

August 20, 2023
"Transformation through Mission:
The Archer and the Hen"



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

VMC Eastern District Overseer: Ryan Ahlgrim

(Welcome!) WRMC Interim Pastor: Steve Wiebe-Johnson

Church Elder: Tammara Geary wrmchurchelder@gmail.com

(Welcome!) Church Elder: Chris Miller

(Welcome!) Church Elder: Ann Aulich

Member-at-Large: Laura Siebels wrmcmemberatlarge1@gmail.com

(Welcome!) Congregation Chair: Tom Salyers

Outreach Chair: Sue Yoder wrmcouthreach@gmail.com

(Welcome!) Worship Chair: Mary Dawn Carrier

Fellowship Chair: Jenn Salyers wrmcfellowship@gmail.com

Stewardship Chair: Tom Salyers wrmcstewardship@gmail.com

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

Serving Today:

Speaker: Sincere Welcome to Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

Worship Leader: Jenn Salyers

Song Leader: Noah Shenk

Reader: Mary Dawn Carrier

Zoom Host: Rachael 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: (Psalm 133)

ALL: How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity!
It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron's beard,
down on the collar of his robe.
It is as if the dew of Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.
For there the LORD bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.

***Hymn of Preparation**

***Children's Story (Genesis 45:1-15) ~ Pastor Steve**

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon: "Transformation through Mission: The Archer and the Hen"
~Pastor Steve

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

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

-- Sending --

Prayer of Sending

**As we go from here to face the joys and
challenges of the coming week,
remember this:**

**The faithful love of God never ceases; it is inexhaustible!
God's mercy and compassion is new every morning!
Great is Your faithfulness, O God!**

**So go into the week ahead with courage, and with joy.
Trust in God, and wait patiently for God to act.
For God is good to all who seek God;
and God's loving presence goes with us.**

***Song of Sending**



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

August 13, 2023 Offering ~ ~ ~ ~ Worship Service Attendance: 41

\$ 1,565.00 Offertory for FY2023
\$ 2.00 Coffee Connect
\$ 450.00 Building Fund
\$ 2,017.00 Offertory total 08/13/2023

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-8/13/2023=\$78,713.50
Total Budgeted need 12/01/2022-08/13/2023=\$97,693.32

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

08/06/2023 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,543,579.05
08/13/2023 \$ 450.00
08/13/2023 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,544,029.05

(*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)



Also known as: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=N2YJ68M7R67JN&source=url

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

- ❖ *“My child, don't lose sight of common sense and discernment. Hang on to them, for they will refresh your soul. They are like jewels on a necklace.” ~ Proverbs 3:21-22. New Living Translation (NLT)*
- ❖ *A prayer request from Susan Ackerman:* On Tuesday we lost our sweet funny wacky and precious niece, Jocelyn, to heart failure due to amyloidosis. Peggy & Dallas and Robby & I will be attending her service and are sorry to miss Steve's first Sunday morning as Pastor Steve of Warwick River. My prayers will be with you as your prayers have been with us through these tough months. ~ *Thank you, Susan*
- ❖ Praise and thanks to George and Pat Brunk for the gift of their much-loved piano which they donated to the Church. We also thank Danni Clark, Chris Miller, John Ovington, and Micah & Mel Shenk who did the heavy lifting and moved the piano into the sanctuary for now. Thank you!
- ❖ Please pray for healing and health for Adam Carrier.
- ❖ Special praise and thanks to Rachael & Noah Shenk as they cleaned, organized, and re-stocked the First Aid Kit for WRMC. It is located in the Chapel under the mailboxes should it be needed. Thank you!
- ❖ *A prayer request from Jackie Zimmerman:* Please pray for the health & healing of my Mennowood friends, Helen & Franz Thiessen. ~ *Thank you, Jackie*
- ❖ 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!

August 20	Lisa Fannin; Wayne Steiner
August 22	Twila Brunk; Rowan Hunnicutt
August 28	Ursula Bock
August 30	Leanna Schrock; Amy Longacher

Happy Anniversary!

August 22	Stuart & Katherine Hunnicutt
August 24	Noah & Rachel Shenk ; Aaron & Myra Millikin



Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Aug. 20th* 9:30am Sunday School (School Building)
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ *Today, Aug. 20th* *We Welcome Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson to WRMC on this his first day as our new Interim Pastor. We are so grateful!*

- ❖ *Tues., Aug. 22nd* 4:00 – 6:00pm Community Prayer Drop-In (Chapel)
- ❖ *Thurs., Aug. 24th* 6:00-9:00pm The new sewing group will meet (School Building)
- ❖ *Sun., Aug. 27th* Potluck Fellowship Lunch (after Worship Service) (Chapel)
- ❖ *Sat., Sep. 9th* LongGreen Mennonite Cemetery Preservation Committee Annual Meeting in Glen Arm, Maryland

Announcements:

The Warwick River Mennonite Church (WRMC) Council is very pleased to announce that our congregation has affirmed all four nominees by unanimous vote 8/13/2023, as follows:

- 1. Tom Salyers as Congregational Chair**
- 2. Mary Dawn Carrier as Worship Chair & newest member of Worship Commission**
- 3. Ann Aulich as a Church Elder**
- 4. Chris Miller as a Church Elder**

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to each of you on being affirmed.

Sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the voting process and helped make these decisions possible. We appreciate your commitment to our church and your dedication to finding the right persons to lead us.

Please join us in welcoming Tom, Mary Dawn, Ann and Chris as we work together and continue to grow and strengthen our church.

Sincerely,

**WARWICK RIVER MENNONITE CHURCH
COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES**

Thank you Fellowship Committee for our first Game Night last Wed. night! With almost 20 participants we enjoyed laughter, food, and fellowship. Be sure to make note and join us for the next Game Night (September 13th).

WRMC SEWING GROUP REQUEST, Needed ASAP:

Ballpoint pens! (Black and/or blue ink) Please donate to this annual cause so that our WRMC sewing group may continue to assemble school kits for giving to the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Bring to Church or to the Office.

AUG 24, 2023 AT 6-9:00pm: The *yet-to-be-named* sewing, knitting, and crocheting group meets monthly in the school on the second & fourth Thursday, from 6-9pm. At our last meeting seven of us worked on knitted hats on a loom, and MCC school kits. MCC has a goal of 10,000 school kit bags in the month of August. Come help us with the WRMC contribution to school kit bags or hats. We will also tie (knot) a comforter. Anyone wishing to participate is welcome! **Contact Twila Blume or Ann Aulich with any questions. Do come!**

NEXT WEEK! AUG 27, 2023 CHURCH POTLUCK FOLLOWS WORSHIP

SERVICE: Don't forget to bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert to share! Drinks will be provided. A sign-up sheet is still available on the table in the foyer of the Chapel (next to the Bulletins).