



Waterford
Mennonite Church

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Welcome Spaces

Double your gift to Welcoming Spaces 3.0

Dad used to say that the quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and stick it back in your pocket. But in the world of Welcoming Spaces, there's a way to double the value of your gift to Waterford.

As announced at the May 16 congregational meeting, we recently received exciting word of a potential gift to the Welcoming Spaces 3.0 projects designed to create a more welcoming place and space for living out God's mission in the world. **A household in our congregation has agreed to match new gifts to the fund, up to a total of \$20,000.** We are grateful for this act of faith and generosity on the part of this household.

If possible, we would like to reach this total by June 27. To contribute, simply include the Welcoming Spaces designation on your gift. Common ways to give are:

- Via a check brought to church or mailed to the church office.
- Through noting the gift on an electronic funds transfer initiated through the church Web site.
- With a recommended distribution from your Donor Advised Fund charitable gift account.
- By initiating a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA if you are age 70.5 or older.

If you plan to give toward this goal, but are unable to do so by June 27, please send a note to me,

Congregational Life

SNL This Week!



Come celebrate the arrival of warm weather, the end of school and upcoming summer fun at SNL on May 23 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. There will be a variety of happy activities to choose from that are sure to make you smile.

Join the bike parade! Bring your bike already decorated OR dress up your bike at church with provided decorations. Feeling artistic or just like to doodle? Help brighten up the church parking lot with colorful chalk drawings. Or grab a couple of church friends and towels and play water balloon volleyball, navigate a pool noodle obstacle course or search for items on a WMC scavenger hunt. Oh, and did we forget to mention that there will be ICE CREAM too? What could be happier than that? Hope to see you there!

This is our last planned SNL as we transition to gathering for in-person outdoor worship on Sunday mornings.

—Rita Herrmann, Dream Team

(lylegmiller@gmail.com), naming the amount and approximate date for the gift, and it will be counted toward our matching goal. If you have questions or comments about Welcoming Spaces, please contact me as well.

—Lyle Miller, Welcoming Spaces 3.0 coordinator

Worship



Rainy Weather Cancellations

We are excited about gathering together in person outdoors at 9:00 for Sunday morning worship in the coming weeks. However, we realize that there may be times when the weather is not going to cooperate with our schedule. On those days, those involved with leading the worship service will be live-streamed from the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. Adult classes that previously arranged for rooms inside the church may still meet there at their regular times.

In case of rain, the decision to cancel worship will be made that Sunday morning by 6:30 a.m. We will post cancellations on WNDU (TV and online), WFRN radio, on our Website home page and send out an all-church email.

All Sunday services, whether rain or shine, will continue to be livestreamed at 9:00 a.m. during the summer. The recordings will be available afterwards on the church's website (waterfordchurch.org) livestream link and by 5:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon on the church YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIGVoJkGK5fMsk1VyE-F9-w> or on the WMC group Facebook page.

Thank You

I really appreciated the cards and prayers I received through my surgery. I have about 4 more weeks of therapy to aid my recovery. Thank you for thinking of me during this time.

Jane Otto

Mission

2021 Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale:

The Relief Sale will be back in person this year, Sept. 24-25 at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds. For the past several years, Carolyn Kauffman has served as Waterford's co-ordinator for the sale, but has asked to be released from the position. If you would like to serve in this capacity, please let Janet, in the church office, know.

In the meantime, here are ways that you can support the sale.

- More help is needed in making and serving food items including egg rolls and several other items. If your church, class, or group is interested, contact Chris Yoder at 574-536-9654 or wovenfriendships@gmail.com
- **Plant** enthusiasts, share your plants at the 2021 Relief Sale. Now is the time to start nurturing your indoor plants or potting up your perennials as you divide them for the coming season. A good plant sale depends on healthy established plants. Consider what you could contribute to the sale in September. If you specialize in violets or succulents, they are always popular.
- Join in the fun by starting NOW to collect coins for **MyCoinsCount**.

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