

January 19, 2025

“Anabaptism at 500 Week 2: Renewal through Repentance 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

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: Micah Shenk

Reader: John Ovington

Zoom Host: Mackenzie Butler 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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Questions: Don Brunk 610-787-0823

-- Gathering --

Welcome

*Hymn of Praise and Gathering

***Call to Worship** [Based on Mark 1: 14-15 and 2 Chronicles 7:14 (CEB)]

Leader: Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's Good news, saying "Now is the time."

People: Now is the time?

Leader: "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives."

People: Change our hearts and lives?

Leader: Yes. Repent, and come clean with what you've done wrong and the sin that weighs you down.

Leader: God said, "If my people who belong to me will humbly pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land."

All: Ah, this is good news! God's kingdom is now. Now is the time to humbly pray, seek God's face, and turn from our wicked ways.

Then we will be forgiven and our land will be healed.

*Hymn of Preparation

-- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Readings: 2 Chronicles 7: 8-22
Revelation 3: 14-22

Message: *Anabaptism at 500 Week 2: Renewal through Repentance*
~Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Responding to Worship --

*Hymn of Response

*Sermon/Message Response

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

Sharing of Announcements

-- Words of Assurance --

Leader: Look I am standing at the door and knocking. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to be with you, and will have dinner with you, and you will have dinner with me.

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

*Benediction (from Voices Together 1062)

Live without fear:
your Creator has made you holy,
has always protected you,
and loves you as a mother.
Go in peace to follow the good road,
and may God's blessing
be with you always.



Prayer and Praise Requests

- ❖ *“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”*
~ Matthew 5:16
- ❖ We offer up our prayers for all those displaced and suffering due to the effects of the California wildfires. As healing begins, may communities across the country come together and offer comfort to all of our neighbors and friends.
- ❖ Prayers of health and healing for all those undergoing health challenges known and unknown to us.
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the South American celebration of Anabaptism at 500, taking place in Cusco, Peru. Pray that during these five days of worship, learning and fellowship, Anabaptists will experience renewed inspiration to carry their rich spiritual legacy into current contexts.
- ❖ *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”* ~ Proverbs 1:7
- ❖ 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 21 Anje Ackerman
Jan 30 Krystal Ann Hurr
Jan 31 Ted Yoder; Jewell Schaefer
Feb 2 Peggy Kipfer
Feb 5 Mary Anne Leonard; Suzy Todd (Zollinger); Katherine Hunnicutt
Feb 6 Isabella Carrier
Feb 9 Elaine Smith

January 12, 2025 * Worship:31 * Offertory \$1,170.00
Building Fund * \$1,551,799.05

The state of our church family budget is:

The budget for 2025: PENDING

The tithes collected to date: \$3580.00

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. 19th 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (School Building)
10:40 am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Today, Jan. 19th Fellowship Meal follows Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Today, Jan. 19th 6:00 pm First Mennonite Church Speaker Dr. Mary Sprunger
See below
- ❖ Mon., Jan. 20th *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*
- ❖ Tues., Jan. 21st 12-1 pm Mennowood Free Community Educational Event
- ❖ Tues., Jan. 21st 3:30-5:30 pm WRMC Community Prayer Drop-In
(outdoors in front of Warwick River School)
- ❖ Sat., Jan. 25th 9:00 am WRMC ANNUAL MEETING (Chapel)
- ❖ Sun., Feb. 2nd 4-6 pm Motor Coach to Richmond for 500th Anniversary of Anabaptism Event sponsored by the Eastern District Council of Virginia Mennonite Conference.

2025 Announcements:

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

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.

*****01/21/2025 @ 12-1 pm * Mennowood free event * “Understanding Senior Living Options”** * Open to the public * reservations required * Refreshments * RSVP 757-249-0355 or email Michele at mryba@mennowood.com. Presented by Dawn Michelle, Certified Senior Advisor with Choice Connections of Virginia. Dawn has worked with seniors and their families since 2013, helping them understand their senior living options, such as Independent Living, Assisted Living, Memory Care, Nursing Care, & Skilled Nursing. What’s involved in finding the right fit? We’ll discuss factors such as lifestyle, care needs, financial considerations, and location. Additional info: <https://mennowood.com/event/understanding-your-senior-living-solutions/>

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!!!

THRIVE FOODS MOST NEEDED * JANUARY 2025 *

Pasta Sauce * Cereal * Canned fruit * Jelly * Pancake mix & syrup *