

January 28, 2024
Finding Ourselves in God's Story:
Nothing is Lost, Part 2



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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Office Admin - Pat O'Connor office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 10:30am – 4:30pm

Serving Today:

Guest Speaker: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman

Song Leader: Lisa Fannin

Reader: Steve Fannin

Greeter: Susan Ackerman

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

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:

Leader: Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to God's people on earth.

People: Glory to God!

Leader: Holy, holy, holy God,
Eternal Love and majesty,
Source, guide, and goal
Of all that is.

People: Glory to God!

Leader: Holy, holy, holy God,
Eternal Word, enfleshed among us,
Showing the way of life,
The way of truth and love.

People: Glory to God!

Leader: Holy, holy, holy God,
Eternal Spirit, giver of life,
Abiding within and all around us,
Guiding us in all our ways.

People: Glory to God!

Leader: Glory to God,
In whom we live
And move
And have our being.

People: Glory to God!

Leader: Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to God's people on earth.

People: Glory to God!

~ From: Voices Together hymnal, 880

***Hymn of Preparation**

***Children's Moment:**

~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 1: 1-5 (Creation)

Genesis 3: 8-11 (Fall)

Genesis 9: 1 (Promise/Blessing)

Genesis 12: 1-2 (Covenant, Call of Abraham)

Genesis 42: 1-2 (Egypt)

Exodus 1: 8 (New King/Oppression)

Exodus 6: 1-10 (Exodus/Deliverance)

Sermon: Finding Ourselves in God's Story: Nothing is Lost, Part 2

~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response** *Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God* (see lyrics in bulletin)

~from Voices Together hymnal, page 653

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offering

Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

Benediction (1 Samuel 7:12)

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Jeshanah
and named it Ebenezer, for he said, "Thus far the Lord has helped us."

Go in Peace, knowing that the one who has brought us this far,
goes beside us and before us preparing the way of Peace. **Go in Peace.**

Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year) FY2024 runs 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2024

FY2024 APPROVED operating budget: \$125,000.00

January 21, 2024 Attendance Report

Worship Service:

46

Offering Report

\$ 927.00	Offertory for FY2024
\$ 75.00	Building Fund
\$ 200.00	Homemaker's Fellowship retired
\$ 11.00	Coffee Connect donations designated to Children's Ministry
\$ 1,213.00	Offertory Total 01/21/2024

Budget Offertory collected YTD (01/01/2024-01/21/2024)= \$3,588.00

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*

01/21/2024 donation received 75.00

01/21/2024 new balance to date \$ 1,546,154.05

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

***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

- ❖ “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding” ~ Proverbs 3:5
- ❖ Remembering Ruby Ziegler at the hour of her passing, January 21, 2024, at the age of 98. Please keep all of Ruby’s family and friends in your prayers as together we mourn her loss.
- ❖ Word has also been received of the passing of Evelyn Brunk Hertzler on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at the age of 96. Please offer up your prayers as together we extend our love and sympathy for all of Evelyn’s family and friends.
- ❖ updated by calling or emailing Pat O’Connor in the Church Office: (757)-874-0794 or warwickrivermc@gmail.com

Happy Birthday!

Jan. 30 Krystal Ann Hurr	Feb. 2 Peggy Kipfer
Jan. 31 Harold Yoder	Feb. 5 Mary Anne Leonard;
Jan. 31 Jewell Schaefer	Feb. 5 Suzy Todd Zollinger; KatherineHunnicut



ANNOUNCEMENT

As timely announced by Notice to the congregation, voting began January 21, 2024 and ended Wednesday, January 24, 2024. By unanimous decision, Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson has been affirmed as WRMC Interim Pastor and his contract has been extended through 12/31/2024.

Please offer your support to Pastor Steve as he continues his calling with us, the congregation of Warwick River Mennonite Church. Welcome Pastor Steve!

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, Jan 28th 9:30am Adult & Children’s Sunday School (School Building)
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
Potluck Fellowship Lunch (after Worship Service)
- ❖ Tues., Jan 30th Community Prayer Group
- ❖ Thurs., Feb 1st 6:00pm WRMC Council Meeting
- ❖ Thurs., Feb 8th 6:00pm Threads Together sewing group (school building)
- ❖ Wed., Feb 14th Ash Wednesday
- ❖ Wed., Feb 14th Happy Valentine’s Day

Announcements:

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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FEBRUARY 25, 2024: CONGREGATION CONVERSATION

Following a shortened Sunday Worship Service on 2/25/24, we will have our end of month Potluck Fellowship Meal followed by a Congregation-wide Conversation, all in the Chapel. As discussed at the Annual Meeting yesterday (1/27/24) this will provide an opportunity to discuss topics on the minds of our members and we are limiting the time to one hour. This is something new and we hope you will come and bring your thoughts with you!

FEBRUARY 27, 2024 at 12 – 1 p.m.: MENNOWOOD Retirement Community

Is hosting a “Lunch and Learn” session *Hospice & Advanced Directives*. Presented by Sara Koeck of Heartland Hospice & Julianne Routten of Routten Laster Law LLC. Join us for an informal overview about what hospice is and the importance of advanced directives. You will have the chance to ask the experts your questions. This event is ideal for caretakers, family members and friends. This event is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. Please RSVP to 757-249-0355 or email Michele at mryba@mennowood.com by Tuesday, 2/20/2024.

COFFEE CONNECT through MARCH 31, 2024: Any donations to Coffee Connect beginning 1/7/24 will be used for the Warwick River Children’s Ministry and Sunday School. Thank you in advance for drinking coffee and tea!