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An Exciting Announcement for Children's Ministries



Allow me to officially introduce to you somebody very special to family life ministries at Waterford: Mikki Bowman. If you walk through the nurture hall on Sunday morning, you likely know Mikki well. You know her by: her singing

voice as she leads the opening music, her energy as she checks in with each Sunday School teacher, her joy as she greets each child, and her organization as she makes sure everyone has the materials, supplies, snacks, memory verses, and technology they need for the morning. She is known and loved by the families at Waterford. All of these reasons (and more) make me excited to announce that Mikki is stepping into a new staff role at WMC: Director of Children's Ministries.

Mikki Bowman began working with the children's ministry team while she attended Goshen College. She sought to serve the church with her gifts in elementary education. She continued to serve with children's ministries for eleven years, eventually chairing the committee as well as working in an interim role between Pastor Lyle and Pastor Katie. Over the past year, Family Life Ministry Team has been in conversations with MLC to imagine a role for Mikki that would offer her a stipend, affirming her gifts and ministry among us. We believe God has called and gifted Mikki for children's ministry and are excited to see Waterford continue to support her in developing this call.

—*Pastor Katie Misz*

Follow-up on Jubilee Fund:

At May 8 congregational meeting, we described our current situation with the Jubilee Fund, which is meant to give limited financial assistance to local people in the community (in the form of Kroger gift cards). We also solicited comments and suggestions about it for the purpose of having more sustainable funding. The feedback received did not provide a clear and feasible direction for the future, but for the foreseeable future we plan to take the following steps:

- We will use for the Jubilee Fund 10% of all contributions to the Sharing Fund (which supports Waterford attenders in need), not just those received at communion service offerings
- Out of the Sharing Fund offerings received at communion services (usually four times per year), one of those annually will be designated entirely for Jubilee Fund instead of Sharing Fund. This will next happen at World Communion Sunday in early October.
- We will work at informing the congregation more frequently when Jubilee Fund is getting low.

—*Neil Amstutz, for pastoral team*

Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale

Save the dates of September 27 and 28, 2019 for the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale. In what ways do you plan to contribute? If you are planning to make a quilt, comforter, handcrafted wooden item, art piece, etc. it's time to get started!

Ideas for other ways you can contribute will be coming in the next months! If you have questions or items you would like to donate, contact Carolyn Kauffman at 574-304-7172 or cdkauff@gmail.com.

Ordination service of Katie Misz, Sunday, June 2



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Top: Friends and family gather around Katie as Dan Miller, conference pastor, anoints her with oil.



Bottom: Koinonia class members sing I will come to you in the silence as WMC children sign the words on the chorus.

Thank You

Thank you to the congregation for the overwhelming demonstration of your love and care with all the cards, visits, prayers and plants I received after my surgery.

Ken Otto

I received so many beautiful birthday cards and many had notes in them. I enjoy each one of them. Thank you!

Mary Gingerich

I want to thank the church for all the prayers, cards, and food that was brought in for the Owen Miller family. And thank you for the lovely flowers. Your sympathy and thoughtfulness will always be gratefully remembered and deeply appreciated.

The family of Owen Miller