

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

“SENDING ONCE, SENDING TWICE, SENDING THREE TIMES, WHAT IS THE POINT OF ALL THIS SENDING?”



## Warwick River Mennonite Church

A congregation of  
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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)

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### Serving Today:

*Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson*

*Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman*

*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

\*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 105:1-6) NIV

LEADER: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done.

PEOPLE: **Sing to him, sing praise to him;  
tell of all his wonderful acts.**

LEADER: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

PEOPLE: **Look to the LORD and his strength;  
seek his face always.**

LEADER: Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

ALL: **you his servants, the descendants of Abraham,  
his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.**

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

**\*Children's Moment** ~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:1-2; Luke 10:1

Sermon: **Sending Once, Sending Twice, Sending Three Times,  
What is the Point of All This Sending?**

~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** (Philippians 1:3-11) NIV

I thank my God

every time I remember you.

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your  
partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,  
Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you  
will carry it on to completion  
until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you,  
since I have you in my heart and,  
whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel,  
all of you share in God's grace with me.

God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more  
in knowledge and depth of insight,

So that you may be able to discern what is best and  
may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,  
filled with the fruit of righteousness,  
that comes through Jesus Christ -

To the glory and praise of God.



**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 17, 2023 Offering ~ ~ ~ ~ Worship Service Attendance: 41**

\$ 572.00	Offertory for FY2023
\$ 7.00	Coffee Connect for Candy Reserve Fund~Trunk-or-Treat
\$ 800.00	WRCS reimbursement for summer water usage
\$ 615.00	Long Green Mennonite Cemetery Preservation Fund
\$ 100.00	Donation designated to WRMC Cemetery from Huntington Mennonite Church
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\$ 2,094.00	Offertory total 09/17/2023

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-9/17/2023=\$83,025.50  
Total Budgeted need 12/01/2022-09/10/2023=\$110,895.12

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

Deuteronomy 16:17

**Building News Corner: This Week's Building Fund Update**  
**09/17/2023 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,544,529.05**

**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**

- ❖ *Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ~ Ephesians 6:17-18*
- ❖ Please pray for health and healing for our Lillian Miller. Jackie Z. visited her this week and wants the congregation to know that Lillian misses seeing everyone and would so enjoy more visitors. Please stop by to see her in Room 229 at the Newport News Nursing Home.
- ❖ *A prayer request from Jackie Zimmerman:*  
Please pray for health and healing for my mother, Merle Willer, as she is in a lot of pain from what we believe is a cracked rib. ~ *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.
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network **requests prayer** for a couple who has spent decades ministering in the Middle East, where they are part of a media team that works at “transforming lives with unstoppable hope.” **Pray** for them and the 16 full-time animators; multiple trainers, who help people share the good news with their neighbors; and a social media team of three Arabic women, who address issues like human trafficking and child brides.
- ❖ 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)

**Happy Birthday!**

September 26 Brandon Stover      September 28 Phil Cassel  
September 27 Jessica Lasris      September 30 Jim Boldy; Martha Young



**THRIVE FOOD PANTRY:** Beginning 10/01/2023, we are collecting a specific food each Sunday, for THRIVE. **For the first week please bring one jar of peanut butter and together we can quickly fill a grocery bag.** Let's help support food donations now more than ever before. Peanut Butter is first up on our list – thank you all for helping.

Fun fact: Crunchy vs. Creamy – We'll let you know which wins!

**Upcoming Events:**

- ❖ *Today, Sep. 24<sup>th</sup>* 9:30am Adult & Children's Sunday School (School Building)  
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)  
*Today, Sep. 24<sup>th</sup>* Fellowship Meal follows Worship Service today!
- ❖ *Tues., Sep. 26<sup>th</sup>* 4:00–6pm Community Prayer Drop-In (Chapel or Outdoors)
- ❖ ***Sun., Oct. 1st*** **Peanut Butter for THRIVE! - \*Bring a jar to Church today**  
***Are you crunchy or creamy?***
- ❖ *Sun., Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>* WRMC will join with 1<sup>st</sup> Mennonite Church, Williamsburg Mennonite Church, and Huntington Mennonite Church for a Combined Worship Service. Location: Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center.
- ❖ *Sun., Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>* 5:30pm WRMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat

**Announcements:**

**EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 13, 2023: NEW WRMC HOURS ANNOUNCED**

Warwick River Mennonite Church

Open Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., 10:30 – 4:30 pm.

**TRUNK OR TREAT 10/29/2023:** If you would like to **donate candy for our Second Annual WRMC Trunk or Treat this year, just drop off at the Coffee Connect counter** or the church office. Last year we ran out! Also, beginning today (9/17/23) through October 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 2023 ANNOUNCED !**

Friday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, 4-9pm and Saturday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, 7am-2pm at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg, VA. Events include Farmer's Market, Music, Food, a 5k Race, and Auction. Please note - more information and reserved auction seating is available online: visit [www.vareliefsale.com](http://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 the school (WRCLC)? Please keep Pat posted on your availability and that way if there are any books ready to go through the end of the year – she can better coordinate the effort. Don't be shy - reach out to Pat in the church office for details.

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)