

NOVEMBER 12, 2023  
"X Marks the Spot"



## 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: Guest Speaker, Jim Thornton

Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman

Song Leader: Noah Shenk

Readers: James Salyers and Samantha Salyers

Greeter: Ann Aulich

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: (from Psalm 22)**

**Leader:** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me,  
so far from my cries of anguish?

**Response:** My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,  
by night, but I find no rest.

**Leader:** But you O LORD, do not be far away!

O my help, come quickly to my aid.

**Response:** Deliver my soul from the sword;

Save me from the mouth of the lion.

**Leader:** You who fear the LORD praise Him!

All you offspring of Jacob glorify Him!

**Response:** Stand in awe of Him all you offspring of Israel.

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

(No Children’s Moment this morning)

-- Hearing from God’s Word --

Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. <sup>3</sup>So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

<sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.”

<sup>5</sup>“Do not come any closer.” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

Sermon: “X” Marks the Spot

~Guest Speaker, Jim Thornton

-- Responding to Worship --

**\*Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offering

Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

**\*Song of Sending**

**Closing Prayer**

Lord we seek you, but seem not to find.

Remove the scales from our eyes

that we might see you.

Melt the wax in our ears

that we might hear you.

Cleanse our mouths

that we might taste and see.

Help us to conceive that your presence is always near.

Help us to stand quietly and wait.



**November 5, 2023 Offering ~~~~~ Worship Service Attendance 47**

\$	634.00	Offertory for FY2023
\$	100.00	donation designated toward new refrigerator
\$	150.00	PayPal
\$	6.00	Coffee Connect 10/29/23 for general fund
\$	6.00	Coffee Connect 11/05/23 for general fund
\$	896.00	Offertory total 11/05/2023

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-11/05/2023=\$95,699.50

Total Budgeted need 12/01/2022-11/05/2023=\$129,377.64

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

Deuteronomy 16:17



**Building News Corner**

This Week’s Building Fund Update

<b>10/29/2023 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,545,279.05</b>
<b>11/05/2023</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>11/05/2023 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,545,279.05</b>

(\*includes \$12,947.05 estimated value stock shares)

**Warwick River Mennonite Church** is grateful for your financial support and committed to exercising faithful stewardship over the funds contributed to us.

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

**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**

- ❖ "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." ~ Ephesians 4:2-3
- ❖ Please pray for our Pastor Steve as his travels continue abroad, in France and Benin this month and he continues to fulfill his work of many years with Mennonite Mission Network. He is currently at the Paris Mennonite Centre.
- ❖ Please pray for those among us who are grieving loved ones today. Whether their loss was long ago or recent, we remember their names, we remember their laughter, and we remember their sweet smiles. Please pray our Lord may comfort us in our time.
- ❖ As our fiscal year draws to a close December 31<sup>st</sup>, we offer up praise and thanks for our most generous congregation over all the years, who have been steadfast in supporting our church's needed projects, reminding us that God is always faithful in supplying our needs.
- ❖ Sympathy and love to Linda, Danni and Theresa Clark as they mourn the passing of Ernie Godshall on November 6th.
- ❖ Prayers for Curt Holsopple as the doctors continue to address his health situation. May the coming days and months bring relief.
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network **requests prayer** for Matthew and Toni Krabill, as they prepare to move from the Paris Mennonite Centre (France) to The Sanneh Institute in Accra, Ghana, to continue their work and ministry. **Pray** for them as they collaborate with partners in the Francophone Mennonite Network, who are launching a French-language theological training program.
- ❖ 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!**

November 10	Noah Shenk	November 13	Archer Carrier
November 11	Ethan Boldy	November 18	Adam Lytle
November 11	Noah Boldy	November 18	Cole Lytle
November 11	Corey Paster	November 19	Robert Mumaw
November 13	Edie Holsopple	November 23	Sandy Wagner

**Happy Anniversary!**

November 28 Pastor Steve & Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson

**Upcoming Events:**

- ❖ Today, Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Adult & Children's Sunday School (School Building)  
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Today, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> Potluck Fellowship Lunch after Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Tues., Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 4–6pm Community Prayer Drop-In (Chapel or Outdoors)
- ❖ Sun., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> WRMC Ingathering 2023
- ❖ Thurs., Nov. 23 Thanksgiving
- ❖ Fri., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Warwick River Christian School Christmas Program
- ❖ Sun., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> Potluck Fellowship Meal after Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Sat., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – Warwick River Christian Cookie Walk!

**Announcements:**

**INGATHERING SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 19TH:**

Ingathering will be on November 19<sup>th</sup> during the morning Worship Service.

**For Thrive**, please bring canned meat, canned fruit/vegetables, jello, soup, instant potatoes, spaghetti noodles and sauce, cereal, mac & cheese, jelly, powdered milk, and hard candy.

**For Link**, please bring wash cloths; travel size toothbrushes and toothpaste; travel size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, Q-tips (a box of 500 will fill 50 hygiene bags), gallon & snack size baggies, and body lotion.

Contact Sue Yoder (757-877-4135) with any questions or for assistance.

**Ingathering - Only 1 more week!!**

**Pick up your shopping bags and shopping lists for THRIVE and Link donations- located near the Chapel Entrance**

**POINSETTIA DEDICATION SALE:**

We are selling poinsettias in memory or honor of loved ones to be displayed at the church until Dec 17 or 24, when you can take the poinsettias home. Poinsettias are \$19.99. Purchase deadline is November 26th. For more information contact Pat in the Church Office.

**DECORATE THE CHAPEL FOR CHRISTMAS, NOV. 25, 2023:**

Join us on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am to decorate the Chapel! Decoration donations would be greatly appreciated. Most needed items this year are Christmas lights, and a wreath. For more information, please contact the front office or contact Jenn Salyers by text (757-848-8284) or [wrmcfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:wrmcfellowship@gmail.com)

**SAVE THE DATE! START BAKING & FREEZING FOR COOKIE WALK, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023:**

Warwick River Christian Learning Center resumes the WRCLC Cookie Walk & Cookie donations are needed! Questions? Ann Aulich: 757-870-2042 or [aulichwrcs@yahoo.com](mailto:aulichwrcs@yahoo.com)