

May 21, 2023  
"Do You See This?"



## 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)

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

### Serving Today:

*Guest Speaker: Jim Thornton*

*Worship Leader: Stuart Hunnicutt*

*Song Leader: Don Brunk*

*Reader: Jackie Zimmerman*

*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

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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**

**Leader:** Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

**Congregation:** And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water."

**Leader:** So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so.

**Congregation:** And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so.

**Leader:** God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

**Congregation:** And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky."

**ALL:** And God saw that it was good.

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

**\*Children's Spot**

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

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-12  
Sermon Title: "Do You See This?"

~ Jim Thornton

**-- Responding to Worship --**

**\*Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offering

Sharing of Announcements

**-- Sending --**

**\*Song of Sending**

**Benediction (Prayer of Sending)**

May we arise and go out into the world  
Through the strength of heaven;  
By Light of the sun,  
Seeing the splendor of fire,  
and the speed of lightning,  
Feeling the Swiftmess of the wind,  
Knowing the Depth of the sea,  
Standing in the Stability of the earth,  
Perched on the Firmness of the rock. And  
Acting on the emptiness of the Grave.  
Amen

**Prayer and Praise Requests:**

- ❖ Praise for Warwick River Christian Learning Center. Thank you for bringing pizza and dessert to all the WRMC Building Crew last week. It is such a kind gesture, and we all join in saying thank you as we pray for the health and safety of the crew as the church building work continues.
- ❖ God is more powerful than any enemy or evil we'll ever face:  
"<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." ~ Ephesians 6:10-11
- ❖ *Prayer Update from Jackie Zimmerman ~*  
Jackie's mother's illness has abated, and she is in remission. We pray that each new day brings peace and a return to the things she loves.  
*Thank you from Jackie ~*
- ❖ 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 28	Darrel Schrock	June 4	Ken Hurr
May 31	Jake Hanbury	June 9	Aubrey Siebels
June 3	Jonathan Aulich; Chris Bock		

**Happy Anniversary!**

May 22	Micah & Mackenzie Shenk	June 2	Darrel & Vange Schrock
May 30	Sam & Susan Parrucci	June 8	Tom & Jenn Salyers
June 1	Richard & Theresa Siebels		

## DO YOU SEE THIS? Ezekiel 47: 1-12

<sup>1</sup>The man brought me back to the entrance to the temple, and I saw water coming out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was coming down from under the south side of the temple, south of the altar. <sup>2</sup>He then brought me out through the north gate and led me around the outside to the outer gate facing east, and the water was trickling from the south side.

<sup>3</sup>As the man went eastward with a measuring line in his hand, he measured off a thousand cubits and then led me through water that was ankle-deep. <sup>4</sup>He measured off another thousand cubits and led me through water that was knee-deep. He measured off another thousand and led me through water that was up to the waist. <sup>5</sup>He measured off another thousand, but now it was a river that I could not cross, because the water had risen and was deep enough to swim in—a river that no one could cross. <sup>6</sup>He asked me, “Son of man, do you see this?”

Then he led me back to the bank of the river. <sup>7</sup>When I arrived there, I saw a great number of trees on each side of the river. <sup>8</sup>He said to me, “This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, where it enters the Dead Sea. When it empties into the sea, the salty water there becomes fresh. <sup>9</sup>Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. <sup>10</sup>Fishermen will stand along the shore; from En Gedi to En Eglaim there will be places for spreading nets. The fish will be of many kinds—like the fish of the Mediterranean Sea. <sup>11</sup>But the swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they will be left for salt. <sup>12</sup>Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing.”

## Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, May 21<sup>st</sup>: 9:30am Sunday School (School Building)  
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Today, May 21<sup>st</sup>: Potluck Fellowship Lunch after Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Tues., May 23<sup>rd</sup>: 4-6pm Community Prayer Group (Chapel)
- ❖ Wed., May 24<sup>th</sup>: 8-9pm Bible Study (Chapel and Zoom)
- ❖ Tues., June 6<sup>th</sup>: All day >6:30am – 6:00pm WRMC is invited to stop by Warwick River Christian Learning Center to meet the staff and see all that's happening!
- ❖ Fri., June 9<sup>th</sup>: WRCLC holds last day of Pre-School for the Year 2022-2023

## Announcements:

**WRMC BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE: OUR HARD-WORKING BUILDING CREW works with skill and care and we extend our sincere gratitude as they face the sun, the rain, and the many other challenges, as they reshape our WRMC skyline.** Would you like to drop off a treat for the crew at the church? It would be such a nice gesture. Cookies, donuts, chips, cold drinks, etc. On any given 12 hour day there are about 6-8 workers - (Mon-Fri). Call Pat in the front office (757-874-0794) if you need a more accurate count on any given day as subcontractors do come and go as needed and scheduled.

**Update: Warwick River Christian Preschool & Learning Center** is still in need of a **SCHOOL BUS DRIVER (CDL, CLASS B, School Bus & Passenger Endorsement required)**. This part-time summer job includes 2-3 Field Trips per week. Compensation based on years of experience. Call WRCLC at 757-877-2941 for details. Pass it on!





**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

**May 14, 2023 Offering ~ ~ ~ ~ Worship Service Attendance: 49**

- \$ 1203.00 Offertory for FY2023
- \$ 250.00 Designated toward Mulamba Funeral
- \$ 50.00 Building Fund
- \$ 1503.00 Offertory total 05/14/2023

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-5/14/2023=\$55,040.75  
Total Budgeted need 12/01/2022-5/14/2023=\$63,368.64

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

Deuteronomy 16:17



**Building News Corner**

**This Week's Building Fund Update**

<b>05/07/2023 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,542,058.05</b>
<b>05/14/2023</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>05/14/2023 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,542,108.05</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/donate)