

July 16, 2023

“FOLLOWING JESUS IN THE GOOD TIMES AS
WELL AS THE DIFFICULT TIMES”



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: Steve Wiebe-Johnson

Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler-Shenk

Song Leader: Don Brunk

Reader: Mary Dawn Carrier

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: Open our ears

All: to hear your word.

Leader: Open our eyes

All: to see your presence.

Leader: Open our arms

All: to the embrace of community.

Leader: Open our minds

All: to the beauty of truth.

Leader: Open our hearts

All: to the joy of new life.

***Hymn of Preparation**

***Children's Story**

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 25:19-34; Romans 8:1-11

Sermon Title:

“Following Jesus in the good times as well as the difficult times”

~Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offering

Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

Prayer of Sending

~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson



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 9, 2023 Offering ~ ~ ~ ~ Worship Service Attendance: 44

\$ 565.00 Offertory for FY2023

\$ 2.00 Coffee Connect

\$ 20.00 Copy Machine use

\$ 400.00 Building Fund

\$ 987.00 Offertory total 07/09/2023

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-7/09/2023=\$70,886.50

Total Budgeted need 12/01/2022-07/09/2023=\$84,491.52

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

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

07/09/2023 \$ 400.00

07/09/2023 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,542,858.05

*(*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)

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 man’s heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.”*
~ Proverbs 16:9 (NKJV)
- ❖ Please pray for Dave, (son-in-law of Connie Saunders) as he underwent surgery for a serious hand injury July 11, 2023. Healing has begun; however, further surgery may be needed. We pray that Dave’s pain will subside. Please also pray for Connie and Pat as the family makes their way through the coming days and weeks.
- ❖ Luke 11:1-13:
11 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”
2 He said to them, “When you pray, say:
“Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.
3 Give us each day our daily bread.
4 Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation.”
5 Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ 7 And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.
9 “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.
11 “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”
- ❖ 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

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, July 16th - 9:30am Sunday School (School Building)
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Tues., July 18th 4:00 – 6:00pm Community Prayer Drop-In (Chapel)
- ❖ Sun., July 30th Potluck Fellowship Lunch follows Worship Service (Chapel)

Announcements:

Building community.

~ You are invited to open a WRMC Chapel Mailbox ~
Located on the left as you enter the Chapel.
Update it! Check it! Use it! Send cards! Receive notes!
The possibilities really are endless.
Just call/email Pat in the front office.
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CHURCH POTLUCK FOLLOWING JULY 30th SERVICE: We will be having a potluck fellowship lunch following worship service on July 30th! 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).

THRIVE’s FOOD PANTRY: NEEDS Cereal, Soup, Mac & Cheese, Canned tuna/chicken, Farm fresh eggs/veggies from your garden, and Jelly... *Did you know:* THRIVE accepts items that require cold storage like frozen meat, dairy items, etc. Check anytime on THRIVE’s most needed items: www.thrivepeninsula.org/food. If you wish to help, WRMC collects all donations at the Chapel on Sundays and anytime at the Church Office located in the school building (WRCLC). Perhaps you are decluttering your closets this summer? Remember WRMC also collects shoes & coats for those in need. Let’s work together to strengthen our neighborhoods & bring peace to our neighbors.

Happy Birthday!

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 16 Hartley & Rebecca Kayumba
July 17 Clark & Laura Siebels
July 25 Jack & Elaine Smith