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Special Lenten Services at Waterford

As we continue with our Lenten theme “Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast,” we draw your attention to the following two special services coming up in the season of Lent:

- Service of Lament, on Sunday April 7, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

One of the “hungers” some people feel is for time and space to grieve losses, lament suffering and injustice, and simply have permission to not “put on a happy mask.” In November and December we did not have some of the traditional rituals and services that we often do (All Saints Day; Longest Night) for addressing these needs, so it feels like time to once again offer a service of lament. Now feels like an especially appropriate time in the season of Lent, when we come face to face with human limitations and our own sinfulness. We invite you to come if you need a worship space with far fewer words, more silence, and emotional honesty. Come to be present with Jesus, his cross and the weights that you carry.

- Maundy Wednesday service and meal, on Wednesday April 17, 6:00 p.m., starting in the sanctuary.

As in the past two years, we have observed and adapted the traditional service of footwashing to be more family-friendly, happening on a Wednesday evening when MYF activities were already planned. If that is when your small group meets, we encourage you to make this a shared group experience. It is basically a simple service in the sanctuary that commemorates Jesus’ extraordinary modeling of humble servitude at the Last Supper with His disciples. Although not in the “love feast” style seated at tables, we will share in the bread

and cup together, before we go to a handwashing station in the sanctuary or footwashing stations in other rooms. As at other communion services, you may give an offering for the congregation’s Sharing Fund, to assist Waterford people in need. Immediately following the service, you can stay for a meal in the fellowship hall, prepared by Karen Hostetler (suggested donation of \$5 per person, \$10 per family).. The planned choir rehearsal that evening is pushed back to 7:30, so singers can take it all in. Please sign up at the Participation Station for the meal, no later than Sunday April 14.

Year-end Financial Projections

The fiscal year for Waterford ends on April 30. This year \$824,025 would fully fund the budget. With five Sundays remaining, March 31 and four Sundays in April, year to date giving totals \$732,841, leaving nearly \$18,237 needed in each of these five weeks to fully fund the Waterford budget. Over the past six weeks, Waterford has received an average of \$14,095 per week. If we assume giving over the next five weeks averages the same as this past six-week average, total giving for the year will be about \$803,317, or \$20,708 short of fully funding the budget. The good news is that portions of current budget spending will also be below budget. Just how much below will not be known until all invoices are in and paid at the end of April. Please remember Waterford in your giving and the FFMT in your prayers as it works to finish the fiscal year and plan for next year.

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Pathfinders Class Profile

We are the Pathfinders class. We are believers who try to discover and follow the path that God lays out for us. We think we are fun and energetic. We like to laugh together, but sometimes we cry together too. We have a wide range of ages, with most of us in our middle years. We come from many different walks of life and have learned to respect a wide range of opinions.

We typically spend half of our year learning from the Adult Bible Study (quarterly) and the other half studying from books that have inspired one of our class members. We always take time to talk about our joys and needs and pray together. Many of us are involved in other areas of church life, such as teaching children's and youth Sunday School, so attendance varies from week to week. We occasionally host social events in our homes or other venues.

We always welcome newcomers and invite you to check us out!



Waterford Mennonite Church Cumulative Total Giving

