

June 23, 2024  
"The Race"



## 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

Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Ahlgrim

Worship Leader: Twila Blume

Song Leader: Lisa Fannin

Reader: James Salyers & Samantha Salyers

Zoom Host: Leanna DeWysoki

## 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 #664)**

Leader: Watch! Wait!  
The day of God is at hand!

People: Like the bud on a tree,  
God's possibilities are about to blossom!

Leader: Stay awake!  
The reign of God is very near.

People: We are here,  
watching and waiting with hope.

ALL: May God bring justice to all people  
on this day.  
May God's reign come on earth  
as in heaven.

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

**\*Children's Moment** ~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

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

Scripture Readings: Hebrews 12:1-3

Sermon: "The Race" ~ Pastor Ryan Ahlgrim



**-- Responding to Worship --**

**\*Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

Sharing of Announcements

**-- Sending --**

**\*Song of Sending**

**\*Benediction and Sending (HWB 737)**

Almighty God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
you have made us for yourself,  
so that our hearts are restless  
until they rest in you.  
Grant us purity of heart and strength of purpose,  
that no selfish passion  
may hinder us from knowing your will,  
no weakness from doing it;  
but that in your light we may see light clearly,  
and in your service find our perfect freedom,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN

**Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year) FY2024 runs 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2024**  
FY2024 APPROVED operating budget: \$125,000.00

<b>June 16, 2024 Attendance Report:</b>	<b>Worship Service: 37</b>
<b>Offering Report:</b>	<b>Offertory for FY2024</b>
\$ 580.00	PayPal
\$ 282.00	from WRCLC use of WRChapel
\$ 250.00	from WRCLC shared Stormwater Fees
<b>\$2,094.75</b>	
<b>\$3,206.75</b>	<b>Offertory Total 6/16/24</b>

YTD (01/01/2024-06/16/2024): \$52,287.75

Building Fund Balance to date: \$1,547,054.05

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

Warwick River Mennonite Church is grateful for your financial support and committed to exercising faithful stewardship over the funds contributed to us.

[Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)

## Prayer and Praise Requests

*We extend a very special welcome and prayers of gratitude  
for Pastor Ryan Ahlgrim  
Thank you for bringing the message this morning.*

- ❖ *"We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." ~ Ephesians 2:10*
- ❖ Prayer and Praise for an encouraging update from Pat Leming as she continues her fight with cancer. Pat keeps busy and recently reports she has gained a few pounds and her cancer numbers are down! Chemo treatments are going well just experiencing thinning hair and some fatigue. There have been no new tumors on her spine. Please continue to lift Pat up in prayer.
- ❖ Please pray for Connie Saunders as she received discouraging test results 6/18/24. Follow-up cancer appointments are scheduled and we pray a treatment plan will help ease her pain and daily extreme pain and discomfort. An MRI is scheduled Tuesday. Connie's daughter & son-in-law continue to travel back & forth from out of state & pray for a work life balance.
- ❖ We pray for health and healing for those who are not well. Grant them strength and healing, comfort them in their pain, and guide the hands of those who are caring for them. May they feel the presence of our Lord and be assured that they are never alone in their struggles. We trust in God's unfailing love and mercy.
- ❖ Contact the church elders or the church office to update a prayer concern or praise for the bulletin or to activate the email prayer chain during the week.

### Happy Birthday!

June 25 Betty Mulamba  
June 28 Susan Parrucci; Isaac Ackerman  
June 30 Diana Salyers

### Happy Anniversary!

June 28 Ted & Sarah Wilde

**Leaders who will be serving next Sunday, 6/30/2024:** (1)MaryDawn Carrier, Worship Leader; (2)Micah Shenk, Song Leader; (3)Jacqueline Zimmerman (Reader); (4)Mackenzie Butler Shenk, Zoom Host. Sermon will be Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson. We are grateful for our devoted service leaders. Please include them in your prayers as they ready themselves to guide us.

## Upcoming Events:

- Today, Jun. 23 – 9:30am Adult & Children's Sunday School (school bldg.)  
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)  
Fellowship Meal follows Worship Service today! (Chapel)  
(Note: Congregational Conversation has been postponed until July)
- Tues., Jun. 25 - 12noon to 1:00pm Mennowood Event: "Lunch & Learn"  
4-6pm Drop-in Community Prayer Group (school bldg.)
- Wed., Jun. 26 - 6:30-8:00pm Game Night (Chapel)
- Thurs., Jun. 27 - 6:00-9:00pm Threads Together sewing group (school bldg.)
- Sun., Jun. 30- 9:30am Adult & Children's Sunday School (school bldg.)  
10:40am Worship Service (Chapel)
- Thurs., Jul. 4 - (Note: WRMC Council Meeting is in the process of being rescheduled)

**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.**

## Announcements:

**JUNE THRIVE FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED:** Baked Beans, Mac 'n Cheese, Cereal and Baking items. Donations are collected here at the Chapel AND at the Church Office located in the school building (WRCLC).

**Mennowood: Upcoming Community Events** – free and open to the public, but reservations are required. Please RSVP to 757-249-0355 or email Michele at [mryba@mennowood.com](mailto:mryba@mennowood.com)

- 6/27/2024: Thursday, 10-3pm Virtual Dementia Tours  
07/16/2024: Tuesday, 12-1pm Estate Planning  
07/31/2024: Wednesday, 12-1pm Healthy Living for your Brain and Body