

March 3, 2024
3rd Sunday of Lent

“Called to be a Blessing: The Law and The Beatitudes”



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

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: Don Brunk
Reader: Jackie Zimmerman
Greeter: MaryDawn Carrier
Zoom Host: Don Brunk

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

***Hymn of Praise and Gathering**

Call to Worship:

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

People: Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.

Leader: The Lord restores my soul.

People: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Leader: The Lord leads me in paths of righteousness for the sake of God's name.

People: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Leader: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil,
for you are with me.

People: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of God.

Leader: Your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

People: Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Leader: You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies.

People: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Leader: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

People: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy,

Leader: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

People: You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.

**ALL: Let your light so shine that all may see your good works
and give glory to God.**

***Hymn of Preparation**

***Children's Moment: Your word is a light unto my feet.**

~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading:

Mark 12:28-34

Sermon: "Called to be a Blessing: The Law and The Beatitudes"
(Matthew 5:1-20 passage appears on the Chapel TV monitors)

~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Prayer of Confession --

Based on Psalm 19

One: We often miss the beauty in your work, God.

Many: Forgive our distracted hearts.

One: When we put our trust in other things,

Many: remind us of your love and care.

All: Bring joy to us once again.

One: May the meditations of our hearts

Many: be pleasing on your sight,

All: our Rock and our Redeemer.

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

Benediction:

Rest in Jesus. Rest in the beauty of creation. Rest in knowing that you are loved and that Jesus has made space for you in the temple courts.

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

❖ *“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” ~Matthew 5:16*



- ❖ **Remembering Blair Aulich at the hour of his passing, February 22, 2024.** Please keep our Ann Aulich and all the Aulich Family and friends in your hearts and in your prayers as together we mourn his loss.
- ❖ **Tomorrow, members of the Central Plains Mennonite Conference will begin a week-long Just Peace Pilgrimage, organized by Mennonite Mission Network.** Pray for open minds and hearts as participants focus on the struggle for civil rights in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi, and how Jesus is calling his followers to respond.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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!

Mar. 5 Jan Dennis	Mar. 12 Jacob McCorkel
Mar. 7 Tom Salyers	Mar. 14 Leon Mulamba
Mar. 9 Chris Miller	Mar. 15 Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson

Happy Anniversary!

Mar. 4	Steve & Lisa Ziegler
Mar. 10	Dallas & Peggy Kipfer



Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today Mar 3rd* 3rd Sunday of Lent
 9:30am Adult & Children’s Sunday School (School)
 10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ *Tues Mar 5th* 4-6pm **Drop-in** Community Prayer Group (School)
- ❖ *Thurs Mar 7th* 6:00pm WRMC Council Meeting (Chapel)
- ❖ *Sun Mar 10th* *Daylight Saving Time Begins*
- ❖ *Thurs Mar 14th* 6:00pm Threads Together (School)
- ❖ *Sun Mar 24th* *Congregation Conversation*
- ❖ *Thurs Mar 28th* 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service (Chapel)

Announcements:

Attendance Report and Gift Giving for February 25th, 2024 will be reported next Sunday.

WRMC COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES NEWS: Please welcome our newest Member-At-Large, **Twila Blume**, as she helps bridge the communications between the Congregation and Council. Welcome Aboard!

Easter Potluck Breakfast 9:30 – 10:15 am. Easter Sunday Morning. Bring a breakfast dish or item to share. Coffee, tea and juice provided.

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

WARWICK RIVER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ANNOUNCES: FUNDRAISER FOR THE BENEFIT OF SCHOOL COOK, PAT LEMING: WRCLC would like to ask if you would consider donating to a “*We Love Ms. Pat*” Fund. Pat has been cancer free for over 20 years, but recently learned her cancer has returned. Checks may be made payable to WRCLC and please note the name of the fund on the memo line.

MENNOWOOD: THURSDAY, MARCH 7th from 10 am to 2 pm

You’re invited to Virtual Dementia Tour – deepen your understanding of memory loss! Tours available – Schedule your 20-minute session today! Call 757-249-0355

SOCCER LEAGUE – SIGN UP NOW: FOR BOYS & GIRLS: K5 – 8TH GRADE.

Registration ends March 16, 2024. sponsored by Denbigh United Presbyterian Church. Where do I sign up? Go to UPWARD SPORTS:

<https://play.upward.org/partner/113671916DenbighU>

JOIN THE CONVERSATION:

CONGREGATION CONVERSATION RESCHEDULED TO 3/24/2024.

Following a shortened Sunday Worship Service on 3/24/24, 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!