



**Welcome
to
Warwick River Mennonite Church**

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We are an Anabaptist Christian congregation of Mennonite Church USA
emphasizing peace, community and following Jesus Christ

~~~ Sept. 27, 2026 ~~~

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|------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sunday School (in person):               | 9:30 -10:30 AM        |
| Coffee Connect (virtual):                | 10:00 AM              |
| Worship Service (in person and virtual): | 10:40 AM              |
| Coffee Connect (in person):              | After worship service |

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

*Serving Today:*

Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson  
Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler Shenk  
Song Leader: Micah Shenk  
Reader: Steve Fannin  
Zoom Host: Leanna DeWysocki

# Gathering

## Welcome and Gathering

### *Song of Gathering*

## Call to Worship

Leader: Through rain and air, sunshine and soil,  
God is steadfastly working for the flourishing of all  
as God Cares for us, so God calls us  
to observe and trust earth's processes and  
to align our human activities  
with God's intended purpose for our common home.

All: Together, let us embrace God's vision as our own,  
let our worship lead us to a new purpose,  
to an ancient promise, to lasting shalom.

### *Song of Praise*

## Words of Thanksgiving, Lament, Confession and Repair

O God of the cosmos, Creator of all that is beautiful, wild, and good,  
we come to You in grief and humility. You spoke the world into being,  
calling the earth, the seas, and every living thing "very good." You  
trusted us to tend this sacred home, yet we have broken that trust.  
We lament harm to your precious gift of creation.

Lord, hear our cry of repentance and sorrow:

- For the waters: We mourn the choked rivers, the poisoned lakes, and the oceans filled with waste. Forgive us for turning Your life-giving waters into places of death.
- For the air: We lament the skies thick with pollution and smoke, warming the earth and stealing the breath of Your creatures. Forgive us for clouding the heavens with our carelessness.
- For the land: We grieve the stripped forests, the depleted soils, and the concrete that smothers Your fertile earth. Forgive us for taking what we want without regard for what the land needs to heal.
- For the creatures: We weep for the loss of species, the silencing of birdsong, and the destruction of habitats that can never be replaced. Forgive us for our arrogance and the quiet violence of our indifference.

God of justice, we acknowledge that the wounds we inflict on the earth fall heaviest on the vulnerable—the poor, the marginalized, and future

generations who inherit a diminished world. We have chosen convenience over stewardship, and profit over the protection of Your handiwork. Do not abandon us to our own destruction. Breathe Your Holy Spirit into us once more. Renew our hearts so that we may love what You love and protect what You have made. Give us the courage to change our ways, to speak for the voiceless earth, and to become true healers and keepers of Your creation.

In Your holy and merciful name, we pray. Amen

### ***Song of Preparation***

## **Hearing God's Word**

Scripture Reading:     Isaiah 55:10-11  
                                  Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon: Returning to God's Garden  
                  Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

## **Responding to Worship**

### ***Hymn of Response***

Sermon/message response  
Sharing of blessings and concerns  
Offertory prayer and giving  
Sharing of announcements

## **Sending**

### ***Song of Sending***

### **Sending**

Leader: God is the source of abundant life and love  
          Wherever we find ourselves on the journey back to our common home.  
          May we turn from oppression and may we release possession,  
          seeking to care for the earth, which provides for us all.

All: As we go from here,  
      May we know God's shalom and let it guide all that we say  
      And do on this earth, our common home. Amen

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## **Prayer Requests**

- ❖ **Pray for Connie Saunder's family** at the time of her passing.  
*"Trish and Dave Golinski, would like to thank the Warwick River Mennonite Church community for their prayers, support and assistance during Connie Saunders illness and in her final days. It meant so much to her and to us."*

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ Sun., Sept. 27      9:30 AM Sunday School  
                                 10:40 AM Sunday Worship Service
- ❖ Tues., Sept. 29      4-6 PM WRMC Community Prayer Drop-in  
                                 (outdoors in front of Warwick River Christian school)
- ❖ Fri/Sat., Oct 2-3      Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale – Rockingham Co Fair Ground
- ❖ Sun., Oct 4            Congregational/Organization Discussion with Ryan Ahlgrim

## Announcements

- **Our School Kits went to MCC** to help provide **46,481** kits to children worldwide! Thanks to all who helped with this project.
- **Thrive Peninsula items needed most:** Rice, Tuna, Spices, Pancake mix, Spaghetti Sauce, Toothbrushes
- **Council and worship commission** seek someone to lead activities with community involvement .
- **WRC school** has used books to be delivered to Harrisonburg.  
Contact the school, 757-877-2941, for additional information.
- **Mennonite Women of Virginia** – Annual Fall Retreat Oct. 30 – Nov. 1 See brochures on the literature table.

### Warwick River Mennonite Church

## HOW TO CONNECT

**\*Worship Service \* Sunday School \* Meetings \***

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**Contact Us:** The church administration office is open Tues. and Thurs., from 9am to 1pm. Office contact information is listed at the top of this bulletin. Contact information for church leaders is listed here.

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