

OCTOBER 8, 2023

“As they were going along the road...”



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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Serving Today:

Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman

Song Leader: Micah Shenk

Reader: James Salyers & Samantha Salyers

Greeter: Susan Ackerman

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 --

Welcome

***Hymn of Praise and Gathering**

Call to Worship: (from Psalm 8)

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth.
 You have set your glory above the heavens.

**People: Out of the mouths of babes and infants,
 you have founded a bulwark because of your foes
 to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars that you have established;
 what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
 mortals that you care for them?

**People: Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
 and crowned them with glory and honor.**

Leader: You have given them dominion
 over the works of your hands;

**People: you have put all things under their feet,
 all sheep and oxen, and
 also the beasts of the fields,
 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
 whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

**ALL: O Lord, our Sovereign,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth.**

***Hymn of Preparation**

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

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Luke 9: 18-28

Sermon: As they were going along the road...
 ~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 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

October 1, 2023 Offering ~ ~ ~ ~ Worship Service Attendance: 37

\$ 3,810.00	Offertory for FY2023
\$ 26.00	Coffee Connect to benefit Candy Reserve Fund
\$ 629.00	Designated to repair Chapel overhang & gutters
\$ 500.00	<u>Building Fund</u>
\$ 4,965.00	Offertory total 10/01/2023

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-10/1/2023=\$90,705.50

Total Budgeted need 12/01/2022-10/1/2023=\$116,175.84

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

09/24/2023 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,544,729.05
10/01/2023	\$ 500.00
10/01/2023 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,545,229.05

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

- ❖ *He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. ~ Micah 6:8*
- ❖ Martha Young is ill and undergoing treatment for cancer. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.
- ❖ Tomorrow is Indigenous People's Day. Pray for Mennonite congregations as they acknowledge that many Mennonites of European descent were among the first to move onto land from which Indigenous Peoples were forcibly removed. Mennonite Mission Network encourages congregations to find ways, in conversation with their Indigenous neighbors, to repair the harm done.
- ❖ 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 8 Charlie Miller; Shelly Yoder; Mary Dawn Carrier
October 9 Fran Redekop; Rebecca Mumaw; Sarah (Miller) Lemon
October 13 Zane Shenk
October 23 Curt Holsopple; Rebekah Ferrell

Happy Anniversary!

October 19 Mel & Cheri Shenk



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, you may go directly to: [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Oct 8th* 9:30am Adult & Children's Sunday School (School Building)
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- Today, Oct 8th* Challenge #2 bring a can of Tuna Fish for THRIVE today!
- ❖ *Tues., Oct 10th* 4-6pm Community Prayer Drop-In (Chapel or Outdoors)
- ❖ *Thur., Oct 12th* 6-9pm Threads Together (School Building)
- ❖ *Sun., Oct 15th* Potluck Fellowship Lunch after Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ *Wed., Oct 18th* 6:00 – 8:00pm WRMC Game Night (Chapel)
- ❖ ***Sun., Oct. 22nd*** **11:00am Joint Sunday Worship Service + Potluck Lunch at WCRC in Williamsburg today – See flyer for details! Bring a dish to share!**
- ❖ *Sun., Oct. 22nd* no worship service/Sunday school at Warwick River Chapel
- ❖ *Sun., Oct. 29th* 5:00-7:00pm Trunk or Treat Event at WRMC * Set up 4:30 *

Announcements:

10/15: WRMC CHAPEL POTLUCK FOLLOWS WORSHIP SERVICE: Bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert to share! Drinks provided. Sign-up sheet in chapel foyer.

10/18: WRMC Game Night - Join us 6 - 8:00 PM for Dutch Blitz, Dominoes, a Jigsaw Puzzle, 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 – bring it! Pizza & drinks provided; additional food contributions always welcome!

10/22: 11:00am Joint Sunday Worship Service + Potluck Lunch + Harvest Festival at Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center in Williamsburg. Bring a Potluck dish to share! Details contained in Flyer available in the Chapel foyer. EDC congregations: Warwick River MC, First Mennonite Church, Huntington MC, and Williamsburg MC
Please note: Sun., Oct. 22nd no services/Sunday school at Warwick River Chapel

10/29: TRUNK or TREAT at WRMC - Needed - your car & your creativity!! Decorate your trunk & bring candy to share as we host our annual Trunk or Treat event *for the community*. Setup begins at 4:30 p.m.; the event will run from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Questions? Contact Jenn Salyers at wrmcfellowship@gmail.com.

COFFEE CONNECT: The donations received this month are earmarked for the Trunk or Treat candy reserve fund. Monies and/or candy donations needed.

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS - Are you going to Harrisonburg, VA? Can you drop off books to the *GIFT & THRIFT* for WRMC? (CONTACT Pat 757-874-0794; warwickrivermc@gmail.com)

THRIVE FOOD PANTRY * OCTOBER FUN FACTS * WINNING STATS * WRMC * SUNDAY CHALLENGE * BRING a specific food to church * Help us fill the grocery bag *

#1 (10/01) LANDSLIDE Winner: Crunchy Peanut Butter 29 & Creamy Peanut Butter 13

#2 (10/08) Winner ?: TUNA FISH water pack ____ & TUNA FISH oil pack ____

#3 (10/15) Winner ?: RICE by the bag ____ or Rice by the box ____

#4 (10/22) Winner ?: Bag of FLOUR ____ or Bag of SUGAR ____

#5 (10/29) Winner ?: Bag of APPLES ____ or Bag of ORANGES ____



**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

