

April 9, 2023
"Empty Nesters"



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

VMC Eastern District Overseer: *Welcome* Ryan Ahlgrim
Church Elder: Tammara Geary
Members-at-Large: Laura Siebels & *Welcome* Chris Miller
Congregation Chair: Tom Salyers
Outreach Chair: Sue Yoder
Worship Chair: Stuart Hunnicutt (worshipwrmc@gmail.com)
Fellowship Chair: *Welcome* Jenn Salyers (wrmcfellowship@gmail.com)
Stewardship Chair: Tom Salyers
Office Admin - Pat O'Connor office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9:30am – 3:30pm

Serving Today:

Guest Speaker: Stuart Hunnicutt

Worship Leader: Jenn Salyers

Guest Song Leader: Lisa Fannin

Readers: James & Samantha Salyers

Zoom Host: Mackenzie Butler Shenk

Greeters: Ronda Miller and Susan Ackerman

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
Don Brunk (610-787-0823)*

-- Gathering --

Welcome

***Hymn of Praise and Gathering**

Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 118:21–24)

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: *Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Leader: We thank you, God, that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

People: **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

All: *This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: *Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Confession:

Leader: Lord, we stand in awe at the thought of your resurrection.

People: **Can this really be true? Did this really happen? What kind of power is this?**

Leader: What does this mean for our lives? For your church?

People: **We confess to the Lord . . .**

(Silent prayer)

Leader: Lord, heal our every thought of disbelief in your presence and power. As you revealed yourself to your followers on that day, come to us with your delight and love.

All: *With joyful hearts, we renew our relationship with you. Amen.*

***Hymn of Preparation**

***Children's Time**



Scripture Reading: Romans 7:15 & 19
Sermon Title: "Empty Nesters"

~ Stuart Hunnicutt

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

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

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

Benediction:

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet
walk with you on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands
stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart
open your hearts to love.

May you see the face of Christ
in everyone you meet,
and may everyone you meet
see the face of Christ in you.



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

April 2, 2023 Offering (Worship Service Attendance: 64)

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| \$ 6,195.00 | Offertory for FY2023 |
| \$ 50.00 | Offertory designated to Utilities |
| \$ 12.00 | Coffee Connect for benefit of General Fund |
| \$ 2,635.00 | Offertory designated to Building Fund |
| \$ 8,892.00 | Offertory total 04/02/2023 |

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-4/02/2023= \$46,806.75

Total Budgeted need 12/01/2022-4/02/2023=\$47,526.48

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church ~ Deuteronomy 16:17

Building News Corner 03/26/2023 Update

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| Building Fund Balance to date | \$ 1,533,488.05 |
| 04/02/2023 | \$ 2,635.00 |
| 04/02/2023 | \$ 1,536,123.05 |

(*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 to us.

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

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ *"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." ~ John 10:11*
- ❖ We ask for the Lord's healing and comfort for Jan Dennis, Carl Mericle, and all those who are ill, whether known to us or not.
- ❖ *"The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come." ~ Song of Solomon 2:12*
- ❖ We pray for our families, neighbors, and community. We never know what people may be going through. They may be discouraged or under spiritual attack. Let's put personal ministry back into our lives.
- ❖ Remembering Don Mulamba at the hour of his passing March 31, 2023. Please keep all of Don's family and friends in your prayers as together we mourn his loss.
- ❖ *"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."*
~ Luke 12:34
- ❖ 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!

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| April 9 | Dakota Wade |
| April 10 | Ernie Miller |
| April 11 | Johnnie Stafford, Sr. |
| April 13 | Lisa Ziegler |
| April 16 | Lena Aulich // Brad Guisewite |

Happy Anniversary!

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| April 12 | Jim & Nikki Boldy |
| April 16 | David & Dawn Wing |



Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, April 9th: 10:40am Easter Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)*
(Sunday School will not meet Easter morning)
- ❖ *Today, April 9th: Outdoor Easter egg hunt follows Worship Service.*
- ❖ *Tues., April 11th: 4-6pm Community Prayer Group (Chapel)*
- ❖ *Wed., April 12th: 8-9pm Bible Study (Chapel and Zoom)*
- ❖ *Thurs., April 13th: 6pm WRMC Council Meeting (Chapel)*

Announcements:

WRMC CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT ~ APRIL 9th:

Following Worship Service today ~ Easter Sunday ~ be sure to bring your Easter Basket and stay for the big hunt. Special thanks to all who contributed to Coffee Connect during March who made this possible. *In the event of inclement weather please check our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Warwick-River-Mennonite-Church/100064842871983/>*

WRMC EASTER SUNDAY CROSS * April 9th * Bring a flower(s)! *

Easter Sunday Worship Service will include our traditional cross at the Chapel and you are encouraged to bring any flower cuttings from your yard to church and place them on the cross. Happy Easter and our sincere thank you in advance.

DIRECTORY UPDATE for * MARY ANN LEONARD *

Mary Ann Leonard moved on Good Friday and will now be living at Warwick Forest, 850 Denbigh Blvd. in Room 223. Please note that her mailing address and telephone numbers have NOT changed. Mary Ann's telephone number remains 757-846-3036; and her mailing address remains: 100 Cub Court, Yorktown, VA 23693.

BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays 8-9pm

Join us as we read and study the Bible. Wednesday meetings are underway, in person and via Zoom – at the Warwick River Mennonite Chapel or via Zoom. Hosted by Mark Marvuglio. Contact Stuart Hunnicutt at: worshipwrmc@gmail.com for more information or to join.

2023 MOTORCYCLE FOR VM MISSIONS June 2-3, 2023 Harrisonburg:

<https://vmmissions.org/how-to-help/events/motorcycle-for-missions/>
Registration IS OPEN. Questions - David Gingerich at 540-434-9727

Warwick River Christian Preschool and Learning Center:

Is accepting applications for both Full & Part-time employees. Positions include working with preschool and school age children. 757-877-2941 warwickriver.org