

April 30, 2023  
"Peace Amidst the Storm"



## 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](http://www.warwickrivermennonite.org)*

VMC Eastern District Overseer: Pastor Ryan Ahlgrim

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Stewardship Chair: Tom Salyers ([wrmcstewardship@gmail.com](mailto:wrmcstewardship@gmail.com))

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

### Serving Today:

*Guest Speaker: Steve Wiebe-Johnson*

*Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler Shenk*

*Song Leader: Don Brunk*

*Reader: Chris Miller*

*Zoom Host: Don Brunk*

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

**Phone:** 929-205-6099

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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**

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

**\*Children's Moment**

~ Mackenzie Butler Shenk

**-- Hearing from God's Word --**

Scripture Readings:

The Scripture readings for this fourth Sunday of Easter are:

Acts 2:42-47 ~ post resurrection community

Psalms 23 ~ The Lord is my Shepherd

1 Peter 2:19-25 ~ suffering unjustly

John 10:1-10 ~ Jesus as the gate/way

Sermon Title: "Peace Amidst the Storm"

~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

**-- Responding to Worship --**

**\*Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offering

Sharing of Announcements

**-- Sending --**

**\*Song of Sending**

**\*Sending Prayer**

~ Mackenzie Butler Shenk



**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 23, 2023 Offering (Worship Service Attendance: 48)**

\$ 4,595.00	Offertory for FY2023
\$ 9.00	Coffee Connect for benefit of General Fund
<u>\$ 541.00</u>	<u>Offertory designated to Building Fund</u>
\$ 5,145.00	Offertory total 04/23/2023

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-4/23/2023= \$52,377.75

Total Budgeted need 12/01/2022-4/23/2023=\$55,447.56

**Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church**

Deuteronomy 16:17



**Building News Corner**

**This Week's Building Fund Update**

<b>04/16/2023 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,540,323.05</b>
<b><u>04/23/2023</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 541.00</u></b>
<b>04/23/2023 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,540,864.05</b>

(\*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. We are aware of the many sacrifices you make in order to provide these gifts, and sincerely pledge to see that these dollars are used wisely, especially during these times of uncertainty.

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

For those who prefer, offering envelopes are available in the pews and on the table near 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:

- ❖ *“Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” ~ James 1:4*
- ❖ We pray for all those displaced and suffering due to natural disasters in this world. May communities come together to offer help for clean-up and comfort.
- ❖ *“For the winter has passed. The rain is over and gone. The Flowers are springing up. And the time of the singing of the birds has come.” ~ Song of Solomon 2:11-12*
- ❖ 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](mailto:warwickrivermc@gmail.com)

### Happy Birthday!

May 4	Addison Fuller // William Longacher
May 9	Kelleigh Longacher // Carleigh Longacher
May 11	Ronda Miller // Dale Shenk
May 13	Chris Davis

### Happy Anniversary!

May 2	Brandon & Katherine Stover
May 10	Raul & Adena (Longacher) Leal

### Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, April 30<sup>th</sup>: 9:30am Sunday School (School Building)  
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)*
- ❖ *Today, April 30<sup>th</sup>: Fellowship Meal follows Worship Service ~ Join us!*
- ❖ *Today, April 30<sup>th</sup>: Yellow worksheets “Congregational & Pastoral Priorities”... please turn them in!*
- ❖ *Tues., May 2<sup>nd</sup>: 4-6pm Community Prayer Group (Chapel)*
- ❖ *Wed., May 3<sup>rd</sup>: 8-9pm Bible Study (Chapel and Zoom)*

### Announcements:

#### WRMC FELLOWSHIP MEAL FOLLOWING APR. 30TH SERVICE:

Reminder: Today is our potluck fellowship meal following worship service. Please bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert to share! Drinks will be provided. You can drop off your contributions to the Chapel Kitchen starting at 9:30 a.m. Please label your dishes and note any requests for buffet placement, special instructions, etc. NOTE: Space is very limited in the kitchen; we request that only our kitchen volunteers be present in the kitchen during the potluck. Thank you in advance! ~ WRMC Fellowship Committee

#### THRIVE: FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED THIS MONTH:

Jelly, Canned Fruit, Spaghetti sauce, Ready meals

#### THE WRMC BUILDING PROJECT BEGAN APRIL 17, 2023

The dumpsters were delivered that morning and were placed on the right side of the church as you face the church from the road. The contractor, Govco Builders, has requested that no vehicles be parked on any side of the building in the spaces closest to the building. We apologize for the inconvenience and hope that the project will move forward quickly.

#### 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](http://warwickriver.org)