

OCTOBER 1, 2023
"Remembrance, Renewal, and Participation"



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, 10:30am – 4:30pm

Serving Today:

Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

Worship Leader: Mary Dawn Carrier

Song Leader: Noah Shenk

Reader: Steve Fannin

Greeter: Susan Ackerman

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:

Leader: We gather in preparation,

People: for good news is about to be proclaimed.

Leader: We gather in expectation,

People: for joy is about to break forth in our midst.

Leader: We gather in celebration,

People: for we are people who say

yes to the manger,

yes to the One incarnate for others,

yes to the wholeness of God.

All: In preparation and expectation, let us celebrate!

~Voices Together: Worship Resources 870

***Hymn of Preparation**

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

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Sermon: Remembrance, Renewal, and Participation

~Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

ALL: We believe that the Lord's Supper is a sign by which the church thankfully remembers the new covenant which Jesus established by his death. In this communion meal, the church renews its covenant with God and with each other and participates in the life and death of Jesus Christ, until he comes.

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offering

Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

Prayer of Sending and Benediction

LEADER: In our concerns and in our choices,

ALL: God is with us.

LEADER: In our disappointments and in our joys

ALL: God is with us.

LEADER: In our protesting and in our serving,

ALL: God is with us.

LEADER: Now and always,

ALL: God is with us.

LEADER: From where we are

To where you need us:

ALL: Jesus, now lead on.

LEADER: From the familiarity of what we know

To the wonder of what you will reveal:

ALL: Jesus, now lead on.

LEADER: To transform the fabric of this world

Until it resembles the shape of your kingdom:

ALL: Jesus, now lead on.

LEADER: Because good things have been prepared

For those who love God:

ALL: Jesus, now lead on.

~Voices Together: Worship Resources 1050 and 1051

Mennonite World Conference Membership Map & Statistics: https://mwc-cmm.org/sites/default/files/featured-images/mwc_world_map_2022.png

September 24, 2023 Offering ~ ~ ~ ~ Worship Service Attendance: 54

\$	3,720.00	Offertory for FY2023
\$	150.00	Paypal
\$	200.00	Building Fund
\$	4,070.00	Offertory total 09/24/2023

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-9/24/2023=\$86,895.50

Total Budgeted need 12/01/2022-09/24/2023=\$113,535.48

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17

09/17/2023 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,544,529.05

09/24/2023 \$ 200.00

09/24/2023 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,544,729.05

(*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

- ❖ Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. ~ 2 Thessalonians 3:16
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network **requests prayer** for Joseph and Rachel Givens, who work with volunteers at the *Maria Skobtsova House* in Calais, France, to offer food and shelter to migrants, as they seek refuge enroute to the United Kingdom. Pray for deep spiritual grounding for the Givens family and the volunteers, as they accompany people suffering from deep trauma. Pray also for more volunteers.
- ❖ 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!

October 1	Robby Ackerman
October 4	Leona Ross; Dawn Wing
October 5	Tammara Geary
October 7	Arielle Shenk
October 8	Charlie Miller; Shelly Yoder; Mary Dawn Carrier
October 9	Fran Redekop; Rebecca Mumaw; Sarah (Miller) Lemon
October 13	Zane Shenk

Happy Anniversary!

October 19 Mel & Cheri Shenk



THRIVE FOOD PANTRY: DON'T FORGET: we are collecting a specific food each Sunday, for THRIVE. **Challenge #2 - October 8th bring one can of tuna fish and together we can quickly fill a grocery bag.** Let's help support food donations now more than ever before. Thank you all for helping.

Fun fact: water-pack tuna vs. oil-pack tuna –curious which is more popular?

Game Night on Wed., 10/18: Join us on Wednesday, October 18th, 6 - 8:00 PM for Dutch Blitz, Dominoes and more! Whether you're a Dutch Blitz expert or new to the game, everyone is welcome to join in the fun. If you have a Dutch Blitz deck or a Dominoes set, please bring it with you. Pizza & drinks provided; additional food contributions welcomed!

