

March 19, 2023  
"Jesus Opens Our Eyes"



## 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](http://www.warwickrivermennonite.org)

District Overseer – David Lehman (Pastor Lehman retires 03/31/2023)

Church Elder – Tammara Geary

Congregation Chair – Tom Salyers

Outreach Chair - Sue Yoder

Worship Chair - Stuart Hunnicutt ([worshipwrmc@gmail.com](mailto:worshipwrmc@gmail.com))

Stewardship Chair - Tom Salyers

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

### Serving Today:

*Guest Speaker: Aaron Kauffman*

*Worship Leader: Jenn Salyers*

*Song Leader: Micah Shenk*

*Reader: Peggy Kipfer*

*Zoom Host: Leanna Schrock*

*Greeters: Susan Ackerman & Samantha Salyers*

### 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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*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: The Lord is our shepherd.

**People: We shall not want.**

Leader: God makes us lie down in green pastures.

**People: We shall not want.**

Leader: God leads us beside quiet waters.

**People: We shall not want.**

**All: Restore us through your Holy Spirit, the love of Jesus Christ, and the comfort of your presence.**

**Confession:**

Leader: Lord, we long for light, but all is darkness, and we walk in deep shadows.

We have driven back justice. Truth has stumbled in the streets, and thick darkness is over the people. We confess our sinful deeds.

We confess to the Lord . . .

**(Silent prayer)**

Leader: As everything exposed to the light becomes visible, we walk from darkness into light.

**All: Open our eyes, Jesus, that our lives may radiate your glory. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

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

Scripture Reading: John 9:1-12

Sermon Title: "Jesus Opens Our Eyes"

~ Aaron Kauffman, Guest Speaker

**-- Responding to Worship --**

**\*Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offering

Sharing of Announcements

**-- Sending --**

**\*Song of Sending**

**Benediction:**

Leader: Go forth and shine, for the Light has come,

**People: And the glory of the Lord rises upon us.**

Leader: Surely goodness and love will follow us all the days of our lives,

**All: And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**



**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

**March 12, 2023 Offering (Worship Service Attendance: 50)**

\$ 811.00	Offertory for FY2023
\$ 130.00	Coffee Connect for Easter Egg Hunt/Children's Ministry
\$ 941.00	Offertory total 03/12/2023

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-3/12/2023= \$34,057.75

Total Budgeted need 12/01/2022-3/05/2023=\$39,605.40

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

Deuteronomy 16:17



**Building News Corner**

**This Week's Building Fund Update**

03/05/2023 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,533,488.05
03/12/2023	\$ 0.00
03/12/2023 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,533,488.05

(\*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:

- ❖ *“Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.” – James 5:7*
- ❖ Curt Holsopple was examined by his knee surgeon March 16th. He probably had cracked bones and some sprains and tears in his right leg soft tissues. Everything seems to be healing well, including the infection. Recovery may be a slow process for a while. He's still mostly confined to his recliner, but he's free to add some limited activity as pain allows. Praise God for healing!
- ❖ **Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Elena and Freddy Satalaya and their toddler, Matías, as they transition, after five years of ministry in Peru, to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where they are serving with Bolivia Mennonite Church. Pray for them as they engage in discipleship training and leadership training.**
- ❖ *“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” ~ Colossians 3:12-13*
- ❖ 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](mailto:warwickrivermc@gmail.com)

## Happy Birthday!

March 19	Leigha Sawyer
March 21	Lillian Miller
March 22	Steve Ziegler
March 29	Nicholas Mumaw
March 31	Karen Mumaw
April 1	Brenda Lytle
April 4	Evangeline Schrock // Don Brunk // Casey Sawyer Nelson

## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY BEGINS: Wednesdays 8-9pm

Join us as we read and study the Bible. Wednesday meetings are underway, in person and via Zoom – join us in the Warwick River Mennonite Chapel or via Zoom. Hosted by Mark Marvuglio. Contact Stuart Hunnicutt at: [worshipwrmc@gmail.com](mailto:worshipwrmc@gmail.com) for more information or to join.

## Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, March 19<sup>th</sup>: 9:30am Sunday School (School Building); Worship Service at 10:40am (Chapel) & **all are welcome ~ be sure to stay for our Potluck Fellowship Lunch (following Worship Service)**
- ❖ Mon., March 20<sup>th</sup>: First Day of Spring
- ❖ Tues., March 21<sup>st</sup>: 4-6pm Community Prayer Group (Chapel)
- ❖ Sun., April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Palm Sunday
- ❖ Thurs., April 6<sup>th</sup>: Maundy Thursday
- ❖ Fri., April 7<sup>th</sup>: Good Friday
- ❖ Sun., April 9<sup>th</sup>: Easter Sunday

## 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. Any leftover funds will be used in support of our Sunday children's ministry.



**Warwick River Mennonite Church**  
**ANNOUNCEMENT**

As timely announced by Notice to the congregation,  
Voting was held March 12, 2023.

By unanimous decision,  
Jenn & Chris have been affirmed, and  
Join WRMC Council of Ministries  
for two years: 1/31/2023 – 1/31/2025.

**WELCOME**  
**Fellowship Chair Jenn Salyers!**  
**Member-At-Large Chris Miller!**

*Please offer your support to Jenn and Chris  
as they become familiar with their positions.*