

January 4, 2026  
Knowing and Being Known



## 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

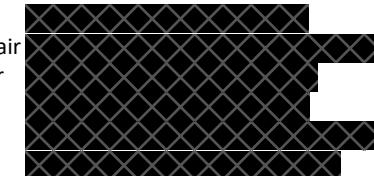
Recorded Sermons available at [www.warwickrivermennonite.org](http://www.warwickrivermennonite.org)

### Leadership

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.

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: Susan Ackerman*

*Song Leader: Noah Shenk*

*Reader: John Ovington*

*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

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Questions: Don Brunk 610-787-0823

## -- Gathering --

### Words to Welcome

\*Hymn of Praise and Gathering

\*Call to worship (Based on John 1:35-51)

One: The invitation has been spoken: "Come and see."  
The door to a stable stands open. The way is before us.

Many: **We heard the call. Now we step forward in wonder; ready to follow, open to the unexpected.**

One: "You will see greater things than these," Jesus says.

Many: **We stand in amazement, waiting to be changed.**

One: Come, let us worship the One who calls us by name, who sees us as we are and leads us into new life.

All: **We come,**  
*ready to follow,*  
*ready to see,*  
*ready to be amazed!*

### \*Candlelighting litany

One: We celebrate as we reflect in amazement at what you have done. You muted the flames of our fears with hope.

Many: **Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!**

One: You resurrected the dry bones of our spirits with peace.

Many: **Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!**

One: You quenched our thirsty souls with living water of joy.

Many: **Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!**

One: You came to be among us, to show us the way in love.

Many: **Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!**

One: You have called us to follow you and walk the path of mercy and grace.

Many: **Glory to God in the highest! You amaze us!**

All: **Lead us forward**  
*so that we too*  
*may carry your Christ-light*  
*into the world!*

### \*Hymn of Preparation

## -- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Readings: John 1:35-51; Psalm 66:1-5; Matthew 2:1-12

Message: Knowing and Being Known

~ 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

Look! The door is open! Stand up! Jesus has called your name. Go, for greater things await. May you journey, following Jesus boldly in faith, trusting in the movement of the Spirit, amazed by the God who leads you into new life.

### Go in Peace

## Prayer and Praise Requests

*"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."*

*~Joshua 1:9"*

- ❖ Praise God that after nearly a year of chemo treatments, Caleb Schrock-Hurst is cancer free! Caleb and Stephanie plan to move to Taiwan early this year to serve with Mennonite Christian Hospital in Hualien.
- ❖ "Nothing is lost on the breath of God, Nothing is lost forever, God's breath is love and that love will remain. Holding the world forever..." – from the hymn *Nothing is Lost On the Breath of God* by Colin Gibson
- ❖ We pray for God's healing touch upon 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.
- ❖ We give thanks and gratitude for a recent estate gift that will support the ongoing ministry of the Warwick River Mennonite Church.
- ❖ 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!

Jan 4	Will Siebels
Jan 5	Nelson Baer
	Ricky Dillon
Jan 7	John Cassel
Jan 10	Sue (Snooky) Yoder
	Nicole Mulamba
Jan 11	Christian Shenk
Jan 13	Olivia Wagner
Jan 15	Anna Longacher
Jan 21	Anje Ackerman
Jan 30	Krystal Ann Hurr

### Happy Anniversary!

Jan 6	Adam & MaryDawn Carrier
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## Upcoming Events

- ❖ *Today, Jan 4<sup>th</sup>* 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:40 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
- WRMC Game Night
- ❖ *Tues., Jan 6<sup>th</sup>* 4:00-6:00 p.m. WRMC Community Prayer Drop-in (outdoors in front of Warwick River Christian school)
- ❖ *Thurs., Jan 8<sup>th</sup>* 6-8:30 p.m. Threads Together sewing group meets in church
- ❖ *Sun., Jan 11<sup>th</sup>* COUNCIL Committee Chairs 2025 Annual Reports due
- ❖ *Sun., Jan 18<sup>th</sup>* Fellowship Meal
- ❖ *Sat., Jan 31<sup>st</sup>* 9:00 a.m. WRMC ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING 2026

## Announcements

### THRIVE FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED THIS MONTH:

Jelly, Broth, Canned Fruit, Baking items/mixes,  
Pop-top meals, Hamburger Helper

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) weekly updates from many locations. Go to <https://mds.org/weekly-reports/>.

*As WRMC enters the new 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.*

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