

August 27, 2023
"The Main Thing"



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:

Speaker: Guest Speaker, Beryl Jantzi

Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler Shenk

Song Leader: Don Brunk

Reader: Jackie Zimmerman

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

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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: Come. Be present. You are among friends.

People: Rest. Take a breath.

Leader: A new week is beginning and it's good to begin it together.

People: God is here.

All: And we are God's beloved.

***Hymn of Preparation**

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Sermon: "The Main Thing" ~Beryl Jantzi

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offering

Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

Prayer of Sending

We can be quick to forget, and slow to remember.

As we leave this place be mindful to keep first things first.

As we leave this place be grateful that God has called us to partner with Him and with each other in serving our family,

our community,

our co-workers,

and the stranger,

as if they were Jesus Himself.

Go out with joy, empowered by God's Spirit.



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 20, 2023 Offering ~ ~ ~ ~ Worship Service Attendance: 49

\$ 150.00	Offertory for FY2023
\$ 2.00	Coffee Connect
\$ 50.00	Annual Contribution from Williamsburg Mennonite Church
\$ 202.00	Offertory total 08/20/2023

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-8/20/2023=\$78,915.50

Total Budgeted need 12/01/2022-08/20/2023=\$100,333.68

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

08/13/2023 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,544,029.05
08/20/2023	\$ 0.00
08/20/2023 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,544,029.05
<i>(*includes \$12,947.05 estimated value stock shares)</i>	



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

- ❖ *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” ~ Colossians 3:16*
- ❖ 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. Thankyou!
- ❖ Pray for our teachers as they've gotten their classrooms ready; they may have had to move rooms and they may not have all their needed supplies just yet.
- ❖ *A prayer request from Susan Ackerman:* On 8/15/2023 we lost our sweet funny wacky and precious niece, Jocelyn, to heart failure due to amyloidosis. Peggy & Dallas and Robby & I will be in NC for her service this weekend 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*
- ❖ 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. Thankyou!
- ❖ *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 28 Ursula Bock
August 30 Leanna Schrock; Amy Longacher
September 4 Rebecca (Mulamba) Kayumba
September 10 Carl Mericle

Happy Anniversary!

September 10 Ken & Christine Hurr



Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Aug.27th* 9:30am Sunday School (School Building)
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ *Today, Aug.27th* Potluck Fellowship Lunch follows Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ *Tues., Aug.29th* 4:00 – 6:00pm Community Prayer Drop-In (Chapel)
- ❖ *Sun., Sep. 3rd* 9:30am Children's Sunday School resumes (School Building)
- ❖ *Thurs., Sep. 7th* 6:00 pm WRMC Council Meeting (Chapel)
- ❖ *Sat., Sep. 9th* LongGreen Mennonite Cemetery Preservation Committee Annual Meeting in Glen Arm, Maryland
- ❖ *Wed., Sep. 13th* 5:30 – 8pm WRMC Game Night (Chapel)
- ❖ *Thurs., Sep. 14th* 6-9 pm WRMC Sewing Group meets (School Building)

Announcements:

HYMN SING ~ WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 AT 7:00 PM:

Join us at Warwick River for a HYMN SING! Jacob McCorkel's family will lead the singing with a setlist they have picked out. There will be familiar songs and we hope you will come along as together we enjoy the fellowship and singing!

WRMC SEWING GROUP: 52 School Kits completed and ready to deliver to Harrisonburg for MCC! Thank you everyone who donated pencils, pens, metal sharpeners, rulers, color pencils, erasers, and paper tablets. We plan to continue this annual effort next year as well.

WELCOME CARDS: If you are new here we hope you will share your contact information with us. Welcome cards are being created and should be available next week. In the meantime we hope you will put a note with your name and number in the basket as it is passed today. Thank you, and welcome!

