

NOVEMBER 5, 2023
"Preparing our Hearts and Minds in Gratitude"



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: Mackenzie Butler Shenk

Song Leader: Don Brunk

Reader: MaryDawn Carrier

Greeter: MaryDawn Carrier

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: (from Psalm 100:1-5)

Leader ¹ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

People ² Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

Leader ³ Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his^o;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

People ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

All ⁵ **For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

***Hymn of Preparation**

***Children’s Moment** “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God”

~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Hearing from God’s Word --

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 3:8-10 In the garden
Luke 4:18-19 Jesus Inauguration
Revelation 7:9-12 The vision of the multitude

Sermon: Preparing our Hearts and Minds in Gratitude

~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

Generous God, you draw us into surprising stories.
Use them to disrupt our complacency and remove our fear,
that we may follow you into the joy of your kingdom presence.
In the name of the one who taught us not to lose heart,
may the God of steadfastness, encouragement and love
grant us to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus,
so that together we may with one voice
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
AMEN

~ Adapted from: Anabaptist Prayer Book:
“Take Our Moments and Our Days”
Volume 1, Ordinary Time

October 22, 2023: no WRMC services held in order to attend EDC Joint Service at WCRC
October 29, 2023 Offering ~~~~~ Worship Service Attendance 50

\$ 973.00 Offertory for FY2023
\$ 125.00 PayPal
\$ 1,098.00 Offertory total 10/29/2023

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-10/29/2023=\$94,903.50
Total Budgeted need 12/01/2022-10/29/2023=\$126,737.28

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week’s Building Fund Update

10/15/2023 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,545,279.05
10/22/2023 \$ 0.00
10/29/2023 \$ 0.00
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(*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 rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.” ~ Psalm 18:2*
- ❖ Please pray for Pastor Steve as he travels overseas to France and Benin this month in order to fulfill his work of many years with Mennonite Mission Network.
- ❖ Please pray for Martha Young as she begins her first chemo treatment on Tuesday. Her son Larry and his wife will be with her for a few days.
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network **requests prayer** for the Johnstown Service Adventure unit, which is made up of Elias Wolff, Henriette Preuss, Leni Schreiber and Marie Haller, as well as unit leaders Josh and Stef Musser and their children, Jacob and Noah. **Pray** for a harmonious household, deepening faith and service that reflects God's love through clinics, Head Start, school and after-school programs.
- ❖ Please pray for healing of Jackie Zimmerman's friend, Aaron, as his eyes have been injured by his ongoing cancer treatment.
- ❖ 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!

November 2	Susan Ackerman	November 10	Noah Shenk
November 5	Keith Delk	November 11	Ethan Boldy
November 7	Emma Shenk	November 11	Noah Boldy
November 9	Pauline Nice	November 11	Corey Paster
November 9	Austin Hodges	November 13	Edie Holsopple
		November 13	Archer Carrier

Happy Anniversary!

November 9 Ernie and Ruth Ann Miller (1947)



Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Nov 5th* 9:30am Adult & Children's Sunday School (School Building)
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ *Tues., Nov 7th* 4–6pm Community Prayer Drop-In (Chapel or Outdoors)
- ❖ *Wed., Nov 8th* 6:00 – 8:00pm WRMC Game Night (Chapel)
- ❖ *Thurs., Nov 9th* 6:00 pm WRMC Council Meeting
- ❖ *Fri., Nov. 10-12* Mennonite Women of Virginia Annual Retreat
- ❖ *Sun., Nov. 12th* Potluck Fellowship Lunch after Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ *Sun., Nov. 19th* WRMC Ingathering 2023
- ❖ *Thurs., Nov. 23* Thanksgiving

Announcements:

Game Night on Wed., 11/8: Join us on Wednesday, November 8th, 6 - 8:00 PM for Scrabble, Dominoes and more! Get ready for a Scrabble showdown - all are welcome! Whether you're a novice or a pro, join the wordplay. Bring your Scrabble set if you've got one, and we'll also have other classic games like Dominoes and cards available for those who'd like to mix things up. We'll provide pizza and drinks; potluck contributions appreciated!

CHURCH POTLUCK FOLLOWING NOVEMBER 12th SERVICE:

Following worship service, come together for a potluck like no other. Your main dishes, sides, and desserts are the stars of the show! We're providing drinks. Sign up at the Chapel's foyer table, located beside the Bulletins.



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.

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