

February 1, 2026  
“Jesus: The Living Interpretation of the Law”  
~Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson



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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

574-849-2021

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### Serving Today

Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman

Song Leader: Noah Shenk

Reader: Jackie Zimmerman

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

Phone: 929-205-6099

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Questions: Don Brunk 610-787-0823

## -- Gathering --

Words to Welcome

\*Hymn of Praise and Gathering

**\*Call to Worship (HWB #670)**

Leader: Our God,  
we gather to worship you, the One who creates all things.

**People: For the gift of creation, we give thanks.**

Leader: We gather to worship you,  
the One who brings salvation through Jesus Christ.

**People: For the gift of redemption, we give thanks.**

Leader: We gather to worship you,  
the one who sustains us by the Spirit.

**People: For the gift of your presence, we give thanks.**

Leader: We bring to you our offerings of thanks and praise  
for all your gifts.

All: *We worship you – our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.*  
AMEN

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

### -- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 6: 4-9  
Mark 2: 1-8,15-16  
Mark 7: 1-8

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### -- 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 (HWB 765)**

Gentle God,  
you have come near to us  
and have shown us your patience,  
compassion and love.

As we go, O God,  
give us patience when people are indifferent to your Word,  
give us compassion for the needs of the world,  
and give us love which reflects your forgiveness and grace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
AMEN

**Go in Peace**

## Prayer and Praise Requests

- ❖ *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." ~ Colossians 3:16*
- ❖ **Family is a wonderful thing. It is where life begins and is nurtured, where growth takes place. A family provides warmth, joy, counsel, and companionship. Above all else it gives you roots, a place to belong and return for strength and hope. We pray for our families.**
- ❖ Joseph and Rachel Givens and their two sons, who are serving with Mennonite Mission Network, are on the front lines of ministry to people fleeing persecution and death. Pray that the Givens will receive the spiritual and financial resources they need to continue sharing Christ's love through food and shelter at the Maria Skobtsova House, in Calais, France.
- ❖ Prayer & Bulletin updates, contact Church Elder Chris Miller, or Church Secretary Pat O'Connor (757-874-0794) ([warwickrivermc@gmail.com](mailto:warwickrivermc@gmail.com)).

**Vision: Healing & Hope –  
God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
to grow as communities of  
grace, joy, and peace, so that  
God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.**

### Happy Birthday!

Feb 2 Peggy Kipfer  
Feb 5 Mary Anne Leonard      Suzy Todd (Zollinger)      Katherine Hunnicutt  
Feb 6 Isabella Carrier  
Feb 9 Elaine Smith  
Feb 14 Krista Goodwin      Gordon Zook  
Feb 15 Aidyn Rose Carrier

### Happy Anniversary!

Feb 7 Gary & Dina Fentress  
Feb 12 Chris & Ronda Miller



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## Upcoming Events

- ❖ Today, Feb 1st 9:30 Sunday School  
10:40 a.m. Sunday Worship Service  
12:00 noon Worship commission is inviting you to a brief discussion following worship today
- ❖ Tues., Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 3:30-5:30 p.m. WRMC Community Prayer Drop-in (outdoors in front of Warwick River Christian school)
- ❖ Thurs., Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 6-8:30 p.m. Threads Together sewing group meets in church
- ❖ Sun., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Meal
- ❖ Sun., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 1:15 p.m. WRMC Council meets
- ❖ Sat., Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> 5 p.m. Chili Supper & Dessert Contest at Williamsburg Mennonite Church

## Announcements

**\*Help Wanted \* The Eastern Virginia Unit of Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)** is looking for 2 people to fill 2 roles, one as secretary and another as treasurer. If someone is interested or would like more information please contact Ivan Lehman, President of the Eastern Virginia Unit. His number is 804-513-3413 and his email is [irlehman68@gmail.com](mailto:irlehman68@gmail.com)

### THRIVE FOOD PANTRY – MOST NEEDED ITEMS (JANUARY 2026)

Ramen, Strawberry Jelly, Baking items/mixes, Canned fruits, Canned Mixed Vegetables, Diapers size 4-6

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

### January 25, 2026 REPORT = Worship Service was cancelled due to weather

*Please know we are committed to faithful stewardship of every gift God entrusts to us. We honor the many sacrifices made in giving and seek to use each contribution wisely and with care. You are invited to prayerfully consider tithing and giving as you are willing and able and we thank you for your continued interest in & support of the ministry of Warwick River Mennonite Church.*

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**Sunday, February 1, 2026**

We are looking into marking the beginning of Lent in one of two ways. Shrove Tuesday is a tradition of beginning Lent, which began in the 3rd century as a time of preparation for baptism, which took place at Easter. It is a time of preparation modeled after Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, prior to starting his ministry. It is a time for Christians to devote themselves to prayer, fasting and caring for the needs of others. It is a period of imitation of the life and ministry of Christ.

Shrove Tuesday is often celebrated with a pancake meal. Tradition holds that it was a feast that was held to clean out the cupboards before the discipline of Lent. In some places it is known as *Mardi Gras* or Fat Tuesday and is a time of indulgence. Pancakes make a relatively simple way of celebrating together before entering the time of prayer and fasting.

Ash Wednesday starts Lent as a time of confession and recommitment to the following of Christ.

We plan to have a brief discussion of if and how we want to recognize the beginning of Lent. We look forward to seeing you.

All the best, Steve