

OCTOBER 15, 2023

“A sweeping view of God's mission as seen in the Gospel of Luke”



## 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](http://www.warwickrivermennonite.org)

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### Serving Today:

*Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson*

*Worship Leader: Mary Dawn Carrier*

*Song Leader: Lisa Fannin*

*Reader: Mary Dawn Carrier*

*Greeter: Twila Blume*

*Zoom Host: Mackenzie Butler 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: (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 1:1-4; 4:18-19; 9:1-2; 10:1; & 10:17;

Sermon: "A sweeping view of God's mission as seen in the Gospel of Luke"

~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 8, 2023 Offering ~ ~ ~ ~ Worship Service Attendance: 36**

\$ 1,115.00	Offertory for FY2023
\$ 275.00	PayPal
\$ 62.00	Coffee Connect for benefit of Candy Reserve Fund
\$ 1,452.00	Offertory total 10/08/2023
Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-10/8/2023=\$92,095.50	
Total Budgeted need 12/01/2022-10/8/2023=\$118,816.20	

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

**10/08/2023 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,545,229.05\***

(\*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

- ❖ "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want." ~ Psalm 23:1
- ❖ We pray for health and healing for all those who are suffering difficult times and especially Ernie Miller, Martha Young, and Jack Smith.
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network requests prayers for peace, as violence escalates the world over. We pray for peace as Ecuador holds their run-off presidential elections today.
- ❖ Together we pray for all of the caregivers as they make their way through the challenging days & the joyful days of caring for loved ones.
- ❖ 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!

October 23	Curt Holsopple; Rebekah Ferrell
October 24	Juanita Baer
October 25	Emily Miller
October 29	George Brunk; Kevin Aulich
October 30	Rebekah Josephine Ferrell
October 31	Autumn Ferrell

### Happy Anniversary!

October 19	Mel & Cheri Shenk
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**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) LANDSLIDE Winner:** TUNA FISH water pack 47 & TUNA FISH oil pack 3

**#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 \_\_\_\_

### Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Oct 15<sup>th</sup>* 9:30am Adult & Children's Sunday School (School Building)  
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)  
Potluck Fellowship Lunch after Worship Service (Chapel)
- Today, Oct 15<sup>th</sup>* Challenge #3 bring a bag/box of Rice for THRIVE today!
- ❖ *Tues., Oct 17<sup>th</sup>* 4-6pm Community Prayer Drop-In (Chapel or Outdoors)
- ❖ *Wed., Oct 18<sup>th</sup>* 6:00 – 8:00pm WRMC Game Night (Chapel)
- ❖ ***Sun., Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>* 11:00am Joint Sunday Worship Service + Potluck Lunch at WCRC in Williamsburg today – See flyer for details! Bring a dish to share!**
- ❖ *Sun., Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>* no worship service/Sunday school at Warwick River Chapel
- ❖ *Sun., Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>* 5:00-7:00pm Trunk or Treat Event at WRMC \* Set up 4:30 \*

### Announcements:

**10/15: TODAY !! WRMC CHAPEL POTLUCK FOLLOWS WORSHIP SERVICE:**

Bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert to share! Drinks provided.

**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:** Calling all singers and "wanna-be" singers. Come early to the joint service at Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center to participate in a "pick-up" choir (no previous choir experience is required!). We will gather at **10:00 am on Oct. 22** to practice two hymns from Voices Together (#s 78 and 347) and will sing them during the service.

**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. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:warwickrivermc@gmail.com))



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**Family  
Harvest  
FESTIVAL**

At The  
Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center

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Food • Fun • Fellowship

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

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9275 Barnes Rd, Toano VA 23168



October 22<sup>nd</sup>

*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**

