

DECEMBER 24, 2023

Waiting in Peace in times of trouble...
The God who Acts



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: MaryDawn Carrier

Song Leader: Micah Shenk

Readers: MaryDawn Carrier and four other members of the congregation

Greeter: Sue Yoder

Zoom Host: Mackenzie Butler Shenk

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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

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:

- 1) Luke 1:5-25
- 2) Luke 1:26-45
- 3) Luke 1:46-56
- 4) Luke 1:57-66
- 5) Luke 1:67-80

Sermon: Waiting in Peace in times of trouble...The God who Acts
~ 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 17, 2023 Offering ~~~~~ Worship Service Attendance 29

\$	1,605.00	Offertory for FY2023
\$	150.00	PayPal
\$	1,755.00	Offertory total 12/17/2023

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-12/17/2023=\$118,170.55
Fiscal Year ends 12/31/2023 # **Deficit: \$32,329.45 as of 12/17/23 #**

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

12/10/2023 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,545,679.05
12/17/2023	\$ 00.00
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(*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

- ❖ "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you." ~ 2 Thessalonians 3:16
- ❖ Prayers of health and healing for Don Brunk, MaryDawn Carrier, Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson, Pat Leming, and Candace – friend of Rachael Shenk, and for all those in the congregation undergoing health challenges known and unknown to us.
- ❖ We offer up prayers of thanksgiving for Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson and his wife, Dorothy. We are blessed that they have joined our Warwick River church family and we are so thankful for this past year as we look forward to the coming new year.
- ❖ Pray for everyone in our Church Family, that they may feel God's presence in their Christmas celebrations.
- ❖ 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 24 Micah Shenk
- December 27 Theresa Siebels; Delma Brenneman
- December 31 Donna Nice
- January 3 Rachael Shenk
- January 4 Will Siebels
- January 5 Nelson Baer; Ricky Dillon
- January 7 John Cassel
- January 10 Sue Yoder (Snooky); Nicole Mulamba

*The Lord Himself is our first and greatest gift.
 Rejoice in the Lord Always.*



Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, Dec 24th 4th Sunday of Advent – Happiest Christmas to you & yours!
 9:30am Adult & Children's Sunday School (School Building)
 10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Today, Dec 24th Poinsettias go home today
- ❖ **Today, Dec 24th - 9 pm WRMC Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
- ❖ Mon., Dec 25 Merry Christmas! (no church services today)
- ❖ Mon., Dec 25 WRMC front office closed Dec. 25-27
- ❖ Tues., Dec 26th Community Prayer Group cancelled (resumes 1/9/2023)
- ❖ Thurs., Dec 28th Threads Together sewing group meets (School Building)
- ❖ Thurs., Dec 28th WRMC front office open Dec. 28, 29
- ❖ Sun., Dec 31 New Year's Eve
- ❖ Sun., Dec 31 5th Sunday of Advent
 9:30am Adult & Children's Sunday School (School Building)
 10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Mon., Jan 1st Happy New Year!
- ❖ Tues., Jan 2nd WRMC church office resumes regular hours
- ❖ Wed., Jan 3rd Newport News Public Schools resume
- ❖ Thurs., Jan 4th 6:00pm WRMC Council Meeting (Chapel)
- ❖ Sat., Jan 6th Epiphany 2024
- ❖ Thurs., Jan 11th Committee Chairs 2023 Annual Reports Due today

Announcements:

TONIGHT: WRMC CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 9PM
 December 24, 2023 at 9 p.m.

THE POINSETTIAS that have adorned the Sanctuary during the Christmas season were provided in remembrance and in honor of those who have filled our lives with love and joy. *If you purchased a poinsettia, be sure to take it home with you after Worship Service today.*



A message from the front office:
COMMITTEE CHAIRS: 2023 Annual Reports are coming due please take a moment to schedule a time you may prepare and submit. If you need help in any way, or perhaps a format to follow, please let me know. The preferred format is WORD (via email, to: warwickrivermc@gmail.com). If you have already submitted your report, thank you!
 ~Thank you very much, Pat O'Connor

Looking back... WRMC 01/07/2018 Worship Service had to be cancelled due to a Blizzard!