

June 18, 2023

“Fathers Love and Forgive Their Children”



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

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

Serving Today:

Guest Speaker: Pastor Jim Thornton

Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman

Song Leader: Noah Shenk

Readers: Peggy Kipfer

Zoom Host: Rachael Butler Shenk

Warwick River Mennonite Church HOW TO CONNECT

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

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

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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: Come, let us seek rest at the altar of God
**All: Where even the infant can find comfort and protection;
where even the weak can find justice and peace.**
Leader: Blessed are those who dwell in God's presence
**All: Where even the lily may grow in glory,
where even the grass may be clothed with life.
Blessed are those who trust in you, O Lord,
our Home and our Provider!**

***Hymn of Preparation**

***Children's Moment**

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:11-24
Sermon Title: "Fathers Love and Forgive Their Children"
~Angie Williams

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

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

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

Prayer of Sending (Unison)

God, our Creator, we give you thanks
for those who have been fathers for us.
Help us inherit from them
that which will make us more fully your people.
Where they have offered us blessings of love,
may we incorporate those gifts into our lives.
May the honor we convey toward our fathers
reflect the honor that we feel toward you.
Amen

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry



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

June 11, 2023 Offering ~ ~ ~ ~ Worship Service Attendance: 46

\$ 1051.00	Offertory for FY2023
\$ 2.00	Coffee Connect
<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$ 1103.00	Offertory total 06/11/2023

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-6/11/2023=\$60,351.50
Total Budgeted need 12/01/2022-6/11/2023=\$73,930.08

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



Building News Corner: This Week's Building Fund Update

06/04/2023 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,542,308.05
06/11/2023	\$ 50.00
06/11/2023 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,542,358.05

(*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.

Offering envelopes are available in the pews.

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

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ *A message from Carl Mericle:*
Thank you everyone for all the prayers, cards, and good wishes during this new season of my life. My therapy is beginning and my kidneys are improving, but I am doing okay and wanted you to know that I have moved to be near my daughter in Cincinnati, Ohio and now share my daily life with my dog Benji, and 2 more dogs, 12 chickens, and 2 cats! ~ *Thank you, Carl Mericle*
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Robin Gingerich, who has served in administrative and academic capacities at LCC International University in Lithuania since 2001. Pray for her as she builds relationships with students, faculty and staff from around the world.
- ❖ We pray God’s blessings on Angie & River William's at the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.
- ❖ *“Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can’t take anything with us when we leave it. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.” ~ 1 Timothy 6:6-8 (New Living Translation)*
- ❖ 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!

June 19 Jenn Salyers
June 21 Jewell Shenk; Blake Steiner
June 22 Richard Sielbels; Lillian Hunnicutt
June 25 Betty Mulamba
June 28 Isaac Ackerman; Susan Parrucci
June 30 Diana Salyers

Happy Anniversary!

June 20 Leon & Junie Mulamba
June 28 Ted & Sarah Wilde

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, June 18th- 9:30am Sunday School (School Building)
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Today, June 18th- Happy Father’s Day!
- ❖ Tues., June 20th- 4:00pm - 6:00pm Community Prayer Group (Chapel)
- ❖ Wed., June 21st- First Day of Summer
- ❖ Sun., June 25th- Potluck Fellowship Lunch (after Worship Service)
- ❖ Sun., June 25th- WCRC Summer Camp 2023 begins
<https://www.wcrc.info/event/summer-camp-2023-at-wcrc/>

Announcements:

*We extend a very special welcome and sincere thanks to
Angie Williams
for bringing the message this morning.*

6/25/2023~ CHURCH POTLUCK FOLLOWING SERVICE NEXT SUN.:

We will be having a potluck fellowship lunch following worship service on June 25th. Please bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert to share! Drinks will be provided. A sign-up sheet (to see how many have signed up for each type of category) will be available on the table in the foyer of the Chapel (next to the Bulletins). Thank you very much everyone ~

PROVIDENCE MENNONITE CHURCH (PMC): BIBLE STUDY has moved and will now meet at PMC on Wednesday evenings from 8-9 p.m.

THRIVE: If you wish to help, we collect all donations at the Chapel on Sundays and at the Church Office located in the school building (WRCLC). Thank you in advance for helping. Most needed: Canned Tuna, Jelly, Macaroni & Cheese, Mashed Potatoes

Warwick River Christian Preschool and Learning Center:

6/25/2023: Meet and welcome the new WRCLC Director Michelle Watrous, and her husband Ron as they join us for Sunday Worship and our potluck lunch. Michelle was a preschool teacher at WRCS for 15+ years and was hired at that time by the WRCS Principal, Susan Ackerman. She and her family did move away but returned upon Ron’s retirement from the U.S. Military. Michelle has a great love for WRCLC and has been Assistant Direct for this past year. On July 1st she will become WRCLC Director upon the retirement of the current Director Ann Aulich. Hale and farewell to two very dear ladies and God’s Blessing in the coming years.