

March 23, 2025
3rd Sunday of Lent

“Four Stories, One Parable:
The Lost will be Found”



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

Sue Yoder, Outreach Chair

Twila Blume, Member-At-Large

Adam Carrier, Stewardship Chair

757-849-2021

757-218-8137

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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: 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

Phone: 929-205-6099

*MEETING ID: 846 7407 1811

*PASSWORD: 809884

Questions: Don Brunk 610-787-0823

-- Gathering --

Welcome

*Hymn of Praise and Gathering

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come now, let us reason together,
says the Lord

though our sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow:

People: though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression
is forgiven,
whose sin is covered

People: Happy are those to whom the Lord
imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit
there is no deceit.

Words for Worship- 30 Arlene Mark
Based on Isa. 1:18; Ps. 32:1-2

***Hymn of Preparation**

-- Hearing God's Word --

Scripture Reading: Luke 15

Message: "Four Stories, One Parable: The Lost will be Found"

~ Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

-- Responding to Worship --

***Hymn of Response**

*Sermon/Meditation Response

Sharing of Blessings and Concerns

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

Sharing of Announcements

-- Sending --

***Song of Sending**

***Benediction**

A Future Where Forgiveness Is Waiting
We give thanks to you, God our Father,
for mercy that reaches out,

for patience that waits our returning,
and for you love that is ever ready
to welcome sinners.

We Praise you that in Christ Jesus

**you meet us with grace, embrace us in acceptance,
and affirm us as citizens of a forgiven universe.**

We give thanks to you that by your Holy Spirit
you move us to change direction, receive your love
and become what we most truly are.

**In darkness and in Light, in trouble and in joy,
help us then, O God, to accept your forgiveness,
to believe your love, and to trust your purpose.**

Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Words for Worship -168 Terry Falla

Sending

Go in Peace

Prayer and Praise Requests

- ❖ "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding" ~ Proverbs 3:5
- ❖ A message from Sara at Warwick River Christian (school):
Dear Friends, I would like to ask for your prayers for Tita, who works in the kitchen at Warwick River Christian School as she recently underwent surgery. May God grant her comfort, healing, and peace during this time of recovery. Thank you for lifting Tita up in prayer. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated. ~ *In faith and with gratitude, Sara*
- ❖ Lane Miller, one of Mennonite Mission Network's regional directors for Africa and Europe, is in Europe this month to improve his French language skills. Pray for him as he also visits partner institution LCC International University and Robin Gingerich, who has served with Mission Network at LCC in Lithuania since 2001.
- ❖ Pray for those among us who are grieving loved ones today, whether their loss was long ago or recent, we remember their names, their laughter, & their sweet smiles. May the Lord comfort us in our time.
- ❖ Contact the church elder or the church office to update a prayer concern or praise for the bulletin or to activate the email prayer chain during the week.

Happy Birthday!

Mar 29	Nicholas Mumaw	Apr 4	Don Brunk
Mar 31	Karen Mumaw	Apr 4	Casey Sawyer Nelson
Apr 1	Brenda Lytle	Apr 6	Joelle Durren
Apr 4	Evangeline Schrock	Apr 9	Dakota Wade

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Budget 1/1/2025 through 12/31/2025: \$93,600.00
March 16, 2025 REPORT Worship Service: 33



\$ 1,710.00 Offertory 3/16/2025
 \$ 50.00 Brotherhood
 \$ 1,760.00 Total 3/16/2025
 Year-to-date Offerings: \$11,240.00
 Budgeted Year-to-date: \$19,800.00

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church

Building News Corner	
2/2/2025 Building Fund Balance to date	\$1,552,099.05
2/2 – 3/16/2025 donations received	+ 300.00
3/16/2025	*\$1,552,399.05

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

WRMC is 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.

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Upcoming 2025 Events:

- ❖ Today, Mar. 23rd 3rd Sunday of Lent
9:30am Adult Sunday School (School Building)
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ Tues., Mar. 25th 4:00-6:00pm WRMC Community Prayer Drop-in (outdoors in front of Warwick River School)
- ❖ Thurs., Mar. 27th 6:00-9:00pm Threads Together sewing group (school)
- ❖ Thurs., Apr. 3rd 12-1pm Mennowood Free Community Educational Event *Living Well with Arthritis* (Reservation deadline 4/1/25)
- ❖ Sun., Apr. 6th 6:30-8:00 pm WRMC Game Night
- ❖ Sun., Apr. 13th Palm Sunday
- ❖ Thurs., Apr. 17th 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service And communion (Chapel)
- ❖ Sun., Apr. 20th Easter Sunday

2025 Announcements:

A message from WRMC Council of Ministries:

Please don't forget to sign up: WRMC Congregation Caregiving
 We are seeking a willing pool of individuals to sometimes call upon for transportation and/or visitation.

If you are able to assist please let us know:
 by phone (757-874-0794), or,
 by email (warwickrivermc@gmail.com).

Providence Mennonite Church ANNOUNCEMENT:

Welcome to the Food Pantry at Providence Mennonite Church! (PMC)

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 from 10am to 12 noon

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 from 10am to 12 noon

Twice a month, Providence MC is happy to offer a Food Pantry to anyone in need. If you or someone you know could benefit from food support, please don't hesitate to stop by. Yes donations are happily accepted.

Providence Mennonite Church, 13101 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, VA 23602
 Questions? 757-990-3131

THRIVE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THIS MONTH:

Pasta Sauce, Ready made meals, Baking items and mixes, Canned Fruit, Canned Meat.
 Warwick River Mennonite Church maintains a collection box at the Chapel and in front of the church office (in the school). Always know that your help is appreciated, and we all thank you very much.

A memorial service for Sarah Marie Weaver will be held

Saturday, April 26, 2:00 p.m. at Huntington Mennonite Church, Newport News, VA. Burial will be private.

*~Thank you, Lavonne Lehman, on behalf of my siblings,
 Malinda Stoltzfus, Dave Weaver, and Alta Blosser*