# July 9, 2023 "The Primacy of Christ"

# Warwick River Mennonite Church

A congregation of Mennonite Church USA 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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## Serving Today:

Guest Speaker: Craig Wilson Worship Leader: Jenn Salyers Song Leader: Lisa Fannin Reader: Jackie Zimmerman Zoom Host: Leanna Schrock

### 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 \*MEETING ID: 846 7407 1811 \*PASSWORD: 809884 If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Don Brunk (610-787-0823)

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#### -- Sending --

#### -- Gathering --

#### Welcome \**Hymn of Praise and Gathering* Call to Worship: Affirmation: We Are the Body

Let there be no gap between us and Christ. For if there is any gap, immediately we perish. For the building stands because it is cemented together.

Let us not then merely keep hold of Christ, but let us be cemented to him. Let us cleave to him by our works.

He is the head, we are the body. He is the foundation, we the building. He is the vine, we the branches. He is the bridegroom, we the bride. He is the shepherd, we the sheep. He is the way, we walk in it.

Again, we are the temple, he the indweller. He is the only begotten, we the brothers and sisters. He is the heir, we the heirs together with him. He is the life, we the living. He is the resurrection, we those who rise again. He is the light, we the enlightened.

~from Homilies on First Corinthians, St. John Chrysostom (4<sup>th</sup> century). Posted on the World Council of Churches website. <u>http://www.oikoumene.org/en/home.html</u>

#### \*Hymn of Preparation \*Children's Moment

#### -- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: The Gospel of John 1:1-5, 1:14 Sermon Title: "The Primacy of Christ" ~*Pastor Craig Wilson* 

#### -- Responding to Worship --

#### \*Hymn of Response

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

#### \*Song of Sending Prayer of Sending: Keep Alert

Go now, strengthened by the testimony of Christ. Keep alert and wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. Continue to do right and remember God in your ways.

And may God enrich you in speech and knowledge of every kind; May Christ Jesus strengthen you to the end; And may the Holy Spirit guide you in faithful living until he comes.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, In the name of Christ. Amen.

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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

#### July 2, 2023 Offering ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Worship Service Attendance: 58

- \$ 6200.00 Offertory for FY2023
- <u>\$ 125.00 PayPal</u>
- \$ 6325.00 Offertory total 07/02/2023

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-7/02/2023=\$69,899.50 Total Budgeted need 12/01/2022-07/02/2023=\$81,851.16

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner - This Week's Building Fund Update

06/25/2023 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,542,458. <b>0</b> 5	
07/02/2023	\$ 0.00	

07/02/2023 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,542,458.05

(\*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: <u>Donate (paypal.com)</u> 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**

- "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 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

- Please pray for those among us who are grieving loved ones today.
  Whether their loss was long ago or recent, we remember their names, we remember their laughter, and we remember their sweet smiles. Please pray our Lord may comfort us in our time.
- Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Matthew and Toni Krabill's ministry at the Paris (France) Mennonite Center. Pray for them as they work with others to launch a master's degree program in conflict transformation that will be housed at Abidjan University of the Christian Missionary Alliance in Ivory Coast.
- 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 <u>warwickrivermc@gmail.com</u>

#### **Happy Birthday!**

July 12 David Wing July 15 Jordan Stover July 15 Jaxon Stover July 17 Myra Millikin July 18 Stuart Hunnicutt July 19 Diane Raisner July 20 Katarina Redekop July 21 Joyce Walker July 24 Blair Aulich

#### **Happy Anniversary!**

July 12 Robby & Susan Ackerman July 16 Hartley & Rebecca Kayumba July 17 Clark & Laura Siebels July 25 Jack & Elaine Smith

## **Upcoming Events:**

Today, July 9th - 9:30am Sunday School (School Building) 10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)

Tues., July 11th 4:00 – 6:00pm Community Prayer Group (Chapel)



# Announcements:

We extend a very special welcome and sincere thanks to Pastor Craig Wilson for bringing the message this morning.

**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

**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 <a href="https://virginiaconference.org/2023assembly/">https://virginiaconference.org/2023assembly/</a>

