

January 12, 2025  
"Knowing and Sharing Our Stories"



# 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

MaryDawn Carrier, Congregation Chair

Chris Miller, Elder & Council Co-Chair

Sue Yoder, Outreach Chair

Twila Blume, Member-At-Large

Adam Carrier, Stewardship Chair

574-849-2021

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### Serving Today

Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

Worship Leader: Twila Blume

Song Leader: Lisa Fannin

Reader: Steve Fannin

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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\*PASSWORD: 809884

Questions: Don Brunk 610-787-0823

**-- Gathering --**

Welcome

\*Hymn of Praise and Gathering

\***Call to worship** (Voices Together 869)

Group 1: We are a covenant people,  
called to God by God,  
generation through generation.

**Group 2: We are a covenant people,  
called to Jesus by Jesus,  
losing our life to gain our life.**

*Together: We are a covenant people,  
called to church by the church,  
weaving together the strong and the weak,  
the stranger and the friend.*

Group 1: Renamed.

**Group 2: Reborn.**

*Together: Renewed.*

*We gather ourselves in the community of believers.  
We gather ourselves unto you.*

\***Hymn of Preparation**

\***Prayer of Invocation (Voices Together 862)**

You who open doors and dismantle barriers,  
open our hearts to praise you,  
that we might live the full truth  
of who we are,  
that we might live as neighbors and friends,  
no longer strangers and enemies;  
open our hearts to the transforming power  
of your love,  
that we might forgive and reconcile,  
making peace and learning war no more,  
that we might be your people,  
one body in one Spirit,  
to tell your grace to all the world.

We pray in the name of the One  
who walked among us  
as brother and friend. Amen

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

Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthian 13: 1-17

Message: *Knowing and Sharing Our Stories*  
~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 For We Are Strangers No More**

\*Benediction

May love and understanding be in our hearts and the world. May peace and friendship be a place of refuge for us amid storms. May we have the power to speak the truth, proclaim peace, and be compassionate. May we experience inspiration in the Holy Spirit, blessings and love from God, and peace from Jesus Christ so that we can join in bringing righteousness, justice, and community to the world. Amen.



## Prayer and Praise Requests

- ❖ "Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The LORD be with you all." ~2 Thessalonians 3:16
- ❖ Prayers of health and healing for all those undergoing health challenges known and unknown to us.
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network praises God for the 29 SOOP volunteers serving in Arizona and Florida this month. Pray that these SOOPers will be a blessing to vulnerable populations, as they serve between two weeks and four months.
- ❖ 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 13 Olivia Wagner  
Jan 15 Anna Longacher  
Jan 21 Anje Ackerman  
Jan 30 Krystal Ann Hurr  
Jan 31 Ted Yoder; Jewell Schaefer

**January 5, 2025 \* Worship:31 \* Offertory \$2,455.00  
Building Fund \* \$1,551,799.05**

The state of our church family budget is:

The budget for 2025: PENDING

The tithes collected to date: \$2455.00

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. 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (School Building)  
10:40 am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Tues., Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:30 pm WRMC Community Prayer Drop-In  
(outdoors in front of Warwick River School)
- ❖ Sun., Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Meal after Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Sun., Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm First Mennonite Church Speaker Dr. Mary Sprunger  
*See below*
- ❖ Thurs., Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00-9:00 pm Threads Together (School Bldg.)
- ❖ Sat., Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am WRMC ANNUAL MEETING (Chapel)
- ❖ Sun., Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> 4:00-6:00 pm 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Anabaptism Event  
Reminder: sign up for motor coach to Richmond!

## 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](mailto: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: 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Anabaptism Event:** On Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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!!!***