

March 17, 2024  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Christ Among Us, the New Covenant



## 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](http://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

*Guest Speaker: Adam Carrier*

*Worship Leader: MaryDawn Carrier*

*Song Leader: Micah Shenk*

*Reader: MaryDawn Carrier*

*Greeter: Christine Hurr*

*Zoom Host: Leanna DeWysocki*

## 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 Jeremiah 31:31-34 and John 12:20-33)

Leader: "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. No longer will they teach their neighbors, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord!' because they will all know me, from the least to the greatest."

**All: This new covenant is being offered to us.**

Leader: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."

**All: Death must come before resurrection. A seed fallen to the soil and broken open can become life for many.**

**All: This new covenant is being offered to us: to lay down our life and follow.**

Leader: The life-giving ways of God placed within our minds and written on our hearts, where we are forgiven and our sins remembered no more, where we are God's people and God is our God.

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

**\*Children's Moment:** Like a Seed

*~ Adam Carrier, Guest Speaker*

**-- Hearing from God's Word --**

Scripture Reading:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 119:9-16

John 12:20-33

Hebrews 5:5-10

Sermon: Christ Among Us, the New Covenant

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**-- Responding to Worship --**

**\*Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

Sharing of Announcements

**-- Sending --**

**\*Song of Sending**

**Benediction**

Leader: Go from here assured of the new covenant written on your hearts.

**All: God is our God. We are God's people. Praise be to God of the covenant!**

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

March 10, 2024	Attendance Report	Worship Service:27
<b>Offering Report</b>	\$ 282.00	Offertory for FY2024
	\$ 282.00	Offertory Total 03/10/2024

Budget Offertory collected YTD (01/01/2024-03/10/2024)= \$26,012.00

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

<b>03/03/2024 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,546,554.05*</b>
<b>03/10/2024</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>03/10/2024</b>	<b>\$ 1,546,554.05</b>

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

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**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

- ❖ *My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command."*  
~John 15:12-14
- ❖ Please continue to pray for Pat Leming, Elaine and Jack Smith, Anna and Milton Janzen, and all those known and unknown to us and ask the Lord to bring healing and comfort.
- ❖ Today, youth from northern Indiana are gathering to hear about service options that Mennonite Mission Network is offering them to grow in their spiritual lives and test career directions. Pray for the youth as they plan for their next steps. Pray also for Eric Frey Martin, as he leads the event and as he makes connections in Mennonite high schools and colleges.
- ❖ Remembering Arthur Kingston, cousin of our Jan Dennis, at the hour of his passing at the end of February. Please keep Jan and all of the Kingston family and friends in your prayers as together we mourn his 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. 17 Pat Leming  
Mar. 19 Leigha Sawyer  
Mar. 19 Ingrid Showalter  
Mar. 19 Cheri Nice  
Mar. 21 Lillian Miller  
Mar. 22 Steve Ziegler

### Upcoming Events:

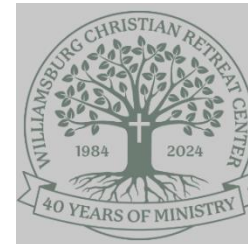
- ❖ *Today Mar 17<sup>th</sup>* 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
9:30am Adult & Children's Sunday School (School)  
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ *Sun Mar 17<sup>th</sup>* St. Patrick's Day
- ❖ *Tues Mar 19<sup>th</sup>* First Day of Spring
- ❖ *Sun Mar 24<sup>th</sup>* Palm Sunday
- ❖ Potluck Fellowship Meal
- ❖ Congregation Conversation
- ❖ *Wed Mar 27<sup>th</sup>* 6:30pm WRMC Game Night
- ❖ *Thurs Mar 28<sup>th</sup>* 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service (Chapel)
- ❖ *Sun Mar 31<sup>st</sup>* Easter Sunday

### Announcements:

*~Coffee Connect donations in March continue to support our WRMC Children's Ministry ~*

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

**MARCH 28, 2024, THREADS TOGETHER:** Due to the upcoming Maundy Thursday Christian observance, the **THREADS TOGETHER sewing group scheduled for that day has been cancelled.** We'll resume our regular gatherings afterward.



**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](mailto: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.