

# Waterford Mennonite Church

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As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

August 19, 2018

**Welcome** everyone to faith and fellowship in Jesus Christ,

**Minister** to the needs of one another and our neighbors through the Holy Spirit, and

**Call out** each other's gifts for the joyful work of God's reconciling mission.

## Celebrating Baptism and The Lord's Supper

Prelude Colin Judson

Gathering songs Josh Tyson

*Here in this place* H 6

*Wonderful grace of Jesus* H 150

*Lord, I am fondly, earnestly* H 514

Welcome and Call to worship Neil Amstutz

Lighting the peace lamp\*

Offering (Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)

*Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.*

Congregational prayers Mariah Martin

Welcoming candidates into baptism Katie Misz

Affirmations and testimonies Conrad & Deb Brenneman/Cedric Brenneman;  
Jane Ross Richer/Naomi Ross Richer; JD Smucker/Andrew Smucker

Congregational Song *I am thine, O Lord* H 505

Scripture Philippians 3:4-11 Nathan Oostland

Affirmations and testimonies Rachel Stoltzfus/Sam Stoltzfus;  
Karen Pfahler/Miranda Pfahler; Jerrell Ross Richer/Teresa Ross Richer

Baptismal vows

- Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; in Jesus Christ, God's son, our Lord; and in the Holy Spirit, the giver of life? I do.

- Do you renounce the evil powers of this world and turn to Jesus Christ, putting your trust in his grace and love and promising to follow him as your Lord and Savior? I do.
- Do you accept the Word of God as guide and authority for your life? I do.
- Are you willing to give and receive counsel in the congregation, living in fellowship with other believers? I am.
- Are you ready to participate in the mission of the church, working toward Christ-like peace in all of life? I am.

### Congregational Response

Leader: We have heard your testimonies of faith and of your readiness for baptism. God has called you within this community of faith called Waterford Mennonite Church.

**All:** *Over the years we have joyfully watched your questions unfold into a clear and certain understanding of God at work in your lives. We bear witness to your role in the congregation as fellow travelers on the adventurous road of faith. We have guided you along the way, and today you join us fully as we walk together toward our true home. We pray for you and bless you.*

Processional song                      *As I went down to the river*                      SJ 79

Congregational songs at the water                      Josh Tyson  
*Lord, I want to be a Christian*                      Insert/H 444  
*Rain Down*                      Insert/SJ 49

### Baptism

Celebration of the Lord's Supper                      Velma Swartz  
*Eat this bread*                      Insert/H 471

### Benediction

H = Hymnal: A Worship Book; SJ = Sing the Journey; SS = Sing the Story

\*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world.

**Living Stream Worship: The services are live streamed at [www.waterfordchurch.org](http://www.waterfordchurch.org)**

*As we prepare ourselves in our relationships with others, with ourselves, and with God, today we share the bread and the cup. As did the early church (Acts 2:43-47), we will also collect offerings for the Sharing Fund. Ushers will have baskets available as we leave the sanctuary. This fund benefits people in need within the congregation.*

## Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

*Robin Gingerich* of Mennonite Mission Network has served with LCC International University in Lithuania through teaching and administration ministries for 16 years. Pray for her as she continues in this role and as she gives hope to refugees through educational opportunities.

Thank God for 30 years of pastoral ministry that *Dave & Janice Sutter* have provided at Kern Road Mennonite Church in South Bend.

For *God's blessing and guidance for the Interfaith Hospitality Network guests* whom Waterford volunteers met and accompanied this past week.

Praise God for *support from Mennonite churches in Colombia and the USA* as Venezuela continues to experience political and economic crisis. May God strengthen and encourage church members as they respond to hunger by making and distributing arepas in hospitals, seniors' homes and squatter communities, and become hubs of response to human needs both physical and spiritual. Praise God for the opportunity to carry out the "cooperative games" peacebuilding program in schools and a university.

*Jackson King and his family* on his unfolding journey with Hodgkin's lymphoma.

## Welcome Guests

Large print copies of the bulletin and the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. Sermon boards for children are available at the back door; please pick one up as you enter. You are invited to bring infants through age two children to the nursery. Pick up the newsletter, *Buzz*, from the welcome kiosk in the foyer.

## Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts	Doug & Janette Yoder; Kent & Kathy Myers
Ushers	Bruce Snyder, Ken Otto, Don Miller, Wade Ramer
Nursery	Mary Ann Wieand, Julie Zehr (Worship) Amanda Stoltzfus, Waneda Miller (Nurture)
Audiovisual	Shawn and Jeremy Stutzman

**Last Sunday Attendance:** Worship – 288; Nurture Hour – 239

### **Finances – August 12, 2018**

Operating Fund	\$ 2,296.25	Mennonite Education	\$ 8,304.25
Either Fund	\$ 2,290.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 21,890.50
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 15,955.00</i>
Least Coin Fund	\$ 37.00	Capital Project	\$ 1200.00
Jubilee Fund	\$ 60.00	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 14,187.50</b>

### **Today**

8:45 a.m. Coffee and fellowship  
9:00 a.m. Nurture hour – classes for all ages  
10:15 a.m. Worship

### **This Week at Waterford**

Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Facilities & Finance Ministry Team/Room 15  
7:00 p.m. Ministry Leadership Council, Pastors, Family Life MT/Room 22  
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. JYF and Venture Club  
7:00 p.m. MYF  
Thursday All day Sanctuary open for prayer  
7:00 a.m. Morning prayers/Room 15  
6:30 p.m. Evening Group Prayers/Sanctuary

### **Looking Ahead**

August 26 Sermon: Dr. Malinda Berry; Conflict, Culture and Race  
Return to two services beginning at 8:00 a.m.  
September 2 Sermon: Neil Amstutz; Turning toward the face of God

### **Out of Office**

Karen Hostetler August 19 - 23

### **Pastoral Team**

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