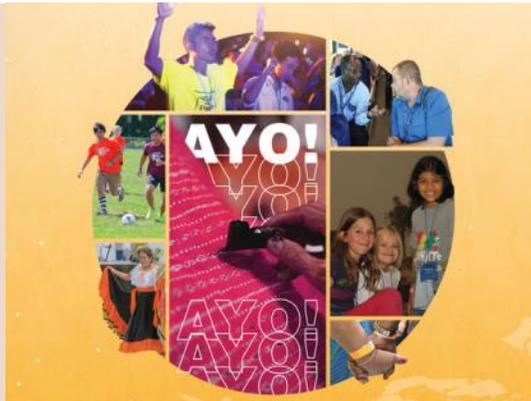
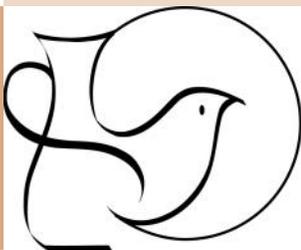


## Celebrating the Anabaptist World community



Mennonite World Conference (MWC) is a community of Mennonites and Anabaptist-related churches around the world. It started in 1925 as an international Anabaptist meeting. Today, MWC is a global communion of 109 member churches from 59 countries. These Anabaptist-related

churches are linked to one another through fellowship, worship, service and witness. MWC assemblies take place every 6-7 years. Indonesia 2022 is MWC's 17th Assembly. It consists of three parts: Assembly Gathered, Global Youth Summit and Assembly Scattered.



July 3, 2022

# The Waterford Buzz

## Welcome, Kenneth Blount



I was born in Dayton, Ohio and grew up in and around New Carlisle, Ohio. My family was made up of mom, dad, a younger sister and brother. We attended the New Carlisle Church of the Brethren where I was baptized at age 12. As with most 12 year olds, I don't think that the true meaning of that experience was realized until I was older and had life experiences which challenged my faith. The first significant situation which caused me to examine what it meant in personal terms was at age 18 and registering with the draft board as a conscientious objector. After receiving an initial student deferment, a series of letters and a personal appearance before the board, the 1-0 status was finally achieved.

While a freshman at Wright State University, I met the person who would become my life partner. Debbie and I were married at Christmas break during our senior year. We enjoyed a wonderful life together for 47 years until cancer finally overwhelmed her body and she died in 2018 after a nine-year battle. We were blessed with three wonderful sons and three grandsons. Andrew and his wife Rebecca Kauffman live in West Liberty, Ohio where Rebecca is pastor of Bethel Mennonite Church. Philip and his wife Brandie live in Bluffton, Ohio. John and his wife Tara Sparks live in Goshen.

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### **This Sunday**

8:00 a.m. - Youth trip departure  
9:00 a.m. - Worship  
10:30 a.m. - Nurture classes for all ages  
Intergenerational class-Pavilion

### **Welcome Team**

Greeters: Velma and Sheldon Swartz  
Ushers: Glenn Reinford, Dennis Myers, Ken Otto  
Audiovisuals: Colin Berkey, Bob Hochstedler, Shawn Stutzman

### **This Week at Waterford**

Monday Office Closed  
Thursday  
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers  
MYF Rm, Rm 15  
Zoom prayers  
Monday - 8:30 a.m.,  
Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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## Life at Waterford

### Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 151

Nurture Hour – 135

### Finances – June 26, 2022

Operating Fund: \$3,021.70

Mennonite Education: \$920.00

Either Fund: \$2,370.00

**Budget subtotal: \$6,311.70**

Jubilee Fund \$305.00

MCC SALT \$300.00

**Total: \$6,916.70**

### Looking Ahead

July 10: Sermon: Cindy Voth;

Faces of Our Faith: Jonah

July 17: Youth Civil Rights trip reporting

### 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

Deron Bergstresser July 3-19

Elvina Schmidt July 3-10

Melissa Chupp July 3-9

### Office hours this week

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

Tues, Friday 9-12

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Janet Shoemaker,  
Editor

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Travel was our most enjoyable past time and we visited all 50 states and 26 foreign countries.

After graduating from Wright State with a BA in Social Work I began my career in health care administration at a mental health system in Lexington, Ky. While working full time, I completed another Bachelor's degree in business administration from UK and an MBA from Xavier University. I worked in administration at the UK medical center and was the chief operating officer at large medical practices in both Lexington and Champaign, Ill. When I retired, I was the CEO of the hospital and medical group in Monroe, Wis. After retirement I taught business and economics at the local college in Monroe and was a reference librarian in Auburn until I became full time care giver to Debbie.

Church life has always been a significant part of our life. When we moved to Champaign, we joined First Mennonite Church. After our move to Wisconsin, we were members of Freeport, Ill., Mennonite Church and upon our move to Auburn, Ind., we were Members of North Leo Mennonite Church until they left the conference and MC USA. For the past three years I attended Maplecrest Mennonite in Fort Wayne.

In March of this year, I moved to Greencroft.

## **MYF/JYF Civil Rights Trip Itinerary**

Sunday, July 3:: Travel to Memphis

Monday, July 4: National Civil Rights Museum and tour of Memphis civil rights sites; travel to Jackson, MS

Tuesday, July 5: Service day with Open Door Mennonite Church; Lodging at Pine Lake Fellowship Camp in Meridian

Wednesday, July 6: Tour of Philadelphia, MS

Thursday, July 7: Travel to Selma, AL and tour; travel to Montgomery

Friday, July 8: National Memorial for Peace and Justice and Legacy Museum in Montgomery; 16th St Baptist Church tour in Birmingham; Kelly Ingram Park

Saturday, July 9: Travel home

# Thank You

## Update on Rios Arellano Family

Some of you may remember the Rios Arellano Family was the victim of a mass shooting that took place at the end of May. The daughters, Jessica and Cinthia, had hoped to save enough money this summer to cover their housing costs at Purdue Fort Wayne this fall, but are now unable to work. Maria (mom) has also not been able to return to work because of the need for on-going medical care for her daughters. The family is working with a local non-profit agency called Community Pro-Education that is receiving donations to cover college housing costs, estimated at about \$12,000. If you would like to contribute to the housing costs of Jessica and Cinthia, you may do so by sending a check to, and made payable to:

Community Pro-Education  
1716 Elkhart Road  
Goshen IN, 46526

MEMO LINE:: "Housing: Rios Arellano family"

They will forward funds to Purdue Fort Wayne.

