

Waterford Mennonite Church | August 23, 2020

# buzz

## WMC Fall Church Directory

It is time once again to update the information in our church directory. And, once again, that sneaky virus has disrupted our usual way of getting the profile forms to you.

This year, if you have an email address, you will receive your form electronically from [office@waterfordchurch.org](mailto:office@waterfordchurch.org) with the subject line Member/Attender Profile Form. The form will appear in the body of the email—no attachment. When you hit reply to the email, you can then edit the information in the form and send it back. Not only does this reduce paper, but also gas needed to come to the church to pick up a paper copy! It will only take a few minutes. If there are no changes to your information, please just reply with “OK.” And remember, please make note of any contact information or dates you wish not to be listed in the public directory.

For those without email, we will be sending a hard copy with your weekly mailing from the church. You may make any necessary changes and mail it back.

Please return your forms to the office by September 11.

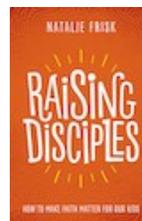
## Thank You

My deep and heartfelt thanks to so many caring Waterford people who sent flowers, cards, emails, and texts of support after the death of my mother. I value the time that was freed for me to be with Mom and with my sisters and niece/nephews. These congregational expressions are helping to smooth my transition back to pastoral ministry and connectedness among you all. God bless all of you.

— Pastor Neil

## New Books in the Waterford Mennonite Church Library

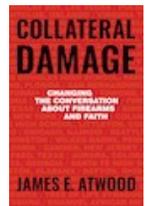
***Raising Disciples: How to Make Faith Matter for Our Kids***, by Natalie Frisk. In this book, Natalie



offers thoughtful, practical, and personal ways to not only help kids become disciples of Jesus but to also examine our own lives as the adults responsible for helping those kids experience Jesus in a true and lasting way.

***Collateral Damage: Changing the Conversation about Firearms and Faith***, by James Atwood.

Pastor and activist Atwood issues an urgent call to action to Christians to work together to stop gun violence. Atwood also considers the deeper story of racism, inequality, and mass incarceration in which the conversation about gun violence is lodged.

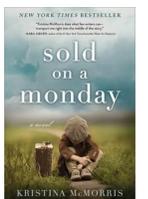


***Signs of Life: Resurrecting Hope out of Ordinary***



***Losses***, by Stephanie Lobdell. So does the God of the resurrection have anything to say to our hurts? Punctuated with stories of biblical figures who faced ordinary deaths and also God’s reviving power, *Signs of Life* claims Jesus’ resurrection matters now. The author shares stories of her own, also. God breathes life into what seems beyond redemption. Through it all, the resurrection matters.

***Sold on a Monday: A Novel***, by Kristina McMorris. Inspired by an actual newspaper photograph that stunned the nation, *Sold on a Monday* is a powerful novel of love, redemption, and the unexpected paths that bring us home.



More books on back...



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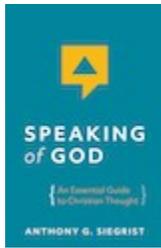
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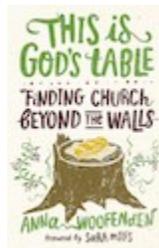
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***Speaking of God: An Essential Guide to Christian Thought***, by Anthony Siegrist.



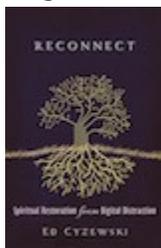
Pastor and theologian Siegrist helps readers recover a basic language around Christian theology. Learning to talk about God requires courage and humility; this handbook will help you gain both. Join the deepest, longest conversation in the world.

***This is God's Table: Finding Church Beyond the Walls***, by Anna Woofenden.



This is a story of what happens when people garden, worship, and eat together and invite anyone and everyone to join them. The author describes how a group of diverse people together plant and sustain a thriving urban farm on a once-empty lot. They worship God and share a weekly meal. This is God's table. Come and eat.

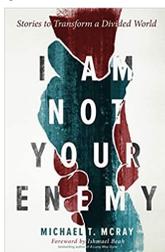
***Reconnect: Spiritual Restoration from Digital Distraction***, by Ed Czerwoski.



Grounded in current research into the impact of technology, *Reconnect* helps Christians rewire their technology addictions, and train themselves to be present and aware of God rather than

tuned into the constant distractions and deceptions of the digital age. When phones go dark and social media feeds stop scrolling, can we step into a deeper stillness and presence with an always present God?

***I Am Not Your Enemy: Stories to Transform a Divided World***, by Michael McRay.



Writer McRay visits divided regions of the world and interviews activists, peace builders, former combatants, and clergy members about their personal stories of conflict, justice, and reconciliation. In a time of heightened alienation and fear, he offers true, sacred

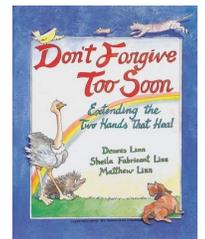
stories of reconciliation and justice, asking what they can teach us about our own divided states.

***Fire by Night: Finding God in the Pages of the Old Testament***, by Melissa Florer-Bixler.



Using stories from scriptures and from her ministry, Florer-Bixler braids together the text with the sometimes ordinary, sometimes radical grace of God. The same passages that confuse and horrify and baffle us can, if we are paying attention, lure us closer toward God.

***Don't Forgive Too Soon: Extending the Two Hands That Heal***, by Dennis Linn.



A book that attempts to show how to forgive in an active, healthy way by moving through a five step process that renounces vengeance and retaliation but is not passive and self-abusive in any way.



***The Jesus Way Series***. This series delves into big questions about God's work in the world. These concise, practical books are deeply rooted in Anabaptist theology. These are the four titles that are ready for check out. What is the Trinity; What is the Bible; Why Did Jesus Die; Why Do We Suffer.

— Submitted by Diane Bodiker

**Look for more new titles  
in the next Buzz.**