

September 8, 2024

Jesus said,

“I am the way, the truth and the life...”



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 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

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	wrmcpastor01@gmail.com	574-849-2021
MaryDawn Carrier, Congregation Chair	wrmccongregationchair@gmail.com	757-218-8137
Chris Miller, Elder & Council Co-Chair	wrmcelderchris@gmail.com	757-879-6659
Sue Yoder, Outreach Chair	wrmcoutreach@gmail.com	757-708-4036
Worship Chair	worshipwrmc@gmail.com	
Twila Blume, Member-At-Large	wrmcmemberatlarge1@gmail.com	
Adam Carrier, Stewardship Chair	wrmcstewardship@gmail.com	

Serving Today

Guest Speaker: Adam B. Carrier

Worship Leader: Twila Brunk

Song Leader: to be announced

Reader: Steve Fannin

Zoom Host: to be announced

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 680)**

Leader: 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.

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

ALL: 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**

-- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Readings: John 14: 1-6
John 5:39-43

Sermon: Jesus is the Life

~ Guest Speaker Adam Carrier

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

***Sermon Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

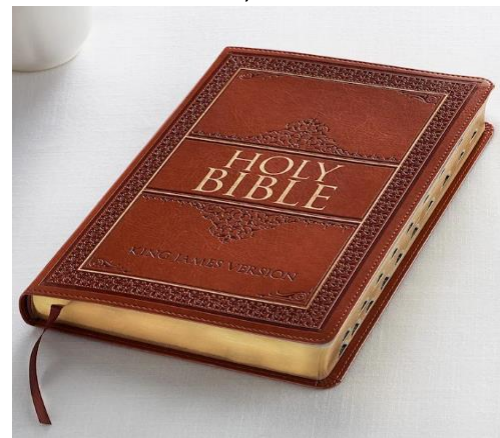
Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

Benediction and Sending: Numbers 6:22-27 (NIV)

²²The Lord said to Moses, ²³“Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: ²⁴The Lord bless you and keep you; ²⁵the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; ²⁶the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.’” ²⁷“So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”



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

September 1, 2024 Attendance Report: Worship Service: 29

Offering Report:

\$1,205.00 Offertory for FY2024

\$ 25.00 Designated to Mennonite Disaster Service for Roof/Siding replacement/repairs for Newport News Neighbor in need

\$ 500.00 Use of Chapel Facility by WRCS

\$ 295.00 Long Green Mennonite Cemetery donations received

\$2,025.00 Offertory Total 9/1/24

YTD (01/01/2024-09/01/2024): \$65,363.63

Building Fund Balance to date: \$1,547,879.05

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

We have been blessed to have kept pace with most of our budget goals through the year. These last months though will make all the difference.

Please prayerfully consider helping if you are willing and able to do so.

Your support and dedication make a real difference, and with your help, we can achieve great things. Let's continue to make a positive impact, hand in hand.

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

Prayer and Praise Requests

- ❖ *“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” ~ Ephesians 4:2-3*
- ❖ **We pray for health and healing for our Sue Yoder**, that she may continue to feel better and better and know we are here for her.
- ❖ We humbly pray for Don Brunk as he & Laurie prepare to live out of state near the hospital while waiting for transplants. This will be a lengthy time away from us. In His grace, we ask God to bless Don, and his medical team with wisdom and skill.
- ❖ Praise and thanks for our generous congregation over all the years, who have been steadfast in supporting our church’s needed projects, reminding us that God is always faithful in supplying our needs.
- ❖ **On September 4, 2024, Pastor Carl Eugene Mericle went to be with his Lord and Savior.** Our thoughts and prayers are with all his family and friends as we together we mourn his loss.
- ❖ We pray for all the people of the world and all the helpers here and abroad, that the Lord may deliver us to a lasting peace.
- ❖ Do you need prayers for yourself or a family member? Call our Church Elder or our church office at 757-874-0794 (and speak to Pat).

Happy Birthday!

Sep 13 Jay Shenk
Sep 17 Katherine Stover
Sep 18 Cheri Shenk
Sep 18 Caden Stover

Happy Anniversary!

Sep 10 Ken & Christine Hurr
Sep 17 David & Shawn McDaniel

Leaders who will be serving next Sunday, 9/15/2024:

SERMON, Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson
WORSHIP LEADER, Mackenzie Butler Shenk
SONG LEADER, Lisa Fannin
READER, *(volunteer needed)*
ZOOM HOST, Leanna DeWysocki

Upcoming Events:

Today, Sep 8
9:30am Adult Sunday School (school bldg.)
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
4-6pm Drop-in Community Prayer Group (school bldg.)
Tues., Sep 10
6:30 pm WRMC Council Meeting (postponed from 9/5)
Tues., Sep 10
6-9:00 pm Threads Together meets (school bldg..)
Thurs., Sep 12
THRIVE Peninsula Donation Day
Fri., Sep 13
Joint Sunday Worship & Fellowship Meal
Sun., Sep 22
Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center
Eastern District Conference Annual Gathering
6:30-8:00 PM WRMC Game Night (Chapel)

Wed., Sep 25

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENT: Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) needs your help!

Pastor Howard Miller of Huntington Mennonite Church has requested assistance for an elderly gentleman in Newport News needing roof, soffit, and siding repairs. The roof was replaced in June, but we still need \$25,000 to complete the project. MDS Eastern unit will provide volunteers for painting to help reduce costs.

To contribute to this MDS project, make checks out to Warwick River Mennonite Church and note “MDS” on the memo line. Please deliver to offering basket on Sunday or to Pat, WRMC secretary. For questions, contact our congregational MDS Representative: Mel Shenk, 757-503-0673. Thank you for your support!

THRIVE Peninsula Event, 12749 Nettles Dr, NN, VA

The Market shelves are so bare it's SCARY - JOIN US - FRIDAY the 13th- for a dedicated donation day and help stock the Market at THRIVE so we can help families facing hunger because no one should face the fear of an empty pantry. Your donations can make a significant difference in ensuring that families in our community have access to essential food. Every can, box, or bag you bring helps us feed those in need. Come together with us on Friday, September 13th to fight hunger and provide hope. Let's turn this “scary” day into a day of giving and community support. [Bring donations to WRMC drop off or directly to THRIVE.](#)

SAVE THE DATE: On Sunday, 9/22/2024, Combined Eastern District Churches will hold a special service at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center (WCRC). This service will replace our regular Sunday service at Warwick River Mennonite Church (WRMC). As with last years’ service, anyone in our congregation has the opportunity to be part of the joint choir! Two hymns are planned: (1*) “Blessed Savior, We Adore Thee” (stanzas 1, 2, and 4 from The Mennonite Hymnal) and (2*) “Loud Hallelujahs to the Lord” (adapted from The Harmonia Sacra). [Singers from all the churches are welcome to participate!](#) Plan on gathering at the WCRC Pavilion at 10:30AM to rehearse the pieces. May this service be the start of a new chapter in our fellowship. *For music copies and audio files, please contact Pat in the office.