

February 4, 2024
Finding Ourselves in God's Story:
Part 3 Big Picture, Little Picture



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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Pastor: Steve Wiebe-Johnson wrmcpastor01@gmail.com

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~ Member-at-Large position is unfilled ~

Interim Co-Congregation Chair: Ann Aulich

Interim Co-Congregation Chair: Chris Miller

Outreach Chair: Sue Yoder wrmcoutreach@gmail.com

Worship Chair: Mary Dawn Carrier worshipwrmc@gmail.com

Fellowship Chair: Jenn Salyers wrmcfellowship@gmail.com

~ Stewardship Chair position is unfilled ~

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

Serving Today:

Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

Worship Leader: MaryDawn Carrier

Song Leader: Don Brunk

Reader: Jackie Zimmerman

Greeter: Chris & Ronda Miller

Zoom Host: Don Brunk

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

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

-- Gathering --

Welcome

Leader: Our God,
we gather to worship you, the One who creates all things.

People: For the gift of creation, we give thanks.

Leader: We gather to worship you,
the One who brings salvation through Jesus Christ.

People: For the gift of redemption, we give thanks.

Leader: We gather to worship you,
the One who sustains us by the Spirit.

People: For the gift of your presence, we give thanks.

Leader: We bring to you our offerings of thanks and praise
for all your gifts.

All: We worship you – our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. AMEN

~From: HWB

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*Hymn of Praise and Gathering

Call to Worship:

Leader: Holy Spirit, Creating Presence,
as in the beginning you hover over the waters;
you breathe life into all creatures;
without you every living creature dies and returns to nothing.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Holy Spirit, Comforter,
by you we are born again as children of God;
you make us living temples of your presence;
you pray within us prayers too deep for words.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life,
you are light; you bring us light;
you are goodness and the source of all goodness.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Holy Spirit, Breath of life,
you sanctify and breathe life into the whole body of the church;
you dwell in each of us
and will one day give new life to our mortal bodies.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit

~ From: HWB 679

*Hymn of Preparation

*Children's Moment:

~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Readings:

1 Samuel 8:1-8 (*Rejection of Judges/Request for a King*)

Isaiah 2:1-4 (*Establishment of Zion*)

Jeremiah 2:1-8 (*Rejection of God's rule*)

Sermon: Finding Ourselves in God's Story: Part 3 Big picture, little picture

~ Pastor 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 (Philippians 1:3-11)

Thanksgiving and Prayer

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

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

- ❖ “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” ~ 1 Peter 4:10
- ❖ Prayer and Praise concerns are always welcome & may be requested or updated by calling or emailing Pat O’Connor in the Church Office: (757)-874-0794 or warwickrivermc@gmail.com

Happy Birthday!

- Feb. 5 Mary Anne Leonard; Suzy Todd Zollinger; Katherine Hunnicutt
- Feb. 9 Elaine Smith
- Feb. 14 Krista Goodwin; Gordon Zook
- Feb. 18 James Salyers

Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year) FY2024 runs 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2024
 FY2024 APPROVED operating budget: \$125,000.00

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| January 28, 2024 Attendance Report | Worship Service:47 |
| Offering Report | |
| \$ 531.00 | Offertory for FY2024 |
| \$ 225.00 | Received in memory of Ruby Ziegler |
| \$ 756.00 | Offertory Total 01/28/2024 |
| Budget Offertory collected YTD (01/01/2024-01/28/2024)= \$4,344.00 | |

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

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| Deuteronomy 16:17 | |
| 01/21/2024 Building Fund Balance to date | \$ 1,546,154.05* |
| 01/28/2024 donation received | .00 |
| 01/28/2024 new balance to date | \$ 1,546,154.05 |
| <i>(*includes \$12,947.05 estimated value stock shares)</i> | |

Warwick River Mennonite Church is grateful for your financial support and committed to exercising faithful stewardship over the funds contributed to us. We are aware of the many sacrifices you make in order to provide these gifts, and sincerely pledge to see that these dollars are used wisely, Another option is PayPal, you may go directly to: [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, Feb 4th 9:30am Adult & Children’s Sunday School (School Building)
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Tues., Feb 6th Community Prayer Group
- ❖ Thurs., Feb 8th 6:00pm Threads Together sewing group (school building)
- ❖ Mon., Feb 12th 7:00pm iCLT Webinar: Effective Church Leadership
- ❖ Wed., Feb 14th Ash Wednesday
- ❖ Wed., Feb 14th Happy Valentine’s Day
- ❖ Tues., Feb 27th 12-1pm Mennowood “Lunch and Learn” session

Announcements:

NOTICE: Twila Blume was nominated and approved by WRMC Council of Ministries, and has agreed to serve in the position of Member-At-Large, if affirmed by the congregation. Ballot voting is scheduled February 18, 2024.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: LUNCHEON FOR WRCLC STAFF ON FEB. 14, 2024
 Donations of salads and dressings, desserts, and paper products are needed. If you can help, please bring your prepared foods to the school on 2/14/2024 in the morning between 6:30-10:30 a.m. Questions? Contact Church Elder Ann Aulich at wrmcelderann@gmail.com or call her at 757-870-2042. Thank you in advance!

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!

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!