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Upcoming Sermon Series: Practicing Faith

Health care helps us remain physically actively involved in our communities and in our relationships with others. To remain healthy, we are encouraged to watch what we eat, get plenty of rest, and exercise regularly. When we forget, or stray too far from what's needed, we need reminders to get back on track. Spiritual care helps draw us into a living, active relationship with God for our spiritual health. We need to watch what we take in, get regular doses of worship and praise, and exercise spiritual disciplines regularly. And when we get off track, we need reminders.

Our next series, Practicing Faith, will act as a series of exercises encouraging each of us to try some exercises; a series full of gentle reminders. Each week will focus on a particular spiritual practice, or spiritual discipline that can help create room to experience Christ and the table of abundance he offers. Although not mandatory, each week the sermon will encourage us to engage in a spiritual practice; to actively exercise during the following week. (You may have already heard in your nurture classes about finding a partner for the spiritual companions practice ahead of time, so you'll be prepared to explore that discipline.) Each practice is designed to create a room where Christ can invite us to feast with him.

There will be bookmarks to help keep track of individual progress, and as a way of marking our communal progress, individuals can add a color-coded strip of cloth to a hanging visual at the back of the sanctuary before each service to mark their participation. All are encouraged to workout during this series of exercising for our spiritual health with exercises for the soul.

Practicing Faith

This series will be seven Sundays — October 13 through November 24:

10/13 Fasting/Making Room

10/20 Spiritual Companions/Walking Together

10/27 Prayer/Tuning In

11/3 Celebration/Enjoying Life
(All Saints Day Ritual)

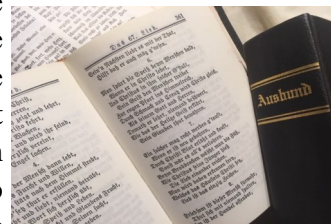
11/17 Hospitality

11/24 Gratitude

— Loanne Harms, Worship Lay Ministry Partner

Voices Together 2020: A blast from the past

A glimpse of hymnals going back in time include Hymnal: A Worship Book, Mennonite Hymnal, Church Hymnal, Life Songs 1 and 2, Gesangbuch, and Ausbund, to name a few. The Ausbund is the oldest hymnal still in use today. It is used by the Amish. Today, if we were to open an Ausbund, it would be written in German and have no musical notation. The



singers are expected to “sing” based on the memory of the tune. The song leader would sing a bit to get the group going, and then people join in. The singing is slower than what we are used to, and emphasizes text over musicality. Tunes vary somewhat based on geographical location. If you were from a northern Indiana Amish community and are visiting relatives in Lancaster PA, there is a good chance that the tune to your favorite Ausbund song could be a bit different.



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Thank you!

Dear Waterford Members:

It is always so exciting to watch the My Coins Count Jar filling up each Sunday! The jar was filled with \$1,178 worth of coins and bills. Special thanks to the donor who matched this amount. Also, thanks to the two \$500 matches. Thanks to those of you who stopped by the tent with your donations. As a result of your generosity, \$4,231.44 was given to MCC!

It is also exciting to pick up or receive pictures of items that are being donated to the Quilt Auction, Silent Auction, Children's Auction and all the other areas where items are sold!

Watching our Waterford Worker Bees during the actual weekend culminates the joy of knowing that our congregation truly believes in the work of MCC and wants to share their talents to raise funds to help persons throughout the world.

Next year, MCC will be 100 years old! Be prepared to share in special ways!

May God bless you all for your generosity.

— Carolyn Kauffman
Waterford Relief Sale Rep.



Thank you from the Horner Family

To our church family, thanks so much for the many prayers, cards and expressions of condolence during Thelma's illness and death. The Open Door Sunday school class did phenomenal with the snacks and the meal Sunday afternoon and evening of Thelma's visitation at the funeral home. My family thought the meal at the memorial service was great and they say "Thank you." It feels good and comforting to have the congregation respond to our need at a difficult time. May God bless each of you.

— Glen A. Horner

Thank you to the Waterford church family for the prayers, cards, visits and the beautiful mums! God is sustaining us through this mysterious time with my health.

— Nancy Graber

Transportation Needed

WMC delegates to Benin Bible Institute, Rachel and Eldon Stoltzfus, will be returning from their visit to BBI on Saturday October 26. They will arrive at O'Hare airport on Air France flight 136, coming into terminal 5 at 5:10 p.m., Central time.

We need a volunteer willing to pick them up there and provide transportation back to Goshen. Costs will be covered by the WMC budget for BBI activities. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Rod Hollinger-Janzen at rod@aimmintl.org or 574-612-6091.

Photo at left: Bervallie Lehman, Lacy Stoltzfus and Layna Stoltzfus sold popcorn and soda in the quilt auction barn at the Relief Sale.