

August 6, 2023  
"The Pastor's Photo Album"



## 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)

VMC Eastern District Overseer: Ryan Ahlgrim

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Stewardship Chair: Tom Salyers [wrmcstewardship@gmail.com](mailto:wrmcstewardship@gmail.com)

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

### Serving Today:

*Guest Speaker: Curt Holsopple*

*Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler Shenk*

*Song Leader: Lisa Fannin*

*Readers: James Salyers & Samantha Salyers*

*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

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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:**

God of community,  
whose call is more insistent  
than ties of family or blood;  
may we so respect and love  
those whose lives are linked with ours  
that we fail not in loyalty to you,  
but make choices according to your will,  
through Jesus Christ. AMEN

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

**\*Children's Moment**

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

Scripture Readings: 1 Timothy 2:1; 2 Corinthians 4:18

Sermon Title: "The Pastor's Photo Album"

~ Curt Holsopple

**-- Responding to Worship --**

**\*Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offering

Sharing of Announcements

**-- Sending --**

**\*Song of Sending**

**Prayer of Sending (Benediction)**

Almighty God,  
to you all hearts are open,  
all desires are known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify our holy name,  
through Christ, our Lord. AMEN



**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 30, 2023 Offering ~ ~ ~ ~ Worship Service Attendance: 50**

\$ 505.00 Offertory for FY2023  
\$ 471.00 Building Fund  
\$ 300.00 Paypal  
\$ 1276.00 Offertory total 07/30/2023

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-7/30/2023=\$76,247.50

Total Budgeted need 12/01/2022-07/30/2023=\$92,412.60

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

Deuteronomy 16:17



**Building News Corner**

**This Week's Building Fund Update**

**07/23/2023 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,543,108.05**  
**07/30/2023 \$ 471.00**  
**07/30/2023 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,543,579.05**  
*(\*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

- ❖ “Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.”  
~ 1 Timothy 4:12 New Living Translation (NLT)
- ❖ 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)



**Warwick River Mennonite Church**  
**ANNOUNCEMENT**  
As timely announced by Notice to the congregation,  
Voting was held July 30, 2023.  
By majority vote,  
**Steve Wiebe-Johnson has been affirmed**  
**and agreed to serve as Interim Pastor**  
**On a part-time basis, with a term to run**  
**8/20/2023 – 12/31/2023**

**WELCOME**  
**Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson!**  
**Please offer your support to Pastor Steve**  
**As he joins our Church Family and**  
**becomes familiar with his new position**

## Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Sunday School (School Building)  
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Tues., Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 6:00pm Community Prayer Drop-In (Chapel)
- ❖ Sun., Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> Vote will be held for two Church Elder positions,  
Worship Commission, and Congregational Chair
- ❖ Wed., Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 8:00pm The Return of Game Night - #1! (Chapel)

## Announcements:

**NOTICE:** As announced 7/30/2023, an Affirmation Ballot vote will be held during the WRMC worship service on 8/13/2023. The following nominees have been nominated and approved by Council, and are ready, willing, and able serve - if affirmed by the congregation, as follows:

Church Elder: Chris Miller;  
Church Elder: Ann Aulich  
Congregational Chair: Tom Salyers;  
Worship Commission: Mary Dawn Carrier

**Game Night is Back!** Join us this Wednesday, August 16th, 5:30 - 8:00 PM for Dominos! Whether you're a seasoned Dominoes expert or a curious newcomer, everyone is welcome to join in the fun! **Pizza & drinks provided.**

### **School Kits will be assembled for the first time since the 2020 Pandemic:**

Each kit needs (new) four blue and four black ink pens. 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). See Twila Blume or Ann Aulich if there is any question and thank you in advance!

### **Mennonite Women of Virginia: November 10-12, 2023**

Mennonite Women of VA invites you to register for the Women's Fall Retreat at the Marriott in Short Pump, November 10-12th this year! Enjoy time away from the business of life to spiritually connect and spend time in fellowship with other ladies. This year, Carmen Schrock-Hurst will be presenting on *Growing in Grace: Psalms of Lament, Trust, Wisdom, and Gratitude*. To register view the brochure via this [link](#), facebook, or contact us at [mwvsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:mwvsecretary@gmail.com). **EARLY REGISTRATION ends 8/12/23.** Invite all your sisters!

### **Happy Birthday!**

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| August 11 | Samantha Salyers            |
| August 12 | Gladys Hostetter            |
| August 15 | Grant Showalter             |
| August 16 | Laurie Brunk; Dallas Kipfer |
| August 19 | Brenda Bailey               |

### **Happy Anniversary!**

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| August 8 | Ben & Fran Redekop     |
| August 8 | Joshua & Amy Longacher |