

February 26, 2023
"Growing Through Trials"



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
Congregation Chair – Tom Salyers
Worship Chair - Stuart Hunnicutt
Member-at-Large - Laura Siebels
Office Admin - Pat O'Connor office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9:30am – 3:30pm

Church Elder – Tammara Geary
Outreach Chair - Sue Yoder
Stewardship Chair - Tom Salyers

Serving Today:

*Guest Speaker: Bob Briscoe, Executive Director,
Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center*

Worship Leader: Stuart Hunnicutt

Song Leader: Noah Shenk

Reader: Jan Dennis

Zoom Host: Rachael Shenk

Warwick River Mennonite Church HOW TO CONNECT

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

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

*MEETING ID: 846 7407 1811

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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:

Leader: Sing together! Celebrate God!

People: God protects us from all our trouble.

Leader: God forgives us and covers our sins.

People: God surrounds us with songs of deliverance.

All: Therefore, let all God's people pray with thanksgiving and worship God.

Confession:

Leader: Lord, our desire for control has separated us

from you. In our stubborn independence, we have turned
from your love. We hide our failure and guilt, yet we feel their
weight both day and night. Here and now, we acknowledge our sins before you
and reveal our transgressions. We confess to the Lord . . .

(silent prayer)

Leader: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven. Our slate is wiped
clean. We are free to follow Jesus in obedience and experience love in every
test. Amen.

***Hymn of Preparation**

***Children's Time**

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: James 1:2-4

Sermon Title: "Growing Through Trials"

~Bob Briscoe

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offering

Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

Benediction:

Leader: Many are the woes of the wicked,

People: But the Lord's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in God.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you who are righteous.

People: Sing, all you who have been forgiven!

All: The Lord's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in God.



Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year) ~ This Budget Year Approved is 13 months
New FY2023 will run 12/01/2022 through 12/31/2023 (new)
Annual operating expense budget: \$150,500.00

February 19, 2023 Offering (Worship Service Attendance: 47)

\$ 895.00	Offertory for FY2023
\$ 2.00	Coffee Connect
<u>\$ 897.00</u>	Offertory total 02/19/2023

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-2/19/2023= \$28,340.75

Total Budgeted need 12/01/2022-2/19/2023=\$31,684.32

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

02/12/2023 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,533,438.05
02/19/2023	\$ 00.00
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(*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 those who prefer, offering envelopes are available in the pews and
on the table with the bulletins as you enter the Chapel.

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

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ *“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” ~ Ephesians 4:2-3*
- ❖ Please pray for those among us who are grieving loved ones today. Whether their loss was long ago or recent, we remember their names, we remember their laughter, and we remember their sweet smiles. Please pray our Lord may comfort us in our time.
- ❖ *Continue to pray for the Pastoral Search Committee as they and we move forward in the search process. May God’s wisdom and providence be over us all; May God give us peace with decisions made and may God’s will be done in our Church.*
- ❖ Please continue to pray for Curt Holsopple as his leg heals. Despite good news from his doctors, he is still experiencing pain and difficulty walking.
- ❖ *Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Iglesia Cristiana Menonita del Perú (Mennonite Christian Church of Peru), as they witness about the Prince of Peace during a time of national unrest.*
- ❖ 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!

March 1	Pat O’Connor
March 5	Jan Dennis
March 7	Tom Salyers
March 9	Chris Miller
March 14	Leon Mulamba

Happy Anniversary!

February 26	Don & Tete Mulamba
March 4	Steve & Lisa Ziegler
March 10	Dallas & Peggy Kipfer
March 17	Blair & Ann Aulich

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, Feb. 26th: First Sunday of Lent
- ❖ Today, Feb. 26th: 9:30am Sunday School (School Building); Worship Service at 10:40am (Chapel)
- ❖ Tues., Feb. 28th: 4-6pm Community Prayer Group (Chapel)

Announcements:

HYMN SING ON SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH, 6-7PM

Please join us on Saturday, March 11th from 6-7pm for a Hymn Sing.

WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN RETREAT CENTER PRESENTS CELEBRATE CAMP! MARCH 16TH, 6-8 PM

An evening of worship, celebration, testimonies and TACOS. Please come out to show your support on Thursday, March 16th from 6:00 to 8:00pm at Peninsula Community Chapel, 4209 Big Bethel Rd in Yorktown. Children are welcome; bring the whole family. There will be opportunities to register for camp, make financial contributions, and to sign-up for various volunteer opportunities. To help us know how many TACOS to cook up, RSVP to wrcr@wrcr.info. Questions? Call Bob Briscoe at 757-566-2256

WRMC COUNCIL IS ASKING FOR YOUR HELP:

The following positions are opening up on council, please consider the following questions as you pray over this time of transition for the church and council:

Congregation Chair // Christian Education Chair

Fellowship Chair // Member-at-Large

1. Would you consider remaining in your current position?
2. Would you consider volunteering to be on the WRMC Council?
3. Would you like to nominate someone for a position?

DID YOU KNOW? ... Email copies of the Sunday Bulletin, Prayer Requests, and Announcements are available. If you are not already receiving them, send an email to warwickrivermc@gmail.com

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.