

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

March 17, 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.

Lent 2019



**BLESSED HUNGER,
HOLY FEAST**

God gathers us together in safe shelter

Prelude		Worship Band
Gathering song	<i>My soul cries out</i>	SS 124
Chimes Call to Worship		
Moment of Silence		
Welcome and Call to worship		Sheldon Swartz
Congregational songs	<i>Slowly turning, ever turning</i>	SJ 23
	<i>Be Thou my vision</i>	
Offering	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise) <i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Congregational prayers		Cindy Voth
Children's story		Krista Daniels
Scripture	<i>The Lord is my light</i> (Psalm 27) Luke 13:31-35	SJ 97
Homily	"The Invisible Tent"	Neil Amstutz
Confession and Reconciliation		
Artistic Confessional		Karsten Hess
Song of response	<i>Dust and Ashes</i>	Hymnal Insert
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you</i>	

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

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

Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

Jerrell and Jane Ross Richer as they plan and prepare for the upcoming learning tour with participants from Central Plains Conference.

Pray for *more participants for Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture programs* in Benin, Indonesia, Japan and Peru who want to build the global church through relationships with God's people around the world.

This week we remember in prayer *Noah Richer* who is a student at Grace College.

Pray that *church leaders* across the world *who desire Anabaptist biblical and theological training* would connect with AMBS's online distance education offerings.

Our 11th and 12th grade students as they prepare for the B.A.R. (Building Authentic Relationships) Retreat this coming weekend at Amigo Centre.

Rod Hollinger-Janzen, on a four week trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo to meet with Mennonite leaders from the three main Mennonite denominations in the DRC and visit various ministries. May God's love, patience and wisdom live in and flow through him during this time.

Welcome Guests!

We welcome you to our service this morning. 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	Tim & Sharon Burkholder; Jennifer and Logan Beck
Ushers	Bruce Snyder, Ken Otto, Dennis Myers (1 st) Glenn Reinford, Joanna Yoder, Don Miller (2 nd)
Nursery	Shirley Yoder, Anita Myers (1st); Rose Shetler, Mandy Schmidt (Nurture); Cynthia Bontrager, Ariana Stoltzfus (2 nd)
Audiovisual	Bob Hochstedler, Colin Berkey

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship – 257 (100+157); Nurture Hour – 236

Finances – March 10, 2019

Operating Fund	\$ 4,145.00	Mennonite Education	\$ 10,614.25
Either Fund	\$ 2,862.50	Budget subtotal	\$ 17,621.75
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 16,814.00</i>
Children's Offering	\$ 4.00	Betania School	\$ 50.00
Welcome Spaces	\$ 7,000.00	Sharing Fund	\$ 100.00
The Window	\$ 85.00	Total:	\$ 26,763.48

This Week at Waterford

Monday	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Minister Supper/Fellowship Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Youth Cluster dinner
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Ministry Leadership Council/Room 22
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	MYF
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Morning prayers/Room 15
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Ministry Team/Room 6
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Departure to Amigo for B.A.R. retreat

Looking Ahead

March 24	Bethany Concert Choir; Artistic Confessional: Jama Brookmyer-Graber; Lent 3 <i>(Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8)</i>
March 31	Homily: Neil Amstutz; Artistic Confessional: WMC Choir; Lent 4 <i>(Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32)</i>

Out of Office

Elvina Schmidt March 18-April 2

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