

July 21, 2024
Successes and Failures
along the way toward reconciliation

Core Value # 3,

Reconciliation is the center of our work, Part 2

Mission Dei #18 What is an Anabaptist Christian?

by Palmer Becker



Warwick River
Mennonite
Church

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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

Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler Shenk

Song Leader: Lisa Fannin

Readers: Jordan Stover & Lisa Ziegler

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

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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 (HWB 659)**

Leader: Grace unto you and peace from God,
who was and who is
and who is to come,

**People: and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the first born of the dead,
ruler above all rulers of the earth.**

Leader: In love Jesus Christ suffered death
to free us from our sins,

**People: making all who confess Christ a nation of priests
set aside for God's service.**

**ALL: To Jesus Christ be glory and power
forever and ever!**

***Hymn of Preparation**

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

-- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Readings: Colossians 1:15-20
2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

Sermon: Successes and failures along the way toward reconciliation. Core Value #3, Reconciliation is the center of our work Part 2 (Mission Dei #18 What is an Anabaptist Christian? By Palmer Becker)
~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

***Sermon Conversation (Optional)** Purpose: an open floor for the congregation to share thoughts, seek clarity, or raise questions related to the sermon. Please keep comments & questions concise to allow time for others.

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

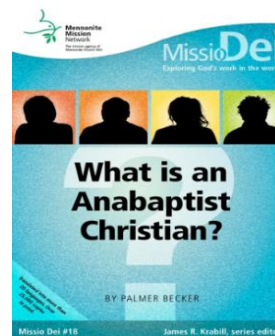
Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

Benediction and Sending (HWB 762)

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.
Left: Come as Holy Fire and burn in us.
Right: Come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within.
Left: Come as Holy Light and lead us in our darkness.
Right: Come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance.
Left: Come as Holy Power and overcome our weakness.
Right: Come as Holy Life and dwell in us.
ALL: Send us, abide with us, use us, that the Father may be glorified, and our joy be made full. AMEN



Conclusion: What are we to think of the Anabaptist understanding of the Christian faith? What can we learn from it? 100 years ago, Professor Rufus M. Jones claimed that "the great principles of freedom of conscience, separation of church and state, and voluntarism in religion, which are so essential to democracy, are derived from the Anabaptist movement of the Reformation period. These courageous leaders clearly enunciated these principles and challenged the Christian world to follow them in practice."*

Do the following statements summarize your understandings of the Christian faith? If they do, you are a Christian from an Anabaptist perspective!

Jesus is the center of my faith.

- I fix my eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of my faith.
- I interpret the Scriptures from an ethical Christocentric point of view.
- I see Christianity as discipleship and seek to follow Jesus in daily life.

Community is the center of my life.

- I believe forgiveness makes community possible.
- I study the Scriptures with others to discern their applications for our time.
- I affirm that face-to-face groups are essential to a healthy church.

Reconciliation is the center of my work.

- I am called to help reconcile people to God through faith in Jesus.
- I believe that reconciliation includes both evangelism and peacemaking.
- I reject all forms of injustice and violence, and encourage peaceful alternatives to war and other conflicts.

*In *The Recovery of the Anabaptist Vision*, edited by Guy F. Hershberger (Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 1957), pp. 29-30. This volume also includes a wealth of essays on the rise and theology of Anabaptism

Prayer and Praise Requests

- ❖ *“Don’t have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.” ~2 Timothy 2:23-24*
- ❖ Jackie Zimmerman requests prayer for her Aunt Evelyn who is in the hospital in Virginia Beach with a diagnosis of Cellulitis and low sodium. She is scheduled for an MRI procedure tomorrow. We ask for God's healing touch and comfort during this difficult time. Please also pray for Jackie that she may be comforted.
- ❖ Joseph and Rachel Givens, who are serving with Mennonite Mission Network, are on North American ministry. Pray for safety as they travel, as well as for a time of renewal and Spirit-inspired sharing in congregations. Pray for the ministry of Maria Skobtsova House in Calais, France, as it adapts to new anti-immigration laws.
- ❖ Our continued prayers for the health and healing of those who are not well. Grant them strength and healing, comfort them in their pain, and guide the hands of those who are caring for them. May they feel the presence of our Lord and be assured that they are never alone in their struggles. We trust in God’s unfailing love and mercy.
- ❖ Contact the church elders or the church office to update a prayer concern or praise for the bulletin or to activate the email prayer chain during the week.

Happy Birthday!

July 21 Joyce Walker
 July 21 Jacob McCorkel
 July 28 Steve Fannin; Katie Fannin

Happy Anniversary!

July 25 Jack & Elaine Smith

Leaders who will be serving next Sunday, 7/28/2024: (1) MaryDawn Carrier, Worship Leader; (2) Micah Shenk, Song Leader; (3) Jackie Zimmerman (Reader); (4) Mackenzie Butler Shenk, Zoom Host. Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson will bring the message. We are grateful for our devoted service leaders. Please include them in your prayers as they ready themselves to guide us. *Special note: Warwick River needs you. Please consider and prayerfully reach out if you feel called to help lead in worship, song, reading, or as a zoom host, please let us know. You are needed even if it is only once in a blue moon.*

Upcoming Events:

Today, July 21 9:30am Adult & Children’s Sunday School (school bldg.)
 10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
 Fellowship Meal
 Congregation Conversation

Sun., July 21 WRMC Council Meeting (postponed from 7/4/2024)

Tues., July 23 4-6pm Drop-in Community Prayer Group (school bldg.)

Wed., July 24 6:30-8:00pm Game Night (Chapel)

Thurs., July 25 6:00-9:00pm Threads Together sewing group (school bldg.)

Announcements:

THRIVE FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED: Baked Beans, Mac ‘n Cheese, Cereal and Baking items. Donations are collected here at the Chapel AND at the Church Office located in the school building (WRCLC).

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

July 14, 2024	Attendance Report	Worship Service: 36
Offering Report		
\$ 760.00	Offertory for FY2024	
\$ 3.00	Coffee Connect for Children’s Ministry	
<u>\$ 763.00</u>	<u>Offertory Total 07/14/2024</u>	

Budget Offertory collected YTD (01/01/2024-07/14/2024) = \$58,469.75

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

07/07/2024 Building Fund Balance to date	\$1,547,354.05*
07/14/2024	0.00
07/14/2024	\$1,547,354.05

(*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. As we have reached the halfway point of our budget year, please prayerfully consider helping in whatever way you are able. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a significant impact and we kindly ask you to prayerfully consider your giving during this time. Together, we can ensure that our church continues to serve our community effectively. [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)