

March 26, 2023
"Dancing In The Dark"



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 (Pastor Lehman retires 03/31/2023)

Church Elder – Tammara Geary

Members-at-Large - Laura Siebels & Chris Miller (WELCOME!)

Congregation Chair – Tom Salyers

Outreach Chair - Sue Yoder

Worship Chair - Stuart Hunnicutt (worshipwrmc@gmail.com)

Fellowship Chair – Jenn Salyers (WELCOME!)

Stewardship Chair - Tom Salyers

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

Serving Today:

Guest Speaker: Jim Thornton

Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman

Song Leader: Noah Shenk

Reader: Peggy Kipfer

Zoom Host: Rachael Shenk

Greeters: Micah Shenk & James 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

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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: (based on Psalm 130)

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you.

People: O Lord, hear our cry.

Leader: If you kept a record of sins, who would stand a chance?

People: O Lord, hear our cry.

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness.

All: We wait for you, O Lord. We hope in your word.
Blessed be your name.

Confession:

Leader: Lord, our lives are dry bones. We are cruel in our words and indifferent in our actions.
We confess to the Lord . . .

(Silent prayer)

Leader: Breathe on us, Lord. Put your Spirit within us and make us alive. All: We place our hope in you. Amen.

**Hymn of Preparation*

**Children's Time*

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 14-16, 20-21

Sermon Title: "Dancing In The Dark"

~ Jim Thornton, 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: Put your hope in the Lord.

People: The Lord is unfailing love,

Leader: and with God is full redemption.

People: God will bring us up from our graves.

All: God will redeem us from all our sins.



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 19, 2023 Offering (Worship Service Attendance: 54)

\$ 5882.00 Offertory for FY2023

\$ 20.00 Coffee Connect for Easter Egg Hunt/Children's Ministry

\$ 5902.00 Offertory total 03/19/2023

Budget Offertory collected YTD 12/01/2022-3/19/2023= \$39,954.75

Total Budgeted need 12/01/2022-3/05/2023=\$42,245.76

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Deuteronomy 16:17



Building News Corner

This Week's Building Fund Update

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

03/19/2023 \$ 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:

- ❖ “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” ~ 2 Corinthians 5:17
- ❖ *An Easter greeting from Delma Brenneman:*
I think of my friends at WRMC and the Denbigh area often and I am thankful for special memories there. Happy Easter as we celebrate the Risen Lord.
Love and prayers, ~ Delma J. Brenneman, March 16, 2023
- ❖ Please continue to pray for Tammara Geary, Curt Holsopple and all those known and unknown to us and ask the Lord to bring healing and comfort.
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Naomi Tice. Naomi serves as the administrative assistant for volunteer placements with Christliche Dienste (German Mennonite Voluntary Service), an agency that sends German youth to participate in Mission Network service programs. Pray for Naomi as she lives in a Christian community and builds relationships with German Mennonites.
- ❖ “Do not merely listen to the word...do what it says.” ~ James 1:22
- ❖ 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 29	Nicholas Mumaw
March 31	Karen Mumaw
April 1	Brenda Lytle
April 4	Evangeline Schrock // Don Brunk // Casey Sawyer Nelson

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, March 26th: 9:30am Sunday School (School Building); Worship Service at 10:40am (Chapel)*
- ❖ *Tues., March 28th: 4-6pm Community Prayer Group (Chapel)*
- ❖ *Wed., March 29th: 8-9pm Bible Study (Chapel) (also via Zoom)*
- ❖ *Sun., April 2nd: Palm Sunday*
- ❖ *Thurs., April 6th: Maundy Thursday*
- ❖ *Fri., April 7th: Good Friday*
- ❖ *Sun., April 9th: Easter Sunday*

[WRMC] Ode to Fellowship Meal Sunday March 19 in Warwick River Chapel

By: Susan Ackerman

Savory smells as people come through the noisy door carrying crockpots and trays....anticipation and glad voices

Diana adding random sparkle to Jenn’s gracious leading, Aaron speaking of Jesus smearing mud on blind eyes, a kind of creation moment re-visited

Peggy giving words to the Bible story of dramatic healing

Singing the journey with voice and guitar

Chili and chocolate cake laid out
Long tables carried from desolate but hopeful building
The babble of warm eager chatter

Hugs to the two with the sparkling new diamond
Joy and grateful applause for baby Finnian in the arms of his family

Welcome to new faces:
Colonial carriage driver
Neighbors seeking gentle fellowship and a sense of place

Tacos and chocolate pie
Salad and rolls
Roasted vegetables

Jackie and Jan swishing Tammy’s glass plates through soap suds in the kitchen

Washed in the pool, we go forth gladly seeing.

Announcements:

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

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 for more information or to join.

2023 MOTORCYCLE FOR VM MISSIONS June 2-3, 2023 Harrisonburg:
<https://vmmissions.org/how-to-help/events/motorcycle-for-missions/>
Registration IS OPEN. Questions - David Gingerich at 540-434-9727

DANCING IN THE DARK

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 14-16, 20-21

6 David again brought together all the able young men of Israel—thirty thousand. ² He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark. ³ They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart ⁴ with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. ⁵ David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the LORD, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals.

¹⁴ Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the LORD with all his might, ¹⁵ while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

¹⁶ As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart.

²⁰ When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, “How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!” ²¹ David said to Michal, “It was before the LORD, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the LORD’s people Israel—I will celebrate before the LORD.

- I. Understanding the Narrative
- II. David’s dance
- III. When do we dance?

LIKE DAVID DID

When the Spirit of the LORD moves in my soul
I’ll pray like David prayed
When the Spirit of the LORD moves in my soul
I’ll pray like David prayed
I’ll pray, I’ll pray, I’ll pray like David prayed
I’ll pray, I’ll pray, I’ll pray like David prayed

When the Spirit of the LORD moves in my soul
I’ll sing like David sang
When the Spirit of the LORD moves in my soul
I’ll sing like David sang
I’ll sing, I’ll sing, I’ll sing like David sang
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When the Spirit of the LORD moves in my soul
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