

January 5, 2025

“Starting a Family (Zurich, Switzerland – Jan. 1525)



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

MaryDawn Carrier, Congregation Chair

Chris Miller, Elder & Council Co-Chair

Sue Yoder, Outreach Chair

Worship Chair

Twila Blume, Member-At-Large

Adam Carrier, Stewardship Chair

574-849-2021

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Serving Today

Guest Speaker: Steve Fannin

Worship Leader: MaryDawn Carrier

Song Leader: Noah Shenk

Reader: Jackie Zimmerman

Zoom Host: Rachael Shenk

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 96)

¹ O sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

² Sing to the Lord; bless his name;

tell of his salvation from day to day.

³ Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all the peoples.

⁴ For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;

he is to be revered above all gods.

⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols,

but the Lord made the heavens.

⁶ Honor and majesty are before him;

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts.

⁹ Worship the Lord in holy splendor;

tremble before him, all the earth.

¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The Lord is king!

The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.

He will judge the peoples with equity."

¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

let the sea roar and all that fills it;

¹² let the field exult and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

¹³ before the Lord, for he is coming,

for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness

and the peoples with his truth.

***Candlelighting**

Reader 1: We never stop facing opportunities to learn.

Reader 2: **We learn through successes and achievements;
we learn through mistakes and failures.**

Reader 1: In our learning, we can also mentor others and
model wisdom along the way.

[Candlelighting (the Christ candle is lit)]

**All: Like a tree, may we grow in faith and wisdom with roots
spreading deep to provide grounding, and
rings of growth showing our continued learning.**

***Hymn of Preparation**

-- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Readings: 1 Peter 2: 13-17

¹³ For the Lord's sake be subject to every human
authority,^[a] whether to the emperor as supreme ¹⁴ or to governors
as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those
who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing right you should
silence the ignorance of the foolish. ¹⁶ As servants of God, live as
free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for
evil. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the family of believers.^[b] Fear God.
Honor the emperor.

Message: "Starting a Family" (Zurich, Switzerland ~ January 1525)
~ Guest Speaker, Steve Fannin

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response** I Sing With Exultation

*Sermon/Message Response

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

***Benediction (Romans 12: 9-13, 15)**

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one
another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not
lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in
affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue
hospitality to strangers.

... ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.

Prayer and Praise Requests

- ❖ "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" ~Psalm 27:1
- ❖ Prayers of health and healing for all those undergoing health challenges known and unknown to us.
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Nigeria Mennonite Church and the Nigeria Anabaptist Peace Center, as they work for peaceful communities in their multi-cultural context, where Muslim-Christian relations are often challenging.
- ❖ 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!

Jan 5 Nelson Baer; Ricky Dillon
Jan 7 John Cassel
Jan 10 Sue Yoder; Nicole Mulamba

Happy Anniversary!

Jan 6 Adam & MaryDawn Carrier

December 29, 2024 * Worship:32 * Offertory \$1,075.00 Building Fund * \$1,551,799.05

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:	\$99,872.91
Deficit:	\$16,295.09

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

Upcoming 2025 Events:

- ❖ Today, Jan. 5th 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (School Building)
10:40 am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Today, Jan. 5th 6:30-8:00 pm WRMC Game Night (Chapel)
- ❖ Mon., Jan. 6th Epiphany
- ❖ Mon., Jan. 6th 7:00 pm WRMC Council Meeting (School Building)
- ❖ Tues., Jan. 7th 3:30-5:30 pm WRMC Community Prayer Drop-In resumes (outdoors in front of Warwick River School)
- ❖ Thurs., Jan. 9th 6:00-9:00 pm Threads Together resumes (School Bldg.)
- ❖ Thurs., Jan. 9th Deadline Annual Reports '24 due today (Council Chairs)
- ❖ Fri., Jan. 10th RSVP Deadline Mennowood to attend 1/14 Event (**see below)
- ❖ Tues., Jan. 14th 12:00-1:00 pm MRC Free Lunch & Learn Event (**see below)
- ❖ Sun., Jan. 19th Fellowship Meal after Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Sun., Jan. 19th 6:00 pm First Mennonite Church Speaker Dr. Mary Sprunger

2025 Announcements:

February 16, 2025: Guest Speaker will be Sandra Joireman.

*****January 14, 2025 Mennowood Retirement Community (MRC) FREE Lunch & Learn Event: but RSVP no later than 1/10/2025 !**

<https://mennowood.com/event/lunch-and-learn-extended-care-planning-vs-crisis-care-planning/> Presented by Oscar Alvarez, CFP®, of [Pathway Financial Planning](#). You plan for vacation. You plan for retirement. But are you planning for the "what ifs"? Join us for this free presentation and gain a better understanding of your care planning options. You'll learn how to make educated choices that aren't guided by crisis. This event is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. Please RSVP to 757-249-0355 or email Michele at mryba@mennowood.com by Fri, January 10

Sunday, 01/19/2025 at 6:00 p.m. - You are invited to learn about "5 Things You Might Be Getting Wrong About Anabaptism and Why It Matters" at First Mennonite Church of Richmond, 601 E. Parham Rd. Richmond, VA 23227. The speaker, Dr. Mary Sprunger, has taught history at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, VA for 30 years. Join us for a lively examination of what 16th century ideas have to offer those of us trying to do church in an authentic way in the 21st century.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) weekly updates from many locations. Go to <https://mds.org/weekly> reports/. YouTube: <https://youtu.be/-z2bkwOB4qQ>

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. *Be watching for the motor coach (bus) sign-up sheet!!!*