

November 3, 2024
“When Bad Things Happen to Good People”



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.

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Serving Today

Guest Speaker: Adam B. Carrier

Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman

Song Leader: Micah Shenk

Reader: Steve Fannin

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**

One: Oh God, our God, you cry out to us.

**Many: Asking, when will you see that I love you,
that I have shown you abundance,
saved you with my presence,
freed you from the powers of brokenness?**

One: When will we see that when bad things happen,
you remain?

All: God, what are we waiting for?

***Hymn of Preparation**

-- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Readings: Luke 13:1-9
Job 2:11-13
Job 42:7
John 9:1-3

Message: "When Bad Things Happen to Good People"
~ Adam B. Carrier

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

***Sermon/Message Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

***Prayer of Sending:**

May we join in praise with all creation, rejoicing at the presence of a God who abides with and among us. May we recognize the establishment of mercy, across nations and generations, that God has made.

Prayer and Praise Requests

- ❖ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."
~ Matthew 5:4
- ❖ Prayer Request for Hurricane Victims: We continue to pray for those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. These storms have caused great destruction, loss, and displacement. We pray for Comfort & Healing: For those who have lost loved ones and homes. We pray for Safety and Protection: For first responders and volunteers. We pray for Restoration and Hope: For communities rebuilding their lives, let us unite in faith & compassion for our brothers and sisters in need.
- ❖ Please pray for our Connie Saunders – for her comfort and peace. Connie is now under the care of Hospice, in her home and would greatly appreciate any cards, calls, and visits. Mailing address is: 205 Hahn Pl, NN,VA 23602; home phone 757-877-1604; cell phone 804-586-1045
- ❖ Do you need prayers for yourself or a family member? Call our Church Elder or our church office at 757-874-0794.

Happy Birthday!

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| Nov 2 | Susan Ackerman | Nov 11 | Ethan Boldy; | Noah Boldy |
| Nov 5 | Keith Delk | Nov 11 | Corey Paster | |
| Nov 7 | Emma Shenk | Nov 13 | Archer Carrier | |
| Nov 9 | Pauline Nice | Nov 18 | Adam Lytle; | Cole Lytle |
| Nov 9 | Austin Hodges | Nov 19 | Robert Mumaw | |
| Nov 10 | Noah Shenk | Nov 23 | Sandy Wagner | |

Happy Anniversary!

Nov 28 Pastor Steve & Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson



PREPARING!

Poinsettias for Advent & Christmas

POINSETTIAS: Again, this year, the Worship Commission would like to invite people to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one that could be used for decoration in the chapel for the first three weeks of Advent. On December 15th we would encourage those who purchased a poinsettia to take their poinsettia home with them for Christmas. The poinsettias will be purchased from Anderson's Home and Garden and delivered to the chapel through a special program Anderson's has established for churches in Hampton Roads. Pricing and deadlines will be announced next week. As in the past, a memorial keepsake containing the names of those being remembered and honored will be prepared and made available December 1st, which is the first Sunday of Advent this year.

Please contact Pat O'Connor via telephone or email to place your order. We do ask that checks be made payable to Warwick River Mennonite Church with clear spellings of the person or persons you wish to memorialize or honor.

Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year) FY2024 runs 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2024
Total budgeted need 1/1/24 – 12/31/24 = \$125,000.00

October 27, 2024 Offering **Worship Service Attendance: 31**

\$ 1,708.00 Offertory for FY2024

\$ 1,708.00 Offertory total 10/27/2024

Budget Offertory collected YTD 01/01/2024-10/27/2024=\$80,406.63

Deuteronomy 16:17

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Building News Corner

10/27/2024 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,547,939.05*

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

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)

Upcoming Events:

- Today, Nov 3 Daylight Saving Time Ended & Standard Time Began this morning
9:30am Adult Sunday School (school bldg.)
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- Tonight, Nov 3 6:30-8:00pm Game Night (Chapel)
- Tues., Nov 5 3:30-5:30pm NEW TIME! Drop-in Community Prayer Group (school bldg.)
- Thurs., Nov 7 7:00 pm WRMC Council Meeting
- Thurs., Nov 14 6-9:00 pm Threads Together meets (school bldg.)
- Sun., Nov 17 Fellowship Meal follows Worship Service
- Sun., Nov 24 Ingathering Sunday

Announcements

WRMC Council Announcement

As timely announced by Notice to the congregation, and following the ballot voting held on October 20, 2024, We are pleased to announce that Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson has been unanimously affirmed as the part-time Interim Pastor of Warwick River Mennonite Church for the upcoming year, from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. Council extends sincere thanks to everyone for their participation and support.

Shout Out to Everyone Who Came Out for Trunk or Treat! Trunk or Treat was a huge success! Many people from the community came out and were blessed by our church!

SAVE THE DATE! START BAKING & FREEZING FOR COOKIE WALK, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024: Warwick River Christian Learning Center (WRCLC) presents the WRCLC Cookie Walk! WRMC traditionally joins in by helping with baking & our homemade **COOKIE DONATIONS ARE NEEDED * MORE INFORMATION & QUESTIONS? ***

Contact Michelle Watrous: 757-877-2941 or wrcclc@warwickriver.org

INGATHERING SUNDAY:

Ingathering this year will be Sunday, November 24th during the morning Worship Service. Please begin preparing for this most important of ministries: that of helping WRMC bring food to THRIVE Peninsula, Inc., in order to feed the hungry among us. Our gift of food has not yet returned to the levels we achieved in the past, lets make this year a new beginning.