

August 4, 2024  
Reconciliation and Hope  
Core Value #3

Reconciliation is the center of our work Part 3  
Hospitality, Peacebuilding, and Reconciliation:  
A free and friendly space.

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



## Warwick River Mennonite Church

A congregation of  
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# WELCOME HOME TO Warwick River Mennonite Church

*In-person* Sunday School: 9:30-10:30 AM

*Virtual* Coffee Connect: 10 AM

*In-person and Virtual* Worship Service: 10:40 AM

*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.*

Steve Wiebe-Johnson, Pastor	<a href="mailto:wrmcpastor01@gmail.com">(wrmcpastor01@gmail.com)</a>	574-849-2021
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### Serving Today

*Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson*

*Worship Leader: Twila Blume*

*Song Leader: Noah Shenk*

*Reader: MaryDawn Carrier*

*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

**Phone:** 929-205-6099

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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** ~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

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

Scripture Readings: Romans 12:13  
Leviticus 19:34  
I Peter 4:9  
Matthew 7:12  
Luke 14:13

Sermon: Reconciliation & Hope. Core Value #3, Reconciliation is the center of our work Part 3. Hospitality, Peacebuilding and Reconciliation: a free & friendly space. (Mission Dei #18 What is an Anabaptist Christian? by Palmer Becker)

~ 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.**

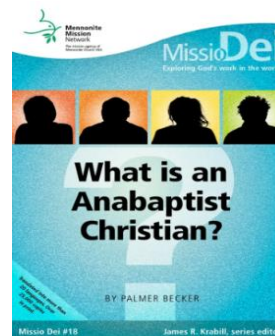
Left: Come as Holy Light and lead us in our darkness.

**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

- ❖ Sibonokuhle Ncube, one of Mennonite Mission Network's regional directors for Africa and Europe, is spending the summer on the African continent. Pray for her as she gets acquainted with African partners and builds on the agency's more than 100-year-old legacy.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ "Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person." ~Colossians 4:6
- ❖ 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!

Aug 4 Jack Smith  
Aug 11 Samantha Salyers

### Happy Anniversary!

Aug 2 Chris & Ursula Bock  
Aug 8 Ben & Fran Redekop      Aug 8 Joshua & Amy Longacher

### Leaders who will be serving next Sunday, 8/11/2024:

WORSHIP LEADER, Mackenzie Butler Shenk  
SONG LEADER, Lisa Fannin  
READER, Steve Fannin  
ZOOM HOST, Leanna DeWysocki  
Pastor Steve will be out of town.

### 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

X \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature      Date  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Upcoming Events:

Today, Aug 4      9:30am Adult & Children's Sunday School (school bldg.)  
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)

Tues., Aug 6      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:

**Warwick River Christian** School invites you to attend Chapel with the children as they finish up Summer Camp 2024. Come share the brief 30-40 minute service and listen to young voices sing and learn about Jesus. When: August 7, 14, or 21 at 1:30 p.m. in our Chapel behind the Church. All are welcome and they would love for us to attend!

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

July 28, 2024	Attendance Report	Worship Service: 37
<b>Offering Report</b>		
\$ 955.00	Offertory for FY2024	
\$ 564.00	PayPal	
\$ 7.00	Coffee Connect for Children's Ministry	
\$ 300.00	Donated to Thread's Together	
\$ 700.00	Donated to NEW Enrichment Fund	
\$ 135.00	In Memory of Ruth Ann Miller for Building Fund	
<u>\$ 2,661.00</u>	<u>Offertory Total 07/28/2024</u>	

Budget Offertory collected YTD (01/01/2024-07/28/2024) = \$60,813.75

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

**07/21/2024 Building Fund Balance to date      \$1,547,354.05\***  
**07/28/2024      135.00**  
**07/28/2024      \$1,547,489.05**

(\*includes \$12,947.05 estimated value stock shares)

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

As we have passed the halfway point of our budget year, please consider helping in whatever way you are able. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a significant impact and we kindly ask you to prayerfully consider your giving during this time. Together, we can ensure that our church continues to serve our community effectively. [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)