



**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

~~~ **October 4, 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:*

Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman  
Song Leader: Lisa Fannin  
Reader: Salyers Family  
Zoom Host: Leanna DeWysocki

# Gathering

## Welcome and Gathering

### Call to Worship

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.

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

## Confession

Leader: God of transformation—

**All: *We still wait for your healing.  
We still feel overwhelmed by the brokenness  
in our lives and in our world.***

Leader: We confess that we do not always  
live as salt of the earth with your light.

**All: *Sometimes we forget your hopes and dreams for us.  
Sometimes we forget to celebrate the gift  
and embrace the responsibility of being alive  
in this time and place.***

## Assurance

Leader: Hear the good news!  
You will go out with joy and be led back in peace.  
God is already at work, restoring soil and soul.

**All: *We turn to God and we are embraced  
with loving-kindness and compassion.  
Let us join in creation's song.***

### Song of Preparation

# Hearing God's Word

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

## ***Song of Response to the Readings***

Sharing of reflections on experience of God's presence in nature  
as we have walked in wonder this week.

Sharing of blessings and concerns

Offertory prayer and giving

Sharing of announcements

## **Sending**

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Leader: We have a role to play in God's story of shalom.  
As we go from here,  
May we marvel at our common home  
And take up the task of caring well for it.

**All: *May the hope and promise of God's shalom  
Propel us into deeper relationship with this earth,  
Our common home. Amen***

**Stay in Peace as we have a light snack and meet for discussion**

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## **Looking ahead: Week 5 – Singing with Creation**

Next Sunday, we are invited to celebrate God's wondrous world through sound.

This week, go out into nature and listen for a sound you love—birds, wind in the trees, burbling water, rain, or a crackling fire. If you can, record that sound and bring your recording to worship next week. Join in the song of creation by adding your voice, singing a song of praise, or simply listening to music that inspires you.

## **Prayer Requests**

- ❖ **Pray for Leona Ross** as she is still in the hospital awaiting a suitable care option.
- ❖ **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., Oct. 4 9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:40 AM Worship & Congregation Organizational Meeting
- ❖ Sun., Oct. 4 2:00-6:00 PM WCRC Family Fall Harvest Fest
- ❖ Sun., Oct. 4 6:30-8:00 PM WRMC Game Night
- ❖ Tues., Oct. 6 4-6 PM WRMC Community Prayer Drop-in  
(outdoors in front of Warwick River Christian school)
- ❖ Thurs., Oct 8 6:00-8:00 Threads Together

## 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 .
- **Mennonite Women of Virginia** – Annual Fall Retreat Oct. 30 – Nov. 1 See brochures on the literature table.

## Giving and Receiving

*Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church. We are committed to faithful stewardship of every gift entrusted to us. We are grateful for your continued interest in and support of the ministry of Warwick River Mennonite Church.*

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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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