

*July 20, 2025*

*“Encouragement in the Way”*

*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](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

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

757-879-6659

757-708-4036

### Serving Today

*Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson*

*Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler Shenk*

*Song Leader: Micah Shenk*

*Reader: Jackie Zimmerman*

*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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\*PASSWORD: 809884

*Questions: Don Brunk 610-787-0823*

**-- Gathering --**

Words of Welcome

\*Hymn of Praise and Gathering

**\*Call to Worship (HWB #670)**

Leader: Our God,  
we gather to worship you, the One who creates all things.

**People: For the gift of creation, we give thanks.**

Leader: We gather to worship you,  
the One who brings salvation through Jesus Christ.

**People: For the gift of redemption, we give thanks.**

Leader: We gather to worship you,  
the one who sustains us by the Spirit.

**People: For the gift of your presence, we give thanks.**

Leader: We bring to you our offerings of thanks and praise  
for all your gifts.

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

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

Scripture Readings: Acts 19: 1-10  
Ephesians 1: 15-23

Sermon title: "Encouragement in the Way"  
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**-- 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 #774)**

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus,  
so that together you may with one voice  
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**\*Sending**

Go in Peace.



**Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church**

July 13, 2025 - Worship: 33 \* Year-to-Date Budgeted Need: \$50,400.00 \*  
Year-To-Date Offerings: \$39,729.15 \* (Deficit \$10,670.85) \*

## Prayer and Praise Requests

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." ~ Lamentations 3:22-23*

- ❖ Our hearts are with all who are facing the fear, loss, and uncertainty caused by natural disasters. We lift up those who are in danger, those who are missing loved ones, and those who are working tirelessly to help. Please keep them safe, wrap them in your peace, and guide families back to one another. May shelter, food, and comfort come quickly to those in need. Give strength to the helpers and hope to the hearts that are broken. We trust in your care, Lord, and ask for healing, safety, and the warmth of community to surround all who are suffering.
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Laura Schlabach, who, for the past two years, has served on the interim executive director team for JCS International, in addition to being the organization's finance and IT director. Pray for wisdom, energy & patience for Laura, as she carries a double workload for this consortium of mission agencies in Mongolia. Pray for the executive director search committee & the ongoing recruiting process.
- ❖ For prayer & Bulletin updates, contact Church Elder Chris Miller, or Church Secretary Pat O'Connor (757-874-0794) ([warwickrivermc@gmail.com](mailto:warwickrivermc@gmail.com)).

### Happy Birthday!

July 20 Katarina Redekop  
July 21 Joyce Walker  
July 28 Katie Fannin; Steve Fannin  
Aug 2 Pastor Steve Wiebe Johnson; Anna Mumaw  
Aug 3 Wyatt McDaniel  
Aug 4 Jack Smith

### Happy Anniversary!

July 25 Jack & Elaine Smith  
Aug 2 Chris & Ursula Bock (in memory)  
Aug 8 Ben & Fran Redekop

## Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, July 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Sunday School (Church)  
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Church)  
Fellowship Meal after Worship Service today
- ❖ Tues., July 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:00-6:00pm WRMC Community Prayer Drop-in  
(outdoors in front of Warwick River School)
- ❖ Tues., July 22<sup>nd</sup> Monthly WRMC Worship Commission Meeting
- ❖ Thurs., July 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00-9:00pm Threads Together sewing group (Church)
- ❖ Sun., Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 - 8:00 PM WRMC Game Night (Church)

## Announcements:

The new 2025 Spring **PATHWAYS** is now available online, go to:  
<https://virginiaconference.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.

**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

**Register:** (540) 480-0094 (call or text) or [sylvia@crossroadsflooring.com](mailto: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:** Smith Mountain Lake \* lakeside setting \* outdoor activities \* hotel-style rooms w/baths \* all mobility levels \*

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

**9/20/2025 Bicycle FAMILY Adventure \* Bike Shenandoah 2025 \* Get ready to ride \***

Join the annual Bike Shenandoah event Saturday, September 20, 2025. Kick off Eastern Mennonite School west parking lot (801 Parkwood Dr., Harrisonburg, VA, 22802). DETAILS \* MAPS \* ROUTES \* [bikeshenandoah.org](http://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](mailto:warwickrivermc@gmail.com)