

*September 14, 2025*

*“God heals and transforms  
our hearts, minds, and bodies”*

*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**

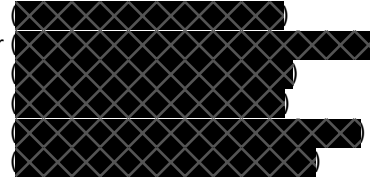
**In-person Coffee Connect follows Worship Service**

**Recorded Sermons available at** [www.warwickrivermennonite.org](http://www.warwickrivermennonite.org)

*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.*

### Leadership

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



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### Serving Today

*Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson*

*Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler Shenk*

*Song Leader: Noah Shenk*

*Reader: Jackie Zimmerman*

*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 (from Psalm 103: 1-13):**

**ALL**      <sup>1</sup> *Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!*

Leader           <sup>2</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,

**People**      <sup>3</sup> **who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,**

Leader      <sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the pit,  
                who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

People <sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Leader      <sup>6</sup>The Lord works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.

**People**      <sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.

Leader      <sup>8</sup>The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
                      slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People**      <sup>9</sup> He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.

Leader <sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**People**      <sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

Leader      <sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west,  
                so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**ALL** <sup>13</sup> *As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.*

### \*Hymn of Preparation

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

Scripture Readings: Mark 7: 24-37

Mark 8: 22-26

Sermon title: "God heals and transforms our hearts, minds, and bodies"

~ 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 and Sending

(p. 46, *Take Our Moments and Our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book*, Vol. 1: Ordinary Time)

May the God of hope  
fill us with all joy and peace in believing  
so that we may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

## Go in Peace



## Prayer and Praise Requests

*“Weeping may endure for a night,  
but joy comes in the morning.” ~ Psalm 30:5*

- ❖ We lift up in prayer all who are grieving and all who are afraid. May God’s healing rise like the morning sun and Help us to carry hope into the world—with courage, compassion, and faith.
- ❖ Remembering Lillian Miller at the hour of her passing, September 10, 2025, at the age of 97. Please keep all of Ruby’s family and friends in your prayers as together we mourn her loss.
- ❖ Kate Widmer, who serves with Mennonite Mission Network, is in the middle of her two-month North American Ministry. Pray for her as she shares with supporting congregations and individuals about her work alongside members of a French Mennonite congregation that reaches out to women and children in low-income neighborhoods. May she also find rest and renewal during this time in the United States
- ❖ 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!

Sep 17 Katherine Stover  
Sep 18 Cheri Shenk; Caden Stover  
Sep 19 Connie Heatwole  
Sep 26 Brandon Stover  
Sep 27 Jessica (Saunders) Lasris

## Happy Anniversary!

Sep 17 David & Shawn McDaniel

**Budget 1/1/2025 through 12/31/2025: \$93,600.00**

**Sep. 7, 2025 REPORTS \* 32 attended \***

\$ 887.00 Offertory 9/7

\$ 300.00 PayPal

\$ 1,187.00 Total through 9/7

Year-to-9/7/25 Offerings: \$50,512.88

Budgeted Year-to-8/31/25: \$64,800.00 (Deficit -\$14,287.12)

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

**Building News Corner 9/7/2025 \*\$1,568,166.05**

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

WRMC is committed to faithful stewardship over the funds contributed to us, & we are aware of the many sacrifices you make to provide these gifts. We sincerely pledge to see that these dollars are used wisely. [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)

## Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Sep 14<sup>th</sup>* 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Church)  
10:40 a.m. Sunday Worship Service (Church)
- ❖ *Tues., Sep 16<sup>th</sup>* 4:00-6:00 p.m. WRMC Community Prayer Drop-in  
(outdoors in front of Warwick River School)
- ❖ *Sun., Sep 21<sup>st</sup>* 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship & Fellowship Potluck Meal  
Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center  
Combined Eastern District Conference Annual Gathering  
This service will replace our regular Sunday service at  
Warwick River Mennonite Church (WRMC).
- ❖ *Thurs., Sep 25<sup>th</sup>* **6:00-9:00 p.m. Threads Together sewing group (Church)**

## Announcements

People of Peace, a new history book about Virginia Mennonite Conference, by Yoder and Nolt, is available for purchase at [masthof.com](http://masthof.com). A copy will be provided to our WRMC library.

9/17/2025 and 9/25/2025: WCRC Dine & Discover lunch or dinner—tour the grounds, enjoy a meal, and learn how WCRC partners with churches, nonprofits, and businesses through retreats, camps, and team-building.

Dinner – Wed, Sept 17 at 5:30 PM

Lunch – Thurs, Sept 25 at 12:00 PM

WCRC | Free – RSVP required

### 10/03/25 – 10/04/25 The Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale

Mark your calendar for this annual volunteer-run fundraiser for MCC! Enjoy quilt and craft auctions, homemade food, and more at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg. Details & reserved seating: [www.vareliefsale.com](http://www.vareliefsale.com)

### First Mennonite Church of Richmond will be celebrating its 70th anniversary on

**October 18-19, 2025.** All previous members and attendees are invited to attend!

Activities begin at 2:00 p.m. on the 18th and conclude at 3:00 p.m. on the 19th. Scroll down for a full schedule.

Registration is available on FMC’s website

<https://www.firstmennonitechurch.org/events>

### 10/31/25 – 11/02/25: Mennonite Women of Virginia \* Fall Women’s Retreat

**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>

### Nov. 1-2, 2025: Springdale Mennonite Church – 200th Anniversary Celebration

This celebration will also include a reunion of anyone connected with Augusta

Mennonite School (so named 75 years ago)!

Details and RSVP info at: [springdalemennonite.org](http://springdalemennonite.org)

Location: 170 Hall School Rd, Waynesboro, VA 22980

Contact: (540) 949-8945



**First Mennonite Church of Richmond**

*A community of Christ cultivating service, love, and peace.*

# 70th Anniversary Celebration

## **Saturday, October 18**

1:30 Art Exhibit  
2pm History Tour  
4:15 Children's Bicycle Parade  
4:30 FMC's Story  
6:00 Catered Supper  
7:30 Music and Hymn Sing

## **Sunday, October 19**

9:30 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship  
12:20 Congregational Photo  
12:30 Carry-In Fellowship Meal  
1:45 FMC's VS Unit History  
3:00 Final Blessing

**To learn more and register for supper and home lodging:**

**<https://www.firstmennonitechurch.org/events>**

Saturday's supper catered by Chicken Fiesta,  
with meat, vegetarian, and vegan options available.  
Suggested donation.