

September 15, 2024

Jesus:

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](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: Mackenzie Butler Shenk*

*Song Leader: Lisa Fannin*

*Reader: Adam Carrier*

*Zoom Host: Leanna DeWysocki*

## 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: Walking in the Light of God**

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

Scripture Readings: John 14: 1-19

Sermon: Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life

(Last Sermon in this series) ~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

**-- Responding to Worship --**

**\*Hymn of Response**

**\*Sermon Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

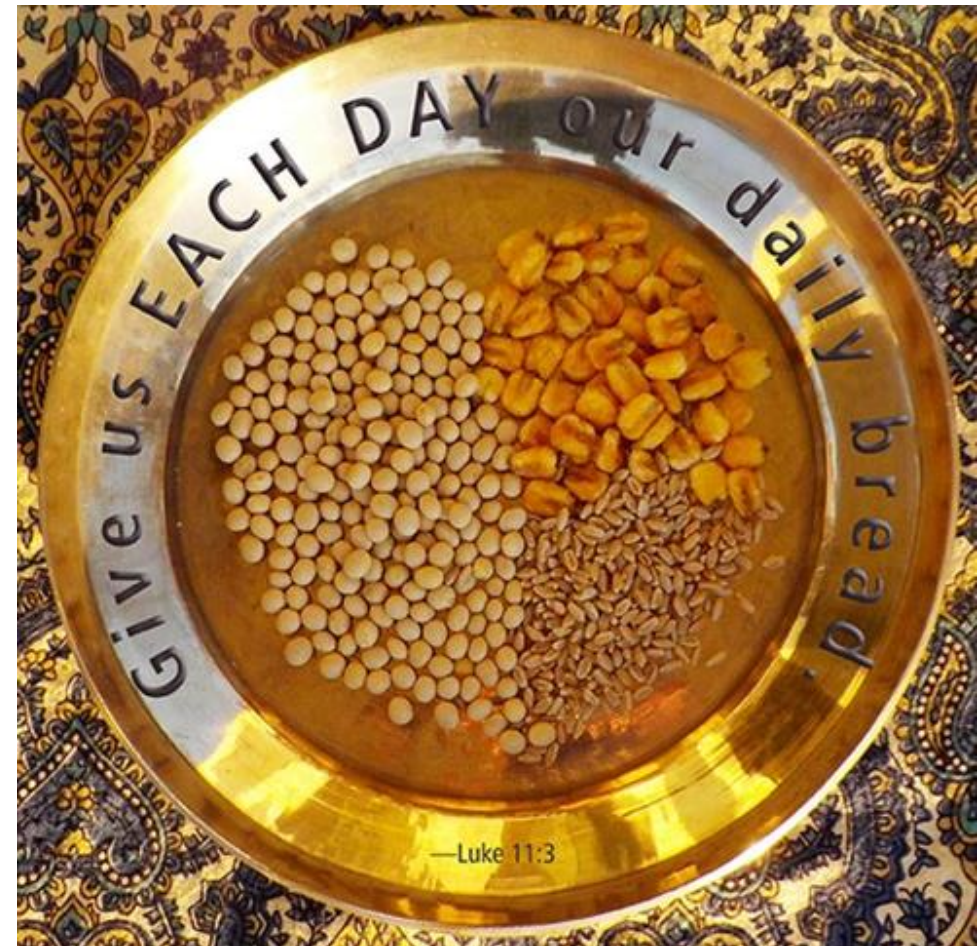
Sharing of Announcements

**-- Sending --**

**\*Song of Sending**

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

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



❖ *“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”*  
~ II Corinthians 9:6

## Prayer and Praise Requests

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Join us in prayer for Burkina Faso. Pastor Siaka Traoré requests prayers as the country faces ongoing terrorist attacks, including recent massacres in Barsalogo and Kounla, resulting in numerous deaths and injuries. Pray for healing and peace for all affected. There have been frequent attacks in Burkina Faso over the last ten years but now they seem to be getting more extreme. We pray Lord, have mercy.
- ❖ We pray for Don Brunk and Laurie as they await transplants out of state. May God bless them and their medical team. Send cards to: 3601 Bernwood Pl, Unit 65, San Diego, CA 92130-1897.
- ❖ Pastor Carl Eugene Mericle passed on September 4, 2024. Our prayers are with his family and friends. Memorial Service: October 20, 2024, 3:00 PM at Providence Mennonite Church, 13101 Warwick Blvd, Newport News, VA.
- ❖ We pray for all the people of all the world and for 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.

### Happy Birthday!

Sep 17	Katherine Stover	September 19	Connie Heatwole
Sep 18	Cheri Shenk	September 26	Brandon Stover
Sep 18	Caden Stover	September 27	Jessica (Saunders) Lasris

### Happy Anniversary!

Sep 17 David & Shawn McDaniel

### Leaders who will be serving next Sunday, 9/22/2024:

- No worship service & no leaders scheduled at 250 Lucas Creek on 9/22/24.

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

**September 8, 2024 Attendance Report: Worship Service: 18**

### Offering Report:

\$ 200.00 Offertory for FY2024  
\$ 476.00 PayPal  
\$ 4.00 Coffee Connect for Children's Ministry  
\$ 680.00 Offertory Total 9/8/24

YTD (01/01/2024-09/08/2024): \$66,039.63

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

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

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

## Upcoming Events:

Today, Sep 15

9:30am Adult Sunday School (school bldg.)

Tues., Sep 17

10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)

Sun., Sep 22

4-6pm Drop-in Community Prayer Group (school bldg.)

Join us in Williamsburg (see below)

Joint Sunday Worship & Fellowship Potluck Meal

Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center

Eastern District Conference Annual Gathering

Wed., Sep 25

6:30-8:00 PM WRMC Game Night (Chapel)

Thurs., Sep 26

6-9:00 pm Threads Together meets (school bldg..)

## Announcements

### THRIVE Peninsula Event, 12749 Nettles Dr, NN, VA

**THANK YOU \* THANK YOU \* THANK YOU!** Update: WRMC donated 104 lbs. of food and 6 pairs of shoes to THRIVE for their Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> Food Drive. Warwick River thanks all contributors for their generous support.

**NEXT SUNDAY - 9/22/2024 at 11:00AM - is the Combined Eastern District Churches JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE ... WHERE?** at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center (WCRC). This service will replace our regular Sunday service at Warwick River Mennonite Church (WRMC).

Open to all ~ if you would like to sing in the choir ~ please join us.

As with the service last year, anyone in our congregation is invited to sing in the joint choir. Meet at the WCRC Pavilion at 10:30 AM to rehearse. \*For music copies and audio files, please contact Pat in the office.

Two hymns are planned:

(1\*) "Blessed Savior, We Adore Thee" (stanzas 1, 2, and 4 from The Mennonite Hymnal)

(2\*) "Loud Hallelujahs to the Lord" (adapted from The Harmonia Sacra).

Singers from all the churches are welcome to participate!

### ANNOUNCEMENT: Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Pastor Howard Miller of Huntington Mennonite Church requested assistance a few weeks ago - for an elderly gentleman in Newport News in need of a 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!*