

May 7, 2023
"Border Perspectives"



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: Pastor Ryan Ahlgrim

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Member-at-Large: Laura Siebels (wrmcmemberatlarge1@gmail.com)

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Fellowship Chair: Jenn Salyers (wrmcfellowship@gmail.com)

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

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

Serving Today:

Welcome Missionary Guest Speakers:

Clayton & Lewi Blosser, and Russell & Casey DeYoung

Worship Leader: Jenn Salyers

Song Leader: Noah Shenk

Readers: James & Samantha Salyers

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
Don Brunk (610-787-0823)*

-- Gathering --

Welcome

**Hymn of Praise and Gathering*

Call to Worship

Let us focus on God's presence.

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst ...

Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed ...

Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war ...

Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness ...

Come worship a God who gives life meaning.

Come, let us worship the Lord, whose grace and love know no end!

~ from [September 11 Remembrance Liturgical Resources](#),
posted on the [PCUSA](#) website.

**Hymn of Preparation*

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:35

Sermon Title: "Border Perspectives"

~ Clayton & Lewi Blosser, *Missionaries, and*

~ Russell & Casey DeYoung, *Missionaries*

-- Responding to Worship --

**Hymn of Response*

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offering

Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

**Song of Sending*

Prayer of Sending (based on II Timothy 1:1-14)

As you go from here,

may God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord

give you grace, mercy, and peace.

Do not let your faith or your witness grow cold.

Remember: God's gift of faith is like a flame;

when the embers of that flame have cooled,

you must fan them again to keep them ablaze.

So remember what you have been taught

and what you have experienced.

Live in such a way that all who know you

may see the light of God reflected in you.

And may the grace of God,

the love of Jesus Christ,

and the presence of the Holy Spirit

be with you and among you

in the days ahead. Amen.





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 30, 2023 Offering (Worship Service Attendance: 63)

\$ 438.00	Offertory for FY2023
\$ 125.00	Offertory via Paypal
\$ 0.00	Coffee Connect for benefit of General Fund
<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$ 663.00	Offertory total 04/30/2023

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-4/30/2023= \$52,940.75
 Total Budgeted need 12/01/2022-4/30/2023=\$58,087.92

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

04/23/2023 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,540,864.05
<u>04/30/2023</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
04/30/2023 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,540,964.05

(*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. 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:

- ❖ Work provided at the right time and place is more valuable than work that is not. The Bible says, *“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens” ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1*
- ❖ We pray to the Lord that peace will come back to Ukraine, that families will be reunited and be able to return to their homes.
- ❖ *“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 all those who are dealing with a covid diagnosis. May they find relief and strength as they focus on their health and return to the familiar rhythms of their daily lives.
- ❖ 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!

May 9	Kelleigh Longacher // Carleigh Longacher
May 11	Ronda Miller // Dale Shenk
May 13	Chris Davis
May 16	Everett Cassel
May 17	Alexander Crumly
May 19	Ruby Ziegler
May 20	Rudy Mulamba
May 28	Darrel Schrock
May 31	Jake Hanbury

Happy Anniversary!

May 10	Raul & Adena (Longacher) Leal
May 13	Harold & Sue Yoder
May 14	Steve & Lisa Fannin
May 17	Nelson & Kathryn Baer
May 22	Micah & Mackenzie Shenk
May 30	Sam & Susan Parrucci

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, May 7th: 9:30am Sunday School (School Building)
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)*
- ❖ *Tues., May 9th: 4-6pm Community Prayer Group (Chapel)*
- ❖ *Wed., May 10th: 8-9pm Bible Study (Chapel and Zoom)*
- ❖ *Sun., May 14th: Mother's Day*
- ❖ *Thurs., May 18th: Ascension Day*

Announcements:

COFFEE CONNECT: COFFEE, TEA, & SOMETIMES BAKED GOODS * All monetary donations will be used to support the WRMC General Fund. Also, if you wish to donate baked goods, please bring them on in! As always, if there is any question, please contact Jenn Salyers: wrmcfellowship@gmail.com

THE WRMC BUILDING PROJECT BEGAN APRIL 17, 2023: Our Building Project Committee is reaching out to say: If anyone would like to drop off a treat for our hard-working crew at the church, it would be a nice gesture. Cookies, donuts, chips, cold drinks, etc... This week (May 8-12) there will be 10-12 workers there every day (Mon - Fri) for about 12 hours.

THRIVE: FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED THIS MONTH: Jelly, Cereal, Canned Chicken, Ramen... If you wish to help, donation baskets are available in the Chapel Foyer (by the mailboxes) AND at the Church Office located in the school building (WRCLC). Thank you very much – in advance – for pitching in and helping with this important mission. Questions? Call: 757-874-0794.

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

CHRISTIAN SUMMER CAMP OPTIONS 2023:

<https://www.wcrc.info>: Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center, Toano, VA 23168
www.highlandretreat.org: Highland Retreat, Bergton, VA 22811
www.nyp.ca: Beaver Lake Camp, Dryden, Ontario, Canada P8N 3G2

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



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