

# Waterford Mennonite Church

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As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

February 24, 2019

**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.

Prelude

MYF Worship Band

Gathering songs

*Be thou my vision*

*This is amazing grace*

Welcome and Call to worship

Ursula Hess

Lighting the peace lamp\*

Offering

*Holy Spirit*

(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)

*Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.*

Scripture

Luke 3:21-23; 4:1-13

Sermon

“Signposts to Ministry, Symbols of the Master”

Neil Amstutz

Song of response

*Pan de Vida*

SJ 85

Communion

Congregational prayers

Cindy Voth

Benediction

Sending song

*Seeds*

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](http://www.waterfordchurch.org)**

*Today, we share in communion. Let's prepare ourselves in our relationships with others, with ourselves, and with God in anticipation of sharing the bread and the cup. As did the early church (Acts 2:43-47), we will collect offerings for the Sharing Fund. This fund benefits people in need within the congregation.*

### **Special Event this Week**

Eat. Pray. HOPE. Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Come hear how poetry can express our pain and shape our hope in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors, and create some of your own poetry. Bring your favorite haystack supper topping.

### **Today**

8:00/10:45 a.m. Worship  
9:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship  
9:30 a.m. Nurture hour – Classes for all ages  
9:30 a.m. Baptism Class Interest Meeting/FH room outside kitchen door  
2:00 p.m. Worship Band rehearsal

### **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 Bob & Rachel Brenneman; Connie & Mark Haarer, Carla Miller  
Ushers Glenn Reinford, Jerry Golden, Dennis Myers (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Glenn Reinford, Byron Yoder, Wade Ramer (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Nursery Cindy Yoder, Gordon Bontrager (1st); Kathy Myers, Barb Westerbeek (Nurture);  
Pushpa King, Franziska Seiler (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Audiovisual Shawn Stutzman, Jeremy Stutzman

## **Prayers for Brothers and Sisters**

*Agape class* on retreat at Amigo Centre this weekend.

For those participating in the *MC USA Constituency Leaders Council* meeting taking place Feb. 28 - March 2 in Hesston, Kansas.

*Claramae Klink* who celebrates her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Thursday, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on her. Join in her celebration by signing a card for her at the table in the foyer.

Pray for the three *Congolese Mennonite World Conference member denominations* as they seek to be faithful worshippers of Jesus in their hearts and their actions following elections and living in the midst of an Ebola outbreak and food shortages.

This week we remember in prayer *Lauren Hoogenboom* who is a student at Ball State University.

Pray for participants in and leaders of AMBS's annual *Pastors and Leaders event* this week on the theme, "Loving Our Neighbors in Tense Times." May God use this experience in their lives in ways beyond which they might dare ask or imagine.

**Last Sunday Attendance:** Worship – 271 (99+172); Nurture Hour – 244

### Finances – February 18, 2019

Operating Fund	\$ 12,570.90	Mennonite Education	\$ 2,288.60
Either Fund	\$ 5,317.50	Budget subtotal	\$ 20,177.00
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 16,304.00</i>
Least Coin Fund	\$ 35.00	Jubilee Fund	\$ 100.00
Welcome Spaces	\$ 1,200.00	Service Adventure	\$ 56.00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$ 21,568.00</b>

Households who have given or named their intention to support Welcoming Spaces 3.0: 52

### This Week at Waterford

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Praying the Office/Room 15
Wednesday	9:45 a.m.	Story Hour/Room 36
	7:00 p.m.	MYF
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Morning prayers/Room 15
	6:00 p.m.	Eat. Pray. HOPE/Fellowship Hall

### Looking Ahead

March 3	Sermon: Eldon Stoltzfus; Senior Adult Sunday <i>(Luke 6:6-11)</i>
March 10	Homily: Cindy Voth; Artistic Confessional: Ruthie Saunders; Lent 1 <i>(Deut. 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13)</i>

### Out of Office

Elvina Schmidt	February 24-26
Velma Swartz	Today
Cindy Voth	February 25

### Pastoral Team

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