

A Season of Welcoming and Sending

This Sunday we will thank Melissa Chupp for her work as Interim Family Life Pastor and we will welcome back Pastor Katie Misz from Sabbatical.



August 21, 2022

The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Classes for all ages
5:30 p.m. - Welcome back picnic
for Pastor Katie & JE

Welcome Team

Ushers: Dennis Myers, Glenn Reinford, Ken Otto
Audiovisuals: Glen Kauffmann, Jeff Claassen

This Week at Waterford

Zoom prayers
Monday - 8:30 a.m.,
Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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ADN Director to Visit WMC Leaders

By Bonnie Miller

The pastors and representatives from many Ministry Teams will have the opportunity to meet with Jeanne Davies, Executive Director of Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN), on the evening of Monday, August 29. Jeanne will be visiting each of the four congregations that endorsed the MC USA Accessibility Resolution voted on in May in order to build a strong basis for working together long term.

The conversation will include perspectives from various Ministry Teams regarding our thoughts about what kinds of ways we are already welcoming and creating a place in our community for people of varying abilities. In general, Jeanne wants to hear what things are going well, what challenges we have encountered, where our growing edges may be, and what hopes and dreams we have.

If you have reflections from your own personal experiences that you would like this group to be aware of, please feel free to share them with one of the pastors or Rachel Stoltzfus, our MLC Chair.

ADN has resources available to share with congregations, including connections to professionals in many different disability areas. This discussion will allow us to become more familiar with these resources as well as inform ADN of what kinds of support we need as we seek to become more accessible. ADN and our congregation will both be able to grow by keeping in communication with each other.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 200

Nurture Hour – 179

Finances – August 14, 2022

Operating Fund: \$4,440.00

Mennonite Education: \$2,603.95

Either Fund: \$9,782.00

Budget subtotal: \$16,825.95

Least Coin \$21.00

Seekers' Project \$50.00

Pathfinders \$40.00

Sharing Fund \$125.00

Total: \$17,061.95

Looking Ahead

August 28: Sermon: Nina

Lancot; Cup of Our Life

September 4: Sermon: Deron

Bergstresser; Cup of Our Life

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Team Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser, Sr. Adults

Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz, Family Life

Frances Ringenberg, Interim

Out of Office

Cindy Voth August 26-28

Office hours this week

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

Tuesday, Friday 9-12

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Additional Stephen Ministers to Train This Fall

The Stephen Leader Team (SLT) has affirmed the lay caring ministry gifts of Bonnie Miller and Karen Thompson and has invited them to train for serving our congregation as Stephen Ministers. SLT member Bill Minter will also be trained to serve as a Stephen Minister. The September - December training will be hosted by College Mennonite Church, which will have three trainees. Upon training and commissioning, Bonnie, Karen and Bill will join the current six Stephen Ministers in providing one-to-one care to individuals experiencing difficulties in life.

Stephen Ministry training combines sound theological principles with contemporary psychology. The skills Stephen Ministers learn and practice prepare them to provide a very high level of Christian caregiving. The training is intense because it explores some serious life issues, but it is also a growth-producing and enjoyable experience.

The 50 hours of Stephen Ministry training is broken down into fifteen weekly evening sessions and two daylong Saturday retreats. Among the training topics are:

Feelings: Yours, Mine, Ours

The Art of Listening

Distinctly Christian Caring

Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly

Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving

Confidentiality

Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief

More than a 600,000 people have gone through Stephen Ministry training in more than 13,000 congregations worldwide since the ministry began in 1975. This ministry is complementary to WMC's larger caring ministry that includes class shepherds, small groups and pastoral care.

— WMC Stephen Leader Team: Lorna and Mel Claassen,
Liz Gingrich and Bill Minter

Lynda and Rod Hollinger-Janzen invite the congregation to a drop-in gathering to celebrate the October wedding of their daughter, Rachel, and her fiancé, Wes Faulkner. Please come to the church to greet Rachel and Wes on Saturday, August 27, anytime between 2-5 p.m. RSVP to Lynda at (574) 535-0762.

Meet Laura Dick



Laura Dick lives in Goshen. Her parents are John and Shirley Dick and sisters are Sarah Dick and Alison McCormick. She is a second cousin to Jeff Claassen who attends Waterford.

She grew up attending College Mennonite Church and ushered there during high school and college. She graduated from Goshen College and received her masters in Elementary Education at Ball State. She is starting her eleventh year of teaching this year. She

currently teaches first grade at West Goshen Elementary.

Senior Profile: Gladys Mast

By Ursula Hess

I have had the privilege of knowing Gladys for the last 15 years. She and her husband came to Waterford in 1992, living in one of the courtyards at Greencroft. Unfortunately, her husband died soon afterwards, and Gladys was once again alone. This was her second husband. She has four children with her first husband, who died early and left her to raise young children on her own.