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, Oct 1st 9:30am Adult & Children's Sunday School (School Building)
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Today, Oct 1st Reminder: Challenge #1 is Peanut Butter for THRIVE today!
- ❖ Tues., Oct 3rd 4:00–6pm Community Prayer Drop-In (Chapel or Outdoors)
- ❖ Thurs., Oct. 5th 6:00pm WRMC Council Meeting
- ❖ **Sun., Oct. 8th Challenge #2 is Tuna Fish for THRIVE**
- ❖ **Bring a can to Church today !!**
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Sun., Oct. 29th 5:30pm WRMC 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat

Announcements:

THREADS TOGETHER, needs a 24" x 36" heavy duty rotary cutting mat with grid - to be used for quilting, sewing, fabric and crafts – to protect the work area surface & the rotary blade. By chance if you should have a mat that you no longer need please think of us. We are in the process of cutting and assembling a new comforter which will be knotted at our next meeting. We are still making School kits and look forward to many more projects. Thank you for any consideration. Twila Blume, Ann Aulich.

TRUNK OR TREAT SUN., 10/29/23: Candy donations accepted at Coffee Connect counter & WRMC office. Coffee Connect monies for candy reserve fund.

VIRGINIA MENNONITE RELIEF SALE: Friday, Oct 6th, 4-9pm & Sat., Oct 7th, 7am-2pm at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg, VA. www.vareliefsale.com

MENNONITE PUBLIC EDUCATORS... is a group that brings together teachers & other education professionals who are Mennonite & who work in a public-school setting in the US or Canada for mutual encouragement, support, and learning. Let's have real discussions of what it means to live out our faith (or not) in the public schools. "Being a Mennonite in public ed" is the first of four Zoom meetings. Thurs., Oct. 12, 2023 – 7pm Eastern. There is no cost, but registration is required. For more information or to receive the RSVP link, contact info@MennoniteEducation.org

FIRST DELIVERY left the building 9/24/2023 - thank you Tim Yoder! ... 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 O'Connor posted on your availability and if there are any books ready to go through the end of the year – she can better coordinate the effort.

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 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 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 giving, go directly to: Donate (paypal.com)

Anabaptist Membership, map and statistics

Mennonite World Conference compiles statistics of churches that are rooted in the 16th century Radical Reformation in Europe, particularly in the Anabaptist movement. This faith family includes 2.13 million baptized believers in 86 countries.

The totals by continental region are: Africa 36.43%, Asia and Pacific 20.58%, Europe 2.98%, Latin America and the Caribbean 9.51%, North America 30.50%.

About two-thirds of the baptized believers are African, Asian or Latin American.

In 2022, 109 national churches and one international association are identified as members or associate members of Mennonite World Conference. These churches include 1.47 million baptized believers, which represent 69.24% of the total in the global faith family.

Go to:

https://mwc-cmm.org/sites/default/files/featured-images/mwc_world_map_2022.png

A decorative poster for a Family Harvest Festival. The background is a light, textured grey. A large, circular wreath of autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow frames the central text. The text is arranged in a vertical stack, separated by horizontal lines. At the bottom right, there is a small illustration of a pumpkin and a red maple leaf.

**Family
Harvest
FESTIVAL**

At The
Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center

Food • Fun • Fellowship

the
22nd of October 2023
From 2-6pm, Free Admission!

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9275 Barnes Rd, Toano VA 23168 

October 22nd

One event with three parts

11:00A.M.

ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE MISSION

A joint worship service and potluck lunch of the Eastern District Congregations
October 22, 11am
Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center, under the pavilion

As a way of encouraging one another and strengthening our mission together as God's church, we call on all congregations of the Eastern District to suspend services on the morning of October 22 and join together for worship, food, and fellowship. Be inspired by contemporary and traditional songs, children's time, creative scripture presentations, and ministry stories from each congregation. An offering will be taken to cover costs, and all excess offerings will go to WCRC. All are invited to participate in a joint choir that will practice at 10am.

Following the worship service, join us for a Potluck Lunch! **(Please note we won't have electricity or refrigeration available on-site.)** Your treasured non-perishable dishes, your cheerful presence, and our shared memories will make this gathering truly special!

Practical tip: Don't forget to bring serving utensils and label your dishes for the benefit of those with food allergies.

Our joint worship service and potluck is being planned in coordination with WCRC's Family Harvest Festival, which begins that afternoon. So stay after the potluck to enjoy the campgrounds and the Harvest Festival!

Please join us !

Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center
9275 Barnes Rd, Toano, VA 23168

<https://www.wcrc.info/wp-content/uploads/attachments/groundsmap.pdf>

SEE YOU THERE

