

Storm Damage

A large limb landed on a power line and blocked off State Road 15 in front of the church Tuesday morning after Monday night's storm.



June 19, 2022

The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture classes for all ages
Intergenerational class-Pavilion

Welcome Team

Greeters: Loren & Miriam Stauffer
Ushers: Glenn Reinford, Dennis Myers, Ken Otto
Audiovisuals: Glen Kauffmann, Jeff Claassen

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

4:15 p.m. Mission & Service
MT, Greencroft Sr. Center
7:00 p.m. MYF movie night

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.
Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Tribute to Dr. Felton Ross

A tribute to Felton Ross has been published in *Leprosy Review*, a peer reviewed British journal on all aspects of leprosy. Below is an excerpt from the beginning of the article:

Dr Felton Ross has left a legacy of excellence in leprosy care that stretches across hospitals and institutions around the globe and lives on in the people and policies of NGOs, ministries of health, and academia. A tangible and visible commitment to Christian principles was the cornerstone of Felton's life and work, exemplified most clearly, when he made hospital rounds or facilitated a training course. In these contexts, his compassionate, relational approach to care was on full display. Hospital orderlies and global foundation executives alike learned the importance of relationships and reflective listening from Dr Ross: Felton saw these as the keys to success in leprosy and NTD work, and in life itself.

Jim Oehrig; Dr William Felton Ross. 9 May 1927–3 March 2022; *Leprosy Review*; 2022; 93; 2; 175-176; DOI: [10.47276/lr.93.2.175](https://doi.org/10.47276/lr.93.2.175)

You can read the entire tribute at <https://leprosyreview.org/article/93/2/20-22039>

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 155

Nurture Hour – 148

Finances – June 12, 2022

Operating Fund: \$2,675.00

Mennonite Education: \$3,049.80

Either Fund: \$17,660.10

Budget subtotal: \$23,384.90

Least Coin \$15.00

Culp Estate Gift \$21,982.00

MCC SALT \$800.00

Total: \$46,181.90

Looking Ahead

June 26: Sermon: Frances Ringenberg; Faces of Our Faith: Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego (*Daniel 3*)

July 3: Sermon: Frances Ringenberg; Mennonite World Conference Sunday (*Ephesians 2:11-22*)

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Team Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser, Sr Adults

Tuesday - Thursday

Frances Ringenberg, Interim

Melissa Chupp, Interim

Katie Misz, on Sabbatical

Out of Office

Cindy Voth June 19-28

Karen Hostetler June 19

Office hours this week

Monday, Wed, Thurs 9-12, 1-3

Tues, Friday 9-12

The *Waterford Buzz* is published weekly for members of Waterford Mennonite Church. Items for inclusion should be given to the editor by 5 p.m. Tuesday preceding publication.

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Jubilee Fund

As inflation continues to rise—especially gas prices—it is becoming more and more difficult for people, even those who have jobs, to make ends meet. Waterford's Jubilee Fund was set up to help people with emergency needs for groceries and gas. However, monies for this fund have been very low in the past several months so that we have not been able to help people when they call asking for assistance. We are only one of two places in Goshen where people can get help with gas for their cars. Although \$25 does not go far when filling a gas tank, it may be enough to get someone to work and back until their next paycheck. Please consider contributing to this fund to help a few of the many people struggling in our community.

Many thanks to those who have continued to give to this fund. Your contributions are greatly appreciated by those who are desperate to find ways to make ends meet, and by the office staff.

— Janet Shoemaker, Coordinator of Administrative Ministries

Thank You

Thank you to all those who braved the heat and helped to clean up the mess from the storm!



Waterford Announcements

Intergenerational Sunday School: We will play wiffle ball during Sunday school this Sunday. All levels are welcome. Come out to the pavilion to play or to cheer!

BYOCM: If you are a coffee or tea drinker and have a travel mug for hot drinks, consider bringing your own coffee mug with you on Sunday mornings. Not only does Steve Landis make the coffee, but he also does all the cleanup. Providing our own mugs helps reduce the dishwashing time after Sunday school is over. Thank you.

Salt & Light weekly reflection for [June 19](#).

Listening Tour signup: Pastors Cindy and Frances still have some slots left for June. You can sign up at the links below.

Pastor Cindy: <https://calendly.com/pastorcindy/listeningtour>

Pastor Frances: <https://calendly.com/mfrancesvr/listeningtour>

Upcoming Community Events

Juneteenth Celebration, Sunday, June 19. Come celebrate with others in Goshen at Shanklin Park from 12 to 3 p.m. There will be food, music, a vendor fair and educational activities. (June 19, 1865 was the day the last slave-holding stronghold of Galveston, Texas, was liberated.)

You are invited to join the Worship Services that will take place during **IN MI Conference Annual Sessions 2022** in the AMBS Chapel on June 17 & 18. In each service, a group from Piedra Viva will lead us in singing, testimonies of love will be shared by local congregations, and we will hear from special speakers. You can participate in these times of worship for FREE! On **Friday at 7:30 p.m.** Joanne Gallardo, Conference Co-minister for Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference, will share on the theme *God is Love*. On **Saturday at 9 a.m.** we will hear from Melody Pannell, Director of Diversity & Community Engagement at the University of Virginia, on the theme of *God first loved us*. On **Saturday at 4 p.m.**, Pastor Phil Schmidt of Belmont Mennonite Church will speak on the theme of *Love Casts out Fear*. Join us!

