

November 30, 2025

"Be amazed: Hope in the furnace"

Adam Carrier

Advent 1



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

574-849-2021

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Serving Today

Guest Speaker Adam Carrier

Worship Leader: MaryDawn Carrier

Song Leader: Don Brunk

Reader: Jackie Zimmerman

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

*PASSWORD: 809884

Phone: 929-205-6099

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*PASSWORD: 809884

Questions: Don Brunk 610-787-0823

-- Gathering --

Welcome

*Hymn of Praise and Gathering

***Call to worship**

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

**All: We come eager for stories of you standing among us.
We come longing to feel your presence among your people once again.**

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

All: Even in the middle of trials, we keep our eyes on you. Our allegiance is to you alone.

Leader: 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.

***Candlelighting litany**

(Sing verse 1 of the theme song "Come, Hope of the World" as the candle is lit.)

One: We have been wandering in the dark, fear engulfing us like a burning furnace. We long for your hope to find us and silence the flames of our fears.

Many: Come, Hope of the world. Come amaze us.

All: May your hope flood the flames of our fears.

***Hymn of Preparation**

-- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Readings: *Daniel 3:1-30* (entire chapter)

Message: Be amazed: Hope in the Furnace

~ Guest Speaker Adam Carrier

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

*Sermon/Message Response

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

***Prayer of Sending/Benediction**

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.

Prayer and Praise Requests

"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." ~ Proverbs 22:9

- ❖ Our warmest congratulations to Jackie Zimmerman and her brother's family on the arrival of their beautiful new grandchild, born to Abbie Willer, November 25, 2025. May God bless this little one and the whole family.
- ❖ 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 Props Helpers who continue to help make the WRC school Christmas programs December 5th & 11th.
- ❖ Prayer & Bulletin updates, contact Church Elder Chris Miller, or Church Secretary Pat O'Connor (757-874-0794) (warwickrivermc@gmail.com).

Happy Birthday!

Nov 30 Louise Kraus

Dec 5 Clark Siebels Kyle Fannin Anna Mulamba Johnnie Stafford., Jr.

Dec 6 Ben Redekop Tete Mulamba

Dec 7 Josh Longacher

Dec 17 Dina Fentress

Dec 18 Ronald Ziegler Shawn McDaniel



As WRMC enters the final five 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)

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

Nov. 23, 2025 REPORT * 30 attended *

\$ 850.00 Offertory 11/23/25

Year-to-11/23/25 Offerings: 65,164.82

Budgeted need thru 11/23/25: \$84,600.00 (Deficit -\$19,435.18)

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Building News Corner 11/23/2025 *\$1,570,066.05

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

Upcoming Events

- ❖ *Today, Nov 30th* *Today is the first Sunday of Advent*
 9:30 Sunday School
 10:40 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
- ❖ *Tues., Dec 2nd* 4:00-6:00 p.m. WRMC Community Prayer Drop-in
- ❖ *Fri., Dec 5th & Thurs., Dec 11th* WRC school Christmas Program in WRMC Sanctuary
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 Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall reserved both evenings
- ❖ *Sun., Dec. 7th* WRMC Game Night in Fellowship Hall
- ❖ *Thurs., Dec 11th* Threads Together meets in Homemakers Room
- ❖ *Fri., Dec. 12th* Bring your donated home baked cookies to WRC today!
- ❖ *Sat., Dec. 13th* 9:00 a.m. WRC school Cookie Sale until sold out (in school)
- ❖ *Sun., Dec. 21st* Fellowship Meal follows Worship Service

Announcements

THE POINSETTIAS that adorn the Sanctuary during the Christmas season are provided in remembrance and in honor of those who have filled our lives with love and joy. Thank you for participating and the dedications made. **Dear participants: remember to take your flower home on December 14th or 21st ! Merry Christmas and blessings!**



— THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THE INGATHERING SUNDAY RESULTED IN 692 POUNDS OF FOOD DONATED TO THRIVE

Thank you one and all for being so generous and thank you Snooky & Ted Yoder and Tim Yoder for delivering everything to THRIVE on Monday, 11/24/25. God Bless.

— 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