

July 28, 2024
Reconciliation and Hope
Core Value #3

Reconciliation is the center of our work,
Part 3

Mission Dei #18 What is an Anabaptist Christian?
by Palmer Becker



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

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: MaryDawn Carrier

Song Leader: Micah Shenk

Reader: Jackie Zimmerman

Zoom Host: Mackenzie Butler 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 659)**

Leader: Grace unto you and peace from God,
who was and who is
and who is to come,

**People: and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the first born of the dead,
ruler above all rulers of the earth.**

Leader: In love Jesus Christ suffered death
to free us from our sins,

**People: making all who confess Christ a nation of priests
set aside for God's service.**

**ALL: To Jesus Christ be glory and power
forever and ever!**

***Hymn of Preparation**

***Children's Moment: Rainbows and God's assurance**

~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Readings: Ephesians 2: 13-22
Isaiah 11: 1-9

Sermon: Reconciliation and Hope. Core Value #3, Reconciliation is the center of our work Part 3

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~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

***Sermon Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

Benediction and Sending (HWB 762)

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.

Left: Come as Holy Fire and burn in us.

Right: Come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within.

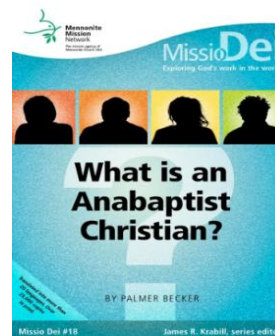
Left: Come as Holy Light and lead us in our darkness.

Right: Come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance.

Left: Come as Holy Power and overcome our weakness.

Right: Come as Holy Life and dwell in us.

ALL: Send us, abide with us, use us, that the Father may be glorified, and our joy be made full. AMEN



Conclusion: What are we to think of the Anabaptist understanding of the Christian faith? What can we learn from it? 100 years ago, Professor Rufus M. Jones claimed that "the great principles of freedom of conscience, separation of church and state, and voluntarism in religion, which are so essential to democracy, are derived from the Anabaptist movement of the Reformation period. These courageous leaders clearly enunciated these principles and challenged the Christian world to follow them in practice."*

Do the following statements summarize your understandings of the Christian faith? If they do, you are a Christian from an Anabaptist perspective!

Jesus is the center of my faith.

- I fix my eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of my faith.
- I interpret the Scriptures from an ethical Christocentric point of view.
- I see Christianity as discipleship and seek to follow Jesus in daily life.

Community is the center of my life.

- I believe forgiveness makes community possible.
- I study the Scriptures with others to discern their applications for our time.
- I affirm that face-to-face groups are essential to a healthy church.

Reconciliation is the center of my work.

- I am called to help reconcile people to God through faith in Jesus.
- I believe that reconciliation includes both evangelism and peacemaking.
- I reject all forms of injustice and violence, and encourage peaceful alternatives to war and other conflicts.

*In *The Recovery of the Anabaptist Vision*, edited by Guy F. Hershberger (Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 1957), pp. 29-30. This volume also includes a wealth of essays on the rise and theology of Anabaptism

Prayer and Praise Requests

- ❖ *“The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.” ~Psalm 18.2*
- ❖ Remembering Ruth Ann Miller at the hour of her passing, July 19, 2024, at the age of 99. Please keep all of Ruth Ann’s family and friends in your prayers as together we mourn her loss.
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Mennonite Bible School in South Africa. Pray for the participants in five locations as they study the Bible together and engage in church leadership training. Pray also for wisdom and energy for director Dr. Reuben Mgodeli.
- ❖ Our continued prayers for the health and healing of 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!

July 28	Steve Fannin; Katie Fannin	Aug 3	Wyatt McDaniel
Aug 2	Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson	Aug 4	Jack Smith
Aug 2	Anna Mumaw	Aug 11	Samantha Salyers

Happy Anniversary!

July 25	Jack & Elaine Smith	Aug 8	Ben & Fran Redekop
Aug 2	Chris & Ursula Bock	Aug 8	Joshua & Amy Longacher

Leaders who will be serving next Sunday, 8/4/2024: (1) Twila Blume, Worship Leader; (2) Noah Shenk, Song Leader; (3) MaryDawn Carrier, Reader; (4) Rachael Shenk, Zoom Host. Pastor Steve will bring the message. We are so grateful for our devoted service leaders. Please keep them in your prayers as they ready themselves to guide us.

Reminder: Warwick River Directory 2024 Now Available!

We are excited to announce that the Warwick River Directory 2024 has been printed and is now available. As of July 15, 2024, you can pick up your copy at the church office. This directory is a valuable resource for staying connected with our church community. Don’t forget to get yours.

July 21, 2024

Attendance Report: Worship Service: 43

Offering Report: \$825.00 YTD (01/01/2024-07/21/2024): \$59,294.75

Building Fund Balance to date: \$1,547,354.05

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

Upcoming Events:

Today, July 28	9:30am Adult & Children’s Sunday School (school bldg.) 10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
Tues., July 30	4-6pm Drop-in Community Prayer Group (school bldg.)
Thurs., Aug 8	6:00-9:00pm Threads Together sewing group (school bldg.)
Aug, 13-20	Pastor Steve will be out of town
Sun., Aug 18	Fellowship Meal
Wed., Aug 21	Game Night

Announcements:

THRIVE FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED: Canned chicken, Canned fruit, Jelly, Canned soup, Ready meals, Farm fresh eggs or veggies from your garden.

COUNCIL NEWS:

a) Effective 7/21/2024, Ann Aulich announced she was stepping down from Council, with 7/21/2024 her final attendance as Church Elder and Interim Congregational Chair. Ann looks forward to moving to West Point, VA.

b) Worship Chair, MaryDawn Carrier announced her desire to step down.

VIRGINIA MENNONITE CONFERENCE TO REMAIN A MEMBER CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE CHURCH USA * Harrisonburg, Va | Announced July 20, 2024 *

<https://virginiaconference.org/2024/07/vmc-to-remain-in-mennonite-church-usa/>

Mennonite Women of VA invites you to register for the Women’s Fall Retreat at the Marriott in Short Pump, November 8-10. Registration [link](#), or contact us at mwwsecretary@gmail.com. EARLY REGISTRATION ends 8/5/24. Invite all your sisters!



NOTICE: Voting will take place August 11, 2024 (BALLOT VOTE)

An affirmation ballot will be held during the Worship Service on August 11, 2024. The following nominees have been nominated and approved by Council, and have agreed to serve if affirmed by the congregation.

This notice may be used as an absentee ballot if returned to the church secretary before the morning service on Aug. 11. Congregational guidelines require that *absentee ballots must be signed*.

Congregational Chairperson	MaryDawn Carrier (3 years)
() Affirm	() Not affirm

Stewardship Chairperson	Adam Carrier (2 years)
() Affirm	() Not affirm

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Signature Date
Printed Name: _____