

DECEMBER 17, 2023

Waiting in Love in times of trouble...
making a space



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: Lisa Fannin

Reader: Jackie Zimmerman

Greeter: Twila Blume

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

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If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to

Don Brunk (610-787-0823)

-- Gathering --

Welcome

Advent Candle lighting

Leader: Together we wonder.

Candle Lighter: How will we know what is next?

Leader: Go and hold fast to what is good, rejoice always,
make straight the way of the Lord!

***Hymn of Praise and Gathering**

Call to Worship:

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord, and
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

All High voices: For the Mighty One has done great things for me,

All Low voices: and holy is God's name.

Leader: God has brought down the powerful
and lifted up the lowly.

People: What will God do next?

All: Together we wonder.

***Hymn of Preparation**

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

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

Luke 1: 46b-55

I Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8,19-28

Sermon: Waiting in Love in times of trouble...making a space

~ 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 (Benediction)

May the God of peace sanctify us entirely; and may our spirit and soul and
body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The one who calls us is faithful, and will do this. Amen.

From: Take Our Moments and Our Days, an Anabaptist Prayer Book, page 111



December 10, 2023 Offering ~~~~~ Worship Service Attendance 39

\$ 1276.00	Offertory for FY2023
\$ 50.00	Building Fund
\$ 3.00	Coffee Connect 11/26/2023
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\$ 1,329.00	Offertory total 12/10/2023

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-12/10/2023=\$116,415.55 corrected

Fiscal Year \$150,500 ends 12/31/2023 * Deficit: \$34,084.45 *

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17

Building News Corner * This Week's Building Fund Update

12/03/2023 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,545,629.05

12/10/2023 \$ 50.00

12/10/2023 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,545,679.05

*(*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. 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. Consistent offerings are so important to your church. 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

- ❖ *“Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.” Psalm 63:7*
- ❖ Prayers of health and healing for MaryDawn Carrier, Pat Leming, Don Brunk, Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson, Candace – friend of Rachael Shenk.
- ❖ Please pray for Michelle Watrous and her family during the sudden death of her son-in-law, Justin Adam. Please pray for Michelle’s daughter, Amber, and the three young children (Michelle’s grandchildren, ages 11, 9, and 6) as together we mourn this unimaginable loss. (Michelle is the Director here at Warwick River Christian Learning Center)
- ❖ Continued prayers for all those in the congregation undergoing health challenges known and unknown to us. May they be comforted and know that we pray for their health and return to good health.
- ❖ Prayer and Praise concerns are always welcome & may be requested or updated by calling or emailing Pat O’Connor in the Church Office: (757)-874-0794 or warwickrivermc@gmail.com



Happy Birthday!

- December 17 Dina Fentress
- December 18 Ronald Ziegler, Shawn McDaniel
- December 21 Kathryn Baer
- December 22 Gabriella Davis
- December 23 Graham Wagner
- December 24 Micah Shenk
- December 27 Theresa Siebels; Delma Brenneman
- December 31 Donna Nice

12/17/23: 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 for the dedications made. **Dear participants: remember to take your flower home on December 17th or 24th and thank you for the joy you shared with your Church Family.**

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, Dec 17th 3rd Sunday of Advent
 9:30am Adult & Children’s Sunday School (School Building)
 10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Today, Dec 17th Poinsettia Dedication participants: Take home 12/17 or 12/24
- ❖ Tues., Dec 19th 4–6pm Community Prayer Drop-In (Chapel or Outdoors)
- ❖ WRMC Office closed Dec. 20-27
- ❖ Sun. Dec. 24th 9:30 am Sunday School (School Building)
- ❖ 10:40 Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ 9 pm WRMC Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- ❖ Mon., Dec. 25 – Merry Christmas!
- ❖ Thurs., Dec 28th Threads Together sewing group meets (School Building)
- ❖ WRMC Office open Dec. 28, 29,
- ❖ Fri., Dec. 31 – New Year’s Eve
- ❖ WRMC Office open Jan. 2-5

Warwick River Mennonite Church
 ANNOUNCEMENT
 Council of Ministries voted to extend
 Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson’s contract from
 January 1 – December 31, 2024.
 Please be sure to offer up your continued support to
 Pastor Steve as he continues to get to know our Church family
 and to bring us the message

Announcements:

WARWICK RIVER CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE IS December 24, 2023 at 9 p.m. We are inviting anyone and everyone who is interested in singing/playing music or reading scripture. Please let Micah Shenk or MaryDawn Carrier know if you have any interest -
 Micah: mdshenk15@gmail.com
 MaryDawn: worshipwrmc@gmail.com or marydawncarrier@gmail.com

12/10/23:WARWICK RIVER LEARNING CENTER NEEDS A PERSON TO CALL with building and grounds issues and who would see to it that the issue is attended to. (i.e., call a roofer, call a plumber, etc.) Handyman experience is helpful.