

February 22, 2026
"Jesus shows up, late.."
~Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson



**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.

Steve Wiebe-Johnson, Pastor

MaryDawn Carrier, Congregation Chair

Chris Miller, Elder & Council Co-Chair

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Adam Carrier, Stewardship Chair

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Serving Today

Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler-Shenk

Song Leader: Lisa Fannin

Reader: Steve Fannin

Zoom Host: Leanna DeWysocki

Warwick River Mennonite Church

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*MEETING ID: 846 7407 1811

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-- Gathering --

Welcome

*Song of Welcome

***Call to Worship**

One: Welcome Lent.

All: Welcome mystery.

One: Welcome dissonance.

All: Welcome grief.

One: Welcome glory and uncertainty.

All: Welcome doubt. Welcome belief.

One: Welcome questions without answers.

All: Welcome fullness from above.

One: Welcome death and resurrection.

All: Welcome Jesus' fiercest love.

-- Confession poem --

Voices of Grief (readers' theater)

Jesus, you don't always show up

when we expect or in the way we expect.

We feel for Martha and Mary.

In our grief we too may say,

"Lord, if you had been here . . ."

In our bitter confusion we may say,

"God healed others. Couldn't God have . . ."

We hoped you would prevent this pain.

We hoped you would fix this hurt.

Instead, you weep with us.

Instead, you go to the tomb

and sit with us in the horrid emptiness of loss.

Though you will surprise us again—

and this time with life—

for now, your love is shown

in tears.

-- Hearing God's Word --

Sermon: "Jesus shows up, late.." (based on John 11: 1-44)

~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Sharing of Announcements

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

-- Sending --

***Blessing**

As you go, may you listen for God in the discordant melodies of your life, remembering that Jesus is with us in our grieving and the mystery of the Spirit is weaving all around us. May you go with Christ's peace surrounding you, inviting you to look for resurrection.

Go in Peace

Prayer and Praise Requests

Just as iron sharpens iron, so shall one man sharpen the countenance of another.

Proverbs 27:17

- ❖ We pray God to unite us in love that is wide enough to embrace the world and personal enough to notice the one.
- ❖ **Prayer Request for Our Pastor and Church Family:** Please join in praying for our pastor as he faithfully leads us forward in the ways of the Lord. Ask God to grant him wisdom, strength, and daily encouragement, and to surround him and his family with peace. Let us also pray for one another — that we would walk together in unity and grace, supporting and uplifting each other. May we know the peace of Christ in our day and reflect His love in all we do.
- ❖ Anicka Fast trains and mentors historians and archivists in Africa, Asia and Latin America, to help promote a recognition of global Anabaptist history. She and her family currently reside in the Netherlands but are planning to move back to Canada this summer. Pray for heartwarming farewells as they prepare for their move and a smooth transition into their new home, especially for the children and their schooling.
- ❖ Prayer & Bulletin updates, contact Church Elder Chris Miller, or Church Secretary Pat O'Connor (757-874-0794) (warwickrivermc@gmail.com).

