



Waterford
Mennonite Church

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Summer Worship at Waterford

Outdoor Summer Worship

During these past fourteen months of pandemic, Waterford has remained committed to providing worship that honors God and encourages members.

Worship Ministry Team is following our WMC's COVID Advisory Team's Action Plan as we are committed to creating the most communal worship possible. We want to safely worship together, to sing and to have some time for fellowship. One of the ways we can do that is with outdoor worship.

On May 23 we will begin offering an outdoor service at 9 a.m. for all who want to attend. (A recording of the morning services will be available online later in the day.) For at least the early part of the summer, we will worship in the north parking lot. We will have chairs set up, but you may also consider bringing lawn chairs or blankets to sit with your family on the grass. In case of inclement weather, we will not meet, but an online service will be available. (Time to be determined yet). Outdoor worship will allow us, with masks and social distancing, to sing, greet each other, and invite as many as want to come to worship together.

One set of restrooms at the north end of the building will be available, and in deference to the virus, there will be restrictions. The nursery will not be available. There will be no printed bulletins or Buzz, and there will be no mail in the boxes, as well as no coffee. To get to the north parking lot we will need to walk around the

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Children's Nurture Hour Invitations from Family Life

It is with great anticipation that we announce that our final zoom Sunday school of the schoolyear for children and JYF will be on May 16. We are so delighted to be moving outdoors with the good weather and all the opportunities it brings for connection and nurture together. Here's what you can expect for Summer Sunday school:

Who: Waterford kids age 3 – current 5th grade

What: Every-Other-Week Summer Outdoor Sunday school using the VBS curriculum God's Great Big Beautiful World! There will be Bible stories with Ranger Ron, crafts with Karen, and games and gardening with Len!!

When: 10:30-11:30 (after outdoor worship)

June 6

June 20

July 4

July 18

August 1

Where: The Waterford lawn.

Why: Why every-other-week? We are still awaiting vaccines for kids and youth, so we found it in the best interest of children as well as adult volunteers to meet together outdoors and a little less often to start out this summer. We realize it will mean parents and adult classes will need to plan accordingly and mark their calendars carefully with the above dates. Thank you for

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Congregational Life

Pastoral Search Update

The Search Committee for the Pastor of Senior Ministries met on March 21 and 23. The committee prepared for get-acquainted, exploratory interviews with several strong candidates. We welcome your prayers as we continue working.

—The Search Committee: Arnold C. Roth, chair; Rachel Brenneman, Esther Farmwald, Elmer Wyse; Neil Amstutz, Pastoral Team Leader; Ron Guengerich, IN-MI Congregational Coach; Becky Horst, IN-MI Search Guide

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your flexibility in this and, really, your graciousness this whole year! If adult classes would like ideas for what they can do inter-generationally for the other weeks this summer, don't hesitate to reach out to us for curriculum and brainstorming.

JYF and MYF will also have nurture hour classes on the above dates outdoors from 10:30 – 11:30.

We look forward to all this summer will bring. It will be a great summer of connecting, exploring, and adventuring in God's Good Creation together!

—Katie Misz (Pastor of Family Life) & Helen Bowman (Family Life Lay Ministry Partner)

Mission

Help a PV family

In February, one of our Prairie View Elementary School families experienced a house fire. They have been living in a hotel ever since.

Their home has now been refurbished and they may begin moving in, however the insurance adjustment is replacing very little of the home contents. If you have any of the following items, the family would be grateful to receive them:

1. Bedroom: two twin size mattress/spring sets, one queen size mattress/spring set, dressers, sheets
2. Bathroom: towels
3. Kitchen: dishwasher, small appliances, kitchen linens
4. Outdoor/lawn equipment, tools, bicycles for a 3rd and a 4th grader and adult parents.

If you have questions or donations to offer, please contact Marge Gingerich, PV School Counselor: 534-4710.

Thank you!

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building as traffic inside will be restricted to the north end of the building to restrict indoor interactions. Offering baskets will be set up around the perimeter, but not passed. But, we will be together, singing and smiling... under those masks!

—Loanne Harms, for Worship Ministry Team

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