Her life had its challenges, even her childhood, her upbringing and then her marriages. And yet, Gladys has always struck me as someone with a very strong faith. Her life has been anchored in Jesus, who has been her comfort and strength, even when she hardly had time to take moments of devotion for herself. With her first husband, she had planted a Mennonite church in Michigan, in which she served with her listening and musical skills. She loves singing, playing the lap harp and helping others to enjoy the old hymns. Until recently, she organized the worship services at Greencroft, and brought music to residents in their rooms.

She praises her Lord with every sentence she speaks, and gives witness to his love and mercy. Her heart is full of gratitude for God's provision and daily presence. Her prayers for members of Waterford Church are going up daily. Faithfully she remembers the pastors and individuals. Her prayers are music to God and give honor to WMC.

Recently, Gladys had to move to healthcare (the Oasis, Room 721). But her prayers will continue as long as she lives. She remains an important part of our church.

Mennonite Women USA



Join us as African American women lead us through prophetic witness and holistic healing. Utilizing Mennonite Women USA's Sisterhood Masterclass and Sister Care Seminar, we will address issues of diversity, equity and inclusion as we experience Christ together in fellowship and worship. September 29 - October 2 at the MCUSA offices and campus of AMBS. [Learn more and register.](#)

Pancakes to support Charley Cripe

By Lyle Miller

Charley Cripe, son of Ruthie Saunders, recently lost much of his belongings in a 3:30 a.m. house fire Saturday, August 13. Charley and his two sons, aged 8 and 4, were able to escape without injury, but nearly all of their possessions were destroyed, and they did not have renter's insurance.

Charley's congregation in Indianapolis has helped with finding a place to stay. The Pathfinders Sunday school class at Waterford invites you to join in supporting Charley as he finds replacements for possessions.

Following Sunday school on Sunday, August 28, join others for a Pancake Bar, contributing generously to a freewill offering. We'll have pancakes in multiple varieties (including gluten-free), with multiple toppings, accompanied by bacon and orange juice. And we'll be done in time for you to zoom home for the congregational Zoom business meeting at 2 p.m.

Weather permitting, bring lawn chairs for sitting outside, though we'll likely have some seating in the fellowship hall as well, particularly for the older among us and those for whom sitting outside is difficult.

If you are unable to attend that day and would like to provide support, you may contribute in the offering plate, designating gifts for the Pathfinder Sharing Fund.

Hahkeem Layman Trial

By Rod Hollinger-Janzen

Hahkeem Layman is the young black man from Elkhart who was harassed by the police on an August afternoon two years ago. He was charged with resisting arrest, while the white officer who kicked him repeatedly received no discipline for his actions.

Hahkeem's trial is slated to begin on Tuesday August 23 at 8:30 a.m., at the Elkhart Superior Court 2, 315 S. 2nd St., Elkhart, IN.

Our local Poor People's Campaign cluster has been providing moral support for Hahkeem. You are invited to show up with us to support him on Tuesday at the courthouse. We want to be there by 8 a.m., and be a public presence that morning, singing, praying, and holding signs in support of Hahkeem.

Considering that the trial has been postponed several times before, we will send an email early next week confirming whether it will go ahead as scheduled or not.

Trail of Death: Sunday Afternoon Pilgrimage

The Land Acknowledgment Team of Eighth Street Mennonite Church invites you to pilgrimage with us on October 2 to five sites along the Trail of Death near Plymouth and Rochester, Indiana. In September 1838, over 800 Potawatomi were forced to leave their homeland and walk to the plains of eastern Kansas. Over forty adults and children died on the 660-mile trek. The purpose of the pilgrimage is to remember their unjust treatment and lament this tragedy. We will leave Eighth Street Mennonite Church on the church bus around noon and return by 6 p.m. For more information and to reserve your place, please contact Eileen Saner (eksaner@gmail.com)

Waterford Announcements

THIS SUNDAY, August 21

- **Last chance to bring or write an "I Am From" poem!** The basket will still be there on Sunday morning. So if you plan to write one, now's the time! Note: Janet will not be checking the office email after 12:00 noon on Friday. Any poems submitted by email after that time will be given to Katie next week.
- Come to the **evening picnic at 5:30 to welcome back Katie**. There will be pulled pork, fruit, dessert and drinks provided. Please bring a side dish or salad to share. At 6:30 there will be a live band and contra dancing and lawn games. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs or blankets.
- The new Sunday School year is starting this Sunday, August 21, for children age 3 to high school seniors. The classes will be held in the nurture wing and the MYF room. During nurture hour, parents can take the children under 3 to the staffed nursery. Locations of Sunday School classes are posted on the kiosk in the foyer, the fellowship hall doors and the nurture wing doors.

Mark your calendars for the next **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, August 28** at 2:00 p.m. by Zoom. Last week you should have found printed copies of the materials for the meeting in your mailbox, including our Fall ballot. If you plan to be at the Zoom meeting, we will cast our votes electronically at that time. If you will not be at the Zoom meeting, you are invited to cast an absentee ballot by noon on the 28th. Please return absentee ballots to the basket by the office door. The link for the meeting will be included in next week's announcements.

