

November 23, 2025
"Love Comes Down"

~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: Mackenzie Butler Shenk

Song Leader: Micah Shenk

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

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Questions: Don Brunk 610-787-0823

-- Gathering --

Words of Welcome

*Hymn of Praise and Gathering

***Call to Worship** (*based on John 1:1-18*)

One: In the beginning was love, and love was with God, and love was God.

**Many: We gather in awe and amazement, watching and waiting
for Love to come down.**

One: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Many: We wait with hope, longing for the gentle light of love to fill the world.

One: The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

Many: We have seen his glory, Love embodied among us.

One: Come, let us worship the God who moves among us,
the Christ who draws near, the Spirit who shines in our hearts.

**All: The Light is coming! We tremble in excitement and uncertainty.
Watching, waiting, for Love to be born**

*Hymn of Preparation

-- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Readings: John 1:1-18; Psalm 130:5-8; Isaiah 9:2, 6

Sermon title: "Love Comes Down" ~ 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

Go now, watching and waiting for love to come down. Look into the world ready to be amazed—light shines in the darkness, steady, sure. Hold fast to hope, for the Word is becoming flesh, grace and truth are drawing near to dwell among us. May the God who speaks, the Christ who comes near, and the Spirit who shines within you fill you with love and peace, now and always.

*Go in Peace



Ingathering this year runs November 2-23, 2025

Suggested Items

All-in-One, Boxed meals

Pasta

Canned or dry beans

Peanut Butter

Canned tomatoes

Potatoes

Cereal/Oatmeal

Pudding/Jell-O

Crackers

Rice

Fruit/Fruit Juices

Soup

Jelly

Stuffing

Meats

Vegetables (mixed veggies, peas, carrots)

Milk

Monetary Donations (checks payable to
Thrive Peninsula)

Prayer and Praise Requests

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

~Psalm 23:4

- ❖ Ernie Miller peacefully went home to the Lord the morning of November 19, 2025. We are comforted knowing he lived a long, full life, and that he now rests in the light and peace he (and we!) so deeply believed in. Please keep Chris & Ronda and all of his family in your prayers. We give thanks for his life, his spirit, and the many ways he touched each of us. May his memory be a blessing to all who knew him.
- ❖ Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for all those who help with the worship services, those who plan parties, the decorators, bakers, and everyone else who makes the Advent and Christmas season so special.
- ❖ Praise for our WRMC Potluck & Props Helpers who made the 11/19/25 WRC school Staff Meal a success & who are now helping with the WRC school Christmas programs December 5th & 11th.
- ❖ *"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." ~ Ephesians 4:2-3*
- ❖ Prayer & Bulletin updates, contact Church Elder Chris Miller, or Church Secretary Pat O'Connor (757-874-0794) (warwickrivermc@gmail.com).

Happy Birthday!

Nov 23 - Sandy Wagner

Nov 27 - Sarah Wilde

Nov 28 - Ann Aulich; Paul Mulamba

Nov 29 - Mel Shenk

Nov 30 - Louise Kraus

Happy Anniversary!

Nov 28 - Pastor Steve & Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson



*In Memory
Or
In Honor*

THANK YOU— to all who ordered Poinsettia Dedications to decorate the altar beginning November 30, 2025, the first Sunday of Advent, and your Memorial Keepsake will be available.



As WRMC enters the final six weeks of the 2025 budget year, we invite you to prayerfully consider tithing and giving as you are willing & able. Your faithfulness and generosity have carried us this far. With grateful hearts, and by God's grace, we thank you for your continued interest and support of the ministry of Warwick River Mennonite Church. God bless you.

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

Upcoming Events

- ❖ *Today, Nov 23rd* Today is Ingathering Sunday, 9:30 Sunday School and 10:40 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
- ❖ *Tues., Nov 25th* 4:00-6:00 p.m. WRMC Community Prayer Drop-in
- ❖ *Wed., Nov 26th* 1 p.m. Office closes & reopens Dec. 2.
- ❖ *Thurs., Nov 27th* Happy Thanksgiving!
- ❖ *Sun., Nov 30th* 1st Sunday of Advent

Announcements

—INGATHERING SUNDAY is TODAY! **November 23rd** during our morning Worship Service. A final WRMC tally will be made when delivered to THRIVE.

—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 or email: 757-877-2941 or wrclc@warwickriver.org

Nov. 16, 2025 REPORT * Attendance 34 *

Budget 1/1/2025 through 12/31/2025:		\$93,600.00
\$ 1,220.00	Offertory 11/16/25	
\$ 620.00	PayPal	
\$ 50.00	In memory of Lillian Miller	
\$ 1,900.00	Contribution to Building Fund	
\$ 3,790.00	Total	

Year-to-11/16/25 Offerings: 64,314.82

Budgeted need thru 11/16/25: \$82,800.00 (Deficit -\$18,485.16)

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Building News Corner	11/9/2025	*\$1,568,166.05
	11/16/2025 + \$1900 =	*\$1,570,066.05

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