

March 5, 2023

“Invited to Believe, Follow and Bless”



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 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

Recorded Sermons available at www.warwickrivermennonite.org

District Overseer – David Lehman

Church Elder – Tammara Geary

Congregation Chair – Tom Salyers

Outreach Chair - Sue Yoder

Worship Chair - Stuart Hunnicutt

Stewardship Chair - Tom Salyers

Member-at-Large - Laura Siebels

Office Manager - Pat O'Connor office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9:30am – 3:30pm

Serving Today:

Guest Speaker: Steve Wiebe-Johnson

Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman

Song Leader: Mel Shenk

Reader: Steve Fannin

Zoom Host: Mackenzie Butler Shenk

Warwick River Mennonite Church HOW TO CONNECT

***Worship Service * Sunday School * Meetings ***

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

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*If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to
Don Brunk (610-787-0823)*

-- Gathering --

Welcome

***Hymn of Praise and Gathering**

Call to Worship:

Leader: Lift your eyes to the hills—where does your help come from?

People: Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

All: Let us worship our God, who watches over us now and always.

Confession:

Leader: Lord, we need new birth. Paralyzed by doubts, dead in our stubbornness and guilt, walking in blindness, our hearts are hardened to your love.

We confess to the Lord . . .

(silent prayer)

Leader: Jesus, you have come to put the world right, to give life to the dead, and to call into existence a people born from above.

All: Break in by your creating Spirit. Send forth your fresh wind. And open the way to real life, eternal life. Amen.

***Hymn of Preparation**

***Children's Time**

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Psalm 121

Sermon Title: "Invited to Believe, Follow and Bless"

~Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offering

Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

Benediction:

Leader: The Lord watch over you—

People: the Lord bless you and make you a blessing;

Leader: the sun will not harm you by day,

People: nor the moon by night.

All: The Lord will bring you to life and carry you safely home.



Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year) ~ This Budget Year Approved is 13 months

New FY2023 will run 12/01/2022 through 12/31/2023 (new)

Annual operating expense budget: \$150,500.00

February 26, 2023 Offering (Worship Service Attendance: 57)

\$ 315.00 Offertory for FY2023

\$ 460.00 Refund r'cd -unused Laurelville Retreat Center Reservation

\$ 15.00 Coffee Connect

\$ 790.00 Offertory total 02/26/2023

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-2/26/2023= \$28,670.75

Total Budgeted need 12/01/2022-2/26/2023=\$34,324.68

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

02/19/2023 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,533,438.05

02/26/2023 \$ 0.00

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



Warwick River Mennonite Church is grateful for your financial support and committed to exercising faithful stewardship over the funds contributed. We are very aware of the many sacrifices you make to provide these gifts, and sincerely pledge to see that these dollars are used wisely. To assist everyone in making consistent offerings that are so important to your church, we are now able to accept ACH savings/checking drafts and PayPal. For those who prefer, offering envelopes are available in the pews and on the table with the bulletins as you enter the Chapel. For PayPal, you may go directly to: [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)

Prayer and Praise Requests:

- ❖ Please lift up the Fannin family in your prayers as both Steve and Lisa's mothers are returning home after facing their own hospital stays. Pray that they continue healing at home and that the entire family feels peace.
- ❖ Keep Brenna, Tammara Geary's daughter, in your prayers as she faces recovery. Please also keep Tammara in your prayers for continued healing. May they both be healed completely and return to the peace and comfort of their daily lives.
- ❖ Remembering Hallie Grace Whitecotton at the hour of her passing, February 28, 2023. Please keep all of Hallie's family and friends in your prayers as together we mourn her loss.
- ❖ Participants from three Mennonite Mission Network Service Adventure units are in Newton, Kansas, for five days of fellowship, during which they will share the importance of service with potential participants. A similar event will be held in two weeks in Elkhart, Indiana. Pray that current and future participants will grow in their commitment to active faith through these events.
- ❖ "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." ~ 2 Corinthians 4:18
- ❖ Prayer and Praise concerns are always welcome & may be requested or updated by calling or emailing Pat O'Connor in the front office: (757)-874-0794 or warwickrivermc@gmail.com

Happy Birthday!

March 5	Jan Dennis
March 7	Tom Salyers
March 9	Chris Miller
March 14	Leon Mulamba
March 16	Scott Mumaw
March 19	Leigha Sawyer

Happy Anniversary!

March 10	Dallas & Peggy Kipfer
March 17	Blair & Ann Aulich

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, March 5th: 9:30am Sunday School (School Building); Worship Service at 10:40am (Chapel)
- ❖ Tues., March 7th: 4-6pm Community Prayer Group (Chapel)
- ❖ Sunday, March 12th: Vote on Fellowship Chairperson and Member-at-Large positions (see Feb. 28th email).
- ❖ Sunday, March 19th: Potluck Fellowship Lunch (following Worship Service).

Announcements:

COFFEE CONNECT DONATIONS IN MARCH TO SUPPORT EASTER EGG HUNT AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

All funds donated via Coffee Connect during the month of March will be earmarked for our children's Easter Sunday Egg Hunt. We hope to have enough supplies (candy, eggs, etc.) to open this event up to a broader audience, to include inviting the children who attend the Warwick River Christian Learning Center & Child Care! Any leftover funds will be used in support of our Sunday children's ministry (busy bag giveaways, craft supplies, etc.).

HYMN SING ON SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH, 6-7PM

Please join us on Saturday, March 11th from 6-7pm for a Hymn Sing.

NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING WEDNESDAY MARCH 15, 2023

A weekly Bible study will be held on Wednesdays from 7 pm to 8 pm in the Chapel. Mark Marvuglio will lead the Bible Study starting with John: Chapter 5. Feel free to join in!

WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN RETREAT CENTER PRESENTS

CELEBRATE CAMP! MARCH 16TH, 6-8 PM *RSVP *RSVP *RSVP *

An evening of worship, celebration, testimonies, and TACOS. Please come out to show your support on March 16 from 6:00 to 8:00pm at **Peninsula Community Chapel, 4209 Big Bethel Rd in Yorktown**. Children are welcome; bring the whole family. There will be opportunities to register for camp, make financial contributions, and to sign-up for various volunteer opportunities. To help us know how many TACOS to cook up, **RSVP to werc@werc.info**. Questions? Call Bob Briscoe at 757-566-2256.

CHURCH POTLUCK! MARCH 19th:

We will be having a potluck fellowship lunch following worship service on March 19th. Please bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert to share! Drinks will be provided. A sign-up sheet (to see how many have signed up for each type of category) will be available on the table in the foyer of the Chapel.