

## “From Scarcity to Abundance”

*In-person Service meets in Warwick River Chapel  
located directly behind the Church building*

*Virtual Worship Service and Sunday School  
will continue to be available via ZOOM – details inside.*

*The Sermon is recorded for replay at [www.warwickrivermennonite.org](http://www.warwickrivermennonite.org)*



## Warwick River Mennonite Church

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**April 3, 2022**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**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.**

## WELCOME HOME TO Warwick River Mennonite Church

### Fifth Sunday of Lent Sunday Worship Service April 3, 2022

*In-person and Virtual Sunday School: 9:30-10:30 a.m.*

*Virtual Coffee Connect: 10 a.m.*

*In-person and Virtual Worship Service: 10:40 a.m.*

*In-person Coffee Connect follows Worship Service*

Pastor - John M. Dey [ [johnmichaeldey@gmail.com](mailto:johnmichaeldey@gmail.com) ]

District Overseer – David Lehman Church Elder – Tammara Geary

Congregation Chair - Lisa Ziegler

Christian Education Chair - Ann Aulich Outreach Chair - Sue Yoder

Fellowship Chair - Theresa Siebels Stewardship Chair - Tom Salyers;

Members-at-Large - Laura Siebels & Ursula Bock

Secretary - Pat O'Connor Office Hours: 9:30am – 3:30pm [Tue; Wed; Thu; Fri]

***Masks are required to be worn by each person entering the Chapel for Sunday Worship Service***

### -- Centering Time --

**Focus statement:** *As we seek God's way, we move from the fear that there is not enough to the freedom of living within God's abundance.*

### -- Gathering --

Welcome and Invocation

Time for Greeting

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

**People: who makes a way in the sea and provides rivers in the desert.**

Leader: God fills our lives with love and beauty as sweet fragrance fills the air.

**People: We live within the abundance of God,**

Leader: so let us laugh and shout for joy

**All: as we worship God together.**

## -- Confessing --

### Responsive Reading

Leader: Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways.

**People: Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.**

Leader: We seek God's ways.

**All: Lord, move us from our scarcity mentality into your abundant life.**

### Lenten Prayer of Confession (Isaiah 55 adapted)

Leader: Holy One, we seek you while you may be found.

**People: We call upon you while you are near.**

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts are not your thoughts and our ways are not your ways.

**People: Forgive us for believing the myth of scarcity. Help us live into your abundance.**

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey, let us see your way more clearly

**All: and follow your way more faithfully.**

### Prayer of Assurance

You have assured us, O God, that you make a path in the wilderness, a river in the desert. In the words of Scripture and the experiences of your people, over and over again the answer was always right under our nose, the provision was always there before we could see it. May we trust in the gifts that have been given. May we trust that they are enough, enough and overflowing to the point that they may pass through us like a river in the desert, like perfume over our Savior's feet. Even now the fragrance fills the air. May we breathe deeply your abundance.

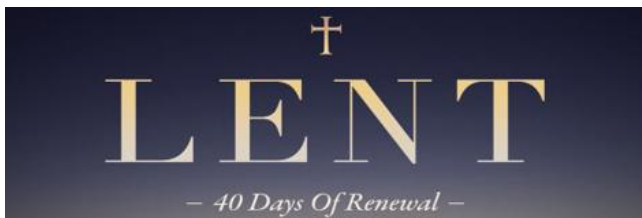
## -- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21; John 12:1-8

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

Time for Silent Reflection

Sermon Title: "From Scarcity to Abundance" ~ Pastor John Dey



## -- Responding to God's Word --

### Hymn of Response

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Offertory Prayer

Time for Announcements

## -- Sending --

### \*Prayer of Sending

From this time and place into whatever awaits, may you follow God's way of abundance. May you recognize messages of scarcity as lies and open your eyes to the abundant life of God in this world. As you go, know that our God of the wilderness remains with you on the way.

