

April 7, 2024

Abigail: Cleverness in the face of Conflict



## 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)

### Leadership

*Church office hours: 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM Tuesday through Friday. If you have questions, concerns, or compliments you may contact any of the following people.*

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### Serving Today

*Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson*

*Worship Leader: MaryDawn Carrier*

*Song Leader: Lisa Fannin*

*Reader: MaryDawn Carrier*

*Zoom Host: Leanna DeWyssocki*

## 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

**Phone:** 929-205-6099

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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**

One:<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.

**Many:<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

One: <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.<sup>4</sup>

**Many:<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

One: <sup>5</sup> God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.

**Many:<sup>6</sup> Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**

One: <sup>7</sup> The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**Many:<sup>8</sup> Come and see what the LORD has done,  
the desolations he has brought on the earth.**

One: <sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease  
to the ends of the earth.

**Many: He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields<sup>10</sup> with fire.**

One: <sup>10</sup> He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."

**All <sup>11</sup> The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

**\*Children's Moment:** 'Working for Peace'

*~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson*

*-- Hearing God's Word --*

Scripture Readings: 1 Samuel 25:2-17

Sermon: "Abigail: Cleverness in the Face of Conflict"

*~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson*

*-- Responding to Worship --*

**\*Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

Sharing of Announcements

*-- Sending --*

**\*Song of Sending**

**Benediction**

*All: Gracious God,  
we pray for your universal church.*

*Fill it with all truth in all peace:*

**Left: where it is corrupt, purify it;**

**Right: where it is in error, direct it;**

**Left: where it is amiss in anything,  
reform it;**

**Right: where it is right, strengthen it;**

**Left: where it is in want, provide for it;**

**Right: where it is divided, reunite it,**

*All: for the sake of Jesus Christ  
our Savior. Amen.*

**Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year) FY2024 runs 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2024**  
FY2024 APPROVED operating budget: \$125,000.00

**March 31, 2024 Attendance Report Worship Service:60**

**Offering Report \$ 4,220.00 Offertory for FY2024**

\$ 4,220.00 Offertory Total 03/31/2024

Budget Offertory collected YTD (01/01/2024-03/31/2024)= \$34,389.00

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

**03/24/2024 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,546,754.05\***

**03/31/2024 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 very aware of the many sacrifices you make to provide these gifts, and sincerely pledge to see that these dollars are used wisely. For any inquiries or assistance related to setting up auto deposits or using PayPal, please reach out to our front office. We're here to help!

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**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

- ❖ *“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”*  
 ~Psalm 107:1
- ❖ We pray for healing and comfort for Elaine & Jack Smith, Sue (Snooky) Yoder, Pat Leming, and all those who are ill, whether known to us or not.
- ❖ April 13, 2024: Anna Janzen Memorial Service Visitation 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Sat., April 13<sup>th</sup>, followed by a celebration of life at Huntington Mennonite Church, 785 Harpersville Rd., Newport News, VA. We continue to pray for Milton and all the family in this difficult time of loss.
- ❖ In this moment of God’s grace, we celebrate the gift of new life on March 26, 2024 & welcome little Baby Siebels, with love, blessings and joy to Laura and Clark Siebels and all the family.
- ❖ June 8, 2024: George Brunk Memorial Service Announced  
 10:00 am burial at Warwick River Mennonite Cemetery  
 2:00 pm memorial service at Huntington Mennonite Church, 785 Harpersville Rd., Newport News, VA 23601. We continue to pray for Pat, and all the family in this most difficult time of sudden loss.
- ❖ **Contact the church elders or the church office to update a prayer** concern for the bulletin or to activate the prayer chain during the week.

### Happy Birthday!

Apr. 9 Dakota Wade  
 Apr. 10 Ernie Miller  
 Apr. 11 Johnnie Stafford, Sr.  
 Apr. 13 Lisa Ziegler  
 Apr. 16 Lena Aulich      Brad Guisewite  
 Apr. 16 Jordan Stover    Jaxon Stover  
 Apr. 17 Mackenzie Butler Shenk      Kathy Barrows

### Happy Anniversary!

Apr. 12 Jim & Nikki Boldy  
 Apr. 16 David & Dawn Wing



### Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Sun Apr 7<sup>th</sup>*      9:30am Adult & Children’s Sunday School (WRCS)
- ❖                      10:40am Worship Service
- ❖ *Tues Apr 9<sup>th</sup>*      4–6pm **Drop-in** Community Prayer Group (WRCS)
- ❖ *Tues Apr 9<sup>th</sup>*      WRMC Council Meeting (rescheduled from 4/4/24)
- ❖ *Thurs Apr 11<sup>th</sup>*    6:00pm Threads Together sewing group (School)
- ❖ *Sat Apr 13<sup>th</sup>*      3:00pm Anna Janzen Memorial Service (HMC)
- ❖ *Sun Apr 28<sup>th</sup>*      Potluck Fellowship Meal & guests from Virginia Mennonite Missions will join us

### Announcements:

**APRIL 13, 2024 at 8:30am.** ~ Mennonite Women of Virginia invites you to a day of supporting missionary women, locally and globally, on **Annual Missions Day**. Lynside Mennonite Church (649 Mt Torrey Rd Lyndhurst, Va 22952) will be hosting this event April 13, 2024 beginning at 8:30am with breakfast and coffee. The day provides an opportunity to hear about God’s work through the lives of many women and to give to various projects and mission needs. Lunch will then follow. Childcare is provided. **Please RSVP for yourself and any children** at [mwvsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:mwvsecretary@gmail.com) by April 5th.

