

# Waterford Mennonite Church

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*As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we*

March 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.

Lent 2019



**BLESSED HUNGER,  
HOLY FEAST**

# God pours out life-giving drink

Prelude		Ruthie Saunders
Gathering song		JD Smucker H 8
	<i>Brethren, we have met to worship</i>	
Chimes Call to Worship		
Moment of Silence		
Welcome and Call to worship		Cindy Voth
Offering		Bethany Quartet
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise) <i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Children's story		Ron Weirich
Confession and Reconciliation		
	Jama Brookmyer-Graber's Artistic Confessional	read by Janette Amstutz
Song of response	<i>Dust and Ashes</i>	Hymnal Insert
Congregational prayers		Neil Amstutz
Congregational song	<i>My shepherd will supply my need</i>	H 589
Scripture	Revelation 21:1-7	
Message	"In Heaven Above and Earth Below"	Bethany Concert Choir
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Blessing</i>	Choir

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

- 8:00/10:45 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. Nurture hour – Classes for all ages
- 12:00 p.m. Disabilities Lunch

## 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.

## Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

*Jan Swartzentruber* recuperating from a hip replacement Wednesday.

*Anne Garber Kompaoré* of Mennonite Mission Network helped plant the seeds of the 40-year-old Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso and continues to live in the country, working as a global Bible-translation consultant. Pray for her and her husband, Daniel, as they also provide leadership for congregations and schools.

*James Christophel*, who had his gall bladder removed on Tues. and is now recuperating at home.

For the Holy Spirit to guide and encourage *College Mennonite Church* as they seek to be a more welcoming and hospitable community of faith to college students, the college community, the wider Goshen community and God's good creation.

*Joan Walsh*, who fell on Monday, spent several days in the hospital and is now in therapy at Greencroft Healthcare.

*Carlos & Celina Romero*, as they listen to God's leading for next steps beyond Carlos's resignation as Executive Director of Mennonite Education Agency, effective in July.

*Whole communities devastated by recent floods* in Nebraska, Iowa and Wisconsin, for provision of material and spiritual resources for their needs.

*Bridgebuilders Class* on retreat this weekend at Amigo Centre.

For *Muslim and other religious minority communities* in New Zealand and around the world, living in fear and grief after more deadly white supremacist violence against them.

## Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts	Sandy Kauffman, Darlene Miller; Lori Judson
Ushers	Ken Otto, Jerry Golden, Dennis Myers (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Glenn Reinford, Byron Yoder, Wade Ramer (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Nursery	Liz Gingrich, Kay Miller (1st); Leonard Shetler, Mandy Schmidt (Nurture); Audrey and Jenna Oostland (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Audiovisual	Colin Berkey, Bob Hochstedler, Félix Pérez Diener

**Last Sunday Attendance:** Worship – 276 (122+154); Nurture Hour – 277

### Finances – March 17, 2019

Operating Fund	\$ 8,545.50	Mennonite Education	\$ 1,455.00
Either Fund	\$ 4,377.50	Budget subtotal	\$ 14,378.00
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 17,220.00</i>
Children's Offering	\$ 1.55	Academia Menonita Betania	\$ 3,354.00
Welcome Spaces	\$ 6,822.47	Jubilee Fund	\$ 50.00
B.A.R. Retreat	\$ 75.00	Service Adventure	\$ 48.00
Least Coin Fund	\$ 19.00	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 24,748.02</b>

### This Week at Waterford

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Praying the Office/Room 15
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Gifts Discernment Ministry Team/Room 15
	6:30 p.m.	Venture Club & JYF
	7:00 p.m.	MYF
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Morning prayers/Room 15

### Looking Ahead

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> )
April 7	Homily: Katie Misz; Artistic Confessional: Laurina and Christa; Lent 5 ( <i>Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8</i> )

### Out of Office

Katie Misz	March 24-26
Elvina Schmidt	March 24-April 2

### Pastoral Team

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