



Waterford
Mennonite Church

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Waterford's Generosity Provokes Responses

Recently WMC's Benin Bible Institute Planning Group, in consultation with the Mission and Service Ministry Team, decided that, in the absence of a personal visit this year between WMC and BBI, \$2400 of budget funds normally used for such a visit would instead be sent to BBI. This will enable them to deal with unexpected expenses that they have had to endure because of COVID-19.

Upon receiving this news, here are a couple of responses that have been received.

"Dear ones in Christ,

Words fail us in expressing how we feel. It is as if you were with us yesterday, when Eric and I were reflecting on needed actions which might help to reduce the negative effects of COVID-19. Our own resources have been upset significantly. Infinite thanks.

Your brother, Bonaventure (BBI Administrator)"

"May the grace of God remain always with you.

Please receive all the greetings from the BBI board and staff.

In the name of BBI's board and staff, we want to thank the brothers and sisters at Waterford for the way they have mobilized and for all the support that they have contributed to BBI. May the All Powerful Creator continue to bless you abundantly.

May the peace of the Lord be with you.

BBI Board President Germain Dossou"

—Rod Hollinger-Janzen

MYF O-lent-ics Polar Plunge

Congratulations to team ACES for winning the O-lent-ics 2021.

The MYF had a memorable night as sponsors and losing team members and Jeremy Stutzman (just because) took a dive into the wetlands in 40 degree weather.



From left to right: Leah Berkey, Sophia Kauffman, Jeremy Stutzman; and sponsors Katie Misz, Emily Bowman, JE Misz, Emily & Micah Hunsberger.

We had a fantastic night of Easter celebration that, in addition to jumping in the frigid water, included o-lent-ics t-shirts, handing out trophies, baked goods for the winners made by Emily Hunsbaker, telling the Easter story, hunting for eggs, dancing around, and stuffing our faces with pizza.



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Leah Berkey and Miranda Pfahler

Congregational Life

O-lent-ics cont. from front

It was MYF at its finest and other churches are already asking if they can join in next year! I think pandemic creativity has brought us a new way forward to tackle winter blues and really experience all that Lent has to offer to prepare our hearts for Easter.

Thank you sponsors for this incredible work of months and months of ingenious creativity, and to an MYF who were willing to try virtual youth group and make it all it could be. And yes, let's not forget to thank Bill Minter for prepping the pond!

From the head of the International O-lent-ics Committee (IOC),

—Katie Misz

Thank You

I would like to thank the Waterford congregation for all of the support, both personally and financially, throughout my years in high school and college. I would also like to say a special thanks to the Agape class for creating a space for my friends and I to share music and time.

Thanks again for everything,

Simon Hurst

Volunteer

Wetland trails clearing.

It's the time of year again to clear the trails in the wetlands. Thank you to Bill Minter who has been clear cutting a lot of the brush in the last few weeks.

To maintain social distancing we would like for volunteers to go out on their own, in lieu of a workday, to help clear the brush off the trails. We simply need the loose branches to be pushed into the wooded areas along the trail. You can spend as little as 15 minutes or maybe several hours at any time or day of the week. Maybe you need something to do over lunch!

—Jan Oostland, Facilities Manager

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Upcoming Events for Sunday Night Live

6:30-7:30 pm

4/25 – Lawn Games

5/2 – Evening Vespers Service

5/9 – Bible Memory Games

5/16 – Minute to Win It Games

5/23 – Celebration of Spring and End of School