

April 6, 2025  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

“Recognizing Jesus, Seeing, Being Restored”



## 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](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.

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

574-849-2021

757-218-8137

757-879-6659

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### Serving Today

Sermon: Pastor Steve Wiebe-Johnson

Worship Leader: Twila Blume

Song Leader: Micah Shenk

Reader: John Ovington

Zoom Host: Don Brunk

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

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\*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 18:31-19:10

Message: "Recognizing Jesus, Seeing, Being Restored"

~ 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 your 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

- ❖ "For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. And they that heard it said, who then can be saved? and he said, the things which are impossible with men are possible with God." ~Luke 18:25-27
- ❖ Michael Oyer, in his new capacity as Mennonite Mission Network's program director for Service Adventure, has just completed a three-day visit to the unit in Colorado Spring, Colorado. Pray for wisdom for Michael and the unit leaders, Christian and Leigha Stoltzfus. Pray for a year of growing in faith for participants — Elisabeth Daudey, Alea Sagert, Sadie Sherman and Hannah Smith — and for their host congregation, Beth-El Mennonite Church.
- ❖ 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 Anniversary!**

Apr 12 Jim & Nikki Boldy

Apr 16 David & Dawn Wing

**Happy Birthday!**

Apr 6 Joelle Durren

Apr 9 Dakota Wade

Apr 10 Ernie Miller

Apr 11 Johnnie Stafford, Sr.

Apr 13 Lisa Ziegler

Apr 16 Connie Saunders;

Brad Guisewite;

Lena Aulich

Apr 17 Mackenzie Butler Shenk;

Kathy Saunders Barrows;

Sandy Crick

Apr 20 Carmen Stover

Apr 21 Andrew Crumly

Apr 22 Patricia Brunk

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**Budget 1/1/2025 through 12/31/2025: \$93,600.00**  
**March 30, 2025 REPORT Worship Service: 28**



\$ 120.00 Offertory 3/30/2025  
 \$ 7,967.00 Building Fund  
 \$ 8,087.00 Total 3/30/2025  
 Year-to-date Offerings: \$16,640.00  
 Budgeted Year-to-date: \$23,400.00

**Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church**

<b>Building News Corner</b>	
<b>3/23/2025 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$1,552,399.05</b>
<b>3/30/2025 donations received</b>	<b>+ 7,967.00</b>
<b>3/30/2025</b>	<b>*\$1,560,366.05</b>

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



## Upcoming 2025 Events:

- ❖ *Today, Apr 6<sup>th</sup>* *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent*  
9:30am Adult Sunday School (School Building)  
10:40am Sunday Worship Service (Chapel)
- ❖ *Tonight, Apr 6<sup>th</sup>* 6:30-8:00 pm WRMC Game Night
- ❖ *Tues., Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>* 4:00-6:00pm WRMC Community Prayer Drop-in (outdoors in front of Warwick River School)
- ❖ *Thurs., Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>* 6:00-9:00pm Threads Together sewing group (school)
- ❖ *Sun., Apr. 13<sup>th</sup>* Palm Sunday
- ❖ *Thurs., Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>* 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service  
And communion (Chapel)
- ❖ *Sun., Apr. 20<sup>th</sup>* 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Easter Sunday Breakfast  
Happy Easter!

## Announcements:

### 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.

### 4/20/2025 Easter Light Sunday Breakfast Announcement

Join us on April 20, 2025, for our Easter Light Sunday Breakfast from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. as WRMC returns to our traditional celebration! We invite you to participate by contributing to the breakfast spread. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Chapel for the following items:

- Juices
- Muffins / Coffee cakes / Pastries
- Mini quiches
- Fruit
- Hard-boiled eggs
- Tea/Coffee (provided by the church)

Let's come together for a wonderful morning of fellowship and celebration! We look forward to seeing you there!

4/26/2025, 2:00 p.m. \* Memorial Service \* Sarah Marie Weaver \* HMC \*