

Choosing God
September 11, 2022



Warwick River Mennonite Church

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

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WELCOME HOME TO Warwick River Mennonite Church

In-person 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

Recorded Sermons available at www.warwickrivermennonite.org

District Overseer – David Lehman

Church Elder – Tammara Geary

Christian Education Chair - Ann Aulich

Fellowship Chair - Theresa Siebels

Worship Chair - Stuart Hunnicutt

Congregation Chair - Lisa Ziegler

Stewardship Chair - Tom Salyers

Outreach Chair - Sue Yoder

Members-at-Large - Laura Siebels &
Ursula Bock

Secretary - Pat O'Connor office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9:30am – 3:30pm

Serving Today:

Guest Speaker: Stuart Hunnicutt

Worship Leader: Katherine Hunnicutt

Song Leader: Mel Shenk

Readers: James & Samantha Salyers

Zoom Host: Don Brunk

Warwick River Mennonite Church HOW TO CONNECT

***Worship Service * Sunday School * Meetings ***

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

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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)*

-- Gathering --

Welcome

***Hymn of Praise and Gathering**

Call to Worship: (Luke 1: 78-79. NRSV)

By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Merciful God, We come together to worship, longing for tenderness
because this world can be hard. We come longing for light
because our lives are crowded with shadows.
We come desperately needing direction.
Fill us this morning with your peace: your spirit is our peace and our path.

***Hymn of Preparation**

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:43-48
Sermon Title: "Choosing God" – Stuart Hunnicutt

-- Responding to God's Word --

***Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns
Offertory Prayer & Offertory
Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

Prayer of Sending: (1 Thessalonians 5:23-26, 28. NKJV)

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely;
and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

Brethren, pray for us. Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

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

**Attendance Report
September 4, 2022**

Worship Service: 43 ~ Sunday School: 18

Offering Report September 4, 2022

\$ 1,396.00	In-person Offertory totals this week toward FY2022
\$ 25.00	Office & Mail Offertory totals this week FY2022
<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>Use of Facility donation</u>
\$ 1,471.00	Offertory Total 9/4/2022
Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2021-09/4/2022= \$95,808.62	
Total Budgeted need 12/01/2021-09/4/2022=\$147,469.20	

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops. Proverbs

3:9



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

08/28/2022 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,532,538.05*
09/04/2022	0.00
09/04/2022 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,532,538.05*

(*includes \$12,947.05 estimated value stock shares)



Warwick River Mennonite Church
is grateful for your financial support and
committed to exercising faithful stewardship
over the funds contributed.

We are very aware of the many sacrifices you make to provide these
gifts, and sincerely pledge to see that these dollars are used wisely.

To assist everyone in making consistent offerings that are
so important to your church, we are now able to accept
ACH savings/checking drafts and PayPal.

For PayPal, you may go directly to: [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ~ Philippians 4:6-7*
- ❖ **Remember the prayer requests mentioned during our Prayer Service on Sept. 4th, including: the Pastoral Search Committee and the Building Committee; the Council and other ministry chairs and committees; and for healing and comfort for those who are ill and the loved ones who are caring for them.**
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for La Casa Grande (The Large House), a Christian community for children in Benin who have nowhere else to go. Pray for the children and teachers as they return to classes at Les Leaders (The Leaders), a school on La Casa Grande's campus that also welcomes children from the neighboring communities.
- ❖ *Prayer and Praise concerns are always welcome & may be requested or updated by calling or emailing Pat O'Connor in the front office: (757)-874-0794 or warwickrivermc@gmail.com*

Happy Birthday!

September 13 Jay Shenk
September 17 Katherine Stover
September 18 Cheri Shenk // Caden Stover
September 19 Connie Heatwole
September 26 Brandon Stover

Happy Anniversary!

September 17 David & Shawn McDaniel

DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO SERVE ON A CARE AND VISITATION TEAM?

There are many people in our congregation that need care and visitation, and our elder can't keep up with all of them. So, we are starting a Care and Visitation Team! If you wish to serve, we can coach you so you know what to do, or you could potentially go with a partner. If you feel called to do this, contact Tammara Geary at tammara@cox.net

Weekly Events:

- ❖ *Sun., Sept. 11th: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School*
- ❖ *Sun., Sept. 11th: 10:40 a.m. Worship Service & Coffee Connect*
- ❖ *Tues., Sept. 13th: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Community Prayer Group meets in the Warwick River Chapel*

Announcements:

62ND DENBIGH DAY PARADE & FESTIVAL

September 17th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Visit www.nnparks.com for more information.

BIKE SHENANDOAH

On September 17th, Bike Shenandoah is being held in Harrisonburg, Virginia at Eastern Mennonite School. For more information visit www.bikeshenandoah.org

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Saturday, Sept. 24th CANON OF VIRGINIA (who rents the WRCLC/WRCS building on Saturdays for their NN Japanese School) will be holding a field day event for their students and students' families. There will be increased activity and outdoor events on this day.

VIRGINIA MENONITE RELIEF SALE

Friday, Sept 30th, 4-9PM and Oct 1st, 7AM – 2PM at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg, VA. Events include Farmer's Market, Music, Food, a 5k Race, Auction, and more! For more information, visit www.vareliefsale.com

COLLEGE PREVIEW WEEKEND – REGENT UNIVERSITY

October 6th – 8th for rising high school juniors and seniors (\$50/per student for groups of 4 or less), with We Are Messengers concert on Friday (additional \$10 and open to general public). For more information, visit the Regent Website [here](#).

THRIVE FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED THIS MONTH:

Jelly, Canned Fruit, Cereal and Canned Peas. SAVE YOUR PAPER BAGS with handles (such as those from Lidl, Trader Joes, and Whole Foods). Collections can be dropped off in Pat's Office at WRCLC and in the Chapel.