

Waterford Mennonite Church | August 5, 2018

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## 2nd Annual Church Campout!

On the weekend of September 14-16, all are invited to participate in our 2nd annual church campout retreat held on our beautiful church property! You are welcome to bring your camper or pitch a tent on our lawn for a weekend of fun, games, s'mores, and laughter. If you don't camp, come join in the fun during the evenings and on Saturday! On Saturday, Adult Nurture Ministry Team will host a 5:30 p.m. hog roast potluck picnic and evening of fun and fellowship. For the children, there will be a 65 foot inflated obstacle course. As Pastor Cindy will have just returned from her sabbatical, there will be a time for sharing some of our insights, learnings and reflections from our parallel sabbatical journey. In this way, we can describe together what we learned about our relationships with God, self, others, and all of creation.

More information and a chance to sign up for camping and/or joining the pork roast picnic will be forthcoming in the next several weeks. Look for announcements in Life Beyond Waterford.

## Landscaping Needs

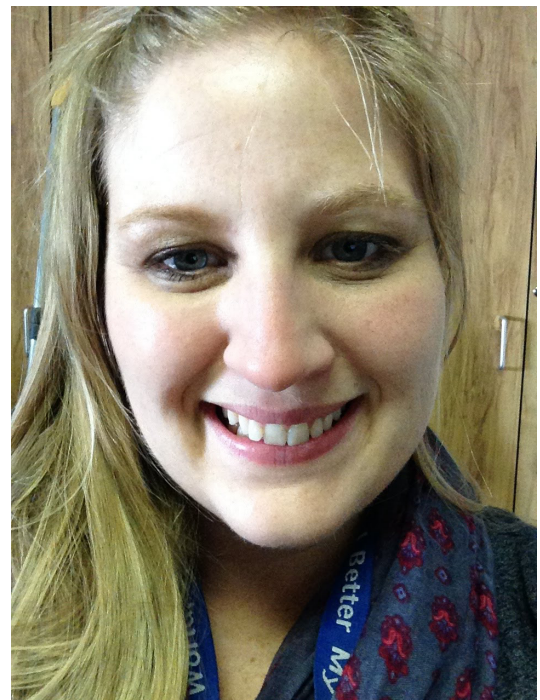
We are looking for a group of people that would be interested in taking care of the flowerbeds along the front entrance and offices. This would include pulling weeds, cutting dead flowers and planting new flowers as needed. Maybe a Sunday school class or a small group could take this on.

We also would like to have a group that could take care of mulching around all the flower beds. This would only be a once-a-year task.

If you are interested in taking care of any of these needs please contact Jan Oostland via email at [facilities@waterfordchurch.org](mailto:facilities@waterfordchurch.org) or give him a call!

## Introducing Cindy Gross

My name is Cindy Gross. I was born in Bloomington, Illinois. I grew up surrounded by corn in a tiny town called Goodfield. I enjoyed spending time with my two older sisters and two little brothers. I attended Roanoke Mennonite Church where Elmer Wise was one of my pastors. I graduated from Eureka High School in 1999. I have known Anne Lehman since we were little girls as we went to church and school together. I made my way out to Indiana to attend Goshen College. I was a lucky girl because I had a great roommate...Mandy Schmidt. I graduated from Goshen College in 2003 with a degree in Elementary Education. I am currently teaching in Middlebury at Orchard View Elementary. I teach First Grade and will be starting my 15th year in education. I live in Goshen and was active at Yellow Creek Mennonite Church for about 10 years. I enjoy the outdoors, reading and being with my friends and family. Thank you for making me feel so welcome. I look forward to meeting you!





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*Coordinator of Administrative Ministries*
- Mel Claassen  
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- Jan Oostland  
*Facilities Manager*
- Courtney Shetler  
*Custodian*
- Irma Perez  
*Custodian*

**Pastoral Ministry**

- Neil Amstutz  
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- Katie Misz  
*Pastor of Family Life*
- Velma Swartz  
*Pastor of Senior Ministries*
- Cindy Voth  
(on Sabbatical)  
*Pastor of Community Life*
- Mariah Martin  
*Interim Pastoral Team Member*

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**A Thank You and Request**

I am so aware of how valuable all of our volunteers are in this congregation. If you are one of them—and most of you are in some way—know that your work and attention to detail is very important to all of us.

We have two individuals to thank as they conclude specific positions. Audrey Oostland has been so helpful when we needed a visitation meal planned and served for our Berean class members’ families. Normally a SS class will take care of the visitation meal for their own members, but the Bereans, our oldest SS class, are not able to do this for each other so Audrey has filled in. Audrey has concluded this ministry and we are looking for someone to take this position. This need is infrequent, but very helpful when it does arise. If you are interested in helping out this way please let Velma Swartz know and she will fill in the details.

Esther Helmuth has also been very helpful in arranging for food to be brought in for our funeral meals. If you have attended a funeral here recently, Esther (along with the food committee) has been working

After three months, giving toward the Waterford budget totals \$192,247. That compares to \$198,903 at the same time a year ago.

\$206,006 is needed to meet the YTD budgeted expenses.

hard to make this a tasteful experience for all. Esther takes care of calling you when we need specific dishes brought in, like a salad or dessert. Esther is ready to give this responsibility to someone else. If you have any desire to be helpful in this way, we would so appreciate hearing from you. Again, this is a “behind the scenes” kind of job, so it just may be the right job for one of you. Check in with Velma Swartz if you have any interest in contributing in this way.

–Velma Swartz

**Supporting Eric and Julie Yoder**

Last Sunday we commissioned Eric and Julie Yoder for their two-year term as unit leaders with Service Adventure in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. As of the end of July, Waterford members have given \$1,372 toward our total annual contribution of \$3,000 to Mennonite Mission Network. The balance of that money comes from budgeted Short-Term Service funds. Thank you to all who are supporting the Yoder family through prayers, personal contacts and finances.

–Neil Amstutz, for Mission and Service Ministry Team

**Waterford Mennonite Church Cumulative Total Giving**

