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## Coming to a Sunday School Class Near You: More Tools for Conversations That Matter

During the month of March, we at Waterford are going to enhance our conversation and relationship skills with a short training lesson utilizing the P.I.N. technique. P.I.N. stands for “Positions, Interests, Needs” and is a framework for understanding the different depths at which communication can take place.

The Conversations That Matter steering group and Adult Nurture Ministry team have worked together this winter to provide this exciting opportunity to further our collective ability to communicate with each other, specifically when we disagree with one another. Through Conversations That Matter, Waterford has been doing good work practicing active listening, respecting differences, and valuing our individual stories and experiences. We see this P.I.N. training as a chance to learn a language and framework to use in our everyday conversations, inside and outside the church. These P.I.N. trainings will serve as our primary Conversations That Matter congregational activities this winter and spring, instead of the checkered tablecloth conversations we’ve had on Wednesday or Sunday evenings. And rather than being at one central place and time, this experience is coming to your SS classes on a Sunday morning over the course of three weeks.

We have arranged for a facilitator from Center for Community Justice to be available here on March 10, 17, and 24 during the nurture hour. We are asking each adult class to choose from one of these three Sundays to have your entire class participate in this training during the nurture hour. So on the Sunday of your choice, your entire class time will be led by a facilitator from CCJ (and your class will be combined with any other adult class that selects the same Sunday). As we begin a new quarter in March we ask that you plan

now on which one of the Sundays your class desires to participate in this training. And to sweeten the deal, Gifts Discernment Ministry Team, in appreciation for how church members offer their gifts, has graciously offered to provide some simple refreshments at these three training sessions.

**Please let Janet Shoemaker ([office@waterfordchurch.org](mailto:office@waterfordchurch.org)) know by February 24 which Sunday your class chooses so we can plan accordingly for space needs.** We appreciate your flexibility because on those three Sundays, some Sunday School classes may be assigned to meet in different locations, even if the class is not doing the training. If you do not regularly attend a Sunday School class but are interested in this training, you may also contact Janet to sign up for one of the sessions. We trust that this will give you new insight and conversation skills for navigating disagreements.

*–Pastor Neil for the Conversations That Matter steering group and Adult Nurture Ministry Team*

## Calling for Interested Musical Senior Adults

All interested Senior Adult singers are invited to sing as an ensemble in the worship service on March 3. We are invited by Velma, and led by Bob Brenneman to sing two numbers. We will rehearse on Thursday, February 21, from 7 to 8 p.m. and one other time to be determined. Those interested should contact Bob soon at [bobrachelb@frontier.com](mailto:bobrachelb@frontier.com) or call 356-6364.

## Thanks

Thanks for the beautiful violets and the many ways we felt supported at the passing of my Dad.

*–John & Myrna Kaufman*



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## Thanks

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your donations given to MCC during 2018. They are greatly appreciated around the world by those suffering from natural disasters, poverty, conflicts and war.

Items: 1/1 – 12/31/2018 11 Blankets, 2 Infant Care Kits, 190 School Kits and additional supplies, 5 Sewing Kits and volunteers who processed School Kits.

During the past year, MCC shipped 63,841 comforters and blankets; 69,375 hygiene kits; 78,035 school kits; 24,530 relief kits; 10,396 infant care kits; and 560 sewing kits, in addition to canned meat, soap, sheets and fabric. As we begin 2019, comforters, relief kits, hygiene kits and sewing kits are the most needed items.

People of all ages from many places made gifts like these possible. Thank you so much for generously giving your time, relief supplies and financial donations to the work of the church through MCC.

*–Nadine Zook Miller,  
Material Resource Coordinator*

## Welcoming Spaces 3.0: Experiencing God At Work

I have recently experienced God at work in my life at snow camp and through building relationships within MYF, as well as in the unity and identity in the group. I am thankful for Sunday school teachers, youth sponsors, and the congregation for providing financial support for Mennonite educational institutions. I hope that we can stay modern/current without sacrificing our identity and traditions.

*–Wes Beck*

## 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.