

November 2, 2025
Communion Sunday
Trust God and Remain Faithful

~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

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: MaryDawn Carrier

Song Leader: Don Brunk

Reader: John Ovington

Zoom Host: Don Brunk

Warwick River Mennonite Church

HOW TO CONNECT

***Worship Service * Sunday School * Meetings ***

Computer: [Click Here](#) to enter Zoom Meeting

*MEETING ID: 846 7407 1811

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-- Gathering --

Words of Welcome

*Hymn of Praise and Gathering

***Call to Worship** (Source: Leader Worship Resources 2025 – Advent – Epiphany, p.39)

One: God of our ancestors, you are our constant hope through all the ages.

Many: **We come eager for stories of you standing among us.**

We come longing to feel your presence among your people once again.

One: As the days darken around us, hope can feel a distant memory.

Many: **Even in the middle of trials, we keep our eyes on you.**

Our allegiance is to you alone.

One: Trust in God's steadfast love. Stand in amazement,
ready to recognize God already among us here, in this place.

All: ***Our hope is in you, O God.***

Fill our hearts with the courage of our ancestors.

Ready us to enter their story and be amazed.

***Hymn of Preparation**

-- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Readings: Habakkuk 1: 1-5; 3: 17-19

Psalm 26: 1-7

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***Hymn of Response**

-- Communion --

(You are invited to gather in a circle to share bread and juice.)

Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ **For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord**

Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,

²⁴ **and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my**

body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

²⁵ **In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is
the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in
remembrance of me."**

²⁶ **For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the
Lord's death until he comes.**

-- Responding to Worship --

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Prayer & Offertory

Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

***Benediction** (Source: Leader Worship Resources 2025 – Advent–Epiphany, p. 40)

Go now with courage, trusting in the God who walks with you through
the fire. May the light of God's salvation shine brightly for you even in the
darkest days. Hold fast to hope, for the Lord is faithful and will never forsake
you. Go in peace, ready to be amazed by the One who acts to save.

***Go in Peace**

PREPARING!

Poinsettias for Advent & Christmas

POINSETTIAS: Again, this year, the Worship Commission would like to
invite people to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved
one that could be used for decoration in the church for the first three
Sundays of Advent. On December 14th we would encourage those who
purchased a poinsettia to take their poinsettia home with them for
Christmas. The poinsettias will be purchased from Anderson's Home
and Garden and delivered to the church through a special program
Anderson's has established for churches in Hampton Roads. Pricing and
deadlines will be announced next week. As in the past, a memorial
keepsake containing the names of those being remembered and
honored will be prepared and made available November 30th, which is
the first Sunday of Advent this year.

*Please contact Pat O'Connor via telephone or email to place your
order. We do ask that checks be made payable to Warwick River
Mennonite Church with clear spellings of the person or persons you wish
to memorialize or honor.*

Prayer and Praise Requests

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul..."

~ Psalm 23

- ❖ Please pray for our Ted Yoder and Ernie Miller as they make their way through the coming days. We pray God will strengthen their hearts, and remind them they are never alone. May the love of our Lord be their comfort, His Spirit their strength, and His presence their peace.
- ❖ Bless the hands of all who care for the sick, and grant wisdom, compassion, and endurance to every caregiver and medical worker.
- ❖ Prayer & Bulletin updates, contact Church Elder Chris Miller, or Church Secretary Pat O'Connor (757-874-0794) (warwickrivermc@gmail.com).

Happy Birthday!

Nov 2	Susan Ackerman		
Nov 5	Keith Delk		
Nov 7	Emma Shenk		
Nov 9	Pauline Nice	Austin Hodges	
Nov 10	Noah Shenk		
Nov 11	Ethan Boldy;	Noah Boldy;	Corey Paster
Nov 13	Archer Carrier		
Nov 18	Adam Lytle;	Cole Lytle	

Happy Anniversary!

Nov 28 Pastor Steve & Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson

NOTICE: As announced 10/26/25: An affirmation ballot vote will be held during the 11/09/2025 WRMC Worship Service. Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson has been approved by Council, and has agreed to serve another year as part time Interim Pastor of Warwick River Mennonite Church. If affirmed by the congregation, his term is to run 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026.



Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, Nov 2nd Today is Communion Sunday
Daylight Saving Time ends
9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Church)
10:40 a.m. Sunday Worship Service (Church)
6:30-8:00PM Game Night (church)
- ❖ Tues., Nov 4th 4:00-6:00 p.m. WRMC Community Prayer Drop-in
(outdoors in front of Warwick River School)
- ❖ Thurs., Nov 6th 7 PM WRMC Council Meeting (church)
- ❖ Thurs., Nov 13th 6:00-9:00 p.m. Threads Together sewing group (Church)
- ❖ Sun., Nov 23rd Ingathering Sunday

Announcements

INGATHERING SUNDAY:

Ingathering this year will be Sunday, November 23rd during the morning Worship Service. Please begin preparing for this most important of ministries: that of feeding the hungry among us by helping WRMC bring food to THRIVE Peninsula, Inc. Our gift of food has not yet returned to the levels we achieved in the past, let's make this year a new beginning. Between now and Nov. 23, please bring your donations with you to church on Sundays and a final tally will be made when we deliver the food to THRIVE the week of Thanksgiving. Thank you everyone.

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS - Are you going to Harrisonburg, VA? Can you drop off books to the *GIFT & THRIFT* for WRMC? (CONTACT Pat 757-874-0794; warwickrivermc@gmail.com)

SAVE THE DATE! START BAKING & FREEZING FOR COOKIE SALE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025: Warwick River Christian school (WRC) presents the WRC Cookie Sale! WRMC traditionally joins in by helping with baking & our homemade **COOKIE DONATIONS ARE NEEDED * MORE INFORMATION & QUESTIONS? *** Contact Michelle Watrous: 757-877-2941 or wrclc@warwickriver.org

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)