

June 1, 2025

*“Like the bud on a tree,
God’s possibilities are about to blossom!”*

Ascension Sunday

Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson



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

MaryDawn Carrier, Congregation Chair

Chris Miller, Elder & Council Co-Chair

Sue Yoder, Outreach Chair

Twila Blume, Member-At-Large

Adam Carrier, Stewardship Chair

574-849-2021

757-218-8137

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Serving Today

Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

Worship Leader: Twila Blume

Song Leader: Noah Shenk

Reader: John Ovington

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

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Phone: 929-205-6099

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Questions: Don Brunk 610-787-0823

-- Gathering --

*Hymn of Praise and Gathering

***Call to Worship**

*(from HWB 662)

Leader: Come, let us worship,

People: for we are the people of God's pasture.

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down,

People: for we are the sheep of God's hand.

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down
before the Lord, our Maker.

**All: For the Lord is our God,
and God desires our worship!**

*(from HWB 664)

Leader: Watch! Wait!
the day of God is at hand!

**People: Like the bud on a tree,
God's possibilities are about to blossom!**

Leader: Stay awake!
The reign of God is very near.

**People: We are here,
watching and waiting with hope.**

**All: May God bring justice to all people on this day.
May God's reign come on earth as in heaven.**

***Hymn of Preparation**

-- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Readings: Luke 24:50-53
Acts 1:1-11

Sermon title: "Like the bud on a tree, God's possibilities are about to blossom!"
(Sermon Title is from HWB 664)
~Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

*Sermon/Message Response

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

***Benediction (HWB 765)**

Gentle God,

you have come near to us

and 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

Sending

Go in Peace.



Prayer and Praise Requests

COLOSSIANS 3:16

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)

- ❖ Pray that we as Christians will remain strong in the faith, and trust God to guide us through these trying times.
- ❖ Please also pray for those caregivers and families who suffer along with their loved ones who are not well.
- ❖ Dear Lord, we thank You for the ministry of Lezha Academic Center in Albania. We pray for Dini & Klementina Shahini who serve there. We pray the students will be blessed with wisdom, faith, and hope. We pray the teachers and leaders will be strengthened - with courage, grace, and unity. Provide every need and let Your light shine through this school to impact lives and communities for Your glory. **In Jesus' name, Amen.**
- ❖ Big thanks to our Church Family! We just want to say how much we appreciate the gorgeous flower arrangements you create for our Sunday services. Your thoughtfulness and creativity help make our worship space feel extra special each week – thank you for sharing your gifts with all of us.
- ❖ Prayer & Praise is always welcome & helps unite your church family. Request prayer & Bulletin updates & let us pray with you. Contact Church Elder Chris Miller, or Church Secretary Pat O'Connor (757-874-0794) (warwickrivermc@gmail.com).

Happy Birthday!

June 3 Jonathan Aulich; Chris Bock
June 4 Ken Hurr
June 9 Aubrey Siebels
June 12 Tristan Hunnicutt
June 14 Selah Shenk

Happy Anniversary!

June 1 Richard & Theresa Siebels
June 2 Darrel & Evangeline Schrock
June 8 Tom & Jenn Salyers
June 13 Brian & Brenda Lytle

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

May 25, 2025: Worship: 31 Offering \$905.00
Year-To-Date Offerings: \$26,582.15 Budgeted Year-To-Date: \$37,800.00

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Jun 1st* **Ascension Sunday**
 - 9:30am Sunday School (in the Church building)
 - 10:40am Sunday Worship Service (in the Church)
 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM WRMC Game Night (Church Building)
- ❖ *Tues., Jun 3rd* 4:00-6:00pm WRMC Community Prayer Drop-in (outdoors in front of Warwick River School)
- ❖ *Thurs., Jun 5th* Warwick River Christian school last day of school
- ❖ *Fri., Jun 6th* WRMC Office is closed today
- ❖ *Sun., Jun 8th* **Pentecost Sunday**
- ❖ *Tues., Jun 10th* Newport News Public School last day of school
- ❖ *Tues-Thurs.,* June 10, 11, 12 – WRMC Office is closed
- ❖ *Thurs., Jun 12th* 6:00-9:00pm Threads Together sewing group (school)
- ❖ *Sun., Jun 15th* **Happy Father's Day**
Fellowship Meal after Worship Service (Church Building)
- ❖ *Mon., Jun 16th* Summer Camp begins at Warwick River Christian school
- ❖ *Fri., Jun 20th* Summer officially begins
- ❖ *Tues., Jun 24th* Monthly WRMC Worship Commission Meeting

Announcements:

WRMC OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: June 6, 10, 11, & 12, 2025

THRIVE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THIS MONTH: Canned tuna, Cereal, Rice, Ramen, and Pancake Mix & Syrup. If you wish to help, we collect food at the Church Office in the WRC school building and here in the church (the collection boxes are in the hallway right outside the Fellowship Hall).

6/7/2025 - Graduation Open House Invitation from Tom & Jenn

Stop by & help us celebrate James Salyers as he graduates high school!

Saturday, June 7th | 2:00–6:00 PM | 50 Lucas Creek Rd., Newport News

James has grown up surrounded by the love of this church family, & we'd be honored to have you drop in, share a memory, give a high-five, or just eat snacks in his honor. This is an open house – come when you can, leave when you must... All are welcome!

7/8-12/2025 - Follow Jesus '25, The MC USA Convention will be held at the

Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina July 8-12. For more information & to register, <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/>

10/24/2025 – Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center * GOLF CLASSIC *

Save the Date!