

July 13, 2025

“Gone Fishing”

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

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Adam Carrier, Stewardship Chair

574-849-2021

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Serving Today

Guest Speaker Jim Thornton

Worship Leader: MaryDawn Carrier

Song Leader: Lisa Fannin

Reader: Steve Fannin

Zoom Host: Mackenzie Butler 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

*MEETING ID: 846 7407 1811

*PASSWORD: 809884

Questions: Don Brunk 610-787-0823

-- Gathering --

Words of Welcome

*Hymn of Praise and Gathering

***Invocation**

Lord, it's a beautiful day
The sun is shining
It's warm with a gentle breeze
I'm going fishing

Lord, I'm stressed
There is so much to do
And not enough time to do it
I'm going fishing

Lord, I'm lonely
Although there are people all around
I can't seem to talk to anyone
I'm going fishing

Lord I'm tired
Spent the whole week working
And my bones are weary
I'm going fishing

Lord, I see people around
Without food, clothes or shelter
What am I to do?
I'm going fishing with you.

***Hymn of Preparation**

-- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Readings:

John 21: 1-14

Sermon title:

"Gone Fishing"

~Guest Speaker Jim Thornton

GONE FISHING

John 21: 1-14

21 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,^[a] Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, '**I am going fishing.**' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the **disciples did not know that it was Jesus.** ⁵Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' ⁶He said to them, '**Cast the net to the right side of the boat,** and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and **jumped into the lake.** ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards^[b] off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, '**Come and have breakfast.**' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead

-- 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**

The LORD bless you and keep you

May His face shine upon you

And be gracious to you

The LORD turn His face to you

And give you Peace

May His favor be upon you

And a thousand generations

And your family and your children

And their children and their children

May His presence go before you

And behind you and beside you

All around you and within you

He is with you, He is with you

In the morning and the evening

In your coming and going

In your weeping and rejoicing

He is here for you, He is here for you.

A-men

(From "The Blessing"; Elevation Worship; 2020;
Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, and Steven Furtick)

***Sending**

Go in Peace.

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

July 6, 2025 - Worship: 36 * Year-to-Date Budgeted Need: \$48,600.00 *

Year-To-Date Offerings: \$36,784.15 * (Deficit \$11,815.85) *

Prayer and Praise Requests

*"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains
fall into the heart of the sea." ~ Psalm 46:1-2 (NIV)*

- ❖ **We lift up those whose lives were lost in the devastating Texas floods last week. Jesus, cradle the children in Your gentle arms, comfort the grieving families, and heal communities in despair.** Bring hope, protection, and peace to all those affected, and guide faithful hearts to offer care in the coming days.
- ❖ **Let us remember our church family and their loved ones in prayer, asking for God's guidance during ongoing challenges as they come and go here at WRMC.** May we be led by wisdom, grace, and a spirit of togetherness as we learn, adjust, and grow as one body.
- ❖ Today, participants begin Mennonite Mission Network's week-long Underground Railroad Racial Justice Pilgrimage, which will take them from Washington, D.C., to Florida. Pray for open minds and hearts, as they retrace the courageous journeys of faith communities and individuals who helped enslaved people find their way to emancipation. Pray also that participants will be inspired to act for justice in their own communities.
- ❖ For prayer & Bulletin updates, contact Church Elder Chris Miller, or Church Secretary Pat O'Connor (757-874-0794) (warwickrivermc@gmail.com).

Happy Birthday!

July 15 Jordan Stover; Jaxon Stover

July 17 Myra Millikin

July 18 Stuart Hunnicutt

July 19 Diane Raisner

July 20 Katarina Redekop

Happy Anniversary!

July 16 Hartley & Rebecca Kayumba

July 17 Clark & Laura Siebels

"Did You Know?"

Back in the early 1980s, WRMC joined with other local Mennonite congregations to help bring Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center (WCRC) to life. Nurturing spiritual growth through camping, WCRC is a nonprofit, Christ-centered ministry for all ages. 300-acres that is more than cabins & cottages, it also offers a fully-equipped campground, 22 full-hookup RV sites, zip-line, archery, disc golf, wagon rides, volleyball, hiking, swimming pool.

<https://www.wcrc.info/retreats/guided-activities/>

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, July 13th* 9:30am Sunday School (in the Church)
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (in the Church)
- ❖ *Tues., July 15th* 4:00-6:00pm WRMC Community Prayer Drop-in
(outdoors in front of Warwick River School)
- ❖ *Sun., July 20th* Fellowship Meal after Worship Service (Church Building)
- ❖ *Tues., July 22nd* Monthly WRMC Worship Commission Meeting
- ❖ *Thurs., July 24th* 6:00-9:00pm Threads Together sewing group (church)

Announcements:

The new 2025 Spring **PATHWAYS** is now available online, go to:

<https://virginiacconference.org/read-pathways/>

THRIVE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THIS MONTH: Cereal, pasta, rice, rice sides, canned collards & peas, baking items & mixes. Collection box in Fellowship hallway.

Warwick River Christian school * 2025-2026 Enrollment Update *

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

RSVP by 8/17/25 * Mennonite Women of Virginia * Assembly Prayer Breakfast

Date: Saturday, August 23, 2025

Time: 6:45 – 8:00 a.m.

Location: Park View Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, Harrisonburg, VA

Contact Sylvia Yoder: phone: (540) 480-0094 (call or text)

email: sylvia@crossroadsflooring.com

Aug 21-23 2025 Summer Delegate Assembly @ Ridgeway Mennonite Church

RSVP by 8/31/25 (for best price)* Mennonite Women of Virginia * Fall Women's Retreat

Dates: October 31 – November 2, 2025

Location: Skelton 4-H Conference Center, Smith Mountain Lake

Enjoy a beautiful lakeside setting with outdoor activities (canoeing, kayaking, campfire with s'mores), comfortable hotel-style rooms with private baths, and an accessible layout for all mobility levels.

Register online: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/10233558>

(\$4 convenience fee applies) Printed brochures will be mailed mid-to-late July.

9/20/2025 Save the Date for Bike Shenandoah 2025! Get ready to ride!

Join us for the annual Bike Shenandoah event on Saturday morning, September 20, 2025. All rides will kick off from the Eastern Mennonite School west parking lot (801 Parkwood Dr., Harrisonburg, VA, 22802). Full ride details, including maps and routes, will be posted soon at bikeshenandoah.org.

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

NEEDED! LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET MORE INVOLVED AT WARWICK RIVER

MENNONITE CHURCH? Do you love your Mennonite faith and feel called to share your love of being Christian? Join our amazing team of volunteers this Fall! Several Council spots are open. Speak with Pastor Steve, any Council member, or contact Pat in the front office. Phone: 757-874-0794 | Email: warwickrivermc@gmail.com