

February 16, 2025
"Flourishing in Difficult Times"



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: Guest Speaker Sandra Joireman

Worship Leader: to be announced

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

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-- Gathering --

Welcome

*Hymn of Praise and Gathering

***Call to worship (from Psalm 1 & Jeremiah 17:7-8)**

Leader: Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand with sinners, or join in with mockers.

People: They delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season.

People: Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

Leader: But not the wicked! They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind. They will be condemned at the time of judgment.

Sinners will have no place among the godly.

People: For the Lord watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.

All: Blessed are those who trust in the LORD and have made the LORD their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.

*Hymn of Preparation

-- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-10

Introduction of our speaker, Sandra Joireman

Sermon title: "Flourishing in Difficult Times"

~Guest Speaker Sandra Joireman

-- 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**

Now may the God of Peace,

Who brought back from the dead

Our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep,

By the blood of the eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good, so that we may do God's will, through Jesus

Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen



Prayer and Praise Requests

❖ *“The faithful love of the LORD never ends. His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.” ~ Lamentations 3:22-23*

❖ **Pray that our children are filled with the love of God. That they will know how deeply they are loved, and that love will overflow onto others.**

❖ **Family is a wonderful thing. It is where life begins and is nurtured, where growth takes place. A family provides warmth, joy, counsel, and companionship. Above all else it gives you roots, a place to belong and return for strength and hope. We pray for our families.**

❖ **A church family is much the same. Being part of a local congregation opens a whole new world of relationships with people who need each other, who love and care for one another unselfishly, people attempting to serve Jesus Christ. We pray for our church families.**

❖ 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.

❖ **To all those newly diagnosed and those suffering lingering illnesses, we continue to offer up our prayers of health and healing. May God strengthen the fragile as we comfort those who have suffered loss.**

❖ Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for the 70 years of ministry of the Fellowship of Mennonite Churches in Taiwan. Pray for the continuing outreach of the church’s agencies in Hualien: the Mennonite Christian Hospital; the New Dawn Educare Center, which serves people with special challenges; and the Good Shepherd Center for abused women, those sold into prostitution, and children from dysfunctional families.

❖ Contact the church elder or the church office to update a prayer concern or praise for the bulletin or to activate the email prayer chain during the week.

February 9, 2025 * Worship:24 *

*** Offertory \$657.00**

The state of our church family budget is:

The 1/1/25 – 2/9/25 tithes collected to date: \$6,986.00

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)

Happy Birthday!

Feb 18 James Salyers

Feb 21 Lily Zollinger

Feb 19 Daniel Shenk

Feb 23 Christine Hurr

Feb 27 Bonnie Zook; Heath Wagner

Happy Anniversary!

Feb 19 Ricky & Maria Dillon

Upcoming 2025 Events:

- ❖ *Today, Feb. 16th* 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (School Building)
10:40 am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
12 noon Fellowship Meal follows Worship Meal
- ❖ *Tues., Feb. 18th* 3:30-5:30 pm WRMC Community Prayer Drop-In (outdoors in front of Warwick River School)
- ❖ *Thurs., Feb. 27th* 6:00-9:00 Threads Together sewing group (school)
- ❖ *Fri., Feb. 28th - Sun., Mar. 2nd* Be alert to changed traffic patterns for Newport News Marathon weekend
- ❖ *Sat., Mar. 1st* VMC Winter Delegate Assembly
1st Mennonite Church, Richmond
- ❖ *Sun., Mar. 2nd* 6:30-8:00 pm WRMC Game Night!
- ❖ *Wed., Mar. 5th* Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent Season
- ❖ *Sun., Mar. 9th* Daylight Saving Time Begins
- ❖ *Mon., Mar. 17th* St. Patrick’s Day
- ❖ *Thur., Mar. 20th* 1st Day of Spring
- ❖ *Thurs., Mar. 20th* 12-1 pm Mennonwood Free Community Educational Event
(Reservations required no later than 3/17/25)

2025 Announcements:

February 23, 2025: Guest Speaker will be Steve Fannin.

SAVE THE DATE! 02/28/2025 - 03/02/2025: 11th Annual Newport News One City Marathon Weekend: * Come to one of the free events * Volunteer opportunities for groups, families, & individuals * be alert for traffic pattern changes * Visit: www.onecitymarathon.com/plan-your-race

3/20/2025 12-1 pm: Mennonwood free educational event “*Dementia-Related Behaviors*” * Complimentary lunch will be served * Reservations required *

**Warwick River MC Vision: Healing & Hope –
God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and,
by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of
grace, joy, and peace, so that
God’s healing and hope flow through us to the world.**