

DECEMBER 3, 2023

Waiting in Faith in times of Trouble



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: Don Brunk

Reader: Mary Dawn Carrier

Greeter: Peggy Kipfer

Zoom Host: Leanna Schrock DeWysocki

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: (based on Isaiah passage from Leader magazine)

Leader: O God, tear open the heavens and come down so that
the mountains would quake at your presence!

High voices; No one has heard

Low voices: no ear has perceived,

**People: no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for you**

Leader: No one knows when the time will come.

**People: How long must we wait?
(pause)**

ALL: Together we wait

*Hymn of Preparation

***Children's Moment: "Waiting at the Manger"**

~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 80: 1-7; 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13: 24-37

Sermon: Waiting in Faith in times of Trouble...

~ 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

Benediction - From Take our Moments and our Days

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that
we may abound in hope by the power of the Holly Spirit. Amen

Go in peace.



Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year) ~ This Budget Year Approved is 13 months

New FY2023 will run 12/01/2022 through 12/31/2023 (new)

Annual operating expense budget: \$150,500.00

November 26, 2023 Offering Report * Worship Service: 50

Offering: \$14,700.00 * Building Fund: \$300.00 * Use of Facilities \$1,000.00 *

Offering collected YTD: [12/1/2022-11/26/2023] = \$113,447.50

Budget Need [12/1/2022-11/26/2023] = \$137,298.72

Deficit: \$23,851.22

**Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church
Deuteronomy 16:17**

Building Fund Update:

11/19/2023 Building Fund Balance \$1,545,329.05

11/26/2023 Building Fund Balance \$1,545,629.05

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 in order 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 the 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)



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

❖ *“⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.^[a] ⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba,^[b] Father.” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.” ~ Galatians 4:4-7*

❖ CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR: Ted and Snooky Yoder in Ted’s recent health challenges, that he may fully recover. Jan Dennis as she travels in the coming days and weeks. Ernie, Ruth Ann, and Lillian Miller as they adjust to their new routines at Miller’s Merry Manor. Leona Ross, Martha Young, Connie Saunders, and Jack and Elaine Smith, may they soon feel better.

❖ *Dear Church Family,*
My family and I thank you so much for your prayers and support during the time of the recent loss of my brother, Ralph Coleman. I am so blessed by your telephone calls, flowers, cards, and visits.
~ Love, Connie Saunders

❖ Pray for the participants in Mennonite Mission Network’s Tucson, Arizona, Mennonite Voluntary Service unit – Nely Cotuc, Hannah Nuest, Ally Weaver, Magdalena Wenger, and Deborah Yoder – as they help extend the ministries of their host congregation, Shalom Mennonite Fellowship, through welcoming immigrants, promoting literacy and working to protect the environment.

❖ 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!

December 4-	Ruth Ann Miller	December 6	Ben Redekop
December 5-	Clark Siebels	December 6	Tete Mulamba
December 5-	Kyle Fannin	December 7	Josh Longacher
December 5-	Anna Mulamba		
December 5-	Johnnie Stafford, Jr.		

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, Dec 3rd 1st Sunday of Advent
9:30am Adult & Children’s Sunday School (School Building)
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Tues., Dec 5th 4–6pm Community Prayer Drop-In (Chapel or Outdoors)
- ❖ Thurs., Dec 7th WRMC Council Meeting
- ❖ Sun., Dec. 10th 2nd Sunday of Advent
Potluck Fellowship Meal after Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Thurs., Dec 14th Threads Together sewing group meets in the school
- ❖ Sat., Dec. 16th 9:00 am – Warwick River Christian Cookie Walk
- ❖ Sat., Dec. 16th 4-7pm WRMC Christmas Caroling Bus departs the station !

Announcements:

ANIMAL SHELTER BOX

Support Peninsula SPCA & Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter (PRAS) with your old newspapers, used towels, sheets, shoe boxes (cats love to snuggle in them) and empty paper towel/toilet paper rolls. Thank you!
Questions? See Rachael & Noah Shenk Rachael.moseley@yahoo.com; 757-268-6739;

A BIG SHOUT OUT FROM THRIVE

- **INGATHERING WRMC GIVING TOTALS: 575 lbs. of food and \$500.00 donation.**
- **WRMC received a thank you for Ingathering and Church contributions for 2023, in support of THRIVE! Your generosity continues to support our community. Food Given July-September 2023: 134.2 lbs. (112 meals); Volunteer Hours worked July-September 2023: 82.50 hours.**

THE POINSETTIAS that adorn the Sanctuary during the Christmas season are provided in remembrance and in honor of those who have filled our lives with love and joy. Thank you for participating and the dedications made. **Dear participants: remember to take your flower home on December 17th or 24th ! Merry Christmas and blessings!**

