

December 1, 2024
"Between a Rock and a Hard Place
How do We Continue On?"
Advent 1



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: MaryDawn Carrier

Song Leader: Lisa Fannin

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

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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**

Leader: Responding to the call of the living God,

People: our rescuer and Savior,

Leader: we welcome the Holy Spirit's presence,

People: among and within us.

Leader: In the name of Jesus, our risen Lord,

All: we offer ourselves in worship.

***Candlelighting**

Reader 1: When we find ourselves between a rock and a hard place, we may ask how to continue on.

Reader 2: When Daniel's persistent prayers brought him between opposing laws of the land and the mouths of hungry lions in a stone-covered den, despite the risk, he chose to trust God.

Reader 1: When Jesus found himself faced with persecution and false accusations, he chose forgiveness over self-defense.

Candlelighting (*first Advent candle is lit*)

All: Our path may meander through rocky situations, but we will hold Christ as our center as we journey together.

***Hymn of Preparation**

-- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Readings: Daniel 6:6-27
Luke 23:1-5

Message: "Between a Rock and a Hard Place
How do We Continue On?"

~ 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**

***Sending blessing**

Go, borrowing the courage of Daniel,
in the sure and certain hope of God's faithful presence.

May the praise of God be on our lips,
the Holy Spirit at our side,
and the peace of Christ within our hearts. Amen.



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 24, 2024 Offering and Worship Service Attendance will be reported when the WRMC Church Office opens again. Thank you for your patience.

As of 11/17/24:

Offertory collected 01/01/2024-11/17/2024 = \$86,009.63

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Building News Corner

11/17/2024 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: \$86,009.63

Deficit: \$30,158.37

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

- ❖ *“⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.” ~ Galatians 4:4-7*
- ❖ Today, Mennonite Mission Network’s Anchorage (Alaska) Service Adventure unit is participating in a community performance of Handel’s *Messiah*. Pray for leader Samir Knego and participants Samuel Landis, Briana Nyveldt, Armando Perez and Aviva Setiawan as they worship and share the good news of Jesus’ birth, ministry and salvation offered to all people.
- ❖ *“The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.” ~ Proverbs 22:9*
- ❖ 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!

Dec 5 Clark Siebels; Kyle Fannin
 Dec 5 Anna Mulamba; Johnnie Stafford, Jr.
 Dec 6 Ben Redekop; Tete Mulamba
 Dec 7 Josh Longacher

Leaders who will be serving next Sunday, 12/08/2024: (1) Susan Ackerman, Worship Leader; (2) Noah Shenk, Song Leader; (3) Susan Ackerman (Reader); (4) Rachael 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.*



Upcoming Events:

Today, Dec 1 1st Sunday of Advent
 9:30am Adult Sunday School (school bldg.)
 10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)

Today, Dec 1 6:30-8:00 WRMC Game Night (Chapel)

Tues., Dec 3 3:30-5:30pm Drop-in Community Prayer Group (school bldg.)

Thurs., Dec 5 WRMC Council Meeting

Sun., Dec 8 2nd Sunday of Advent

Sat., Dec 14 9:00am – 12noon WRCLC Cookie Walk (school building)

Sun., Dec 15 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sun., Dec 15 Fellowship Meal follows Worship Service

Sun., Dec 22 4th Sunday of Advent

Announcements

THE POINSETTIAS that adorn the Sanctuary during the Christmas season are provided in remembrance and in honor of those who have filled our lives with love and joy. Thank you for participating and the dedications made. **Dear participants: remember to take your flower home on December 15th or 22nd ! Merry Christmas and blessings!**



12/14/2024: SAVE THE DATE! START BAKING & FREEZING FOR COOKIE WALK Saturday, December 14, 2024 WRMC traditionally joins in by helping with baking & our homemade **COOKIE DONATIONS ARE NEEDED * MORE INFORMATION & QUESTIONS?**

Contact Michelle Watrous: 757-877-2941 or wrccl@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!