

# Waterford Mennonite Church

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*As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we*

March 31, 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 reaches out with open arms*

|                               |   |                                       |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Prelude                       |   | Esther Rose Graber (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) |
| Gathering song                |   | JD Smucker                            |
|                               | <i>Come, let us all unite to sing</i>   | H 12                                  |
| Chimes Call to Worship        |   |                                       |
| Moment of Silence             |   |                                       |
| Welcome and Call to worship   |   | Loanne Harms                          |
| Congregational songs          | <i>Praise, I will praise you, Lord</i>  | H 76                                  |
|                               | <i>God sent his son</i>   | H 345                                 |
| Offering                      | (Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise)<br><i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i> |                                       |
| Congregational prayers        |   | Katie Misz                            |
| Congregational song           | <i>Far, far away from my loving father</i>  | H 139                                 |
| Children's story              |   | Fancheon Resler                       |
| Scripture                     | Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32   |                                       |
| Homily                        | "Being Found, Coming Home"  | Neil Amstutz                          |
| Confession and Reconciliation |   |                                       |
|                               | Artistic Confessional   | WMC Choir                             |
|                               | Lamb of God   |                                       |
|                               | I love thee, Lord   |                                       |
|                               | Amazing Savior  |                                       |
| Benediction                   |   |                                       |
| Sending song                  | <i>Thuma mina</i>   | H 434                                 |

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)**

## Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

*Una Ross*, who celebrates her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on Wednesday, 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 *New York Mennonite Conference* as they meet for their Spring Delegate Assembly on April 7 in Rochester, New York.

*Joan Walsh*, celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday today, 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.

Today, *Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure units* from Albuquerque, New Mexico; Anchorage, Alaska; Colorado Springs, Colorado; Jackson, Mississippi; and Johnstown, Pennsylvania; are beginning a week of team-building and service with Mennonite Disaster Service in Bloomington, Texas. Pray for God's love to flow through them.

This week we remember in prayer *Alex Yoder* who is a student at Indiana Wesleyan University.

Pray for the *MCUSA Executive Board* as they meet March 31-April 2 in Kansas City, Missouri.

The *participants* in the annual Conference on Religion and Science at Goshen College this weekend, as they discuss faith, science and Climate Change.

## 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

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| Greeter/Hosts | Sandy Kauffman, Darlene Miller; Janet Shoemaker  |
| Ushers        | Bruce Snyder, Jerry Golden, Ken Otto (1 <sup>st</sup> )<br>Glenn Reinford, Don Miller, Wade Ramer (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) |
| Nursery       | Alan & Lyz Zimmerman (1st); Rose Shetler, Mandy Schmidt (Nurture);<br>Nick & Amanda Stoltzfus (2 <sup>nd</sup> )     |
| Audiovisual   | Colin Berkey, Leah Berkey  |

**Last Sunday Attendance:** Worship – 297 (118+155+12 (Bridgebuilder retreat)+12 (B.A.R. retreat); Nurture Hour – 233

### Finances – March 24, 2019

|  |             |                           |                     |
|--|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Operating Fund                             | \$ 8,681.75 | Mennonite Education       | \$ 1,855.00         |
| Either Fund                                | \$ 3,487.50 | Budget subtotal           | \$ 14,024.25        |
| <i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i> |             |                           | <i>\$ 17,859.00</i> |
| Children's Offering                        | \$ 15.16    | Academia Menonita Betania | \$ 350.00           |
| Welcome Spaces                             | \$ 500.00   | Service Adventure         | \$ 50.00            |
| <b>Total:</b>                              |             |                           | <b>\$ 14,939.41</b> |

### 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

### This Week at Waterford

Wednesday 12:00 p.m. OWLS/Juniper Place  
Thursday 7:00 a.m. Morning prayers/Room 15  
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers/Room 15, 22  
6:30 p.m. Senior Adult Ministry Team/Room 6

### Looking Ahead

April 7 Homily: Katie Misz; Artistic Confessional: Laurina and Christa; Lent 5  
*(Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; John 12:1-8)*  
April 14 Homily: Cindy Voth; Artistic Confessional: JE Misz; Palm Sunday  
*(Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:1-2; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:28-40)*

### Out of Office

Cindy Voth April 1 - 7  
Elvina Schmidt March 31 - April 2

### Pastoral Team

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