



Waterford Mennonite Church | February 24, 2019

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## **An unfrozen Eat. Pray. HOPE.**

Now that the Polar Vortex has gone back up north, Waterford's HOPE team again invites all to gather together who look for signs of hope during times in our country that feel dark and oppressive toward our immigrant and refugee neighbors. We will meet 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, in the fellowship hall, rescheduled from January 30. Focus of our gathered time will be on poetry (including parts of the Bible) and how it can express our pain and shape our hope. As part of this, resident poet JE Misz will share some relevant poetry, joined by works from other contemporary poets. You will have a chance to add your own poetic lines. We will enjoy "haystacks" together. Please bring food elements like tortilla chips, cheese, salsa, beans or sour cream. Taco meat, rice and veggies will be provided.

## **Welcoming Spaces 3.0: Experiencing God at work**

At Waterford, we are particularly thankful for our Seekers Sunday school class. We also like that a portion of our gift to the Welcoming Spaces 3.0 project will be tithed to assist other ministries to build welcoming spaces.

*—Vyron and Elvina Schmidt*

## **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.

## **Mennonite Education Applications Due**

MEF applications are due on February 28. Applications can be turned in to the church office mailbox or emailed to [karen@waterfordchurch.com](mailto:karen@waterfordchurch.com). Please contact the MEF committee with any questions.

Sincerely,

The MEF committee:  
Scott Richer, Gordon Bontrager,  
Glenn Reinford, Katie Misz

## JYF Winter Camp



Tyson Chupp, Garrett Stoltzfus, Mariah Stoltzfus, and Isaac Myers (not pictured) shoot their way to camp champions at the JYF winter camp basketball tournament.



The JYF boys pile up on the couch for youth group chat.



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