



# buzz

## Resignation of Director of Children's Ministries



This has been a rough year and a half – a hard season for all of us. Unfortunately, the challenges for me have been so heavy that it is too hard to balance healing and my role in children's ministry. I need to step away from my ministry role and allow myself to have

the space for healing to happen.

This has not been an easy decision, but through this decision, I have taken time to reflect on my time at Waterford. For the almost 15 years I have attended here, 14 of them have been choosing to work with your children and behind the scenes for your children through planning Sunday school curriculum, teaching Sunday school, leading Bible School and Christmas musicals, guiding Bible memory and faith formation activities, planning faith milestones, seeking out volunteers, doing a bit of interim work, nurturing the youngest little members, being involved with various other bits and pieces, and laughing and having a great time with my ministry team. I have been involved in a little bit of everything from working directly with kids to creating props and costumes to completely emptying the supply closet into the hallway to begin reorganizing it. Everything I did, I engaged it with my whole heart.

Thank you for supporting me, for encouraging me, and for entrusting me with your children and their faith formation. I thank God for every volunteer I have worked with and each friendship I have been given.

Whether I like it or not, the challenges I have faced are part of my faith journey, and I am beginning to look at this time as a way to reset. My goal is to take time to refocus my attention on God's work within me and look forward to how God's light will continue to shine through me.

—Mikki Bowman

## Blessing for Mikki Bowman

When I think of Mikki, I think of someone who has abundantly blessed the church community with her gifts. She is a natural leader and caregiver, and God has used her in incredible ways in her ministry with the Waterford children and families. Mikki will be greatly missed by our kids, families, teachers, and by me. Let us bless her with much gratitude and love by sending her cards of appreciation. She has paved a really beautiful path for us to continue walking together, and her legacy will continue in this ministry for many years to come.

—Pastor Katie Misz, on behalf of the Family Life Ministry Team

## Worship

### Waterford Christmas Pageant Casting Call!



This year, Waterford is putting on a Christmas pageant! The show is called *Do Not Be Afraid*, written by Illustrated Ministry. We are looking for at least 12 households to join in the fun. Both adults and children are needed to make the show a success!

We will be pre-recording the scenes. Actors can record their part from their own device at home, or, come to the church on Sunday afternoon, November 21 to record their scenes.

We are also looking for musicians to record themselves playing or singing a Christmas carol to be shown between scenes.

Check your mailbox and return the interest form to the church office mailbox or offering basket by October 31. Waterford will air the performance together as a congregation on Sunday, December 26. Don't be shy! The more people who join in, the more fun our pageant will be!

## Thank You

Dear Waterford Mennonite  
Congregation,

Your ongoing support of the Elkhart  
County Jail Ministry is an immense  
blessing to all of us on staff, and  
especially to the men and women we  
have the privilege to serve! They join me  
in thanking you!

Sincerely,

Don French, Reentry Housing  
Coordinator

On behalf of the children and families  
who will be gaining new access to clean  
water, **Thank You** to everyone at  
Waterford who shared your coins and  
dollars in the My Coins Count drive this  
year at the Michiana Mennonite Relief  
Sale. The My Coins Count (MyCC) funds  
will be used for water projects that  
improve the health of families, decrease  
the impact of COVID, increase  
educational opportunities for children,  
expand employment opportunities and  
help families stay together. Thank you  
for your support of the relief sale,  
Mennonite Central Committee, and the  
work of relief, development, and peace  
in the name of Christ.

—John Martens, MyCC Coordinator,  
Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale

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