

January 21, 2024
Finding Ourselves in God's Story:
Nothing is Lost



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

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Serving Today:

Guest Speaker: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler Shenk

Song Leader: Micah Shenk

Reader: MaryDawn Carrier

Greeter: Christine Hurr

Zoom Host: Leanna DeWysocki

Warwick River Mennonite Church HOW TO CONNECT

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

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

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-- Gathering --

Welcome

Leader: We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith.

People: We come seeking the cloud of your presence as we travel the way.

We come seeking your pillar of fire to light our darkness.

All: Shine in our hearts, O God, with the light of your love.

Make your presence known through Jesus the Christ.

AMEN

~From: HWB 661

***Hymn of Praise and Gathering**

Call to Worship:

Praise God from the heavens;

praise God in the heights;

Praise God, all you angels;

praise God, all you heavenly hosts.

Praise God, sun and moon;

praise God, all you shining stars.

Praise God, you highest heavens,

and you waters above the heavens.

Let all praise the name of God,

who commanded and they were created.

God established them forever and ever

and gave a decree which shall not pass away.

Praise God all the earth,

you sea monsters and all depths,

fire and hail, snow and frost,

stormy winds that fulfill God's word.

Praise God, you mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars,

wild beasts and all tame animals,

creeping things and flying birds.

Let the rulers of the earth and all peoples

and all the judges of the earth –

men and women alike,

old and young together –

Let them praise the name of God

whose name alone is exalted;

whose majesty is above earth and heaven,

and who has raised the fortunes of the people.

May this God be praised by all the faithful ones,

by the children of Israel, the people close to God.

Alleluia! Praise God!

~From: HWB 684

***Hymn of Preparation**

***Children's Moment:**

~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 26: 1-19

Sermon: "Finding Ourselves in God's Story: Nothing is lost."

~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response** *Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God*

~ from Voices Together hymnal, page 653

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offering

Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

Benediction (Ephesians 4:1b-6)

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness,
with patience, bearing with one another in love,
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit,

just as you were called to one hope of your calling,

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

one God and Father of all,

who is above all and through all and in all.

Go in Peace.

~From: HWB 854



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.*

Prayer and Praise Requests

- ❖ "Pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge." ~ Psalm 62:8
- ❖ The Hurr Family - Ken, Christine, and Krystal suffered two losses in their family this past week and we pray for them as we remember their Uncle John in Texas and Ken's brother, Rick Hurr here in Virginia at the hour of their passing. Please keep all of their family and friends in your prayers as together we mourn their passing.
- ❖ Prayers for our Pastor Steve and Dorothy as they travel to Elkhart tomorrow through January 26th. May their travels be safe.
- ❖ Today is Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday. Mennonite Mission Network invites you to join in Mennonite World Conference's prayers for the global church: to work together in harmony, to reduce suffering, and to become God's people, who sow peace, love and truth.
- ❖ Prayer and Praise concerns are always welcome & may be requested or updated by calling or emailing Pat O'Connor in the Church Office:
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Happy Birthday!

January 21	Anje Pillai
January 30	Krystal Ann Hurr
January 31	Harold Yoder
January 31	Jewell Schaefer

Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year)

FY2024 runs 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2024

NEW Annual operating expense budget: *to be determined*

January 14, 2024 Attendance Report

Worship Service: 45

Offering Report

\$ 966.00	Offertory for FY2024
\$ 150.00	Paypal
\$ 20.00	Coffee Connect donations designated to Children's Ministry
\$ 1,136.00	Offertory Total 01/14/2024

Budget Offertory collected YTD (01/01/2024-01/14/2024)= \$2,661.00

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church ~ Deuteronomy 16:17

01/14/2024 Building Fund Balance to date

\$ 1,546,079.05*

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

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, Jan 21st 9:30am Adult & Children's Sunday School (School Building)
 10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Today, Jan 21st Mennonite World Communion Sunday
- ❖ Mon Jan 22–26 Pastor Steve will be in Elkhart
- ❖ Tues., Jan 23rd Community Prayer Group
- ❖ Tues., Jan 23rd 7:00pm Worship Commission meeting
- ❖ Thurs., Jan 25th 6:00pm Threads Together sewing group (school building)
- ❖ **Sat., Jan 27th 9:00am WRMC Annual Business Meeting (Chapel)**
- ❖ Sun., Jan 28th Potluck Fellowship Lunch (after Worship Service)

Announcements:

JANUARY 7, 2024 – MARCH 31, 2024: COFFEE CONNECT:

Any donations to Coffee Connect will be used for the Warwick River Children's Ministry and Sunday School. Thank you in advance for drinking coffee and tea!

JANUARY 21, 2024: WRMC Council Leadership Team

Following Sunday Worship Service on 1/21/24, a Congregation Conversation will take place in light of the concerns that have been raised regarding extending Pastor Steve's contract. This conversation will be in preparation for the congregational annual business meeting scheduled Saturday, 01/27/2024, where we will vote on the WRMC 2024 Budget, and which includes Pastor Steve's ongoing interim ministry here at Warwick River. Please come prepared to share.

CHURCH POTLUCK FOLLOWING JANUARY 28th WORSHIP SERVICE:

We will be having a potluck fellowship lunch following worship service on January 28th 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 (next to the Bulletins).

iCLT Webinar: Effective Church Leadership

interim Conference Leadership Team of Virginia Mennonite Conference
 Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7pm

For Pastor, Elders, Board, Lay Leaders... Gain insight into the helpful principles in getting pastors, lay leadership, and church members in a more harmonious working relationship where ministry grows.

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