



Waterford
Mennonite Church

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Mission

Ministry opportunity for the church house.

Early this summer several members of the Mission and Service Ministry Team (MSMT) visited the Elkhart County Jail and met with the Jail Chaplain, Cory Martin. He along with some 400 volunteers and 100 area churches are involved in ministering among the inmates. During this visit Cory shared about the need for housing once people are re-entering society. The Jail ministry has purchased a number of houses in North Goshen but the need for additional housing remains great.

Fast forward several weeks and a number of interested people from MSMT; Facilities and Finance (FFMT); the Kirk Martin Support group, including Kirk Martin himself; and Alexa Haarer, WMC attendee and Goshen College student, met with Don French, housing coach at the Jail Ministry, and we toured the house. Don shared about how taking care of inmates after they return and readjust to a normal life in society is critical in reducing the recidivism rate. As a housing coach for the Jail Ministry, Don pairs two people together that share a home. They could be both female or both male but historically more males are incarcerated. The pair holds each other accountable and they work together to rebuild their lives. The goal is for each house to become a Stability Zone.

Some of the people may have been incarcerated for 5 or maybe 15 years and need to re-learn how to take care of themselves such as cooking, cleaning, buying their groceries, paying bills and finding a job. Sometimes the ex-inmate is reunited with his or her family and looking for a new home. In either case the church house would be a great opportunity for Waterford Mennonite Church to get involved in the Jail Ministry. We, of course, also have the opportunity to be involved on a personal level and form relationships with whomever may be occupying the house, as well as work with the Jail Ministry.

In the next few weeks MSMT will be meeting and discerning if this is what we're called to do with the house. Please contact Neil Amstutz or Denise Diener if you have any questions or suggestions or if you feel called to being part of this important ministry.

—Jan Oostland, Facilities Manager

Endowment Fund Reminder

Applications for the Waterford Mennonite Church Endowment Fund will be accepted until October 3, 2021. As a reminder, the fund exists to further the ongoing mission of the church by providing a vehicle for above-budget gifts to be invested for the church's work. A complete copy of the Endowment Fund Guidelines can be found under the big bulletin board or at www.waterfordchurch.org. Please feel free to talk to one of the committee members if you have any questions and submit the applications to Jeff Miller.

—Endowment Fund Committee: Neil Amstutz, Douglas Graber, Ruby Hochstedler, Jeff Miller, Rachel Stoltzfus, Lyz Zimmerman

Community Life

The MYF held their annual foot printing night on Wednesday, September 1.

Below: Eva Horning prepares to twist herself into a less-than-stable position to get her foot print close to the ceiling.

Bottom left: Colin Berkey and Jeremy Stutzman carry Garrett Stoltzfus, with his right foot covered in paint, into the church so he can leave his mark.

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