

March 22, 2026

“Being who and where God wants us to be”

~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 Friday. If you have questions, concerns, or compliments you may contact any of the following people.

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Member-At-Large	

Serving Today

Sermon: Steve Wiebe-Johnson

Worship Leader: Mackenzie Butler

Song Leader: Lisa Fannin

Reader: Rae Blanks

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 *PASSWORD: 809884

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-- *Gathering* --

Welcome

*Fifth Sunday of Lent

All: *Welcome Lent—*

One: terrible dissonance,
As we condemn the Human One.

All: *Welcome lament and confusion*

One: as the story comes undone.

All: *Welcome holy mystery*

One: that even this can find a place
In the tale of God's salvation.

All: *Welcome suffering love and grace.*

*Song of Welcome and Gathering

Call to Worship

Here we are.

It is still Lent

and we may wish to skip this part.

We don't really want to remember the violence

or hear the horrible cries, "Crucify! Crucify!"

(We get enough of that from the news.)

And we really don't want to think

that we might be among those voices,

or consider our own complicity

in such things.

But it is Lent.

So, we are here.

And we tell the story again,

Trusting that God will meet us in it.

*Song of Worship

Confession Poem

Jesus, things don't always turn out the way we expect. Or want.
And sometimes your choices (or the choices of our neighbors or family members or politicians) *really* don't agree with us.
We hate to admit it, but we feel for the angry crowd.
In our fury, we too can become consumed,
 so focused on who or what we are opposing,
 that we turn away from the things that matter most.
"We have no king but the emperor!" we find ourselves saying
And only after hearing our voice do we realize
 how distorted our allegiance has become.
God, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Monologue: A religious leader's truth

*Song of Preparation

-- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Reading: John 19:1-16a
Sermon: "Being who and where God wants us to be"
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-- Responding to Worship --

*Hymn of Response

Sermon/message response
Sharing of Blessings and Concerns
Sharing of Announcements
Offertory Prayer & Offertory

-- Sending --

*Song of Sending

Sending Blessing

As you go,
 may you listen for God in the discordant melodies of your life,
 within the holy mystery and holy ache of this story,
 trusting that the Spirit is with us in the dissonance.
May you go with Christ's peace surrounding you.

Go in Peace

Upcoming Events

- ❖ *Today, Mar 22nd* 9:30 Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
- ❖ *Tues., Mar 24th* 4-6 p.m. WRMC Community Prayer Drop-in
(outdoors in front of Warwick River Christian school)
- ❖ *Thurs., Mar 26th* 6-8:30 p.m. Threads Together sewing group
- ❖ *Sun., Mar 29th* Palm Sunday
- ❖ *Thurs., Apr 2nd* 6:30-7 p.m. Maundy Thursday
- ❖ *Sun., Apr 5th* Easter Sunday
- ❖ *Tues., Apr 7th* 7-8 p.m. Worship Commission



Please know we are committed to faithful stewardship of every gift God entrusts to us. We honor the many sacrifices made in giving and seek to use each contribution wisely and with care. You are invited to prayerfully consider tithing and giving as you are willing and able and we thank you for your continued interest in & support of the ministry of Warwick River Mennonite Church.

Donate ([paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com))

Happy Birthday!

Mar 22 Steve Ziegler

Mar 29 Nicholas Mumaw

Mar 31 Karen Mumaw

Apr 1 Brenda Lytle

Apr 4 Evangeline Schrock, Don Brunk, Casey Sawyer Nelson

Prayer and Praise Requests

*Spirit of peace,
quiet our hearts,
heal our anxious thoughts,
free us from fretful ways,
Breathe on us your holy calm
so that in the stillness of your presence
we may open ourselves to trust
and be transformed. AMEN*
#729 Hymnal a Worship Book

- ❖ 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 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.
- ❖ **Pray for Nelson Baer** as he receives care at Riverside Rehab for the next week or two.
- ❖ **Pray for Twila Blume and the family** as they mourn the passing of their mother, Lois Ziegler Fisher, and prepare for the celebration of her life.
- ❖ **Prayer and praise for Thrive** as the organization announces that they are debt free. May we continue to support Thrive through our work and giving.
- ❖ Prayer and bulletin updates, contact Church Elder Chris Miller, or Church Secretary Twila Blume (757-874-0794) (warwickrivermc@gmail.com).