

Encouragement
October 16, 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
Christian Education Chair - Ann Aulich
Fellowship Chair - Theresa Siebels
Worship Chair - Stuart Hunnicutt

Church Elder – Tammara Geary
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:

*Speakers: Various Members of the Congregation
will share words or scriptures of encouragement*

Worship Leader: Ursula Bock

Song Leader: Mel Shenk

Reader: Jan Dennis

Zoom Host: Leanna Schrock

Greeters: Stuart Hunnicutt & Ronda Miller

Warwick River Mennonite Church HOW TO CONNECT

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

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

*MEETING ID: 846 7407 1811

*PASSWORD: 809884

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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:

Children of God: Welcome!

Welcome to this place of worship, this place of refuge, peace, grace and love; God's house of prayer.

God has adopted us into his family, as co-heirs with Christ.

We are a chosen people and a royal priesthood called to proclaim the Good News and the excellencies of God.

***Hymn of Preparation**

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:11-24

Sermon Title: *Words of Encouragement*

-Various Speakers & Open to all

who wish to share in-person or on Zoom.

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

Benediction: (Hebrews 10:23-25)

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together...encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

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

Attendance Report

October 9, 2022

Worship Service: 42 ~ Sunday School: 15

Offering Report October 9, 2022

\$ 590.00	In-person & Mail Offertory totals this week toward FY2022
\$ 6.00	Coffee Connect this week (10/9/22) toward FY2022
\$ 15.00	In Memory of Ken Brunk
<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$ 661.00	Offertory Total 10/09/2022

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2021-10/09/2022= \$113,667.62

Total Budgeted need 12/01/2021-10/09/2022=\$165,902.85

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

10/02/2022 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,532,588.05*
<u>10/09/2022</u>	<u>50.00</u>
10/09/2022 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,532,638.05*

*(*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:

- ❖ *Oleksandr Geychenko, president of Odesa Theological Seminary in Ukraine sent out an urgent prayer request for prayer as the conflict escalates in Ukraine. This week, remember Ukraine and those who are serving Christ and others in this area of conflict.*
- ❖ Deb Byler has concluded her Mennonite Mission Network ministry with the Kekchi Mennonite Church in Guatemala, where she worked since 2018. (Previously, she served with Eastern Mennonite Missions from 1984-1996.) Praise God for Deb's ministry of walking alongside the women leaders of the church. Ask God to strengthen the Kekchi women, and pray for Deb as she retires at Greencroft Communities, a retirement community in Goshen, Indiana.
- ❖ *Continue to pray for the Pastoral Search Committee as they consider a candidate for interim pastor. May God's wisdom and providence be over them; May God give them peace with their decision and may God's will be done in our Church.*
- ❖ *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!

October 23 Rebekah Farrell // Curt Holsopple
October 24 Juanita Baer
October 25 Emily Miller

Happy Anniversary!

October 19 Mel & Cheri Shenk



Weekly Events:

- ❖ *Sun., Oct. 16th: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School*
- ❖ *Sun., Oct. 16th: 10:40 a.m. Worship Service & Coffee Connect*
- ❖ *Tues., Oct. 18th: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Community Prayer Group at Chapel*

Announcements:

SMALL GROUPS ARE NOW MEETING:

- Tuesday Night Home Group: Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7pm.
 - Friday Night Home Group: Every other Friday night at 7pm.
 - Ladies' Small Group: Every Saturday morning at 8:30am in the Chapel
- For more information on where the home groups are meeting, specific studies or for any other questions, please contact Katherine Hunnicutt at (757) 508-8742 or by contacting Pat at the church office.

THRIVE FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED THIS MONTH:

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Baked Beans & Canned Vegetables. The church is holding a special food drive on Sunday, October 23rd at the Worship Service. If you cannot bring your donations on that day, please drop them by the church office or contact Sue Yoder to arrange a pick-up.

FAMILY HARVEST FEST! AT WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN RETREAT CENTER:

October 23 from 2pm to 6pm. There will be fun for the whole family, including a zipline, archery, hayrides, face painting, a bounce house, food trucks, and more!

CHURCH POTLUCK FOLLOWING OCT. 30TH SERVICE:

We will be having a potluck lunch following worship service on October 30th. Please bring a main dish, side dish or dessert to share! Drinks will be provided. Sign up sheet (to see how many have signed up for each type of category) will be available during each service for the month of October.

QUILTING RETREAT AT WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN RETREAT CENTER:

November 9th at 7AM – 13th at 10AM. Registration is required. For more information, visit their website at:

<https://www.wcrc.info/event/quilting-retreat-2-2-2/2022-11-09/>