

*August 10, 2025*

*“Unity Grounded in Diversity”*

*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: MaryDawn Carrier*

*Song Leader: Lisa Fannin*

*Reader: Steve Fannin*

*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

\*MEETING ID: 846 7407 1811

\*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 and 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: PSALM 133  
1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5  
EPHESIANS 4: 1-16

Sermon title: "Unity Grounded in Diversity"

~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 710)**

Leader: We affirm that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,  
Miriam, Hannah, and Mary is our God.

**People: We affirm that God has come to us in our likeness,  
taking the form of a servant in Jesus of Nazareth.**

Leader: We believe that God, in Christ, suffered the pain and agony  
of the cross to provide for our salvation.

**People: We believe that God demonstrated power over sin and death  
by raising Jesus from the dead  
and declaring that the risen Christ is Lord.**

Leader: God has given us new life and freedom  
in the fullness of the Holy Spirit, who is the guide and  
power of the community of believers.

**ALL: We believe that in the end, God's rule of peace and justice  
will be fully established  
and that Jesus Christ will reign forever and ever.**

**\*Sending**

Go in Peace.

<b>Budget</b>	<b>1/1/2025 through 12/31/2025:</b>	<b>\$93,600.00</b>
<b>August 3, 2025 REPORT</b>		<b>Worship Service: 27</b>
\$	1,033.00	Offertory 8/3/2025
\$	500.00	Designated to Threads Together
\$	700.00	Enrichment Fund
\$	36.99	Refund Cox account
	\$ 213.00	Refund Hartford audit
	\$ 2,482.99	Total 8/3/2025

Year-to-date Offerings: \$41,792.14

Budgeted Year-to-date: \$55,800.00

Deficit -\$14,007.86

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

**Building News Corner 7/27/2025**

**\*\$1,568,166.05**

(\*includes \$12,947.05 estimated value stock shares)

WRMC is committed to exercising faithful stewardship over the funds  
contributed to us. We are aware of the many sacrifices you make  
to provide these gifts, and

sincerely pledge to see that these dollars are used wisely.

[Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)

## Prayer and Praise Requests

*"...The joy of the Lord is your strength."  
~ Nehemiah 8:10*

- ❖ May we be slow to speak, quick to listen, and always guided by the Spirit—especially when emotions are high and opinions are strong. More than anything, may we strive to be peacemakers, even in difficult conversations.
- ❖ Let's pray that God brings comfort, healing, and strength to the brokenhearted and those who are struggling.
- ❖ Seth and Stephany Rudeen hope to begin ministry with Mennonite Mission Network in Guatemala this month. Pray for them as they spend their first months there perfecting their Spanish, before moving on to the Q'eqchi' (Kekchi) Bezaleel Mennonite Educational Center, where they will assist students in learning English and provide tutoring in other core subjects.
- ❖ 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!

Aug 11 Samantha Salyers  
 Aug 12 Gladys Hostetter  
 Aug 15 Grant Showalter  
 Aug 16 Laurie Brunk; Dallas Kipfer  
 Aug 19 Brenda Bailey  
 Aug 20 Lisa Fannin; Wayne Steiner  
 Aug 22 Twila Brunk; Rowan Hunnicutt  
 Aug 28 Ursula Bock  
 Aug 30 Leanna Schrock DeWyssocki; Amy Longacher

## Happy Anniversary!

Aug 22 Stuart & Katherine Hunnicutt  
 Aug 24 Noah & Rachael Shenk; Aaron & Myra Millikin

## Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Aug 10<sup>th</sup>* 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Church)  
10:40 a.m. Sunday Worship Service (Church)
- ❖ *Tues., Aug 12<sup>th</sup>* 4:00-6:00 p.m. WRMC Community Prayer Drop-in (outdoors in front of Warwick River School)
- ❖ *Thurs., Aug 14<sup>th</sup>* 6:00-9:00 p.m. Threads Together sewing group (Church)
- ❖ *Sat., Aug 16<sup>th</sup>* 8:30-12:00 noon Church Work Day, Lend a Helping Hand  
We will be moving items out of the storage trailer

## Announcements

**Fall 2025 UPWARD Soccer Registration is Now Open** \* Denbigh United Presbyterian Church (DUPC) is excited to offer soccer for kids ages 5–13 in our community.

**Practices:** Thursdays starting August 21, 2025 at DUPC

**Games begin:** September 13, 2025 at DUPC

To Register: <https://play.upward.org/partner/113671916DenbighU>

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

**THRIVE Giving Summary Jan-July 2025 – Thank you very much everyone**

### Charitable Contribution Summary - January to July 2025

Warwick River Mennonite Church  
 250 Lucas Creek Rd.  
 Newport News, VA 23602

Phone: (757) 870-2042  
 Email: [grammysue75@icloud.com](mailto:grammysue75@icloud.com)

Donations Received:				
Date	Amount	Qty (In Kind)	Payment Type	Category
2/6/25		31 pounds	In Kind	Food
4/3/25		70 pounds	In Kind	Food
4/23/25		11 pounds	In Kind	Food
6/5/25		55 pounds	In Kind	Food
7/10/25		4 pounds	In Kind	Food
7/17/25		4.2 pounds	In Kind	Food
7/24/25		3 pounds	In Kind	Food
<b>Total</b>				

**Total Weight of Food/In-Kind Goods:** 178.19999980926514 lbs.

**The total hours volunteered for 2025:** 97.74 hours  
 Peggy Kipfer 37.89  
 Evangeline Schrock 59.85

**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 \* Brochures on table in Fellowship Hall

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