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Stephen Ministers and Leaders Recommit for Another Year of Service

During its monthly “virtual” peer group supervision gathering on January 7th, the congregation’s Stephen Ministry celebrated the recommitment by all of its Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders to another year of service in 2021. Stephen Leader Bill Minter led Stephen Ministers Rachel Brenneman, Helen Bowman, Marge Gingerich, Cynthia Kauffmann, Kay Miller, Anita Myers, and Gary Shetler in a ritual of recommitment. Pastor Neil led Stephen Leaders Mel

and Lorna Claassen, Liz Gingrich and Bill Minter in a ritual of recommitment.

In closing, each of the Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders lit a candle and offered a prayer of blessing to one of their colleagues, respectively. A prayer of blessing was then offered for Neil and the other pastors as they provide leadership during these challenging times.

—Stephen Leader Team



Thank You

Thank you to all who sent blessings and good wishes for our 68th wedding anniversary.

—Ruth & Wilmer Hollinger

We want to thank our Waterford Family for your thoughtful words of comfort and support as we grieve Merrill’s mother’s death. The plants, flowers, cards and offers for food were tangible ways we felt your love and care. Many of you joined in the funeral service on-line so we felt surrounded by your love. We celebrate Mary Ellen’s life and her genuine testimony to the hope found in Jesus even in her last days.

—Merrill & Lola Gingerich



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Family Life Ministry Seeking Applicants for Paid Summer Internship

Waterford Mennonite Church is pleased to offer an internship for a student to serve alongside of Pastor Katie and the Family Life Team for the purposes of job experience, mentorship, and vocational discernment. The goal for the intern is to grow both spiritually and professionally. The goal for the church is to nurture the leadership of young adults as well as to provide coverage for year-round Sunday school teachers to get a break in the summer months.

Young adults between grade 11 and college senior are encouraged to apply. Complete the application at the link below and return to katie@waterfordchurch.org at your earliest convenience.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1j17aq_eDACbX1O4nq2GvYB8o3MBEF_R8YJGmTaT8JAwE/edit?usp=sharing

Winter Venture Club Activity

Venture Club members and their sponsors practiced their ice skating skills at the Nipsco Water and Ice Park in Elkhart last Sunday afternoon.



Lucas Bateman

Winter Elective Offered on Self-Compassion

Bridgebuilders will host an elective this winter on the theme of self-compassion, taught by Pastor Katie. Your class, or members of your class, are invited to join in. The zoom class will be 4 classes on February 14, 28 and March 14, 28. The class will be from 11:00-12:15.

The class will begin with a 30 minute lesson. Then, the group will split into breakout rooms for further conversation. One breakout room will focus on self-compassion and parenting to be led by Pastor Cindy, another breakout room will focus on self-compassion and the faith journey.

Self-compassion is deeply spiritual work that is helpful for anyone who finds they are particularly hard on themselves. It was developed by psychologist Kristen Neff, and you are encouraged to watch this short film to understand more of what we will be exploring in our time together. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wh8ffxvM1eg>



Thomas Voth (left) and Brynn Replogle (right)