

May 12, 2024  
“In the Company of Women”  
Happy Mother’s Day



## 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 a.m.

*Virtual* Coffee Connect: 10 a.m.

*In-person and Virtual* Worship Service: 10:40 a.m.

*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.*

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### Serving Today

*Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson*

*Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman*

*Song Leader: Noah Shenk*

*Reader: Steve Fannin*

*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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*If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Don Brunk (610-787-0823)*

*-- Gathering --*

**Welcome**

**\*Hymn of Praise and Gathering**

**\*Call to Worship (HWB 680)**

God of all life,  
we thank you  
for the signs of your love that surround us,  
for sun and warmth and all that comes to life  
within creation,  
for all that sleeps within the earth awaiting birth.

We praise you  
for the wisdom of your care,  
water on the earth,  
sunlight on our spirits,  
hands on blinded eyes.

Continue to touch us.

Reach out to us with compassion and forgiveness  
that we may receive your gifts,  
that we may know your love and grace  
and rise to new life in Jesus Christ.

AMEN

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

**\*Children's Moment:** "Deborah's Story" ~Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson  
(includes a video clip "The Story of Deborah in the Bible")

***-- Hearing God's Word --***

Scripture Readings: Luke 8:1-3; Exodus 2:1-8; Acts 16:12-15

Sermon: "In the Company of Women" ~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

***-- Responding to Worship --***

**\*Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

Sharing of Announcements

***-- Sending --***

**\*Song of Sending**

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**Prayer of Sending ~ Benediction (HWB 721)**

**Leader:** Almighty God, from whom comes each good gift of life,  
we remember your loving kindness and your uncounted mercies  
as we join in grateful praise.

For all your gifts to us and to our human race;  
for our life and the world in which we live,

**People:** **we give you thanks O God.**

**Leader:** For the order and constancy of nature;  
for the beauty and bounty of the world;  
for day and night, summer and winter, seed-time and harvest;  
for the varied joys which every season brings,

**People:** **we give you thanks O God.**

**Leader:** For the work we are enabled to do,  
and the truth we are permitted to discover;  
good there has been in our past,  
and for all the hopes which lead us on toward better things,

**People:** **we give you thanks O God.**

**Leader:** For all the joys & comforts of life; for homes & families; for our friends; for  
the love, sympathy, & goodwill of persons near & far,

**People:** **we give you thanks O God.**

**Leader:** For all cultures, wise government and just laws  
which order our common life;  
for education & all the treasures of literature, science, and art,

**People:** **we give you thanks O God.**

**Leader:** For the discipline of life;  
for the tasks and trials which train us to know ourselves  
and which bring us to accept one another,

**People:** **we give you thanks O God.**

**Leader:** For the desire and power to help others; for every opportunity  
of serving our generation in ways large or small,

**People:** **we give you thanks O God.**

**Leader:** For the gift of Jesus Christ, and everything which is ours as his disciples; for  
the presence and inspiration of your Holy Spirit throughout our days,

**People:** **we give you thanks O God.**

**Leader:** For the tender ties which bind us to the unseen world;  
for the faith which dispels the shadows of earth  
and fills the closing years of life with the light of hope,

**People:** **we give you thanks O God.**

**ALL:** *God of all grace and love,  
we have praised you with our lips  
for all the richness and meaning that life holds for us.  
Now send us into the world to praise you with our lives,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

AMEN

**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.*

## Prayer and Praise Requests

- ❖ *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."*  
~ Psalm 119:105
- ❖ On this Mother's Day, join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for mothers around the world, especially those who struggle to provide life's necessities for their children. May we share what God has given us, acknowledging that we are all part of God's one family.
- ❖ June 8, 2024: George Brunk Memorial Service Announced  
10:00 am burial at Warwick River Mennonite Cemetery  
2:00 pm memorial service at Huntington Mennonite Church, 785 Harpersville Rd., Newport News, VA 23601. We continue to pray for Pat, and all the family in this most difficult time of sudden loss.
- ❖ **Contact the church elders or the church office to update a prayer** concern for the bulletin or to activate the email prayer chain during the week.

### Happy Birthday!

May 13 Chris Davis  
May 16 Everett Cassel  
May 17 Alexander Crumly  
May 20 Rudy Mulamba  
May 21 Adam Carrier  
May 28 Darrel Schrock  
May 31 Jake Hanbury

### Happy Anniversary!

May 13 Harold & Sue Yoder  
May 14 Steve & Lisa Fannin  
May 17 Nelson & Kathryn Baer  
May 22 Micah & Mackenzie Butler Shenk  
May 30 Sam & Susan Parrucci

### May 5, 2024

**Attendance Report:    Worship Service: 44**

**Offering Report: \$2,157.00    YTD (01/01/2024-05/5/2024): \$41,319.00**

**Building Fund Balance to date: \$1,546,754.05**

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Deuteronomy 16:17    ~Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

## Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, May 12* – Happy Mother's Day  
9:30am Adult & Children's Sunday School (school bldg.)  
10:40am Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ *Tues., May 14* - 4-6pm **Drop-in** Community Prayer Group (school bldg.)
- ❖ *Sun., May 19* - Fellowship Meal follows Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ *Wed. May 22* - 6:30-8:00pm Game Night (Chapel)
- ❖ *Thurs., May 23* - 6:00-9:00pm Threads Together sewing group (school bldg.)
- ❖ *Fri., May 31* - Motorcycle For Missions (Blue Ridge Mountains)
- ❖ *Thurs., Jun. 6* - 6:30pm WRMC Council Meeting (Chapel)
- ❖ *Sat., Jun. 8* - 2:00pm George Brunk Memorial Service (Huntington MC)

## Announcements:

### CHURCH COUNCIL OF MINISTRY MEMBERS NEEDED:

The Warwick River Mennonite Church (WRMC) Council is seeking additional Members to support the important work of our faith. The Council meets monthly. Please contact Ann Aulich if you are interested in serving.

**SUMMER CAMP @ WRCLC:** Plan now for summer fun! For information or to register, go to child care at: <http://warwickriver.org>  
Camp is designed for rising Kindergartners – 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Attend by day, by the week or all summer! Field Trips, Arts & Crafts, Outdoor Play.

**"MOTORCYCLE FOR MISSIONS" May 31 – June 1:** Spend a beautiful weekend riding through the Blue Ridge mountains, making new friends, and helping VMissions share new life in Jesus at home and around the world! This annual ride is a great way to hit the road and support mission. Last year's ride raised over \$14,000 for the Mission Fund. The energy and community from the ride was contagious as 39 riders from all over Virginia came out. It was great to see younger riders join in the mission, even ones who won't be able to ride their own motorcycle for quite some time! To register or sponsor a rider, go to: <https://vmmissions.org/get-involved/events/motorcycle-for-missions/>

**THRIVE FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED THIS MONTH:** Canned peas, Mac and Cheese, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Peanut Butter. Donations are collected here at the Chapel AND at the Church Office located in the school building (WRCLC). If you wish to help.

**WRMC DIRECTORY UPDATES:** Have you moved? Has your phone number changed? The process of updating and preparing a new church directory has begun so be sure to call the office (757-874-0794 or) to update your contact information.