

January 26, 2025
"Sharing our Stories: Baptism"



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

Share your Baptism Story: led by Adam & MaryDawn Carrier

Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler Shenk

Song Leader: Noah Shenk

Reader: Twila Blume

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

*MEETING ID: 846 7407 1811

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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 Corinthians 13: 1-17

Message: *Sharing Our Stories: Baptism*
~Adam and MaryDawn Carrier

-- 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.



Happy Birthday!

Jan 30 Krystal Ann Hurr
Jan 31 Ted Yoder
Jan 31 Jewell Schaefer
Feb 2 Peggy Kipfer
Feb 5 Mary Anne Leonard
Feb 5 Suzy Todd (Zollinger)
Feb 5 Katherine Hunnicutt
Feb 6 Isabella Carrier
Feb 9 Elaine Smith

Prayer and Praise Requests

- ❖ *“The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.” ~ Psalm 18:2*
- ❖ We continue to offer up our prayers for all those displaced and suffering due to the effects of the California wildfires which continue to this day. May healing begin, may communities across the country come together and may comfort be offered 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 ministry of the Korea Anabaptist Center, in Chuncheon, South Korea. Pray for the staff members as they share Anabaptist-Mennonite resources with those interested in learning about peace theology and restorative justice.
- ❖ 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.

January 19, 2025 * Worship:33 *

Building Fund \$400.00 * Offertory \$607.00 * Brotherhood \$300.00

Building Fund * \$1,552,099.05 *

The state of our church family budget is:

The budget for 2025: PENDING

The tithes collected to date: \$4,187.00

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)

01/26/2025 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. (postponed from 1/19/25).**

Led by Eastern Mennonite University professor of history, [Dr. Mary Sprunger](https://www.emu.edu/faculty-staff/?show=sprungms) (<https://www.emu.edu/faculty-staff/?show=sprungms>). 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. Professor Sprunger will share five interesting perspectives, and there will be a time for Q&A discussion. And all are invited to attend, including kids! FMC kids will decorate Menno Simons cookies during the potluck, and kids are welcome to be in the sanctuary as we engage this lively topic (as kids are always welcomed in the sanctuary, including using our play area in the back). A dessert reception in the fellowship hall will follow, featuring the fun cookies and more refreshments. [share this Facebook event!](#) All are welcome.

Upcoming 2025 Events:

- ❖ *Today, Jan. 26th* 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (School Building)
10:40 am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ *Today, Jan. 26th* 6:00 pm First Mennonite Church Speaker Dr. Mary Sprunger
See below (event was rescheduled from 01/19/2025)
- ❖ *Tues., Jan. 28th* 3:30-5:30 pm WRMC Community Prayer Drop-In
(outdoors in front of Warwick River School)
- ❖ *Sun., Feb. 2nd* 4-6 pm in Richmond 500th Anabaptism Anniversary Event
sponsored by the EDC of VMC -
Motor Coach departs Huntington Menn Church 1:45pm
- ❖ *Tues., Feb. 6th* 12-1 pm Mennowood Free Community Educational Event

2025 Announcements:

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

02/02/2025 at 4:00-6:00 p.m.: 500th Anniversary of Anabaptism Event

Join us next Sunday, 02/02/2025, from 4-6pm at First Baptist Church of Richmond (2709 Monument Ave.) will host an ecumenical gathering celebrating the legacy of Anabaptism and its relevance for the church today. While a Zoom link will be available, we encourage in-person attendance for this special time of fellowship with other churches.

Greg Boyd, pastor, theologian, and prominent figure in the Neo-Anabaptism movement, will deliver the keynote address (via Zoom). The Cantore men's a cappella group will perform, and a panel featuring leaders from various denominations will include Phyllis Blair Milton, Bishop of the Virginia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and Safwat Marzouk, Associate Professor at Union Presbyterian Seminary.

A light supper will follow, with a free-will offering to help cover expenses. This event is sponsored by First Baptist Church of Richmond and the Eastern District of the Virginia Mennonite Conference.

02/06/2025 at 12-1 pm * Mennowood free event * “Broken Heart Syndrome Workshop” * Open to the public * reservations required * light, healthy lunch will be served * RSVP 757-249-0355 or email mryba@mennowood.com. Presented by Marcella Williams, VP Community Outreach at Altmeyer Funeral Home. What are the effects of a broken heart on the human body, causes, symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment : <https://mennowood.com/event/5533/>

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

THRIVE FOODS MOST NEEDED * JANUARY 2025 *

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