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New Non-Fiction Books at WMC

Jesus Way Series: This series delves into big questions about God's work in the world. These concise, practical books are deeply rooted in Anabaptist theology. Crafted by a diverse community of internationally renowned scholars, pastors, and practitioners, The Jesus Way series helps readers deepen their faith in Christ and enlivens their witness. The series titles are: What Is the Bible and How Do We Understand it? Why Did Jesus Die and What Difference Does It Make? What Is the Trinity and Why Does it matter? Why Do We Suffer and Where Is God When We Do? Who Are Our Enemies and How Do We Love Them? What Is God's Mission in the World and How Do We Join It? What Is the Church and Why Does It Exist? What Does Justice Look Like and Why Does God Care about It? What Is God's Kingdom and What does Citizenship Look Like? Who Was Jesus and What Does It Mean to Follow Him?

Tongue-Tied, by Sara Wenger Shenk. In this book Shenk investigates the reasons that people who claim the name of Christ are so reluctant to talk about him. Recovering an authentic vocabulary of faith and learning to speak in trustworthy, captivating ways is an urgent task for followers of Jesus today.

Peace Like a River, by Darlene Zimmerman. May this true story inspire you with the sureness of God's mercy and faithfulness during distress and grief. No one foresaw tragedy when Curtis Martin and his friends embarked on their annual canoe trip on the Susquehanna River.

Faithful in Small Things: How to Serve the Needy When You're One of the Needy, by Kevin Wiebe. Wiebe shows readers that writing big checks isn't the only way to alleviate poverty. Along the way, he shines a spotlight on the value of small acts of love as a means of changing the world, and as vitally important to following Jesus. Investigating scriptural definitions of poverty and God's heart for the poor throughout the Bible, Wiebe calls readers not only to "help the needy" but to acknowledge their own need and to work with God to serve others.

Dear White Peacemakers: Dismantling Racism with Grit and Grace, by Osheta Moore. This book is a breakup letter to division, a love letter to God's Beloved Community, and an eviction notice to the violent powers that have sustained racism for centuries. Dear White Peacemakers is an invitation to White Christians to come to the table and join this hard work and holy calling. Rooted in the life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus, this book is a challenging call to transform white shame, fragility, saviorism, and privilege in order to work together to build the Beloved Community as anti-racism peacemakers.

Making Waves: Fifty Stories about sharing Love and Changing The World, by Judy Clemens. Read about 50 inspiring people who have chosen to love their enemies and do good to those who harmed them. Filled with true stories from past and present, this captivating book is a showcase of heroes who have stood up for what's right to make the world a better place.

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Community Life

Thank you to Deloris Wyse

For about eight years, Deloris Wyse came in to the church on a regular basis and cleaned up after all of us in the kitchen. She kept the counters, sinks and cupboards clean, cleaned out spoiled and old foods from the refrigerators, and put things back in order. Although it is one of the many “hidden” jobs that members do around the church, she did it willingly and cheerfully.

Shortly before the pandemic began, Deloris notified the office of her intention to let someone else have the opportunity to do the job. Thank you, Deloris, for the many years of your conscientious and thorough cleaning of the church kitchen.

Kitchen Elf Needed

As we prepare to come back together inside the building in the coming weeks and months, use of the kitchen will be increasing. Other than mopping the floor after heavy use, kitchen-cleaning does not fall under the responsibilities of the custodians or office staff. In the past, there have been volunteers who came in on a monthly basis to clean. (See previous article)

We are now seeking a volunteer to take care of the kitchen on a regular basis. This would include tasks such as: Cleaning the countertops, outside of cupboards, walls and doors; cleaning refrigerators, freezers, microwave, stovetop and ovens, dishwashers and sinks; keeping an eye on soap and paper towels dispensers; among other tasks.

We desire to have a kitchen that is welcoming and clean for the many groups that use it for their gatherings and events. If you would like to know more about this, please contact the office at office@waterfordchurch.org or call 574-533-5642.

Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale

We are so grateful that life is getting somewhat back to normal after Covid 19. The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale is making plans for an in-person event at the fairgrounds on September 24 and 25, 2021!!

Waterford has had an integral part in making the Relief Sale a success. We want to welcome any new Waterford attendees to join us in this effort! Through the years, many beautiful quilts and handcrafted wooden items have been contributed by our members. Our congregation has also been in charge of the Sausage Booth, Dairy Bar and Popcorn for many years. PLUS – many have contributed money to My Coins Count each year!

Please be watching for more details as the weekend approaches. You can follow Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale on Facebook or <http://www.mennonitesale.org> to keep informed.

Please contact Carolyn Kauffman (574-304-7172 or cdkauff@gmail.com) for pickup or with any questions.

(FYI FROM CAROLYN – I would love to pass on the baton of Waterford Relief Sale Representative to a younger person who has a passion for MCC! If you feel God’s nudging, please give me a call!)



A crew of 11 workers return to putting up the roof trusses on the pavilion after a delicious lunch provided by Pastor Cindy on Saturday, July 24.

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***The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*, by Charlie Mackesy.** Mackesy offers inspiration and hope in uncertain times in this beautiful book, following the tale of a curious boy, a greedy mole, a wary fox and a wise horse who find themselves together in sometimes difficult terrain, sharing their greatest fears and biggest discoveries about vulnerability, kindness, hope, friendship and love. The shared adventures and important conversations between the four friends are full of life lessons that have connected with readers of all ages,

***Voices Together* and *Voices Together: Worship Leader Edition*.** One copy of the hymnal and worship book are available for check out from the library.

***Justice Rising: The Emerging Biblical Vision*, by John Heagle.** A comprehensive, up-to-date survey of the meaning and evolution of biblical justice and its challenge for contemporary faith communities. Justice Rising connects biblical themes on social justice to our personal lives, to our relationships, to our religious institutions, and to the communities, local, national, and international, in which we live.

***Living On Our Heads: Righting an Upside-Down Culture*, by Rod Parsley.** In this book you'll find out what needs to be done to get back to the biblical foundations on which this nation was built. With humorous analogies, inspirational quotes and uncompromising truth, Pastor Parsley addresses the issues of today, leaving you with the insight needed to right the wrongs in our culture and reawaken a godly perspective.

Submitted by Diane Bodiker

Host an IVEP'er

Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes is seeking two host families for two young adults who will arrive in Goshen through the International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) at the end of August. Christian, from Chad, will be working at Goshen College and Miguel, from Mexico, will be working at Ten Thousand Villages.

Hosts are a very important part of the MCC IVEP experience – they're the way participants get involved in their new communities. We're looking for people who will make sure IVEP participants feel welcome and have opportunity for lots of new experiences.

We also need hosts who are open to learning about a new culture from the MCC IVEP participant they host. Hosts get to understand their own culture in a new way when they see it through the eyes of someone experiencing it for the first time.

Please help us to share this opportunity with your congregation. If you are interested in hosting and would like to know more information about Christian or Miguel please contact **Brooke Strayer** at brookestrayer@mcc.org.

SAVE THE DATE

**Waterford Mennonite Church
Congregational Meeting
Wednesday, August 18
6:30 p.m.
Via Zoom**

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