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## Preview of Waterford Mission Sunday:

As some of you may have noticed, we did not have a Fall Mission Sunday in October or November this year, due to scheduling difficulties. However, Mission and Service Ministry Team is happy to announce our **Mission Sunday coming up on January 19**, when our guest preacher will be Karla Minter, Church Relations Representative at Mennonite Mission Network. Karla will help provide us a broad view of God's mission in the world, and how local congregations like Waterford fit within that mission. In addition to previously serving many years in different capacities here at Waterford, she brings a holistic passion for interests as varied as child nutrition, biblical storytelling, spiritual discernment and missional discipleship.

Two other aspects of the Mission Sunday activities that day are worth noting:

- During the nurture hour, we will be hosting representatives of many local and international mission and service agencies in a **Mission Fair**, as we have done about every three years. The agency displays will be set up in the main foyer and the north hall toward the nurture wing. We encourage young and old to pause at these displays and talk with the representatives about how they contribute to God's mission in the world and how you contribute to that mission. In fact, we invite adult classes to consider not meeting at all for Sunday School on that day, in order to allow a more leisurely mingling around at the Mission Fair during nurture hour.
- We usually receive a **special above-budget mission offering** on these Mission Sundays, as we will again on Jan. 19. That offering will be split in half for two purposes:

- o Half will support the Goshen Ministerial Association's Emergency Fund, which assists people in the Goshen community needing help with things like rent, utilities and medical expenses.

- o Half will go for a special fund being launched that day in support of the Benin Bible Institute. The New Generation Scholarship Fund will provide for training new BBI professors for the future. Details about this fund appeared in last week's *Buzz*.



## And there was great rejoicing!

Two months ago when we started our journey of raising money to purchase new hymnals, I wondered if we would be able to raise \$6006.00 by December 1. By December 5 we had raised over \$8008. Amazing what God can do with our loaves and fishes. So the next question is, if we have more money, what should we do with it? What a great position to be in! With the money raised, we are purchasing an additional 50 hymnals for use here at church in SS classes, and other locations. We are also purchasing 50 books for Amigo Centre. And when life settles and all the money has been donated, we will purchase more accompaniment books for our family of pianists and instrumentalists, large print editions, as well the app that is available, and additional worship leader books for our library.

With Voices Together we give thanks to everyone at WMC for sharing in this project as we retain the past, with vision for the future. Your giving will now bless future generations beyond what we could imagine two months ago.

—JD Smucker



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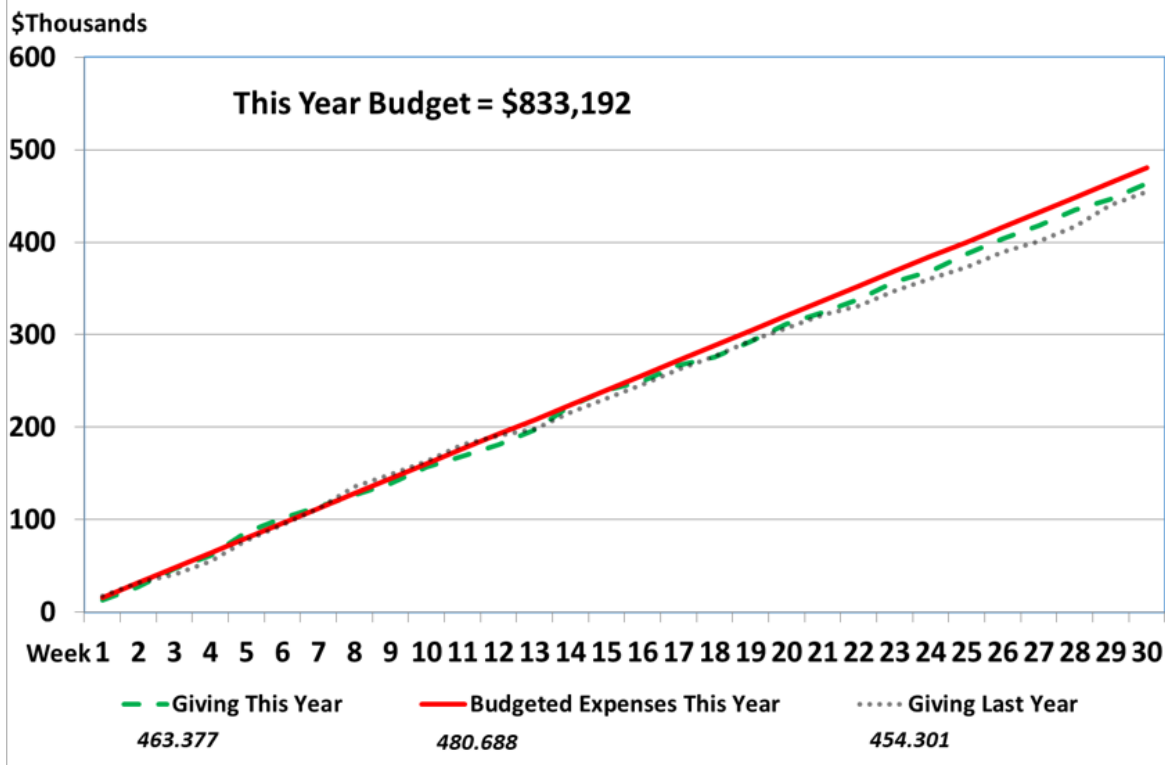
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## Waterford Mennonite Church Cumulative Total Giving



Thank you for your generous giving so far this year. Seven months into this fiscal year, giving toward the Waterford budget totaled \$463,377 at the end of November. That compares to \$454,301 at the same time a year ago. The YTD expense budget at the end of November is \$480,688.



## Letters From Volunteer and Mission Workers

We have received three new letters from WMC members serving in other locations:

- Sophie Miller, serving a year in Guatemala through Mennonite Mission Network
- Jerrell and Jane Ross Richer, about to return to Ecuador for the next six months
- Eric and Julie Yoder, serving as Unit Leaders with Service Adventure in Johnstown, Pa.

Stop by the mission bulletin board by the library and read how God is working in their lives and ministry.