New Members Exploration Class for anyone who would like to explore becoming a member at Waterford Mennonite Church. The class will meet for two sessions on September 7 and 14, from 6:45 - 8:15 p.m. During our sessions we will spend time getting to know each other, share the leadership structure of WMC, visit with each of the pastors and learn about their areas of ministry, and have time for any questions you might have. Please RSVP to Pastors Cindy or Deron.

Salt & Light weekly reflection for [August 21](#).

Mennonite Church USA

Mennonite Church USA
Executive Director Glen Guyton was one of many faith leaders to sign a statement calling for President Biden to re-enter the Iran nuclear deal. Read the statement here: mennoniteusa.org/faith-leaders-iran

Earlier this year, **Linda Gehman Peachey and Sue Park-Hur of Mennonite Church USA's Women in Leadership project** led nine women in a training on the "Laboring Toward Wholeness" anti-patriarchy curriculum. The women discussed why women and their welfare are often overlooked. Read their reflections in, "What about the women?" mennoniteusa.org/what-about-women

What is peace and where is it found? **Chidi Ihezuoh**, associate pastor with Los Angeles Faith Chapel, addresses this question in his blog, "**The peace of God is not of this world.**" mennoniteusa.org/peace-god-this-world

Do you want to **stay up to date on Mennonite Church USA happenings, blogs, news and webinars**? Sign up for PeaceMail and get weekly updates on what is happening in the church! mennoniteusa.org/peacemail

AMBS

Wrestle with big life questions:
Take an Anabaptist short course:

- **Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible** with Drew Strait, PhD, and Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, PhD
 - **Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology** with Jamie Pitts, PhD
 - **Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: What's Different and Why?** with David Cramer, PhD, and Susannah Larry, PhD
- Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication** with Betty Pries, CMed, PhD
[Learn more and register](#)

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship

Coming Together at the Well: Renewal through exploring the five standards. MHF Annual Gathering will be held October 14-16 at MCC's The Welcoming Place in Akron, Pa. There will be reflecting with guest speaker Malinda Elizabeth Berry, PhD, on the Five Life Standards. We will also spend time reflecting together on the Standards and the intersection of our spiritual and professional callings. Register at <https://mennohealth.org/annual-gathering-2022/>

MDS

The August edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Learn about the urgent need for volunteers to clean up after the Kentucky flooding, see a tasty display of gratitude in Princeton, B.C., and enjoy the smiles of volunteers in the Family Program at Camp Amigo. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3CekCOO>

Upcoming Community Events

Ten Thousand Villages is having their **Vintage Villages Auction** again! We host this online auction as a fundraiser to support our mission of providing a portal for our artisan partners to sell their unique quality crafts. MCC workers work with our artisan groups providing advice and support. A portion of the funds raised during this auction will go to the 2022 Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale. This auction gives you a unique opportunity to bid on hard to find vintage crafts no longer available for purchase. Vintage Self Help, Ten Thousand Villages, and other Fair Trade crafts are included. Sign up today! <http://www.bit.ly/ttv-f22>. Bidding goes live August 21-28.

Mennonite Writing Conference - Goshen College will be hosting this year's Mennonite Writing Conference from September 29 - October 2. This conference celebrates, investigates and publicizes the emergence of creative writing among people from diverse Mennonite backgrounds and also creates a forum where writers, readers and scholars can meet and inspire each other. Speakers include Casey Plett, Julia Spicher Kasdorf and Steven Rubin, and Beth Piatote. Early bird registration ends September 1. More info can be found at goshen.edu/mennoniteswriting.

Pathways Retreat has adopted a new strategic plan, which is available for review on their [website](#). Prayers are requested for an upcoming Goshen Board of Zoning Appeals meeting. Daily prayers are offered both online and in-person beginning August 15. Read their monthly newsletter at <https://static-promote.weebly.com/share/19b2f2be-abbe-45b4-b1b2-7a52858caf0f>

Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale

- **Runners and walkers:** Be sure and visit the website (<https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Goshen/MCCRunForRelief>) to register for the Run for Relief and, if you want a T-shirt, reserve your size. You can also register in person at the sale Friday evening or Saturday morning. There is a paper form on the web site you can fill out and mail in if you prefer. The registration fee remains a reasonable \$25 with T-shirt or \$20 without a T-shirt.
- Your **help is needed with Children's Activities** at the Relief Sale! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4da9a829a2fbc61-2022>. Grab your spot hosting your favorite game!
- **Start thinking about what you can contribute** to the sale: baked goods, plants, crafts, quilting supplies, items for the online auction; or if you want to help with set-up, recycling, or working in a booth. Note there is **not** a garage sale this year.
- **Keep collecting your coins for My Coins Count!** Families and adults are invited to collect your coins to bring to the Michiana Relief Sale Sept. 23 - 24. Adults — consider giving kids seed money to use to raise money for My Coins Count! Your efforts will help support food projects benefiting children and families around the world through Mennonite Central Committee and its partners.