

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

September 2, 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.

Conflict & Reconciliation Learnings from Jacob and Esau

Prelude		John Zehr
Gathering songs		JD Smucker
	<i>Love divine, all loves excelling</i>	H 592
	<i>Christ is alive</i>	SS 89
	<i>Sing with all</i>	SS 92
Welcome and Call to worship		Eldon Stoltzfus
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Congregational Song	<i>Alleluia Gracious Jesus</i>	SS 110
Offering	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise) <i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Children's time		Helen Bowman
Scripture	Genesis 32:1-12	
Congregational Song	<i>Come, O thou Traveler unknown</i>	H 503
Scripture	Genesis 33:1-16	Rachel Stoltzfus
Sermon	"Journey Toward the Face of God"	Neil Amstutz
Song of Response	<i>Here I am</i>	SJ 100
Blessing and dedication of church lay leaders		

Congregational prayers

Velma Swartz

Benediction

Sending song

Jesus, help us live in peace

SJ 52

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

Special Event this Week

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Conversations that Matter. Come for conversations on thoughts and values around Mennonite Education.

Today

8:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship
9:30 a.m. Nurture hour – classes for all ages
10:45 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Fellowship meal hosted by Seekers class
12:00 p.m. Shepherd and Coordinators meeting/MYF Room

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 Maurice & Carol Lehman; Janet Shoemaker; Gilberto Pérez & Denise Diener
Ushers Bruce Snyder, Dennis Myers, Ken Otto (1st)
Ed Swartzendruber, Don Miller, Wade Ramer (2nd)
Nursery Barb Landes, Julie Zehr (1st); Amanda Stoltzfus, Waneda Miller (Nurture);
Beth Smucker, Sam Stoltzfus (2nd)
Audiovisual Shawn Stutzman, Jeremy Stutzman, Félix Pérez Diener

Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

This week we remember in prayer college student *Elizabeth Breckbill* who is a student at Goshen College.

Pastor Cindy as she prepares to return to her ministry among us on September 10.

Those who are unable to attend Sunday services from Greencroft Healthcare: *Violet Culp, Emery Holsopple, Evonna King, Galen and Esther Yoder, Martha Heath, Esther Deal.*

Pray for *courage and creativity in the Association des Eglises Evangéliques Mennonites de France* (French Mennonite church) as the country considers a return to mandatory national service. May the peace churches stand on their commitments not to bear arms, and instead offer alternatives to military service that build solidarity in French society.

The Kekchi Mennonite Church in Guatemala invited *Deb Byler* of Mennonite Mission Network to empower women leaders. Pray for her as she helps organize an October meeting for women in areas that are far from Carcha, the church's administrative center.

All participants—*teachers, students, helpers, music leaders*—as we begin a new year in our Nurture hour.

Our PreK-high school students as they study the *Circle of Grace* curriculum throughout September. May God surround them with love as they grow.

Thank you to Harold Helmuth for creating the cross that is part of the visual at the front of the sanctuary for this series.

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship—286 (126+128+32—MYF Retreat); Nurture Hr—253

Finances – August 26, 2018

Operating Fund	\$ 9,555.00	Mennonite Education	\$ 1,575.00
Either Fund	\$ 3,200.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 14,330.00
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 15,992.00</i>
Sharing Fund	\$ 200.00	Jubilee Fund	\$ 200.00
Center for Healing & Hope	\$ 50.00	Total:	\$ 14,780.00
My Coins Count Jar	28 lbs.		

This Week at Waterford

Monday	Office Closed
Wednesday	12:00 p.m. OWLS/Juniper Place 6:30 p.m. Conversations that Matter/Sanctuary 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 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers/Rooms 22, 15 7:00 p.m. Ecuador Ministry Support Team

Looking Ahead

September 9	Sermon: Mariah Martin; Jesus and Reconciliation (<i>Mark 12:28-34</i>)
September 16	Sermon: Katie Misz; In the Beginning was Conflict: Creation (<i>Genesis 1 & 2</i>)

Out of Office

Mariah Martin	September 2
Katie Misz	September 2–10
Neil Amstutz	September 8–16

Pastoral Team

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