

Pérez Dieners in Indonesia

Tune in this Sunday as they share about Mennonite World Conference.



July 24, 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: Jim & Lila Gascho

Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken Otto

Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler, Colin Berkey

This Week at Waterford

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.,

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Mennonite World Conference

By Denise Diener, with history excerpts from A Cloud of Witnesses: Celebrating Indonesian Mennonites, by John D. Roth

Did you know ...

Nearly 100 years ago, in June 1925, a group of about 40 Mennonite leaders from 7 European countries got together for several days of worship and conversation. They wanted to reestablish a common sense of identity after World War I—a war that brought Mennonite soldiers from France, Germany, Poland, Ukraine and North America into mortal combat with each other. As a step towards healing relationships, the group agreed to collaborate in responding to the material and spiritual needs of Mennonites in the Soviet Union who were suffering from famine, imprisonment and the murder of hundreds of their members.

This modest gathering marked the beginning of the Mennonite World Conference. Representatives of various Anabaptist-Mennonite groups have continued to meet on a regular basis to hear stories, share each others burdens, and be challenged and inspired by testimonies of Christian discipleship in different settings.

Every six years MWC hosts a global family reunion. Recent assemblies have been hosted in India (1997), Zimbabwe (2003), Paraguay (2009) and Harrisburg, PA (2015). This year Mennonites from all over the world gathered in Salatiga, Indonesia to celebrate the 17th Assembly of Mennonite World Conference. It reflected the

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 184

Nurture Hour – 132

Finances – July 17, 2022

Operating Fund: \$6,955.76

Mennonite Education: \$2,025.00

Either Fund: \$5,795.00

Budget subtotal: \$14,775.76

Sharing Fund \$150.00

Least Coin Fund \$19.05

MCC Ukraine \$520.00

MYF \$30.00

Total: \$15,494.81

Looking Ahead

July 31: Sermon: Deron

Bergstresser;

Faces of Our Faith: Anna

August 7: Sermon: Cindy Voth,

Faces of Our Faith: Jonah

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 July 29-31

Office hours this week

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

Tuesday, Friday 9-12

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colors, sounds, tastes and worship styles of a church that has truly become multicultural and international as people gathered from more than 50 different countries.

My parents took us to Mennonite World Conference Assemblies growing up and with our own families (seven conferences!), starting a tradition that we've continued with our own children. As you know, this summer our family had the privilege of attending and witnessing the joy of meeting with our global church family to worship together and learn from each other. Prior to the Assembly Gathered, July 5-10, our children had the opportunity of participating in the Global Youth Summit, July 1 - 4. Ariana and Félix will be sharing a bit about their experiences this Sunday.

For those of you who might be interested in seeing what MWC was like, here is a video a pastor friend from Canada, Kevin Barkowsky, put together for his church:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IzZPiy2zuNs>

Also, here's a link to a video about what it is like for Christians (specifically Mennonites) to live as a small minority in Indonesia:

<https://mwc-cmm.org/resources/transmission-2021-indonesia>

Thank You

A warm thank you to Len and Loanne Harms who served as our "Gifts and Cheer Coordinators" for our congregation for the past six years. In this role Len and Loanne have taken a gift (often flowers or a plant) for those in our congregation who were hospitalized or experienced the death of a parent, spouse or child. They have carried out this ministry with care, compassion, and grace. Thank you Len and Loanne for sharing your gifts in this way with our faith community!

And, a special thank you to Debbie Fath and Ursula Hess who have accepted the invitation to serve together as our new "Gifts and Cheer Coordinators." Thank you Debbie and Ursula for continuing this significant ministry of care at Waterford!

—Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team Leader

Waterford Announcements

Intergenerational Sunday School this week: “Esther saves her people.” Through stories and activities we will recognize the power we have, and learn how to use it wisely and for good.

Salt & Light weekly reflection for [July 24](#).