June 18-25 is Pathways Retreat's 3rd annual online [silent auction](#). Bidding begins at 8 a.m. on the 18th and ends at 4 p.m. on June 25. This is a great opportunity to support Pathways by bidding and sharing news of the auction with friends and family.

You are invited: Benton Mennonite Church just completed a new fellowship hall addition and you can help us celebrate! Following our dedication service on Sunday morning June 19 we are hosting an open house from 12-2 p.m. All are welcome.

Save the date for a Comforter Bash! Make plans to join us on November 11 and 12 for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Church (58529 County Road 23). For more information about the event visit mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash or contact LaVera Schlabach at 574.538.9629. A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

Mennonite Church USA

As part of Mennonite Church USA's "Learn, Pray, Join: Welcoming EveryBODY" initiative, **Suzanne Kratz**, volunteer manager at Care & Share Thrift Shoppes, shares about her experiences **creating spaces for friends with differing abilities**. "When welcoming people into our communities, it is important that we remember that each and every person has been created by a loving God, in God's image." Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/should-i-say-everybody>

Joanne Gallardo points out in her recent Menno Snapshots blog that our society today "lives by the gun." She argues that, as Christian pacifists, **we are called to something different**. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/entitled-to-violence>

In her Menno Snapshots blog, **Katie Graber** shares about **being part of the Voices Together hymnal committee**. "The goal of writing songs – or producing any art – together is not to produce a 'big hit' but to make something that is meaningful to individuals and to the community." Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/camp-songs-anabaptist-voices>

MCC

Prisons in the U.S. hold more people—and more people per capita—than in any other nation. The [Spring/Summer issue of the Washington Memo](#) takes a closer look at the hidden layers of mass incarceration in the U.S. It examines the racial disparities present in the mass incarceration system and the ways in which laws, decisions around prosecution and bail amounts compound these disparities.

MCC Webinar: Welcoming asylum seekers - Tuesday, June 21 at 2:00-3:15 p.m.

Asylum seekers, like refugees, are migrants who flee their homes due to a fear of violence or persecution. Join MCC and partners to learn more about who asylum seekers are and the many ways the faith community can walk alongside them in their journey to find safe refuge. Learn more about the speakers and topics discussed and register here: mcc.org/webinar-welcoming-asylum-seekers

MDS

The June edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Executive Director Kevin King shares the story of the first home dedications just 6 months after the tornado ripped through Mayfield, Kentucky; Mount Academy students have completed building a modular home and it is rolling down the highway to a very appreciative homeowner; and there are still opportunities for you to volunteer this fall. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3xuonf9>

Opportunities

Oaklawn is looking to hire dedicated and compassionate people. A variety of positions are available in the following areas:

- Administrative and support roles
- Case managers and recovery coaches
- Maintenance, housekeeping and food service
- Mental health techs and campus charges
- Nurses and certified medical assistants Therapists and social workers

Find a list of openings at www.oaklawnjobs.org

Center for Healing & Hope is seeking an Administrative Assistant to work in the executive office at the clinic. This position is 20 hrs/week with a flexible schedule. Duties include light bookkeeping, development tasks, and volunteer coordination. Contact Missy Schrock (mkschrock@chhclinics.org or 574-534-4744 x206) for a job description and more details.

Looking for **service opportunities** for yourself or your whole family? Look no further than **SOOP!** With locations all across the U.S. and flexible term lengths, SOOP has exactly what you need. Visit MennoniteMission.net/SOOP to learn more.

MCC is seeking SWAP Location Coordinators in Harlan, Kentucky. MCC Appalachia's SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) program coordinates week-long service opportunities for young people and adults, to provide housing repair for low-income individuals and families. The Location Coordinators will plan and direct all aspects of the SWAP ministry in Harlan, Kentucky, and report directly to the Appalachia Program Coordinator. The MCC Location Coordinator role will be filled by a married couple sharing the role, employed full time sharing the tasks and responsibilities. In the SWAP "off-season", this position may be developed in various ways depending on the gifts and interests of the applicants. Apply online for this opening at mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/swap-harlan-location-coordinators. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

Mennonites Against Militarism - a collaboration of Mennonite Central Committee, U.S. and Mennonite Church USA - is seeking to launch an initiative to counter military recruitment of U.S. youth, called **Alternatives to Military Enlistment Network (AMEN)**. AMEN invites interested volunteers to complete a brief survey that identifies areas in which they may engage with AMEN, including administration, web and graphic design, publicity, budgeting, fundraising and guidance/career counseling. Take the survey here: <https://rb.gy/gbehlm>

Join the Mennonite World Conference Assembly Online! With online registration you will get access to a **virtual hub**, the "home-base" of online Assembly. Through the hub you will enter into the virtual Assembly world. Here you can access daily plenaries as live stream. You can participate in hybrid and online workshops and discussions. You can follow Assembly on-site through vlogs and participate in a mixed online and on-site small group. There will be exhibits of MWC related organizations, concerts, children and youth activities. If you live in a different time zone than Indonesia you might be interested in joining additional program times at midnight to 1:30 Semarang time or 6:00 to 7:30 Semarang time for workshops and other interactive events. (Please write "Semarang time" in Google to find out the exact time in Semarang.) **Registration is \$150.** Register here: <https://event.mwc-cmm.org/event/8c9c9576-4a3d-4ab2-a486-fc5024defbf6/regProcessStep1>

Note: Online events will stay in the virtual hub for several weeks, so you can go back and revisit the sessions at another time.