### \*Song of Sending

### Serving Today:

*Pastor John M. Dey*

*Worship Leader: Kathryn Baer*

*Song Leader: Noah Shenk*

*Reader: Steve Fannin*

*Zoom Host: Rachael Shenk*

## Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Please pray for all the people of Ukraine and all the helpers here and abroad, that the Lord may deliver us from this serious threat to peace.
- ❖ ***"Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise." ~ Jeremiah 17:14***
- ❖ Tomorrow, Eastern Mennonite High School students will conclude their week-long Mennonite Mission Network civil rights tour in the southern United States through the Youth Venture program. Pray for participants as they apply their new perspectives to the injustice in their home communities and congregations. Pray also for participants in Youth Venture's two July civil rights tours and an immigration/borderlands tour. Application deadline is May 1.
- ❖ ***"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." ~ 2 Timothy 1:6-7***
- ❖ *Prayer/Praise concerns are always welcome & may be requested & updated by calling or emailing Pat O'Connor in the front office: (757)-874-0794 or [warwickrivermc@gmail.com](mailto:warwickrivermc@gmail.com)*

## Sunday School

- **Preschool Class: Katherine Hunnicutt** (resumed March 20, 2022)  
Attend in-person class only.  
LOCATION: WRCS SCHOOL BUILDING - 9:30 to 10:30 A.M.
- **Middler Class: Ann Aulich** (resumed March 13, 2022)  
Attend in-person class only.  
LOCATION: WRCS SCHOOL BUILDING - 9:30 to 10:30 A.M.
- **Adult Class: Sue Yoder** (resumed March 13, 2022)  
Lively discussion type class. This Spring quarter 2022 we are studying the book of Mark (Theme: "Disciples & Stewards")  
Attend in-person OR virtually.  
LOCATION: CHAPEL - 9:30 to 10:30 A.M.

**Join Adult Sunday School via Zoom: (9:30-10:30 a.m.)**  
**\*New Zoom for Adult Sunday School, updated info below:**

**Zoom Link:** [Click Here](#) to enter Zoom Meeting

**Meeting ID:** 817 4044 5865

\*When you join, you will enter a waiting room and then be admitted individually

**Phone:** 301-715-8592 / 817 4044 5865

## Happy Birthday ~

April 4	Evangeline Schrock; Don Brunk; Casey Sawyer Nelson
April 6	Joelle Durren
April 9	Dakota Wade
April 10	Ernie Miller
April 11	Johnnie Stafford, Sr.
April 13	Lisa Ziegler
April 16	Lena Aulich; Brad Guisewite
April 17	Kathy Saunders; Mackenzie Shenk

## Happy Anniversary ~

April 12	Jim & Nikki Boldly
April 16	David & Dawn Wing



### Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year)

FY2022 runs 12/01/2021 through 11/30/2022

Annual operating expense budget: \$191,710.00

**Attendance Report: MARCH 27, 2022 ~Sunday School: 18 ~Worship Service: 42**

### Offering Report March 27, 2022

\$ 3,700.00 Mail Offertory totals this week toward FY2022

\$ 101.48(net) E-giving support totals this week

\$ 3,801.48 Offertory Total 03/27/2022

Budget Offertory collected YTD (12/01/2021-03/27/2022= \$46,262.06)

Total Budgeted need 12/01/2021-03/27/2022=\$62,674.41

**Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church**

Deuteronomy 16:17



### Building News Corner

#### This Week's Building Fund Update

03/20/2022 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,531,488.05\*

03/27/2022 00.00

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(\*includes \$12,947.05 estimated value stock shares)

We are grateful for your financial support and committed to exercising faithful stewardship over the funds contributed to us. We are aware of the many sacrifices you make to provide these gifts, and sincerely pledge to see that these dollars are used wisely, especially during this time of uncertainty.

To assist everyone in making consistent offerings that are so important to your church, we are now able to accept ACH savings/checking drafts as well as PayPal. Please inform Pat in the front office as to the date and amount of ACH transfers along with any special instructions so that we may watch for receipt.

For PayPal, please go directly to: [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)

