

February 18, 2024
Invited to Change our Hearts and Minds
1st Sunday of Lent



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 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: Susan Ackerman

Song Leader: Micah Shenk

Reader: MaryDawn Carrier

Greeter: Sue (Snooky) Yoder

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 --

'Christ is Among Us, Repent and Believe in the Good News'

Welcome

***Hymn of Praise and Gathering**

Call to Worship: (From Leader Magazine based on Psalm 25:1-10)

One: Teach us your pathways, O God-
our eyes and our souls are trained on you.

**Many: For you are the greatest guide,
and your map is always good.**

One: Other paths have left us lost;
other ways have left us confused.

**Many: You guide us along the trail of your mercy,
drawing sinner and saint down this well-worn way.**

**All: All your paths are love,
Made smooth by your faithful walking.
We are led into your truth
By following the tread of your feet.**

***Hymn of Preparation**

***Children's Moment: Rainbows and Footprints**

~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 9:8-17

Mark 1:9-15

Sermon: Invited to Change our Hearts and Minds

~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Prayer of Confession --

Leader: God, on Ash Wednesday, we remembered our humanity, our fragility, our limits, our sinfulness, our need for repentance. Today, we come to you with this fresh on our minds as we continue our Lenten journey

People: Be with us in the wilderness.

Leader: We so often focus on the difficulty of our walk with Christ.

People: Forgive our self-focused minds.

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, when on our journey, we forget your extensive, covenant love for the world.

People: May we partner with you and your church to remember.

All: (looking at one another) YOU ARE BELOVED.

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offering

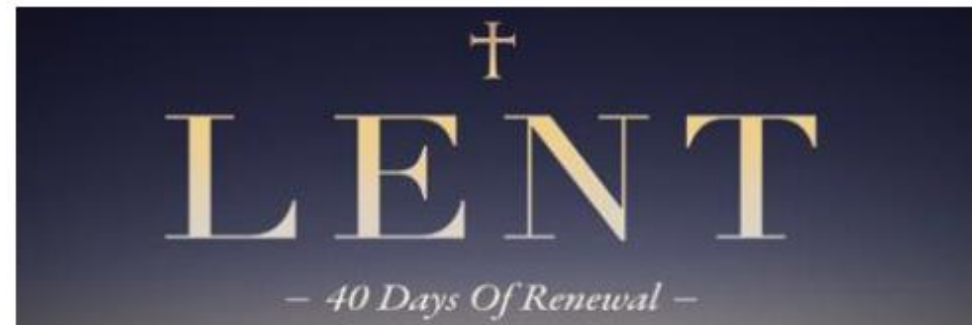
Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

Benediction

We do not enter the wilderness alone. May God be with the US and May God draw us closer to God's self as we walk in community with one another through this time.



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

❖ *“The faithful love of the LORD never ends. His mercies never cease.
 Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.”*
 ~ Lamentations 3:22-23

- ❖ **Prayers for Blair Aulich who remains in the hospital and needs God's healing,** strength, and comfort. God is able to do far more than we ask or can ever imagine. Please hold Ann and the family close to you.
- ❖ **Please join us in prayer for our friend, Pat Leming, as she journeys through** the ups and downs of cancer. May God ease her pain and comfort her spirit.
- ❖ **Family is a wonderful thing. It is where life begins and is nurtured, where** growth takes place. A family provides warmth, joy, counsel, companionship. Above all else it gives you roots, a place to belong and return for strength and hope. We pray for our families.
- ❖ **A church family is much the same. Being part of a local congregation opens a** whole new world of relationships with people who need each other, who love and care for one another unselfishly, people attempting to serve Jesus Christ. We pray for our church families.
- ❖ **To all those newly diagnosed and those suffering lingering illnesses, we** continue to offer up our prayers of health and healing. May God strengthen the fragile as we comfort those who have suffered loss.
- ❖ **Continued prayers for Elaine & Jack Smith, Martha Young, and Anna &** Milton Janzen. May their health troubles stabilize and improve.
- ❖ **Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for Matthew and Toni** Krabill's four years of ministry at the Paris Mennonite Center in France. Pray for them as they move to Ghana this month, where Matthew will supervise research and develop curricula at The Sanneh Institute, and Toni will discern the direction of her next calling from God.
- ❖ **Pray that our children are filled with the love of God. That they will know** how deeply they are loved, and that love will overflow onto others.
- ❖ **Contact the church elders or the church office if you wish to update a** prayer for the bulletin or to activate the prayer chain during the week.

Happy Birthday!

Feb. 18 James Salyers	Feb. 27 Bonnie Zook
Feb. 19 Daniel Shenk	Feb. 27 Heath Wagner
Feb. 21 Lily Zollinger	
Feb. 23 Christine Hurr	

Happy Anniversary!

Feb. 19 Ricky & Maria Dillon

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today, Feb 18th* 1st Sunday of Lent
 9:30am Adult & Children's Sunday School (School Building)
 10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
 *Ballot Vote Twila Blume - to serve as Member-At-Large
- ❖ *Tues., Feb 20th* 4-6pm Community Prayer Group (school building)
- ❖ *Wed., Feb 21st* RSVP D/L Mennowood
- ❖ *Thurs., Feb 22nd* 6:00pm Threads Together (school building)
- ❖ *Sun., Feb 25th* Potluck Fellowship Meal follows Sunday Worship (Chapel)
- ❖ *Sun., Feb 25th* *Congregation Conversation* (Chapel)
- ❖ *Tues., Feb 27th* 12noon Mennowood "LUNCH & LEARN" (Mennowood)
- ❖ *Wed., Feb 28th* 6:00pm WRMC Game Night (Chapel)

Announcements:

THRIVE FOOD PANTRY most needed this month: baked beans; pancake mix; flour/baking mixes; condiments/sauces; canned fruit; fresh eggs or veggies

JOIN THE CONVERSATION:

CONGREGATION CONVERSATION IS NEXT SUNDAY, 2/25/2024.

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 11, 2024	Attendance Report	
Offering Report	\$ 380.00	Offertory for FY2024
	\$ 264.00	PayPal
	\$ 6.00	Coffee Connect 1/24 Children's Ministry
	\$ 12.00	Coffee Connect 2/11 Children's Ministry
	\$ 662.00	Offertory Total 02/11/2024
	Budget Offertory collected YTD (01/01/2024-02/11/2024)= \$11,904.00	
Deuteronomy 16:17 We thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church		
02/11/2024 Building Fund Balance to date		\$ 1,546,154.05*
(*includes \$12,947.05 estimated value stock shares)		

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