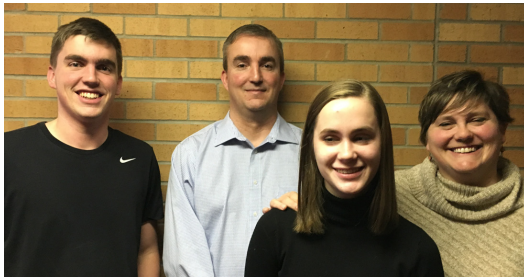


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Meet the Chupp Family

Michael and Deanna Beth Chupp have lived in Elkhart County all their lives, except for



their time at Manchester College, where they met. After 25 years of marriage, they have fallen into a nice routine of Deanna Beth making sure that Michael has fun, and Michael making sure that they don't go bankrupt.

Michael manages the Mica Shop in Goshen. He enjoys his family, history and Seinfeld. He also claims to like sports, though his family notices that it only seems to make him yell.

Deanna Beth accompanies music ensembles at Goshen Middle School. She enjoys both solitude and parties. She is a walker and a coffee drinker and believes that money is never wasted on travel. She is the fastest shoe-tie you will ever meet.

Their oldest child, and only son, Brooks, is a 2015 graduate of Goshen High School and is finishing his final year at Yale University, where he studies economics and music. What's next? Maybe you could ask him and let them know.

Sophia graduated GHS in 2018 and now commutes to Indiana University South Bend, studying business. Her interests are Netflix and warm sweatshirts. She would love to start an allergy-sensitive bakery one day.

Ava, a sophomore at GHS, dabbles in many instruments, plays bass in the orchestra, sings, and loves the theater. She likes discovering new bands, curating Spotify playlists, and accumulating vintage fashion.

All of the Chupps enjoy spoiling their Border Collie/Australian Shepherd mix, Willie.

This year, the Chupp family includes Franziska Seiler, an exchange student from Tübingen, Germany. In the U.S., she enjoys midwestern friendliness, basketball, and Thanksgiving. She misses German chocolate and her weekly horseback riding.

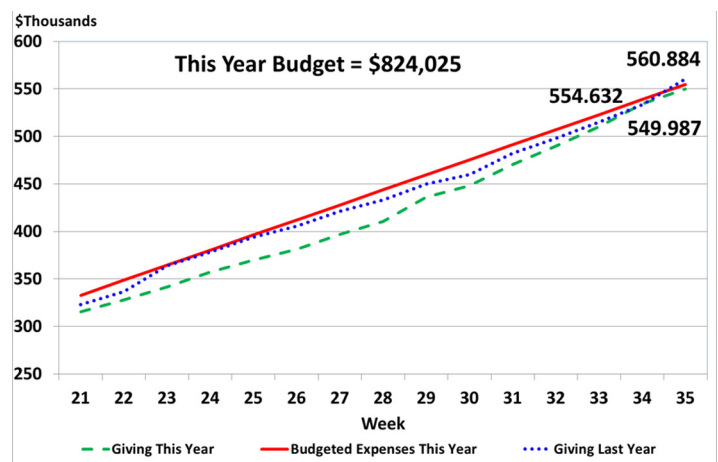
Photo: Brooks, Michael, Ava, and Deanna Beth Chupp

Safe Spaces Training Jan. 27

Do you help in the nursery? Are you hoping to volunteer at VBS? Do you dream of being a youth mentor? Are you already helping with children or youth in any way at Waterford?

If you answered "YES!" to any of those questions, it is time for you to be trained in Safe Spaces. The next training session is January 27. This training is for all new volunteers and not-yet-trained volunteers who serve with 0-18 year olds at Waterford. Come to the fellowship hall (room adjacent to the kitchen) either during the nurture hour or second service.

—Katie Misz and Helen Bowman



Thanks for your generosity over the past weeks. As a result, at the end of December, year to date giving toward the Waterford budget stands at \$549,987. While still below giving through December a year ago of \$560,884, we are closer to the YTD expense budget of \$554,632. Your continued generosity will help fund the full expense budget for Waterford for the church fiscal year which ends April 30, 2019.



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Welcoming Spaces 3.0 Updates

Thank you to all who responded to the December ballot regarding whether or not to include support for Mennonite Men and the Shipibo ministry in our Welcoming Spaces 3.0 project. With a 94 percent approval rate, we have decided to include these ministries.

In addition, thank you to the 32 households that have contributed to the project through January 6, as well as the 13 additional households that have named their intention to give in the coming months. On Dec. 23 we had donuts in church to celebrate passing our first marker point of 25 households giving or planning to give; now we are just five households short of reaching our next goal of 50 households!

We would love to have all households in the congregation make an above-budget contribution as you reflect on your thankfulness to God and for this congregation and how you might be called to grow in your faith and in generosity. Children and youth, remember that you can count as your own household as you reflect on these questions.

To date, the 32 households have given more than \$70,000 and some of these households intend to give again in 2019, either as a single gift in the second calendar year or by giving monthly over a period of time. With those future gifts and the 13 additional households referenced above, we have “intentions to give” of more than \$60,000.

I will periodically provide updates in the *Buzz* on the project in addition to what you see in the bulletin. The sharp-eyed among us may occasionally see in the bulletin that an amount has been given, but the number of households counted has not changed. That’s because sometimes the amounts have been given by a household that has earlier named their intention to give.

Starting next week, the *Buzz* will regularly highlight responses that people have given to our three reflection questions:

1. I/We have recently experienced God at work in my/our life and/or at Waterford in the following ways:
2. Aspects of Waterford for which I/we am/are particularly thankful include:
3. As we seek to “welcome everyone to faith and fellowship in Jesus Christ,” I have the following hopes for Waterford.

–Lyle Miller, Welcoming Spaces
coordinator

Godly Play Story Hour for Three- and Four Year Olds

Waterford is providing a Wednesday morning Godly Play story hour (9:45-10:45) for six weeks, January 30 through March 6, for children ages 3 and 4. The sessions will include godly play and a time for growth and encouragement in a respite hour for the children’s parents and childcare providers.

What is Godly Play? “Children have an innate sense of the presence of God. The godly play approach helps them to explore their faith through story, to gain religious language and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Come join us!” Register at waterfordchurch.org to participate.

Parent Empowerment

JE Misz, a clinical social worker with an interest in adolescent development, will provide a workshop on coaching kids through anxiety on Saturday, Jan. 26, 9:00-10:30 a.m. at Waterford. JE is trained with a Masters of Divinity and Masters of Social work and his Christian faith informs his counseling practice. JE specializes in working with youth and young adults. He began his career as a youth pastor in Fort Wayne and volunteers as a youth sponsor at Waterford. He is known for his creativity and lightheartedness, bringing a fresh approach to coaching your kid through anxious times. A light breakfast will be provided. Please RSVP at the participation station.