message this morning.*



(*Please stand if you are able.)

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ I have a health update regarding my 15-year-old great niece, Arianna Ryman, in Pennsylvania. Arianna's neurosurgeon reports her cancer is now in remission and she doesn't have to have surgery on her spine at the present time. Also, although she does not have to wear her back brace, she must tread softly as she continues to recover and move forward from this health scare. Praise God for answered prayers. Thank you everyone, Jan Dennis.
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the people of Venezuela. Pray for peace and that God would pour out abundant blessings as Mennonite congregations share what little they have with their neighbors.
- ❖ Prayer concerns may be requested and updated by calling or emailing the church office.

Happy Birthday ~

May 28 Darrel Schrock
May 31 Jake Hanbury
June 3 Jonathan Aulich; Chris Bock

Happy Anniversary ~

May 30 Sam & Susan Parrucci
June 1 Richard & Theresa Siebels
June 2 Darrel & Evangeline Schrock

2019 Council of Ministries: **Congregation Chair** Lisa Ziegler **Pastor** John M. Dey
Head Elder Kathryn Baer **Outreach Chair** Sue Yoder
Stewardship Chair Tom Salyers **Christian Education Chair** Ann Aulich
Worship Chair Lisa Fannin **Fellowship Chair** Susan Dey
Member-at-Large Noah Shenk **Member-at-Large** Theresa Siebels
Trustees: Mel Shenk, Clark Siebels **Finance Committee:** Steve Ziegler, Noah Shenk
Church office hours are: Tues. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Mon., May 27* – Memorial Day (WRCS & WRCLC closed)
- ❖ *Thurs., May 30* – Ascension Day
- ❖ *Fri., May 31* – WRCS Field Day (Kindergarten – Grade 5)
- ❖ *Sun., June 2* – 4:00 p.m. Celebrating Warwick River Christian School, at WRMC followed by pork barbecue meal on the grounds. Bring your own chairs/blankets for seating. (see insert)
- ❖ *Tues., June 4* – 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. WRMC Homemakers Fellowship meets Sewing Room
- ❖ *Thurs., June 6* – 7 p.m. WRMC Council Meeting
- ❖ *Fri., June 7* – WRCS last day of school – early dismissal at 11:30am
- ❖ *Sat., June 8* – 4:30 – 9:30 p.m. Harmonica Club meets Fellowship Hall
- ❖ *Mon., June 10* – WRCLC Summer Camp begins

-- Announcements --

**Dear WRCS Community
(and supporting congregations),**
At the meeting with patrons 4/29/2019, those in attendance rallied in support of the school. One of our patrons volunteered to organize a campaign to raise the funds needed to keep WRCS open for another year or two. The Board feels this will allow time to strategically plan for our future with a vision and financial sustainability. The amount needed to be raised is \$1 million based on an enrollment of 80 or more students. \$500,000 needs to be raised no later than May 30. Once the \$500,000 is raised the Board will approach the School Council for reconsideration of the decision to close the School.
If you are interested in helping with this campaign, please contact the school office (757-877-2941 or lclark@warwickriver.org). The WRCS School Board appreciates your continued prayers.

THRIVE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: jelly; cereal; crackers; and oatmeal. If you wish to help, we have a collection box in the hallway near the Church Office. Thank you so much.

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Pastor John will begin his sabbatical on the second Sunday in June through the last Sunday in August. Zachary Dey will be serving as WRMC ministry intern during June and July and we will have special guest speakers in August. During this sabbatical, Pastor John and Susan are planning to do service work at the *Lezha Academic Center* in Lezha, Albania, with Dini and Klementina Shahini. <http://www.albanianchristianschool.org/index.php> Among other things, John and Susan will be assisting with their summer camp programs. In support of this service trip, the Council of Ministries has opened a fund and our members are encouraged to give generously.

SUMMER CAMP @ Warwick River Christian Learning Center (WRCLC): Designed for Rising Kindergartners – 8th Graders. First day of Camp is Monday, June 10, 2019. Attend by day, by the week or all summer! Field Trips, Arts & Crafts, Outdoor Play. Plan now for summer fun! For information or to register, call 757-877-0130 or go to:

<http://warwickriver.org/index.php/summer-camp/>

VMMISSIONS IS RECRUITING TEAM MEMBERS to serve August 30 to September 20, 2019 in a refugee camp in Lesvos, Greece. The deadline for registration is soon so if you have any interest, please contact Martin Rhodes at martin.rhodes@vmmissions.org, (540) 434-9727, or (800) 707-5535. Russell & Casey DeYoung were on the team last year and can give first-hand information about their experience. Casey can be reached at cdeyoung224@gmail.com.

-- FY 2019 Offering Report --

May 19, 2019

Offering: \$1,165.00

Pastor Dey Albania Mission Trip = \$50.00

Offering collected YTD: [Dec 1, 2018-May 19, 2019] = \$68,782.39

Budget [Dec 1 2018-May 19, 2019] = \$78,846.00



Building News Corner:

-- This Week's Building Fund Update --

05/12/2019 Building Fund Balance:	\$1,458,995.87
05/19/2019 Noisy Offering (postponed from 5/12/19) \$	27.07
05/19/2019 Building Fund Balance to date	\$1,459,022.94

Celebrating
Warwick River Christian School
Sunday, June 2 @ 4:00 pm
at Warwick River Mennonite Church
 250 Lucas Creek Rd, Newport News, VA 23602

Please join us as we celebrate WRCS
and its blessing to the community
for over 75 years.

Following the program, everyone is invited
to enjoy a
Pork BBQ meal on the grounds.

****Please bring your own chairs/blankets for seating.****