



Waterford Mennonite Church | February 10, 2019

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## **Pastoral Search Committee**

Ministry Leadership Council has appointed the Pastoral Search Committee for the Pastor for Senior Ministries position, and the first meeting has taken place. Members are: Neil Amstutz, pastoral team representative; Rachel Brennenman, congregational representative/senior adult; Suella Gerber, IN-MI Mennonite Conference Search Guide; Ron Guengerich, congregational coach through IMMC; Lorene Miller (chair), Lay Ministry Partner for Senior adult ministry team; Elmer Wyse, congregational representative/senior adult. The timeline for the search process, with updates, is posted on the Welcome Center in front of the church office. We are open to your inquiries and suggestions. We appreciate your prayers for guidance throughout this process.

*—Lorene Miller, for the pastoral search committee*

## **Join The Lent/Easter Choir**

All interested singers are invited to be a part of our Lent/Easter choir. This choir, under the direction of Josh Tyson, comes with the support of the Worship Ministry Team. The choir will sing during our services on March 31 and April 21. There will be approximately five 60-minute rehearsals on Wednesdays in March and April. More information about rehearsals will be coming soon. Interested participants should contact Josh Tyson (email [joshua.m.tyson@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.m.tyson@gmail.com) or call (574) 312-9152) by March 11.

## **Everence Sharing Funds**

The Everence Sharing Funds provided \$3,000 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Jeff and Mariko Claassen serve as the Everence advocates for our congregation. Please contact them for more information.

## **EMU Choir Program at Waterford**

This winter, Waterford will once again be privileged to host one of our Mennonite college choirs. On Monday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m. the Eastern Mennonite University Choir will be performing in our sanctuary. The University Choir is a large choral ensemble representing a wide variety of academic majors. The choir will sing primarily sacred repertoire from all periods of music history. They will be joined by Emulate Chamber Ensemble, an intimate vocal ensemble specializing in jazz, modern, and contemporary concert literature, both secular and sacred.

As part of our hosting responsibilities, you are invited to open your home to students and the director for an overnight stay and breakfast the next morning. They will be performing at Bethany the following day, so there is no need to provide them with a sack lunch. We will have a signup sheet available at the participation station with the list of students, where they are from and special dietary needs. Let's give them a warm welcome to the Goshen community.

## **Welcoming Spaces 3.0: Experiencing God At Work**

As newcomers to Waterford, we have appreciated the welcoming spirit of our Gelassenheit Sunday school class, Junior MYF and MYF.

*—Chad and Michelle Horning*



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Construction began in the northeast corner of the sanctuary on January 29 for a ramp to the platform. By Sunday, February 3, demolition was complete and one could see the outline of the ramp with its intermediate platforms. The lower-level platform will allow musicians to be elevated one step, making them more visible for the congregation and on video recordings. Of course, by the time you read this, things will likely have changed dramatically again!