



**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 11, 2026** ~~~

|                                          |                       |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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: John Ovington  
Zoom Host: Mackenzie Butler-Shenk

# Gathering

## Welcome

### *Song of Gathering*

## Call to Worship

Listen. Creation is singing!

Listen carefully. Creation is singing a song of joy and peace.

We are created beings, all of us—born of a creator who inspires us to work together to regenerate life in every part of our common home.

Listen. Creation is singing a song of joy and peace, healing and transformation, that we can embrace as our vocation.

Together, let us celebrate the eternal promise of an eternal God—  
The promise of shalom.

### *Song of Worship and 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: 12-13  
Matthew 5: 13-16

Sermon: "Breaking the Cycle"  
Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

## ***Song of Response***

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

# Sending

## ***Song of Sending***

Leader: Creation is bursting with life and sound  
that have inspired our songs this morning.  
As we go from here, may we extend the celebration,  
knowing that our worship, like God's shalom,  
is not bound by space or time.  
May God's mercy take root in our lives,  
so that we might be transformed  
together with all of creation  
as a witness to God's steadfast love.

All May we boldly proclaim the news of God's inbreaking shalom  
upon this earth, our common home. Amen.  
Propel us into deeper relationship with this earth,  
Our common home. Amen.

**Go in Peace**

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## **Prayer Requests**

- ❖ **Pray for Susan Ackerman** as she recovers from hip surgery.
- ❖ **Pray for Snooky Yoder** as she recovers from surgery on her arm
- ❖ **Pray for Leona Ross** as she is in the hospital awaiting a suitable care option.

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ Sun., Oct. 11      9:30 AM Sunday School  
                                 10:40 AM Worship
- ❖ Tues., Oct. 13      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
- ❖ Sun., Oct 18<sup>th</sup>      Fellowship Meal

## Announcements

- **Thrive Peninsula items needed most:** Jelly, Rice, Beans, Pasta, Broth, Cleaning Spray
- **Council and worship commission** seek someone to lead activities with community involvement .
- Fellowship meal next Sunday, bring food to share and invite others to join us!

## 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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