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## New Technical Support Staff Person



Waterford is pleased to announce a new part-time Tech Support Staff position for the church, with Colin Berkey stepping into that role, effective January 1. As a junior at Goshen High School, Colin already brings several years

of direct experience with him. We, as Colin's church, are pleased to get a portion of his time outside of school. He also does similar AV work for Goshen College and for College Mennonite Church. Along with his mentor Bob Hochstedler, he has been a mainstay in our Sunday morning AV booth with handling worship band arrangements, with equipment upgrades as we moved to outdoor services and with various rewiring projects for those upgrades.

In this role, he will be the coordinator of Waterford's AV team, working along with other AV volunteers. As we have had to rely more and more on technological solutions for staying connected with our worship services and other church activities, our technical needs as a congregation have also become more complex. Please let Colin know if you have interest in joining our team of AV volunteers to make church gatherings more accessible.

Colin will also be our contact person for trouble shooting computer and electronic issues in the church, which may reduce our need for calling in professional IT support. He will be helpful to Janet Shoemaker in our church office when upgrades and configuring are needed for staff computers. Please join in welcoming Colin to this expanded role in our church!

## *Disarmed* author coming to Waterford

On Sunday, January 16, Marshall V. King, author of the soon-to-be-released book, *Disarmed: The Radical Life and Legacy of Michael "MJ" Sharp*, will be with us at Waterford.

During the worship service, Marshall will share "God's Work Among Us," introducing the book and MJ, who spent much of his youth as an energetic participant in life at Waterford. During the Sunday school hour, the Pathfinder class will host a conversation in the sanctuary, with all adult classes invited to join. During this time, Marshall will share more about the book and MJ's life, including providing opportunity for question and answers.

Though copies of the book are already available, the official release date is January 11. On that day, there will be a signing at Fables Books from 4-7 p.m. On January 14, he will speak in the chapel service at Bethany Christian School, MJ's alma mater.

Given the foundational role Waterford played in MJ's faith formation, Marshall said, "I'm thrilled that Waterford will be the first church event."

*Disarmed* is available through the publisher, Herald Press, or at Fables and vendors such as Amazon.com. Copies will also be available for purchase and signing on January 16.

Additionally, copies will be available in the church office before that date at a cost of \$20 for paperback and \$33 for hardcover.

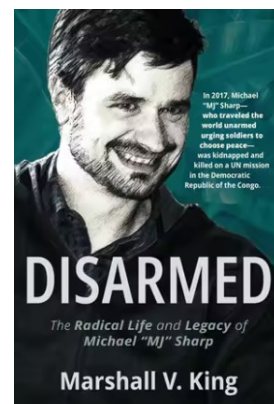
—Lyle Miller

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### From the book's description:

At 34 years old, Michael “MJ” Sharp was working for the United Nations Group of Experts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo—urging rebels to lay down their weapons—when he was murdered, likely assassinated alongside his colleague Zaida Catalán by those with government ties. This compelling account of MJ’s life, death, and legacy from longtime journalist Marshall V. King explores what compelled Sharp to travel the world working for peace and the ongoing impact of his life and death in the ongoing story of Christian peacemaking in a war-torn world.

MJ was a modern Mennonite armed with wit and intellect, but not a gun. The son of a Mennonite pastor, he demonstrated a gift for listening and persuading early in life. His efforts to approach others



with acknowledgement rather than judgment gave him the ability to connect on a level very few managed. He also honed a deep commitment to peace, and after college he joined the Mennonite Mission Network and moved to Germany, where he persuaded soldiers to choose peace and free them of their violent systems.

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Pastors Deron Bergstresser and Neil Amstutz joined Jane Ross Richer in bringing a communion service to her parents, Una and Felton Ross, on December 21 at Waterford Crossing Health Care. Jane’s husband, Jerrell, and all four children also took part.