

April 28, 2024
"Ambassadors of Reconciliation"



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

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

Guest Speakers Today from Virginia Mennonite Missions:

David Gingerich, Jason Showalter

Worship Leader: MaryDawn Carrier

Song Leader: Micah Shenk

Reader: Jackie Zimmerman

Zoom Host: Mackenzie Butler 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)

-- Sending --

-- Gathering --

Welcome

***Hymn of Praise and Gathering**

***Call to Worship (HWB 680)**

God of all life,

We thank you

for the signs of your love that surround us,
for sun and warmth and all that comes to life
within creation,
for all that sleeps within the earth awaiting birth.

We praise you

for the wisdom of your care,
water on the earth,
sunlight on our spirits,
hands on blinded eyes.

Continue to touch us.

Reach out to us with compassion and forgiveness

that we may receive your gifts,

that we may know your love and grace

and rise to new life in Jesus Christ. AMEN

***Hymn of Preparation**

No children's story today

-- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Reading:

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Speaker's Theme: "Ambassadors of Reconciliation"

~ Guest Speaker Jason Showalter, VMM

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

Sharing of Announcements

***Song of Sending**

Benediction (HWB 763)

Leader: We came to worship.

People: We go now to serve.

Leader: We have been given the light.

People: We go now to let it shine.

Leader: We have been blessed by God's love.

People: We go now to share it.

Leader: We are Christ's disciples.

People: We go now to witness to all.

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

April 21, 2024	Attendance Report	Worship Service: 45
Offering Report		
\$ 1,080.00	Offertory for FY2024	
\$ 2.00	Coffee Connect 4/21/2024	
\$ 282.00	PayPal	
<u>\$ 1,364.00</u>	<u>Offertory Total 04/21/2024</u>	
Budget Offertory collected YTD (01/01/2024-04/21/2024)= \$38,384.00		
Deuteronomy 16:17 ~Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church		
04/14/2024 Building Fund Balance to date		\$ 1,546,754.05*
04/21/2024		00.00
04/21/2024		\$ 1,546,754.05

*(*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. There are many generous people amongst us... and compassion brings us together. Please prayerfully consider helping in whatever way you are able.

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! [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

- ❖ "Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." - James 1: 4 (NIV)
- ❖ We pray God may use us to show His love for all of His children.
- ❖ Praise God for the 75 years of healing ministry by dedicated personnel at Mennonite Christian Hospital in Hualien, Taiwan, the largest Mennonite hospital in the world. Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for Dr. Jacob Chang and the hospital staff as the services they offer grow to meet the needs of the populations they serve; the elderly, mothers, and children and those with special needs.
- ❖ **Contact the church elders or the church office to update a prayer concern for the bulletin or to activate the email prayer chain during the week.**

Happy Birthday!

May 4 Addison Fuller	William Longacher
May 9 Kelleigh Longacher	Carleigh Longacher
May 11 Ronda Miller	Dale Shenk
May 13 Chris Davis	
May 16 Everett Cassel	

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED:

The Warwick River Mennonite Church (WRMC) is seeking additional Board Members to support the important work of our faith. The Board meets monthly. Please contact Ann Aulich if you are interested in serving.

WRMC DIRECTORY UPDATES: Have you moved? Has your phone number changed? The process of updating and preparing a new church directory has begun so be sure to call the office (757-874-0794 or warwickrivermc@gmail.com) to update your contact information.

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, Apr 28th 9:30am Adult & Children's Sunday School (school bldg.)
- ❖ 10:40am Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ ~ Guest speakers from Virginia Mennonite Missions
- ❖ Potluck Fellowship Meal (Chapel)
- ❖ Congregation Conversation #2 (Chapel)
- ❖ Tues Apr 30th 4-6pm **Drop-in** Community Prayer Group (school bldg.)
- ❖ Thurs May 2nd 6:30pm WRMC Council Meeting (Chapel)
- ❖ Sun May 5th 9:30am Adult & Children's Sunday School (school bldg.)
- ❖ 10:40am Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Thurs May 9th Threads Together sewing group (school bldg.)
- ❖ Sun May 12th Mother's Day

Announcements:

SUMMER CAMP @ WRCLC: Plan now for summer fun! For information or to register, go to child care at: <http://warwickriver.org>
Camp is designed for rising Kindergartners – 8th graders. Attend by day, by the week or all summer! Field Trips, Arts & Crafts, Outdoor Play.

"MOTORCYCLE FOR MISSIONS" May 31 – June 1: Spend a beautiful weekend riding through the Blue Ridge mountains, making new friends, and helping VMissions share new life in Jesus at home and around the world! This annual ride is a great way to hit the road and support mission. Last year's ride raised over \$14,000 for the Mission Fund. The energy and community from the ride was contagious as 39 riders from all over Virginia came out. It was great to see younger riders join in the mission, even ones who won't be able to ride their own motorcycle for quite some time! To register or sponsor a rider, go to: <https://vmmissions.org/get-involved/events/motorcycle-for-missions/>

THRIVE FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED THIS MONTH: Canned peas, Mac and Cheese, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Peanut Butter. Donations are collected here at the Chapel AND at the Church Office located in the school building (WRCLC). If you wish to help.