The family expresses deep appreciation for the support they have received thus far.

## SALT Support

We have reached the fundraising goal for Waterford's support for Ariana Pérez Diener to participate in Mennonite Central Committee's SALT program in Kenya beginning in August. Thank you for your generosity in helping to make this goal!

# Waterford Announcements

### This Sunday:

- We will meet outside in the pavilion area for our morning worship. Bring your lawn chairs, hats and water bottles! Live streaming into the sanctuary will be an option for anyone for whom the heat is difficult.
- We will also share in communion. Let's prepare ourselves in our relationships with others, with ourselves, and with God in anticipation of sharing the bread and the cup. As did the early church (Acts 2:43-47), we will collect offerings for the Sharing Fund. This fund benefits people in need within the congregation.

Salt & Light weekly reflection for [July 3](#).

### Listening Tour signup:

Pastor Cindy: <https://calendly.com/pastorcindy/listeningtour>  
Pastor Deron: <https://calendly.com/waterford-listening-tour/pastorderon>  
Pastor Frances: <https://calendly.com/mfrancesvr/listeningtour>

If the links don't work, please copy and paste the address into your browser.

## AMBS

**Earn a Master of Divinity on campus!** Are you interested in growing in faith and leadership in a vibrant community? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Master of Divinity Campus program offers you in-depth biblical and theological study, personal/spiritual formation and mentoring in the context of our learning community in Elkhart, Indiana. Major in Pastoral Ministry, Chaplaincy, Christian Formation or Theological Studies. Generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and matching grants are available. [ams.edu/mdiv](https://ams.edu/mdiv)

## Mennonite Church USA

Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) conducted a **denomination-wide survey** to examine what it means to be a member of MC USA and how this has changed in the past 16 years. The preliminary results can be found here, with the full study being released later this month: [mennoniteusa.org/summary-denominational-study](https://mennoniteusa.org/summary-denominational-study)

Join all Mennonite Church USA congregations in **praying for "Indonesia 2022,"** the global assembly of Mennonite World Conference being held in Indonesia July 5-10. This is a hybrid (online and in person) event. For more information, visit [mennoniteusa.org/mwca22](https://mennoniteusa.org/mwca22)

Delegates at Mennonite Church USA's (MC USA) **Special Session of the Delegate Assembly** voted on three resolutions and adopted another for denominational study. The three resolutions passed, helping remove barriers for LGBTQ folks and those with disabilities. Read the official MC USA news release here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/delegate22](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/delegate22)

The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board issued a **statement condemning the violence in Uvalde, Texas,** and elsewhere. Read it here: [mennoniteusa.org/statement-on-recent-violence](https://mennoniteusa.org/statement-on-recent-violence) The Executive Board also shared a call to prayer and action against gun violence, here: [mennoniteusa.org/prayer-uvalde](https://mennoniteusa.org/prayer-uvalde)

## Upcoming Community Events

Center for Healing & Hope invites you to the **2nd annual Festival of Hope/ Festival de Esperanza** sponsored by Miller Poultry, Saturday, July 9, 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., at 315 W. Washington St. (The Goshen Brewing Co. lawn stage and parking lot). This free-to-attend fund-raising event will feature **live entertainment, Saca Los Taco truck, Diana's Dulces, Tropicana Ice Cream, and kids activities.** In addition to the festivities at Goshen Brewing Company, the clinic will be hosting a pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinic and a live GRID card printing from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. at their office just across the parking lot. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, email Missy at [mkschrock@chhclinics.org](mailto:mkschrock@chhclinics.org).

**MCC Alumni & Friends Service Nights:** Join other local MCC alumni and friends at our MCC Material Resources Center in Goshen for an evening of fun and fellowship while helping to pack much-needed kits. There is an increased demand for supplies to send to Ukraine and other countries around the world, and these kits are a tangible way to share hope with the people in Ukraine and other difficult situations around the world. There are two chances for you to join the kit packing event: Thursday, July 14 or Thursday, July 21 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. More information and registration at: [mcc.org/gl-alumni-service](https://mcc.org/gl-alumni-service).

**Just Camp...for Justice at Camp Friedenswald,** July 25-29. This experience will combine the fun and community-building aspects of a week at camp with meaningful service and learning, focused on themes of immigration, transformative justice and healthy dialogue. Come experience the joys of living in a community of radical peacemakers. This camp experience offers the possibility of paying on a sliding scale, as you are able. Register [here](#).

## Opportunities

**Mennonite Disaster Service's Indiana/Lower Michigan Unit** is looking for volunteers who are willing to help with a **demolition project at Goshen College in July.** This will make more space for nursing labs and classroom space in response to both Covid-19 and a general increase in demand for registered nurses. Interested volunteers should contact Manass Hochstetler at 574-370-3564, or email [gcandmds@gmail.com](mailto:gcandmds@gmail.com).

**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](https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/swap-harlan-location-coordinators). For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or [AmberFalcon@mcc.org](mailto:AmberFalcon@mcc.org).

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](https://MennoniteMission.net/SOOP) to learn more.