

December 7, 2025

“Dream Big from the Valley of the Bones.”

Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

Advent 2



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

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Serving Today

Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman

Song Leader: Noah Shenk

Reader: John Ovington

Zoom Host: Rachael Shenk

About the visual display: Initially obscured, the star and its light will gradually be revealed, as each week we remove a part of its covering. This reminds us that God's presence is always with us, even when God feels hidden.

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 to Welcome

*Hymn of Praise and Gathering

***Call to worship** (Based on Ezekiel 37: 1-14)

One: God in our desert, you are the peace of all places.

**Many: Our bones are dried up and our hope is lost;
we are cut off completely.**

One: Thus says the LORD GOD: 'Come from the four winds, O
breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.'

Many: Can these dry bones live?

One: The wind of God moves among these dry bones.
Stand and Live!

(everyone invited to stand)

(Everyone stand)

**Many: We are the people of God,
a vast multitude, filled with God's Spirit.**

One: 'I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.
I will place you on your own soil;
Then you shall know that I, the LORD,
Have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

**All: You are the only source of true life, O God. You breathe
new life into our dry bones and fill us with your peace. We
stand before you, ready to enter your story and be
amazed.**

***Candlelighting litany**

One: We have been wandering in the dark, our spirits dry
and cracked from conflict, aching for peace to pour
into crevices to revive us.

Many: Come, Peace of the World. Come amaze us.

**All: May Your peace fill the cracks in our dry, brittle
bones. Bind us together, strengthen and unite us,
that we might dance!**

*Hymn of Preparation

-- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 37: 1-14; John 11: 25-26, 38-44

Message: Dream Big from the Valley of the Bones.

~ 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

*Stand up people of God, feel the breeze on your skin. God is doing
something new among us! As you wait, may God's peace settle
deep within your bones, renewing and restoring you. Go out into
the world, filled with the peace of God. Be ready, waiting to look on
in amazement as God calls old bones to new life.*

Go in Peace.

Prayer and Praise Requests

*"In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.
The light shines in the darkness, and
the darkness has not overcome it." ~ John 1:4-5*

- ❖ We pray for God's healing touch upon Jan Dennis, Connie Saunders, Sean O'Connor, and all those undergoing health challenges known and unknown to us. May strength, courage, and hope be gained in the coming days and we pray God's presence and peace, and ask for continued healing and restoration to body, mind, and spirit.
- ❖ Prayer & Bulletin updates, contact Church Elder Chris Miller, or Church Secretary Pat O'Connor (757-874-0794) (warwickrivermc@gmail.com).



As WRMC enters the final four 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 and with grateful hearts, and God's grace, we thank you for your continued interest & support of the ministry of Warwick River Mennonite Church.
[Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)

Happy Birthday!

Dec 7	Josh Longacher	
Dec 17	Dina Fentress	
Dec 18	Ronald Ziegler	Shawn McDaniel
Dec 21	Kathryn Baer	
Dec 22	Gabriella Davis	
Dec 23	Graham Wagner	
Dec 24	Micah Shenk	
Dec 27	Theresa Siebels	Delma Brenneman

Upcoming Events

- ❖ *Today, Dec 7th* Today is the second Sunday of Advent
9:30 Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
6:30-8:00 p.m. WRMC Game Night in Fellowship Hall
- ❖ *Today, Dec 7th* 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center
Christmas Around the Campfire * Christmas carols * hot cocoa * cookies * & starlight wagon rides in this celebration of Christmas! * 9275 Barnes Rd, Toano, VA 23168
- ❖ *Tues., Dec 9th* 4:00-6:00 p.m. WRMC Community Prayer Drop-in
- ❖ *Thurs., Dec 11th* WRC school Christmas Program in WRMC Sanctuary
Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall reserved both evenings
- ❖ *Thurs., Dec 11th* 6-8:30 p.m. Threads Together meets in Homemakers Room
- ❖ *Fri., Dec. 12th* Today! Bring WRC your donated home baked cookies
- ❖ *Sat., Dec. 13th* 9:00 a.m. WRC school Cookie Sale until sold out (in school)
- ❖ *Sun., Dec. 14th* 4 p.m. Providence Mennonite Church * Caroling Service *
- ❖ *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!**



WRMC OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS 2025

WRMC OFFICE WILL BE OPEN:
Dec 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 30, Jan 2

WRMC OFFICE CLOSED: Dec. 24, 25, 26, 31, Jan 1
Always closed Mondays



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

Sunday, December 7th 6-8pm

Join us for Christmas carols, hot cocoa, cookies, and
starlight wagon rides in this celebration of Christmas!



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