

July 27, 2025

“From aliens to a dwelling place for God”

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

757-879-6659

757-708-4036

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

*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 #679)**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Creating Presence,
as in the beginning you hover over the waters;
you breathe life into all creatures;
without you
every living creature dies and returns to nothing.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Holy Spirit, Comforter,
by you we are born again as children of God;
you make us living temples of your presence;
you pray within us prayers too deep for words.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life,
you are light; you bring us light;
you are goodness and the source of all goodness.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Holy Spirit, Breath of life,
you sanctify & breathe life into
the whole body of the church;
you dwell in each of us
and will one day give new life to our mortal bodies.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit

***Hymn of Preparation**

-- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Readings: Ephesians 2: 11-22

Sermon title: "From aliens to a dwelling place for God"

~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 #762)**

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.

Left: Come as Holy Fire and burn in us.

Right: Come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within.

Left: Come as Holy Light and lead us in our darkness.

Right: Come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance.

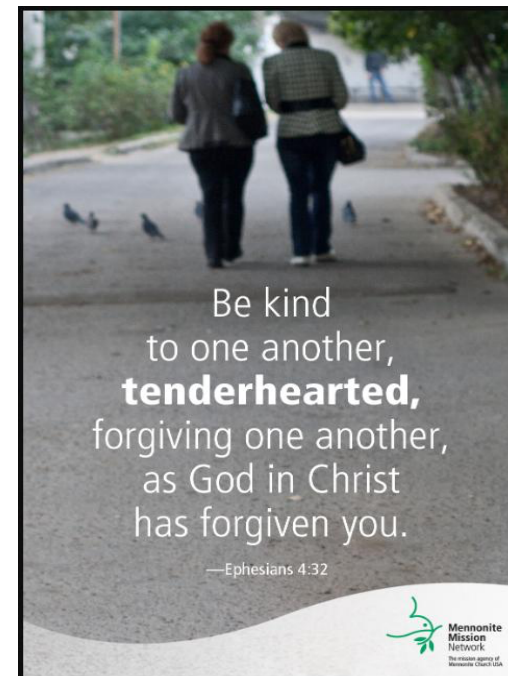
Left: Come as Holy Power and overcome our weakness.

Right: Come as Holy Life and dwell in us.

**ALL: Send us, abide with us, use us,
that the Father may be glorified,
and our joy be made full. AMEN**

***Sending**

Go in Peace.



Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

July 20, 2025 - Worship: 33 * Year-to-Date Budgeted Need: \$52,200.00 *
Year-To-Date Offerings: \$39,919.15 * (Deficit \$12,280.85) *

Prayer and Praise Requests

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."
~ Hebrews 13:8*

- ❖ May we walk gently in the world, honoring Christ's call to live with compassion, strength, and grace, just as we have been shown. Lord, help us be instruments of your peace.
- ❖ Please remember in prayer those suffering through illness, loss, or burdens too heavy to name. May they find comfort in community and may God's healing presence surround them.
- ❖ Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for the three-way learning partnership that builds up the body of Christ through Meserete Kristos Seminary, with two campuses in Debre Zeit and Nazareth, Ethiopia; Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, in Elkhart, Indiana; and Mission Network. Pray for deepened faith on both the African and North American continents
- ❖ For prayer & Bulletin updates, contact Church Elder Chris Miller, or Church Secretary Pat O'Connor (757-874-0794) (warwickrivermc@gmail.com).

Happy Birthday!

July 28 Katie Fannin; Steve Fannin
Aug 2 Pastor Steve Wiebe Johnson; Anna Mumaw
Aug 3 Wyatt McDaniel
Aug 4 Jack Smith

Happy Anniversary!

Aug 2 Chris & Ursula Bock (in memory)
Aug 8 Ben & Fran Redekop



Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, July 27th* 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Church)
10:40 a.m. Sunday Worship Service (Church)
6:00 p.m. Help fill School Kit bags, meet in Fellowship Hall
- ❖ *Tues., July 29th* 4:00-6:00 p.m. WRMC Community Prayer Drop-in (outdoors in front of Warwick River School)
- ❖ *Sun., Aug 3rd* 6:30-8:00 p.m. WRMC Game Night (Church)
- ❖ *Thurs., Aug 7th* 7 pm WRMC COUNCIL MEETING (Church)
- ❖ *Thurs., Aug 14th* 6:00-9:00 p.m. Threads Together sewing group (Church)

Announcements:

Today, 7/27/2025 at 6:00 p.m. meet in Church Fellowship Hall ~ come one, come all let's assemble and fill school kit bags with school supplies!

THRIVE-FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Cereal, pasta, rice, rice sides, canned collards & peas, baking items & mixes. Collection boxes Fellowship Hallway & Church Office.

ANIMAL SHELTER BOX * WRMC is a collection point - since December 2023! *

Location #1-Fellowship Hallway; #2-Church Office: donate your gently used items to SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) & PRAS (Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter). These shelters are always in need of supplies to care for animals. Most-needed items include: *Newspapers *Used towels & sheets *Shoe boxes (perfect for cozy cats!) *Empty toilet paper & paper towel rolls... **(Current urgent need for used blankets & towels.)** It's a great chance to declutter your linen closet for a really good cause! Full list of needs will be sent to you via email 7/28/25. Questions? Rachael & Noah Shenk: rachael.moseley@yahoo.com; 757-268-6739

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

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.

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