

November 17, 2024

“Be of good courage: Lament, Pray, Wait, Do Justice,
Love Kindness and Walk Humbly with Our God ”



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

Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler Shenk

Song Leader: Lisa Fannin

Reader: John Ovington

Zoom Host: MaryDawn Carrier

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 (Psalm 95:1-7 NIV)

- ¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
- ² Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.
- ³ For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
- ⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
- ⁷ for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

*Hymn of Preparation

-- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Readings: I Samuel 1: 3-9, 12-18
 Psalm 27: 12-14
 Psalm 31: 21-24
 Micah 6: 6-8

Message: "Be of good courage: Lament, Pray, Wait, Do Justice, Love Kindness and Walk Humbly with Our God"

~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Responding to Worship --

*Hymn of Response

*Sermon/Message Response

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

*Song of Sending

*Benediction (Romans 15: 5-7 NIV)

- ⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ⁷ Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.



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

November 10, 2024 Offering **Worship Service Attendance: 30**

\$ 1,351.00 Offertory this week
 \$ 282.00 PayPal
 \$ 1,633.00 Total 11/10/2024



Offertory collected 01/01/2024-11/10/2024 = \$83,309.63

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Building News Corner

11/10/2024 Building Fund Balance \$1,548,339.05

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

As we draw the budget year to a close on December 31, 2024, the state of our church family budget is:

The budget for 2024: \$125,000.00
 Transfer from Reserves: \$8,832.00
 The tithes collected to date: \$83,309.63
 Deficit: \$32,858.37

We are grateful for your financial support and committed to exercising faithful stewardship over the funds contributed to us. We are aware of the many sacrifices you make in order to provide these gifts, and sincerely pledge to see that these dollars are used wisely, especially during this time of uncertainty.

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

Prayer and Praise Requests

- ❖ *27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. ~John 14:27*
- ❖ Freddy Barrón and Margrit Kipfer Barrón, who are serving with Mennonite Mission Network in Bolivia, request prayer for all regions around the world experiencing a lack of rainfall that is leading to devastating wildfires. Pray specifically for Chiquitania, near Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where fires are wiping out the world's largest remaining area of healthy dry forest ecosystems.
- ❖ As the end of the year approaches, it's a time of reflection, gratitude, and thanksgiving. We pray that we may honor our faith and enrich our spiritual lives as we foster a community where generosity and faith come together. We pray a Happy Thanksgiving to all.
- ❖ *6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." ~ Philippians 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!

Nov 18 Adam Lytle; Cole Lytle
Nov 19 Robert Mumaw
Nov 23 Sandy Wagner
Nov 27 Sarah Wilde
Nov 28 Ann Aulich; Paul Mulamba
Nov 29 Mel Shenk
Nov 30 Louise Kraus

Happy Anniversary!

Nov 28 Pastor Steve & Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson

Leaders who will be serving next Sunday, 11/24/2024: (1) Twila Blume, Worship Leader; (2) Micah Shenk, Song Leader; (3) Jackie Zimmerman (Reader); (4) Mackenzie Butler Shenk, Zoom Host. Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson will bring the message. We are grateful for our devoted service leaders. Please include them in your prayers as they ready themselves to guide us. *Special note: if you feel called to help lead in worship, song, reading, or as a zoom host, please let us know. We need you even if it is only once in a blue moon.*

THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS: Please note the WRMC Office will be closed November 26, 27, 28, 29, and will reopen Tuesday, Dec. 3rd **Happy Thanksgiving everyone!**

Upcoming Events:

Today, Nov 17 9:30am Adult Sunday School (school bldg.)
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
Fellowship Meal follows Worship Service
Tues., Nov 19 3:30-5:30pm Drop-in Community Prayer Group (school bldg.)
Fri., Nov 22 Poinsettia deadline
Sun., Nov 24 Ingathering Sunday
Thurs., Nov 28 Thanksgiving
Sun., Dec 1 1st Sunday of Advent

Announcements

11/22/2024: Poinsettias for Advent & Christmas

Again, this year, the Worship Commission invites you 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, which begins 12/1/24. Those who purchase a poinsettia would then take their poinsettia home with them for Christmas on 12/15/24. We will purchase from Anderson's Home and Garden and pricing this year will be \$16 for a 6.5" regular poinsettia with a red bow. The deadline to purchase will be Friday, 11/22/24. 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.***

11/24/2024: NEXT SUNDAY IS INGATHERING SUNDAY:

Please bring food with you to Church 11/24. We encourage quantity so that we may provide THRIVE Peninsula, Inc., with a way to feed the hungry among us.

12/14/2024: SAVE THE DATE! START BAKING & FREEZING FOR COOKIE WALK Saturday, December 14, 2024

What is a *Cookie Walk*? Well, it is very much like a bake sale, but with a twist: you will be given a container to take home, then walk along the extra-long tables and select one of these and two of those or whatever you like, the servers will put your selections into your container. At the end your container will be weighed and then you pay. The cookies are sold by the pound, so you can mix and match. Dust off those special recipes and start baking today! Every year, WRCLC sells out of cookies in less than 2 hours - we need your homemade cookies! WRMC traditionally joins in by helping with baking & our homemade **COOKIE DONATIONS ARE NEEDED * MORE INFORMATION & QUESTIONS?** Contact Michelle Watrous: 757-877-2941 or wrclc@warwickriver.org

02/02/2025: SAVE THE DATE: 500th Anniversary of Anabaptism Event: On Sunday, February 2nd, 2025, from 4-6pm at First Baptist Church of Richmond. Sponsored and organized by the Eastern District Council of VMC. Mark your calendars now!



**WRMC
Ingathering
for THRIVE Peninsula**



UPDATE! ... INGATHERING 2024: As we approach Sunday, November 24, 2024 we want to let everyone know that foods collected through that day will be included as part of our Ingathering effort. Feel free to bring any and all donations to church with you on Sundays at the Chapel or to the Warwick River Church front office, or to the School, when they are open. If you need a special pickup at your home, please don't hesitate to call (757-874-0794) or email warwickrivermc@gmail.com. You may also drive directly to THRIVE on Warwick Blvd. - they will unload your donation for you – just be sure to clarify you are donating on behalf of Warwick River Mennonite Church. That way when we receive our final counts (meals provided / pounds of food) your donation will have been included. Also, in addition to visiting www.thrivepeninsula.org/food, here is a list of suggested foods. Can it really be this time of year already? Let's work together to bring peace to our neighbors. Thank you so much!

Ingathering this year runs November 3-24, 2024

Suggested Items

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| All-in-One, Boxed meals | Pasta |
| Canned or dry beans | Peanut Butter |
| Canned tomatoes | Potatoes |
| Cereal/Oatmeal | Pudding/Jell-O |
| Crackers | Rice |
| Fruit/Fruit Juices | Soup |
| Jelly | Stuffing |
| Meats | Vegetables (mixed veggies, peas, carrots) |
| Milk | Monetary Donations (checks payable to Thrive Peninsula) |