

October 6, 2024  
“Unity around the Mind of Christ”  
World Communion Sunday



## 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](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.*

Steve Wiebe-Johnson, Pastor	<a href="mailto:wrmcpastor01@gmail.com">wrmcpastor01@gmail.com</a>	574-849-2021
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### Serving Today

*Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson*

*Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman*

*Song Leader: Lisa Fannin*

*Reader: Steve Fannin*

*Zoom Host: Leanna DeWysocki*

## 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 661)**

Leader: We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith.

**People: We come seeking the cloud of your presence  
as we travel the way.  
We come seeking your pillar of fire  
to light our darkness.**

**ALL: Shine in our hearts, O God,  
with the light of your love  
Make your presence known  
through Jesus the Christ.  
AMEN**

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

**\*Children's Moment**

**-- Hearing God's Word --**

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16  
Philippians 2:1-11

Sermon: Unity around the Mind of Christ

~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

**-- Responding to Worship --**

**\*Hymn of Response**

Sharing in Communion: World Communion Sunday

**\*Sermon Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

Sharing of Announcements

**-- Sending --**

**\*Song of Sending**

**Benediction and Sending: (HWB 765)**

Gentle God,  
you have come near to us  
and have shown us your patience,  
compassion, and love.

As we go, O God,  
give us patience when people are indifferent to your Word,  
give us compassion for the needs of the world,  
and give us love which reflects your forgiveness and grace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. AMEN



**Happy Birthday!**

Oct 7 Arielle Shenk  
Oct 8 MaryDawn Carrier  
Oct 8 Shelly Yoder  
Oct 8 Charlie Miller  
Oct 9 Fran Redekop  
Oct 9 Rebecca Mumaw  
Oct 9 Sarah (Miller) Lemon  
Oct 13 Zane Shenk

**Happy Anniversary!**

Oct 19 Mel & Cheri Shenk

## 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*
- ❖ We come together in prayer for Connie Saunders, who continues under her doctor's care and is facing the difficult days ahead. Please join us as we pray for comfort, peace, and strength for Connie and her daughter Trish and son-in-law, Dave.
- ❖ Yesterday, students at the Mennonite Evangelical Theological Center of Asunción (CEMTA), in Paraguay, concluded a two-day spiritual retreat. Pray for the retreatants as they incorporate what they experienced into their daily lives. C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz, of Mennonite Mission Network, have led these annual retreats for 13 years. Praise God that CEMTA sees the value of these retreats and includes them as part of the students' first year of studies.
- ❖ We pray for Don Brunk and Laurie as Don continues his days recovering in California from the transplants. May God bless them and their medical teams. Send cards to: 3601 Bernwood Pl, Unit 65, San Diego, CA 92130
- ❖ Do you need prayers for yourself or a family member? Call our Church Elder or our church office at 757-874-0794.

September 22, 2024: no WRMC services held in order to attend EDC Joint Service at WCRC

### September 22, 2024 Offering ~ ~ ~ ~ EDC Joint Worship Service Attendance: 21

\$	105.00	Offertory for FY2024
\$	10.00	To Building Fund In Memory of Ruth Ann Miller
\$	100.00	Long Green Mennonite Cemetery Preservation Fund
\$	215.00	Offertory total 9/22/2024 (via mail & in the office)

### September 29, 2024 Offering ~ ~ ~ ~ Worship Service Attendance: 28

\$	1,383.00	Offertory for FY2024
\$	282.00	PayPal
\$	1,665.00	Offertory total 9/29/2024

Budget Offertory collected YTD 1/1/2024 -9/29/2024=\$73,654.63

Total Budgeted need 1/1/2024-12/31/2024=\$125,000.00

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

9/15/2024 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,547,879.05*
9/22/2024	10.00
9/29/2024	0.00
9/29/2024	\$ 1,547,889.05

(\*includes \$12,947.05 estimated value stock shares)

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)

## Upcoming Events:

Today, Oct 6

9:30am Adult Sunday School (school bldg.)

10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)

Tonight, Oct 6

6:30-8:00 pm NEW! NEW! GAME NIGHT IS TONIGHT !

Tues., Oct 8

4-6pm Drop-in Community Prayer Group (school bldg.)

Thurs., Oct 10

6-9:00 pm Threads Together meets (school bldg.)

Sun., Oct 13

10:40am Special Sunday Worship Service (see details under announcements) (Chapel)

Sun., Oct 20

Vote will be held for Interim Pastor SWJ @ Sunday Worship

Sun., Oct 20

Fellowship Meal follows Worship Service today

Sun., Oct 20

1:00 pm THRIVE: Annual *Cropwalk*

Sun., Oct 20

3:00 pm Carl Mericle Memorial Service \*Providence MC

Fri., Oct 25

Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf

Classic 2024 – Williamsburg National Golf Club.

Sat., Oct 26

Tentative WRMC TRUNK OR TREAT \*STAY TUNED!

Fri., Nov 1

Remembrance Day at Warwick River Mennonite

Cemetery ~ sunset to 9pm

## Announcements

**NOTICE: On 10/20/2024, an affirmation ballot vote will be held during the WRMC Worship Service.** Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson has been approved by Council, and has agreed to serve another year as part time Interim Pastor of Warwick River Mennonite Church. If affirmed by the congregation, his term is to run 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025.

**Sunday, 10/13/2024:** We invite you to share a song that has been meaningful in your faith journey. Instead of the sermon, we will feature these songs and hear a brief story about their significance. We hope to have 4-5 participants, with more songs shared the following Sunday if needed. The service will follow the normal order, and although Pastor Steve will be out of town he does hope to join online if possible.

**WRMC Council met October 3<sup>rd</sup> : GAME NIGHT** has been moved to the first Sunday of each month BEGINNING OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 (TODAY!) Come on down 6:30-8:00 for a relaxing evening of chit chat and fellowship.

**ALSO, FELLOWSHIP MEALS have been moved to the third Sunday of each month BEGINNING OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2024.** Save the date and plan to stay after Worship Service for food and fellowship.

**BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS** - Are you going to Harrisonburg, VA? Can you drop off books to the *GIFT & THRIFT* for WRMC? (CONTACT Pat 757-874-0794; [warwickrivermc@gmail.com](mailto:warwickrivermc@gmail.com))

**10/25/24: Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic 2024 – Williamsburg National Golf Club.** **Registration ends Friday, 10/18/2024 at 10:00 am**  
<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/2024wrcrgolfclassic/event/2024wrcrgolfclassic/>