

March 16, 2025  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

“Conversations along the way to Jerusalem:  
suffering, grace, salvation, and threats.”



## 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

757-849-2021

757-218-8137

757-879-6659

757-708-4036

### Serving Today

*Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson*

*Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman*

*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

**Phone:** 929-205-6099

\*MEETING ID: 846 7407 1811

\*PASSWORD: 809884

*Questions: Don Brunk 610-787-0823*

**-- Gathering --**

Welcome

\*Hymn of Praise and Gathering

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Come now, let us reason together,  
says the Lord

though our sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be like snow:

People: though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression  
is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered

People: Happy are those to whom the Lord  
imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit  
there is no deceit.

Words for Worship- 30 Arlene Mark

Based on Isa. 1:18; Ps. 32:1-2

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 13: 1-9, 31-35

Message: "Conversations along the way to Jerusalem: Suffering,  
Grace, Salvation, and Threats."

~ 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**

A Future Where Forgiveness Is Waiting

We give thanks to you, God our Father,  
for mercy that reaches out,  
for patience that waits our returning,  
and for you love that is ever ready  
to welcome sinners.

**We Praise you that in Christ Jesus**

**you meet us with grace, embrace us in acceptance,  
and affirm us as citizens of a forgiven universe.**

We give thanks to you that by your Holy Spirit  
you move us to change direction, receive your love  
and become what we most truly are.

**In darkness and in Light, in trouble and in joy,  
help us then, O God, to accept your forgiveness,  
to believe your love, and to trust your purpose.**

Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Words for Worship -168 Terry Falla

**Sending**

Join us for the fellowship meal.

Go in Peace



## Prayer and Praise Requests

- ❖ *“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.”*  
~Psalm 23:4
- ❖ Pray for those among us who are grieving loved ones today, whether their loss was long ago or recent, we remember their names, their laughter, & their sweet smiles. May the Lord comfort us in our time.
- ❖ Caleb and Stephanie Schrock-Hurst are preparing for ministry in Taiwan, where they will renew relationships between the Mennonite Christian Hospital, in Hualien, and North American churches. Pray for them as they learn the Chinese language and finish raising the necessary funding. The Schrock-Hursts are jointly appointed through Mennonite Mission Network and Virginia Mennonite Missions.
- ❖ A memorial service for Sarah Marie Weaver will be held Saturday, April 26, 2:00 p.m. at Huntington Mennonite Church, Newport News, VA. Burial will be private.  
*~Thank you, Lavonne Lehman, on behalf of my siblings, Malinda Stoltzfus, Dave Weaver, and Alta Blosser*
- ❖ 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.

### Happy Birthday!

Mar 16 Scott Mumaw  
Mar 19 Cheri Nice; Leigha Sawyer; Ingrid Showalter  
Mar 21 Lillian Miller  
Mar 22 Steve Ziegler  
Mar 29 Nicholas Mumaw  
Mar 31 Karen Mumaw

### March 9, 2025 \* Worship:28 \*

\* Offertory \$400.00 \* Brotherhood \$50.00 \*

The state of our church family budget is:

The 1/1/25 – 3/9/25 tithes collected to date: \$9,530.00

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, & sincerely pledge to see that these dollars are used wisely.

[Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)

## Upcoming 2025 Events:

- ❖ Today, Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent
- ❖ 9:30am Adult Sunday School (School Building)  
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Today, Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Meal follows Worship Service today
- ❖ Mon., Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day
- ❖ Tues., Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00pm WRMC Community Prayer Drop-in  
(outdoors in front of Warwick River School)
- ❖ Tues., Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm WRMC Council Meeting
- ❖ Thur., Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring
- ❖ Thurs., Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> 12-1pm Mennowood Free Community Educational Event  
(Reservation deadline 3/17/25)
- ❖ Thurs., Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00-9:00pm Threads Together sewing group (school)
- ❖ Thurs., Apr. 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service  
And communion (Chapel)

## 2025 Announcements:

### WRMC Congregation Caregiving ~ Time and Talent

Where Do Your Skills and Passions Meet the Needs of Our Church and Community? We are seeking a willing pool of individuals to sometimes call upon for transportation and/or visitation. **If you are able to assist please let us know by phone (757-874-0794) or by email ([warwickrivermc@gmail.com](mailto:warwickrivermc@gmail.com)).** Thank you for your willingness to serve!

### Welcome to the Food Pantry at Providence Mennonite Church! (PMC)

Twice a month, Providence MC is happy to offer a Food Pantry to anyone in need. If you or someone you know could benefit from food support, please don't hesitate to reach out - simply call PMC at 757-990-3131 to learn about their next available dates. PMC is here to help and looks forward to serving you. Providence Mennonite Church, 13101 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, VA 23602 **THRIVE Peninsula...** What happens when a family suddenly faces a crisis and they don't know where to turn? Thanks to WRMC and your incredible support, they don't have to face it alone. Jan – Dec 2024 WRMC Contribution Summary to THRIVE Peninsula = 568 pounds of food and \$50.00 gifted money.

**03/22/2025:** 7-9 pm, Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center (WCRC) announces: join us March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm at LifePointe Christian Church, 8841 Richmond Rd., Toano, VA 23168... to learn about all things Celebrate Camp 2025! \* Register for Summer Camp \* Calling all Lifeguards \* WCRC is hiring \* Ministry Leadership Training Program \* Family Camp Registration \* <https://www.wcrc.info/blog/>  
**03/20/2025:** 12-1 pm, Mennowood free educational event *“Dementia-Related Behaviors”* \* Complimentary lunch will be served \* Reservation deadline 3/17 \*