

March 24, 2024  
Palm Sunday



# 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

*Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson*  
*Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler Shenk*  
*Song Leader: Lisa Fannin*  
*Reader: Steve Fannin*  
*Greeter: Susan Ackerman*  
*Zoom Host: MaryDawn Carrier*

### 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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*If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Don Brunk (610-787-0823)*

# *Palm Sunday*

*-- Gathering --*

Welcome

## **\*Hymn of Praise and Gathering**

### **Call to Worship**

**All:** *Hosanna!*  
*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*

One: Christ among us, humble and riding on a donkey.

**Many:** *Hosanna!*  
*Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!*

One: Christ among us, God's light shining on us!

**Many:** *Hosanna!*  
*Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!*

One: Christ among us, showing the way of a servant.

## **\*Hymn of Preparation**

**\*Children's Moment:** **What is Going On**  
*~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson*

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

Scripture Reading: Mark 11:1-11

Sermon: "As it was already late...": The mind of Christ.  
*~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson*

### *-- Responding to Worship --*

## **Prayer of Confession**

One: When we get caught up in embracing the world's power,  
**Many: forgive us.**

One: When we lose sight of the humble donkey and  
put our trust in horses of war,  
**Many: remind us of this Palm Sunday.**

One: When we begin to get sucked into the darkness of the "now,"  
**Many: Bring us once again the peace of looking toward the "not yet."**

## **\*Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns  
Offertory Prayer & Offertory  
Sharing of Announcements

### *-- Sending --*

## **\*Song of Sending**

### **Benediction**

As we join together in this potluck meal and congregational conversation may we celebrate with joy remembering Jesus in his example of humbleness and service, riding on a donkey, not seeking position and power. May we choose the path of servanthood, sacrifice, and pain. May we follow Christ in goodness and in truth.

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

<b>March 17, 2024</b>	<b>Attendance Report</b>	<b>Worship Service:48</b>
<b>Offering Report</b>		
\$ 645.00	Offertory for FY2024	
\$ 6.00	Coffee Connect 3/3/2024 Children's Ministry	
\$ 2.00	Coffee Connect 3/17/2024 Children's Ministry	
<u>\$ 653.00</u>	<u>Offertory Total 03/17/2024</u>	
Budget Offertory collected YTD (01/01/2024-03/17/2024)= \$26,657.00		

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

<b>03/10/2024 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,546,554.05*</b>
<b>03/17/2024</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>03/17/2024</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**

- ❖ *“Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.” ~ 1 John 3:18*
- ❖ Laura Siebels is doing well and will be induced on Monday March 25. Pray for a safe and healthy entrance for Mom and baby.
- ❖ We pray for healing and comfort for Don Brunk, Twila Blume, Pat Leming, Elaine and Jack Smith, and all those known and unknown to us.
- ❖ Remembering George Brunk, our friend, and longtime member of WRMC at the hour of his passing March 17, 2024. Please pray for his wife, Pat, and all the family and friends in this most difficult time of sudden loss.
- ❖ *A message from the Aulich Family:*  
 We invite you to join us in honoring the life of my husband, Robert Blair Aulich. A Memorial Service of celebration will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the WRMC Chapel, located at 250 Lucas Creek Road, Newport News, VA 23602. This gathering will be a time to come together and your presence would mean a lot to us.  
*Thank you, ~ Ann*
- ❖ Remembering Anna Janzen, friend, and Associate Pastor, Huntington Mennonite Church, at the hour of her passing March 18, 2024. Please pray for Milton and all the Janzen family in this difficult time of 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. 29 Nicholas Mumaw	Apr. 4	Evangeline Schrock
Mar. 31 Karen Mumaw	Apr. 4	Don Brunk
Apr. 1 Brenda Lytle	Apr. 4	Casey Sawyer Nelson

**Upcoming Events:**

- ❖ *Today Mar 24<sup>th</sup>* Palm Sunday  
 9:30am Adult & Children’s Sunday School (School)  
 10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)  
 Potluck Fellowship Meal  
 Congregation Conversation
- ❖ *Tues Mar 26<sup>th</sup>* 4-6pm **Drop-in** Community Prayer Group (School)
- ❖ *Wed Mar 27<sup>th</sup>* 6:30pm WRMC Game Night
- ❖ *Thurs Mar 28<sup>th</sup>* 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service (Chapel)
- ❖ ~~*Thurs Mar 28<sup>th</sup>* 6:00pm Threads Together (School) cancelled.~~
- ❖ *Sun Mar 31<sup>st</sup>* **Happy Easter! ~ bring a flower(s) to put on the cross**  
 9:30am – 10:15am Easter Morning **Potluck Breakfast**  
 10:40am Easter Sunday Worship Service

**Announcements:**



**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 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 31, 2024, EASTER Morning Potluck Breakfast 9:30–10:15am.**

In grace and peace, we warmly invite you to join us for our special breakfast. Please bring only finger type foods to share. Coffee, tea, and juice will be provided. This will be a time of fellowship and celebration as we prepare our hearts for the Easter Worship Service which begins at 10:40am. where we will honor the resurrection of Jesus Christ with songs, prayers, and an uplifting message. We look forward to sharing Easter morning with you and your loved ones.

**MARCH 31, 2024: WRMC EASTER SUNDAY CROSS \* Bring a flower(s)!** Easter Sunday Worship Service will include our traditional cross at the Chapel and you are encouraged to bring any flower cuttings from your yard to church and place them on the cross. Happy Easter and our sincere thank you in advance.