

# Waterford Mennonite Church

July 25, 2021



*Land Sunday*

Prelude		Anne Lehman
Song		Colleen Stoltzfus VT 495
	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	
Welcome and Call to Healing**		Jerrell Ross Richer

**All: Grandfather, look at our brokenness.**

Leader: Now we must put the sanctity of life as the most sacred principle of power, and renounce the awesome might of materialism.

**All: We know that in all creation, only the family of man has strayed from the sacred way.**

Leader: We know that we are the ones who are divided, and we are the ones who must come back together to worship and walk in a sacred way, that by our affirmation we may heal the earth and heal each other.

**All: Now we must affirm life for all that is living or face death in a final desecration with no reprieve.**

Leader: We hear the screams of those who die for want of food, and whose humanity is aborted and prevented.

**All: Grandfather, the sacred one, we know that unless we love and have compassion the healing cannot come.**

Leader: Grandfather, teach us how to heal our brokenness.

Lighting the Peace Lamp\*

Song	<i>Touch the Earth Lightly</i>	VT 145
Offering	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Children's time		Krista Daniels and Revy
Scripture	Psalm 24:1	Teresa Ross Richer
Sermon	"This is Your land"	Jane Ross Richer
Song of response	<i>Seeds</i>	VT 777
Pastoral prayer		Cindy Voth
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>O Healing River</i>	VT 706

\*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world.

\*\* *Art Solomon, Ojibwe (Ontario, Canada)*

*World Council of Churches meeting, Island of Mauritius, February 1983*

Quoted in "An Aboriginal Christian Perspective on the Integrity of Creation," Stan McKay, in *Native and Christian: Indigenous Voices on Religious Identity in the United States and Canada*, edited by James Treat (1990)

## **Prayers for Brothers and Sisters**

Pray for *educators at Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center* of Goshen College as they host summer workshops and activities.

This month, *Mary Raber* is bringing closure to her 11 years of ministry with Mennonite Mission Network in Ukraine. Pray that Mary will find ways to maintain relationships, even as she says goodbye to students and colleagues at Odessa Theological Seminary and the churches where she worshiped.

For *New Hope Community Church congregation* in Midland, Mich., as they grieve the loss of two active members and care for older members with health concerns. Two churches in the area have closed, and they feel blessed to have a few people joining them from those churches. May they be a beacon of hope in their community.

## This Week at Waterford

<i>Today</i>	9:00 a.m.	Outdoor worship at Waterford
	10:30 a.m.	Joint nurture hour in sanctuary
<i>Monday</i>	8:30 a.m.	Anabaptist Prayers
<i>Thursday</i>	8:00 p.m.	Anabaptist Prayers

## Looking Ahead

August 1: Sermon: Neil Amstutz; A New Creation  
(*Revelation 21:1-4, 22:1-5*)

August 8: Sermon: Deron Brill Bergstresser, Pastoral Candidate  
Joint Nurture hour in sanctuary with Deron

## Finances – July 18, 2021

Operating Fund	\$ 6,894.85	Mennonite Education	\$ 2,205.00
Either Fund	\$ 10,304.00	<b><i>Budget subtotal</i></b>	<b>\$ 19,403.85</b>
WS 3.0	\$ 500.00	Sharing Fund	\$ 100.00
Jubilee Fund	\$ 55.00	<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>\$ 20,058.85</b>

## Out of Office

Katie Misz July 25-31  
Neil Amstutz July 25-26

## Pastoral Team

Neil Amstutz, Pastoral Team Leader  
Cindy Voth, Pastor of Community Life  
Katie Misz, Pastor of Family Life  
Velma Swartz, Interim Pastor of Senior Ministries

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