

February 11, 2024

Finding Ourselves in God's Story: Part 4 Where do We go from Here

*Greetings friends, In preparation for Worship Service this week,
I invite the congregation to read Acts 6 and 7 plus Hebrews 9-11 as background.
Sincerely, Pastor Steve*



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WELCOME HOME TO Warwick River Mennonite Church

In-person Sunday School: 9:30-10:30 AM

Virtual Coffee Connect: 10 AM

In-person and Virtual Worship Service: 10:40 AM

In-person Coffee Connect follows Worship Service

Recorded Sermons available at www.warwickrivermennonite.org

Leadership

Church office hours: 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM Tuesday through Friday. If you have questions, concerns, or compliments you may contact any of the following people.

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Serving Today:

Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler Shenk

Song Leader: Noah Shenk

Reader: James Salyers & Samantha Salyers

Greeter: Susan Ackerman

Zoom Host: Rachael Shenk

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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-- 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 670

***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:

Acts 6

Acts 7:1-3; 7:8-11; 7:17-18; 7:44-53

Sermon: Finding Ourselves in God's Story: Part 4 Where do We go from Here

~ 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

- ❖ “God...reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.” ~ 2 Corinthians 5:18
- ❖ Please pray healing and health for Elaine Smith and Jack Smith, that their health may stabilize and improve.
- ❖ We pray for Martha Young as she has discontinued chemotherapy for the next two weeks in order to strengthen herself to move forward.
- ❖ Please offer up your prayers of healing & health for dear Anna Janzen & Milton Janzen. Comfort them as they have comforted so many of us.
- ❖ Mennonite Mission Network has launched a new fellowship and learning program, Just Peace Pilgrimages, to help participants enter more fully into God’s justice and shalom. Pray that God’s spirit will prepare the hearts and minds of all who join in the healing work of dismantling the oppressive structures in the United States.
- ❖ Contact the church elders or the church office if you wish to update a prayer concern for the bulletin or to activate the prayer chain during the week.

Happy Birthday!

Feb. 14 Krista Goodwin; Gordon Zook
 Feb. 18 James Salyers
 Feb. 19 Daniel Shenk
 Feb. 21 Lily Zollinger

Feb. 23 Christine Hurr
 Feb. 27 Bonnie Zook
 Feb. 27 Heath Wagner

Happy Anniversary!

Feb. 12 Chris & Ronda Miller
 Feb. 19 Ricky & Maria Dillon



Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today, Feb 11th 9:30am Adult & Children’s Sunday School (School Bldg.)
- ❖ 10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Mon., Feb 12th 7:00pm iCLT Webinar: Effective Church Leadership
<https://mailchi.mp/cc0919f9876b/iclt-news-january-6-15924033?e=52e8936ee>
- ❖ Tues., Feb 13th Community Prayer Group
- ❖ Tues., Feb 13th 7:00pm Worship Commission
- ❖ Wed., Feb 14th Ash Wednesday
- ❖ Wed., Feb 14th Happy Valentine’s Day
- ❖ Sun., Feb 18th Ballot vote

Announcements:

2/18/2024: NOTICE - Ballot voting next Sunday. Twila Blume was nominated and approved by Council, & if affirmed, has agreed to serve as Member-At-Large.

2/14/2024 @ 10:00 a.m. WRCLC Staff Appreciation Event. WRMC has offered to help provide salads & desserts to compliment the menu for the School Staff. Needed: salads & desserts... Elder Ann Aulich: 757-870-2042

2/25/2024: 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 (1/27/24) this will provide an opportunity to discuss topics on the minds of our members & we are limiting the time to one hour. This is something new - come and bring your thoughts with you!

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

February 4, 2024	Attendance Report	Worship Service:39
Offering Report	\$ 1,966.00	Offertory for FY2024
	\$ 250.00	PayPal
	\$ 4,700.00	Received in memory of Ruby Ziegler
	\$ 6,916.00	Offertory Total 02/04/2024
Budget Offertory collected YTD (01/01/2024-02/04/2024)= \$11,260.00		

Deuteronomy 16:17 We thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

02/04/2024 Building Fund Balance to date \$ 1,546,154.05*
 (*includes \$12,947.05 estimated value stock shares)

Warwick River is so grateful for your financial support & committed to exercising faithful stewardship over the funds contributed to us. 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. [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)