

July 2, 2023
"A Church Grounded in Love"



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: Ryan Ahlgrim

Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman

Song Leader: Micah Shenk

Reader: (no reader today)

Zoom Host: Mackenzie Butler 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 *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: Love One Another (based on John 13:34-35)

Solo:

Love one another as I have loved you,
love one another as I have loved you,
love one another as I have loved you:
this is my new commandment.

Congregation:

Love one another as Jesus loves us,
love one another as Jesus loves us,
love one another as Jesus loves us:
this is my new commandment.

— written by David Gambrell

***Hymn of Preparation**

***Children's Moment**

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Sermon Title: "A Church Grounded in Love" ~Ryan Ahlgrim

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offering

Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

Prayer of Sending: Blessing (May God Bless Your Eyes)

May God,
who comes to us
in the things of this world,
bless your eyes
and be in your seeing.

May Christ,
who looks upon you
with deepest love,
bless your eyes
and widen your gaze.

May the Spirit,
who perceives what is
and what may yet be,
bless your eyes
and sharpen your vision.

May the Sacred Three
bless your eyes
and cause you to see.

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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 25, 2023 Offering ~ ~ ~ ~ Worship Service Attendance: 48

\$ 300.00 Offertory for FY2023

\$ 300.00 Offertory total 06/25/2023

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-6/25/2023=\$63,574.50 *corrected*

Total Budgeted need 12/01/2022-6/18/2023=\$79,210.80

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

06/18/2023 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,542,458.05

06/25/2023 \$ 0.00

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(*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

- ❖ Please pray for protection and safety for Anje's home in Bethel, Alaska as well as the homes of the rest of her public health medical team. Recently two families who work with her have been targeted by arson. One family with 3 children escaped with their lives but fire destroyed their home. The conditions are tough enough without arson, so please pray for peace, safety, and strength in the face of everything. ~ Thank you, from Anje's parents, Susan & Robby Ackerman
- ❖ "The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower." ~ Psalm 18:2
- ❖ Lord, we ask that you bless our dear friend, Ann Aulich, who has given her life's work to the children of Warwick River Christian Learning Center and Daycare and who is retiring June 30, 2023 from her position as WRCLC Director. After more than thirty years here, we pray this new chapter will bring her an abundance of happiness, good health, peace, and prosperity.
- ❖ *Good Morning Wonderful Friends:*
It is with joy that I share with you that my granddaughter, Amelia, got out of the hospital and is back home in Richmond safely. She is on an intense medication regimen, but remains her joyful self. She even had time for a quick trip to San Diego Zoo yesterday before our flights left, where she delighted in the big cats (leopard, tigers, lions)! She has much follow-up to do with doctors and specialists. I am so very grateful for your prayers. They sustained us, and I believe they rescued Amelia. ~ Thank you my friends, Tammara Geary
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for all those traveling to MennoCon, the four-day MC USA convention in Kansas City, Missouri, that begins tomorrow. Pray for Mission Network staff and partners as they present youth service opportunities and talk about the church's response to immigrants and displaced people, violence in South Africa, and global climate change.
- ❖ 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!

- July 2 Gary Fentress
- July 6 Jacqueline Zimmerman
- July 7 Nikki Boldy
- July 8 Grace Shenk
- July 12 David Wing

Happy Anniversary!

- July 12 Robby & Susan Ackerman

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, July 2nd - 9:30am Sunday School (School Building)
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- Tues., July 4th Independence Day

Announcements:

*We extend a very special welcome and sincere thanks to
Pastor Ryan Ahlgrim
for bringing the message this morning.*

We're Grateful for You

The work of our church is done by many dedicated people. We appreciate all the sacrifices you make to keep things moving. Thank you for your masterful planning. Thank you for your grace (under fire). Thank you for being willing to communicate. Thank you for using your talent. Thank you for sharing the Gospel. Thank you for your encouragement. Thank you for teaching others. Thank you for asking people to get involved. Thank you for your contagious joy. Thank you for your creativity.
Thank you.
Seriously, thank you.

THRIVE: If you wish to help, we collect all donations at the Chapel on Sundays and anytime at the Church Office located in the school building (WRCLC). Thank you in advance for helping. Most needed for the month of June: Cereal, Soup, Macaroni & Cheese, and Jelly

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

VMC Webinar Series: VMC is hosting a series of webinars in preparation for the 2023 summer assembly. If you wish to register or view past recordings visit <https://virginiaconference.org/2023assembly/>

