



Waterford  
Mennonite Church

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## Church Grounds

Family Life Ministry Team thanks the congregation for their support in making our outdoor space a gathering place for community life for all ages!!



On Saturday, July 31, a roofing crew laid shingles on half of the Pavilion.



Meanwhile, Ron Weirich helped guide the new swing set into place as Ed Swartzendruber moved it with the forklift.



On Sunday, August 8, the new pavilion and swing set were put to good use!



## Mission

### Prairie View Support

On Friday, August 6, Waterford provided a breakfast for the teachers at Prairie View on their second teacher work day as well as the office staff and custodians. There were eleven people who provided food, which was very well received. Fancheon Resler also provided table decorations, including several flower arrangements made with flowers from her garden. Our next event will be providing treats for the entire work force in February, a group that numbers about ninety-five people. As we get closer to the event, there will be suggestions for how you may help with this.

Also, this is a reminder that Prairie View can use **boxes of facial tissues** for use in the classrooms, **underwear in sizes 4-8 for boys and girls** (can be used items but should be very clean), and **sweatpants with elastic waistbands in sizes 4-10** (gently used). There are plastic tubs at church near the office and the north door for these items to be placed, or you can take them directly to the school if that is more convenient.

A final way that Waterford is supporting Prairie View is through our church budget. We offer a \$500 support fund each semester for special projects that directly benefit the children. Marge Gingerich is the school counselor who oversees this fund which has been used in a variety of ways, such as ear phones, transportation for field trips, computer pens, and other things not covered by the Goshen Community Schools budget but support the students' learning.

As you can see our church along with Maple City Chapel and Adulam, support the staff and the students in beneficial ways that are always greatly appreciated

and well received. Your prayers for the school, the teachers and the students, along with their families, are also an appreciated request.

—Prairie View Support Team: Fancheon Resler, Jane Otto, Len Harms, contact person (574-238-5918 or [lenharms@comcast.net](mailto:lenharms@comcast.net))

## Thank You!

On behalf of the Steering Committee to open a new MCC Thrift Shop in Elkhart, I want to thank WMC for the donation to help with start-up costs. Thanks to the Endowment Committee for selecting this cause to receive WMC endowment funds. We are excited to serve the people of south-central Elkhart and see how God uses the shop to develop relationships and build community in this neighborhood.

A Governance Board has been established for the new Thrift Shop, and members of the committee and board, along with MCC Great Lakes staff, continue the lengthy lease negotiation process. Please join us in praying for a timely and satisfactory resolution to obtain the optimal retail space. Thank you for your partnership in this ministry!

—Rose Shetler, Steering Committee Chair

### New WMC Office Hours August – October

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

The church main entrance will be open at these times. Janet can be reached until 3:00 p.m. at her personal numbers or [office@waterfordchurch.org](mailto:office@waterfordchurch.org) Mondays through Thursdays.

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