Mark your calendars and plan on attending a fun filled evening on Sunday, August 21 to **welcome back Pastor Katie and JE** following Katie’s three-month sabbatical. Please bring a side dish or salad to share for our 5:30 p.m. meal; pulled pork, fruit, dessert, and drinks will be provided. Following the meal we will be entertained by a live band and contra dancing at 6:30 p.m., led by Les Gustafson-Zook. We are looking forward to a joy-filled evening together as our faith community!

Upcoming Community Events

Plan to attend a **fundraising banquet to support the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale** on Tuesday, August 16, at 6 p.m., at the Essenhause Inn and Conference Center in Middlebury. Sponsor a table of 8 (\$225), or purchase individual tickets for \$30. Download a reservation form online (www.mennonitesale.org) or call 888-503-8559. Reservations are due August 1.

You are invited to the **2022 Annual AIMM (Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission) Picnic**, 12:00 noon, Saturday August 13 at Silverwood Mennonite Church. Bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share. See more information on the bulletin board by the mailboxes.

Opportunities

Graphic Designer

- full-time position with benefits
- experience with digital and print design as well as social media, web and IT
- interest in museum exhibit production

For job description and to apply, visit KauffmanMuseum.org/designer
For more information contact Andi Andres
asa@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612

Kauffman MUSEUM at Bethel College
North Newton, Kansas

Seed to Feed program of Church Community Services in Elkhart is hiring a full-time **Garden Educator Coordinator**. If you are passionate about gardening and want to make a difference in the lives of local youth and the community, learn more and apply [HERE](#).

Peace Camp Puerto Rico, November 6-11. Puerto Rico has a complex and compelling history for peacemakers to wrestle with, and a beautiful Caribbean location to do it in. This peace camp will provide young adults the opportunity of hands-on learning as we build community together, deconstruct unjust systems, witness and participate in spaces of healing, engage in hospitality, and discover new ways to live and proclaim the gospel of peace. This experience will be facilitated in Spanish; a minimum of conversational Spanish is expected from all participants. Register [here](#).

Mennonite Church USA

What if we celebrated our wounded bodies — scars, wrinkles, prosthetics and all? Erica Lea-Simka questions if we would look at Jesus, and ourselves, differently if we celebrated his wounds, abilities and disabilities. Her blog is part of Mennonite Church USA’s “Learn, Pray, Join: Welcoming EveryBODY” initiative. Read it here: mennoniteusa.org/bending-stretching

The effects of the **Doctrine of Discovery (DoD)** are far-reaching. Because of the DoD, Indigenous people’s lands have been stolen, polluted and destroyed for centuries. In her blog, “The land is not empty,” author Sarah Augustine calls on all of us in Mennonite Church USA to join her in fighting against the DoD. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/not-empty

John L. Rush has a passion for justice and has spent most of his life working in prison ministry. Read why the “For Justice in the Criminal Legal System” resolution, which has been adopted for denominational study, is so important to him in his blog, “**One response to the MC USA ‘For Justice’ Resolution.**” mennoniteusa.org/response-justice-resolution

MDS

The July edition of [On the Level](#) is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Executive Director Kevin King invites you to take a short quiz to see how much you know about MDS and you can read more about the latest work by volunteers in Paradise, California.

Transitions

AMBS

AMBS recently offered a webinar on **countering Christian nationalism** led by [Drew Strait](#), PhD, Assistant Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins. These [free resources](#) are now available online:

- **Webinar recording** (60 minutes)
- **Group study video** with discussion questions (30 minutes)
- **Opinion piece written by Drew**, offering three steps for what Christians against White Christian nationalism can do right now: “Our Moral Pandemic: Christian Nationalism and Political Idolatry”

Consider signing up to learn from Drew in **Resisting Christian Nationalism with the Gospel of Peace** — a new four-week noncredit online short course to be held April 12 – May 9, 2023. No grades, no papers! Sign up early to save \$50.

Transfer of Membership

Karla Minter has transferred her church membership to Open Table where, on July 1, she became a member of their pastoral team. We rejoice with Karla and ask God’s blessings for her and for her ministry to and with Open Table.

—Cindy Voth, for Ministry Leadership Council

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