

June 29, 2025

“WRWC”

Guest Speaker Jim Thornton



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

Guest Speaker Jim Thornton

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

***PASSWORD:** 809884

Phone: 929-205-6099

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Questions: Don Brunk 610-787-0823

-- Gathering --

Words of Welcome

*Hymn of Praise and Gathering

***Call to Worship** (Congregation response in bold)

God stretches out the heavens
and shapes the earth.

Come and give thanks!

God raises up the mountains
and pours water into the seas.

Come and give thanks!

God calls forth plants from the soil
and forms animals in infinite variety.

Come and give thanks!

God loves us and blesses us
with everything good.

Come and worship!

God loves us and overwhelms us
with never-ending generosity.

Come and worship!

God loves us and surrounds us
with love in abundance!

Come and worship!

***Hymn of Preparation**

-- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 32: 22-31**

Sermon title: "WRWC" ~Guest Speaker Jim Thornton

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Genesis 32: 22-31

²²The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' ²⁷So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' ²⁸Then the man^[a] said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel,^[b] for you have striven with God and with humans,^[c] and have prevailed.' ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel,^[d] saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Alone

Name it

Don't Let Go

New Identity

New Name

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

*Sermon/Message Response

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

***Closing Prayer**

God gives our lives meaning
through silence and solitude
When with Him we wrestle

God breathes upon us
and fills us with life.
When with Him we wrestle

Sending

Go in Peace.



Prayer and Praise Requests

*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is
the power of God that brings salvation
to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.”
~Romans 1:16*

- ❖ Please keep Stacy Hyler, first cousin of Jewell Schaefer, in your prayers as she undergoes hospitalization and treatment for a brain tumor. Pray for strength and comfort for both Stacy and Jewell in the days ahead.
- ❖ As we enter this season of summer, please join in prayer for rest, renewal, and safety for all—especially for families traveling, children attending camps, and those working in the heat. Pray that this season would be filled with meaningful moments, time with God, and opportunities to bless others.”
- ❖ Pray for Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Volunteers as they help restore hope to survivors of disasters - by helping repair and rebuild homes in Canada and the United States.
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Church of Christ in Thailand District 20 Hmong, which is an organization that facilitates ministry among Hmong communities around the world. Pray for the leaders and lay people as they witness to Jesus’ love, wherever they find themselves.
- ❖ Prayer & Praise is always welcome & will help 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 30 Diana Salyers
July 2 Gary Fentress
July 6 Jacqueline Zimmerman
July 7 Nikki Boldy
July 8 Grace Shenk
July 12 David Wing
July 15 Jordan Stover; Jaxon Stover

Happy Anniversary!

July 12 Robby & Susan Ackerman
July 16 Hartley & Rebecca Kayumba
July 17 Clark & Laura Siebels

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, June 29th* 9:30am Sunday School (in the Church building)
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (in the Church)
2:00pm Book Reading & Conversation
- ❖ *Tues., July 1st* 4:00-6:00pm WRMC Community Prayer Drop-in
(outdoors in front of Warwick River School)
- ❖ *Wed., July 2nd* WRMC Office is closing at 12noon
- ❖ *Thurs., July 3rd* WRMC Office is closed
- ❖ *Thurs., July 3rd* 7:00pm WRMC Council Meeting
- ❖ *Fri., July 4th* WRMC Office is closed
Happy July 4th
- ❖ *Thurs., Jul 10th* 6:00-9:00pm Threads Together sewing group (school)

Announcements:

TODAY! 6/29/2025 at 2:00 p.m. Book Reading and Conversation: Join us in the WRMC Fellowship Hall. Martyrs and Chickens, Confessions of a Granola Mennonite by Kirsten Eve Beachy. Everyone is welcome

Warwick River Christian school * 2025-2026 Enrollment Update *

Daycare is available this summer * Kindergarten is now full! * We still have openings available in * Preschool, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade * — spread the word!

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE (MDS) news and the ongoing need of more volunteers can be explored by visiting their online website: <https://mds.org/>

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

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

June 15, 2025: Worship: 33 Offering \$570.00

Year-To-Date Offerings: \$29,253.15 Budgeted Year-To-Date: \$43,200.00



Down by the River worship service

June 22, 2025: Worship: 30 Offering (*no offering this week*)

Year-To-Date Offerings: \$29,253.15 Budgeted Year-To-Date: \$43,200.00