

March 10, 2024
4th Sunday of Lent
Finding God's Way in the Wilderness



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: MaryDawn Carrier

Song Leader: Noah Shenk

Reader: James Salyers & Samantha Salyers

Greeter: Jacob McCorkel

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

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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: *(based on Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22)*

One: Give thanks to God, for God is good!
Many: God's love endures forever.
 One: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story.
Many: God's love endures forever.
 One: We may make careless choices and lose our way.
Many: God's love endures forever.
 One: We call out to God when we are in trouble.
Many: God's love endures forever.
 One: God rescues us from our anxieties and fears.
Many: God's love endures forever.
 One: God's word sets us free to walk in newness of life.
Many: God's love endures forever.
 One: God gathers us in, from the east and the west, from the north and the south.
All: For God's unfailing love, we give thanks to the Creator of all that is good.

***Hymn of Preparation**

***Children's Moment**

~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Hearing from God's Word --

Scripture Reading:

Mark 1:13
Deuteronomy 2:7
Exodus 15:22

Sermon: Finding God's Way in the Wilderness

~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Prayer of Confession --

One: Merciful God, we forget that you are the light of the world.

Many: Forgive us for our short memories.

One: Remind us that you are rich in mercy

Many: when we wander away from you.

One: Loving God, convict us of your immense love

Many: that shines brightly on us.

All: Merciful God, light of the world, we come seeking new life in you.

-- 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.

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

February 25, 2024	Attendance Report	Worship Service: 46
Offering Report \$ 12,350.00	Offertory for FY2024	
\$ 50.00	Received in Memory of Ruby Ziegler	
\$ 474.00	PayPal	
<u>\$ 12,874.00</u>	<u>Offertory Total 02/25/2024</u>	

March 3, 2024	Attendance Report	Worship Service: 42
Offering Report \$ 580.00	Offertory for FY2024	
\$ 400.00	Building Fund Donation Received	
<u>\$ 980.00</u>	<u>Offertory Total 03/03/2024</u>	

Budget Offertory collected YTD (01/01/2024-03/03/2024)= \$25,730.00

Deuteronomy 16:17 ~Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

02/18/2024 Building Fund Balance to date	\$ 1,546,154.05*
02/25/2024	.00
03/03/2024	400.00
03/03/2024	\$ 1,546,554.05

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

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 to provide these gifts, and sincerely pledge to see that these dollars are used wisely. [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)

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

- ❖ *Remember the days of long ago; think about the generations past. Ask your father, and he will inform you. Inquire of your elders, and they will tell you.” ~Deuteronomy 32:7 (NLT)*
- ❖ We pray for our Pastor Steve & Dorothy as they ready themselves for a significant journey overseas. May their travels be smooth and may they return safely ready to share their adventures.
- ❖ Laura Schlabach, who has served with Mennonite Mission Network in Mongolia since 1993, is currently with North American Ministry in the United States. Pray that she will be able to find rest and renewal from the demands of being the only on-site member of a three-person executive director team for JCS International in Mongolia. Pray also for the smooth functioning of the organization in her absence.
- ❖ Memorial Services will be held for Martha Young at 2:00 p.m. on Sat., 3/16/2024 at the Weymouth Funeral Home, 12746 Nettles Drive, Newport News, VA 23606.
- ❖ **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. 12	Jacob McCorkel	Mar. 19	Leigha Sawyer
Mar. 14	Leon Mulamba	Mar. 19	Ingrid Showalter
Mar. 15	Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson	Mar. 19	Cheri Nice
Mar. 16	Scott Mumaw	Mar. 21	Lillian Miller
Mar. 17	Pat Leming	Mar. 22	Steve Ziegler

Happy Anniversary!

Mar. 10 Dallas & Peggy Kipfer

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ *Today Mar 10th* Daylight Saving Time Begins
- ❖ *Today Mar 10th* 4th Sunday of Lent
9:30am Adult & Children’s Sunday School (School)
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ *Tues Mar 12th* 4-6pm **Drop-in** Community Prayer Group (School)
- ❖ *Tues Mar 12th* 6pm WRMC (rescheduled) Council Meeting (Chapel)
- ❖ *Thurs Mar 14th* 6:00pm Threads Together (School)
- ❖ *Sun Mar 17th* St. Patrick’s Day
- ❖ *Tues Mar 19th* First Day of Spring
- ❖ *Sun Mar 24th* Palm Sunday
- ❖ Potluck Fellowship Meal
- ❖ Congregation Conversation
- ❖ *Wed Mar 27th* 6:30pm WRMC Game Night
- ❖ *Thurs Mar 28th* 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service (Chapel)

Announcements:

THRIVE FOOD PANTRY most needed this month: apple sauce, ready meals, ramen, brown rice

MARCH 16, 2024 ~ SOCCER LEAGUE SIGN UP D/L - K5 – 8TH GRADE.

Sponsored by Denbigh United Presbyterian Church. Where do I sign up? Go to UPWARD SPORTS: <https://play.upward.org/partner/113671916DenbighU>



MARCH 23, 2024, SATURDAY, 7pm-9pm: The Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center (WCRC) invites EVERYONE to their 40th anniversary event, **CELEBRATE CAMP** – at LifePointe Christian Church, 8841 Richmond Rd, Toano, VA 23168. Dessert, snacks & coffee, will be served from 7:00pm to 7:30pm & the celebration program will follow. Please join us. Bring the whole family, bring some friends!

Please RSVP by 3/15/24 to Bob Briscoe, wrcr@wrcr.info or call 757-566-2256.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION:

MARCH 24, 2024: CONGREGATION CONVERSATION.

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!

MARCH 31, 2024, EASTER SUNDAY Potluck Breakfast 9:30–10:15 am.

Bring a breakfast dish or item to share. Coffee, tea, and juice provided.