

February 2, 2025  
“Renewal Through Trust and  
Yieldedness”



# 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

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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 DeWyssocki

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** (Proverbs 3:5-8)

Leader: Gathered siblings, may we learn to trust in the Lord  
with our whole hearts!

**People: No more will we rely solely on our intelligence.**

**All: We will trust in the Lord! With wholehearted resolve,  
we will employ our minds and our intelligence  
in the service of the Lord.**

Leader: Brothers and sisters, may we come to know the Lord  
in all our paths;

**People: for it is the Lord who will keep our ways straight.**

Leader: Trusting the Lord will mean  
we're not puffed up with our wisdom.

**People: We will trust in the Lord. We will not be puffed up with  
our rightness or wisdom, but in fear and awe of the Lord,  
we will turn away from evil.**

**All: Then our bodies will be healthy,  
and our bones will be strengthened.  
Thanks be to God.**

\***Hymn of Preparation**

\***Opening Prayer** (Anabaptism at 500 tool kit)

Holy One, we come to worship today  
desiring to learn to trust you more fully.

The prophet Isaiah assures us that when we seek you,  
you can be found.

And when we return to you, you will have mercy on us  
and generously forgive us.

We come today to bend the knees of our hearts.

We humbly acknowledge that just as the heavens are higher than the  
earth, so are your ways higher than our ways,  
and your plans higher than our plans.

We come to yield our lives anew to you today,  
to learn to trust as little children trust a good and loving parent.

Amen.

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

\***Responsive reading Jeremiah 17:5-8**

Leader: The LORD proclaims:  
Cursed are those who trust in mere humans,  
who depend on human strength  
and turn their hearts from the LORD.

**People: They will be like a desert shrub  
that doesn't know when relief comes.  
They will live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in a barren land where no one survives.**

Leader: Happy are those who trust in the LORD,  
who rely on the LORD.

**People: They will be like trees planted by the streams,  
whose roots reach down to the water.  
They won't fear drought when it comes;  
their leaves will remain green.  
They won't be stressed  
in the time of drought or fail to bear fruit.**

Scripture Readings: Matthew 18:1-5      John 15:1-5

Sermon title: Renewal through Trust and Yieldedness

~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**

\***Benediction [Isaiah 55:10-11 (CEB)]**

Leader: Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and  
don't return there without watering the earth, making it conceive and yield  
plants and providing seed to the sower and food to the eater, so is my word that  
comes from my mouth; it does not return to me empty. Instead it does what I  
want, and accomplishes what I intend.

## Prayer and Praise Requests

- ❖ “Nothing is lost on the breath of God, Nothing is lost forever, God’s breath is love and that love will remain. Holding the world forever.” – from the hymn *Nothing Is Lost On The Breath of God*
- ❖ May the suffering due to the wildfires in North Carolina and California lessen and cease. May healing begin, may communities across our 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.
- ❖ Prayers of thanksgiving for all who were able to attend & participate in our Annual WRMC Meeting last Saturday, 1/25/2025.
- ❖ Would you like to help Mennonite youth learn more about their Anabaptist heritage? There are still two weeks to register for Mennonite Mission Network’s Youth Venture “Anabaptism at 500: Looking Back to See the Future” trip this summer. Pray that the next generation of Mennonite leaders will be shaped by the rich diversity of the global Mennonite church during this once-in-a-lifetime encounter in Germany and Switzerland.
- ❖ 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 26, 2025 \* Worship:31 \***

**Offertory \$692.00**

**Building Fund \* \$1,552,099.05 \***

The state of our church family budget is:

The budget for 2025: \$93,600/125,000

The tithes collected to date: \$4,879.00

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 \(paypal.com\)](#)

## Happy Birthday!

- 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

## Upcoming 2025 Events:

- ❖ *Today, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>* 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (School Building)  
10:40 am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ *Today, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>* 1:30 pm begin boarding Motor Coach Bus at Huntington Mennonite Church \* departs promptly at 1:45pm \*
- ❖ *Today, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>* 4-6 pm in Richmond 500<sup>th</sup> Anabaptism Anniversary Event sponsored by the EDC of VMC -
- ❖ *Tues., Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>* 3:30-5:30 pm WRMC Community Prayer Drop-In (outdoors in front of Warwick River School)
- ❖ *Wed., Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>* 12-1 pm Mennowood Chef’s Table (reservations required)
- ❖ *Tues., Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>* 12-1 pm Mennowood Free Community Educational Event (*reservations required*)
- ❖ *Thurs., Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>* 7 pm WRMC COUNCIL MEETING (School Bldg.)
- ❖ ~~*Sun., Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>*~~ *game night cancelled this month – see you March 2nd!*
- ❖ *Fri., Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>* Happy Valentine’s Day
- ❖ *Sun., Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>* Fellowship Meal follows Worship Service today

## 2025 Announcements:

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

TODAY, 02/02/2025 AT 1:30PM If you are riding the bus to Richmond with us this afternoon, please be at the HUNTINGTON MENNONITE CHURCH in time to begin boarding the bus at 1:30. We need to be rolling out of the parking lot at 1:45 in order to reach Williamsburg Mennonite Church at the appointed time to pick up more riders.

### 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Anabaptism Event

Join us today, 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.