

September 1, 2024

Jesus said,

“I am the way, the truth and the life...”



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 AM

Virtual Coffee Connect: 10 AM

In-person and Virtual Worship Service: 10:40 AM

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.

Steve Wiebe-Johnson, Pastor	wrmcpastor01@gmail.com	574-849-2021
MaryDawn Carrier, Congregation Chair	wrmccongregationchair@gmail.com	757-218-8137
Chris Miller, Elder & Council Co-Chair	wrmcelderchris@gmail.com	757-879-6659
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Twila Blume, Member-At-Large	wrmcmemberatlarge1@gmail.com	
Adam Carrier, Stewardship Chair	wrmcstewardship@gmail.com	

Serving Today

Sermon: Steve Wiebe-Johnson

Worship Leader: Twila Blume

Song Leader: Noah Shenk

Reader: MaryDawn Carrier

Zoom Host: Rachael 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

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 (HWB 680)**

Leader: 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.

People: **We praise you**
for the wisdom of your care, water on the earth,
sunlight on our spirits, hands on blinded eyes.

ALL: **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**

***Children's Moment: Walking in The Light of God**

~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Readings: John 1: 14-18 John 8: 31-32
John 14: 6-7 John 16: 13-14
John 17: 15-19

Sermon: Jesus is the Truth

~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

***Sermon Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

Benediction and Sending: Numbers 6:22-27 (NIV)

²²The Lord said to Moses, ²³“Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: ²⁴The Lord bless you and keep you; ²⁵the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; ²⁶the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.’” ²⁷“So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”



News from THREADS TOGETHER:

We are thrilled to announce that 152 School Kits for MCC have been sewn, assembled, and delivered to Harrisonburg, VA this month. A heartfelt thank you to our WRMC Threads Together group and to all who contributed through donations and time. Very special thanks to our fearless leader, Twila Blume, for organizing this effort! Blessings to all. For more information go to ...>
<https://mcc.org/school-kit-challenge>

Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year) FY2024 runs 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2024

FY2024 APPROVED operating budget: \$125,000.00

August 25, 2024

Attendance Report: Worship Service: 38

Offering Report:

\$ 402.00 Offertory for FY2024

\$ 450.00 Designated to Mennonite Disaster Service for Roof/Siding replacement/repairs for Newport News Neighbor in need

\$ 490.88 refund received designated back to general fund

\$1,342.88 Offertory Total 8/25/24

YTD (01/01/2024-08/25/2024): \$63,658.63

Building Fund Balance to date: \$1,547,879.05

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

We have been blessed to have kept pace with most of our budget goals through the year. These last months though will make all the difference.

Please prayerfully consider helping if you are willing and able to do so.

Your support and dedication make a real difference, and with your help, we can achieve great things. Let's continue to make a positive impact, hand in hand.

[Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)

Prayer and Praise Requests

- ❖ *“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”*
~ Psalm 100
- ❖ **Pray for God’s comfort, peace, and guidance** as Lee and Peg ended their assignment with MCC Appalachia Build (formerly SWAP) in West Virginia and returned to Harrisonburg, Virginia. ~ August 2024.
- ❖ **Prayer Request:** As the new school year begins, please pray for all the students, all the teachers, all the school workers & volunteers, along with our extended communities that this year be filled with blessings, growth, and joy. We pray for safety, wisdom, and strength as we embark on this journey. May we all find inspiration to support each other, and may every effort be guided by kindness and understanding. Amen.
- ❖ Do you need prayers for yourself or a family member? Call our church office at 757-874-0794 and speak to Pat.

Happy Birthday!

Sep 4	Rebecca (Mulamba) Kayumba	Sep 18	Cheri Shenk
Sep 10	Carl Mericle	Sep 18	Caden Stover
Sep 13	Jay Shenk		
Sep 17	Katherine Stover		

Happy Anniversary!

Sep 5	Don & Laurie Brunk
Sep 10	Ken & Christine Hurr
Sep 17	David & Shawn McDaniel

Leaders who will be serving next Sunday, 9/8/2024:

SERMON, *to be announced*
WORSHIP LEADER, Twila Brunk
SONG LEADER, Don Brunk
READER, Steve Fannin
ZOOM HOST, Don Brunk

Upcoming Events:

Today, Sep 1	9:30am Adult Sunday School (school bldg.) 10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
Mon., Sep 2	Labor Day
Tues., Sep 3	4-6pm Drop-in Community Prayer Group (school bldg.)
Thurs., Sep 5	WRMC Council Meeting
Thurs., Sep 12	6-9:00 pm Threads Together meets (school bldg.)
Fri., Sep 13	THRIVE Peninsula Donation Day
Sun., Sep 22	Joint Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center
	Eastern District Conference Annual Gathering
Wed., Sep 25	6:30-8:00 PM WRMC Game Night (Chapel)

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENT: Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) needs your help!

Pastor Howard Miller of Huntington Mennonite Church has requested assistance for an elderly gentleman in Newport News needing roof, soffit, and siding repairs. The roof was replaced in June, but we still need \$25,000 to complete the project. MDS Eastern unit will provide volunteers for painting to help reduce costs.

To contribute to this MDS project, make checks out to Warwick River Mennonite Church and note “MDS” on the memo line. Please deliver to offering basket on Sunday or to Pat, WRMC secretary. For questions, contact our congregational MDS Representative: Mel Shenk, 757-503-0673. Thank you for your support!

THRIVE Peninsula Event, 12749 Nettles Dr, NN, VA

The Market shelves are so bare it's SCARY - JOIN US - FRIDAY the 13th- for a dedicated donation day and help stock the Market at THRIVE so we can help families facing hunger because no one should face the fear of an empty pantry. Your donations can make a significant difference in ensuring that families in our community have access to essential food. Every can, box, or bag you bring helps us feed those in need. Come together with us on Friday, September 13th to fight hunger and provide hope. Let's turn this “scary” day into a day of giving and community support. [Bring donations to WRMC drop off or directly to THRIVE.](#)

SAVE THE DATE: On Sunday, 9/22/2024, Combined Eastern District Churches will hold a special service at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center (WCRC). This service will replace our regular Sunday service at Warwick River Mennonite Church (WRMC). As with last year's service, anyone in our congregation has the opportunity to be part of the joint choir! Two hymns are planned: (1*) “Blessed Savior, We Adore Thee” (stanzas 1, 2, and 4 from The Mennonite Hymnal) and (2*) “Loud Hallelujahs to the Lord” (adapted from The Harmonia Sacra). [Singers from all the churches are welcome to participate!](#) Plan on gathering at the WCRC Pavilion at 10:30AM to rehearse the pieces. May this service be the start of a new chapter in our fellowship. *For music copies and audio files, please contact Pat in the office.