

September 17, 2023
"Not Just Any Assignment"



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 **NEW** Office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 10:30am – 4:30pm

Serving Today:

Sermon: Guest Pastor David Lehman

Worship Leader: Jenn Salyers

Song Leader: Lisa Fannin

Reader: Mary Dawn Carrier

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

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If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to

Don Brunk (610-787-0823)

--Gathering --

(The prelude is a veil dropped between everyday life and the sanctuary; in crossing the threshold, the music separates the world without from the world within. Let us use this time for quiet meditation.)

Prelude
Welcome

***Hymn of Praise and Gathering**

Preparation for Worship (inspired by Psalm 40:1-11, John 1:29-42)

What offering do we need to bring to God?

God does not look for sacrifices or offerings, but for open ears, like channels for the truth.

Grand gestures and offerings are not required, but a heart-felt delight in doing the will of God.

My friends, behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

God has put a new song in my mouth, placed a new melody on my tongue.

The love of Jesus, the Lamb of God, be with you always.
And also with you.

~ written by Bruce Prewer, and, posted on **Bruce Prewer's Home page:** <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

***Hymn of Preparation**

***Children's Moment** ~ *Mary Dawn Carrier*

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Psalm 40:6-8

Sermon: "Not Just Any Assignment" ~*Guest Pastor David Lehman*

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

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

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

Prayer of Sending

Gracious God,
Help us to be listeners,
to know You and hear Your voice.
Enable us to perceive Your unseen hand
in the unfolding of our life together.
May we walk together in unity of love and purpose
upholding one another by word and example
as we live in faithful obedience to Your will.
Reveal Your glory that your Name may be praised
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*~Taken from Words for Worship 2,
Diane Zaerr Brenneman, #26*



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

September 10, 2023 Offertory ~ ~ ~ ~ Worship Service Attendance: 49

\$ 656.00 Offertory for FY2023
\$ 2.00 Coffee Connect
\$ 658.00 Offertory total 09/10/2023

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-9/10/2023=\$81,031.50
Total Budgeted need 12/01/2022-09/10/2023=\$108,254.76

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

09/10/2023 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,544,529.05

*(*includes \$12,947.05 estimated value stock shares)*

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

- ❖ *How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" ~Isaiah 52:7 (NIV)*
- ❖ Health and Healing for: Jacob McCorkel's cousin **Melvin** as he recently suffered a stroke. Please also pray for **Melanie Plato** from Williamsburg, as she has suffered a stroke. Melanie is the Treasurer of Eastern District of Virginia Mennonite Conference (EDC). We pray Melvin and Melanie each will have complete recoveries and we offer up prayers that each new day will bring hope & peace.
- ❖ Thank you and praise to Danni Clark for making it possible for us to have better lighting for outdoor functions at the front side of our church. Thank you!
- ❖ Please pray for Pastor Tyler & Kendra Yoder as they step away from their Garden City Church church plant to better focus on the demands of their young family.
- ❖ Praise God for Kate Widmer, who is serving with Mennonite Mission Network, and La Prairie (The Prairie) Mennonite congregation in France, as they build relationships with immigrants in their neighborhood. Kate's sewing classes have become popular. **Pray** that Kate will be able to share God's love as she helps women make clothes for their families.
- ❖ 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!

September 17 Katherine Stover	September 26 Brandon Stover
September 18 Cheri Shenk; Caden Stover	September 27 Jessica Lasris
September 19 Connie Heatwole	September 28 Phil Cassel

Happy Anniversary!

September 17 David & Shawn McDaniel



THRIVE FOOD PANTRY: Please help support food donations now more than ever before. THRIVE is facing unprecedented need in our communities. Perhaps you are able to bring even one can of food with you on Sunday? Lets support THRIVE's food pantry by donating items now and every week. Peanut Butter, Crackers, Canned soup, Canned or dry beans, Mac 'n cheese, eggs, meats.

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Sep. 17th* 9:30am Adult & Children's Sunday School (School Building)
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ *Tues., Sep. 19th* 4:00 – 6:00pm Community Prayer Drop-In (Chapel)
- ❖ *Sun., Sep. 24th* Potluck Fellowship Lunch (after Worship Service) (Chapel)
- ❖ *Sun., Oct. 22nd* WRMC will join with 1st Mennonite Church, Williamsburg Mennonite Church, and Huntington Mennonite Church for a Combined Worship Service. Location: Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. More details to come.
- ❖ *Sun., Oct. 29th* 5:30pm WRMC 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat

Announcements:

NEW HOURS ANNOUNCED: effective immediately

New WRMC Office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 10:30am – 4:30pm

TRUNK OR TREAT 10/29/2023: If you would like to donate candy for our Second Annual WRMC Trunk or Treat this year, please drop it off at the Coffee Connect counter or the church office. Last year we ran out of candy! Also, beginning today (9/17/23) through October 29th, any coffee connect monies received will be for the benefit of Trunk or Treat and used as a candy reserve fund.

VIRGINIA MENNONITE RELIEF SALE

Friday, Oct 6th, 4-9pm and Oct 7th, 7am-2pm at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg, VA. Events include Farmer's Market, Music, Food, a 5k Race, Auction, more information and reserved auction seating is available online: visit www.vareliefsale.com

Are you traveling to Harrisonburg, Virginia in the coming months and would you be able to transport and deliver books to the **GIFT & THRIFT BOOK STORE** on behalf of WRCLC? Please reach out to Pat in the church office for details.

SEPT. 20, 2023 CANCELLED: The WRMC HYMN SING originally scheduled this Wednesday, September 20, 2023, has been cancelled due to illness in Jacob McCorkel's Family.



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))