

## A Season of Welcoming and Sending

This Sunday we will thank and  
bless Frances Ringenberg for her  
work as Interim Pastor,  
and we will recognize the 6th-  
grade milestone and the beginning  
of the school year.



August 28, 2022

# The Waterford Buzz

### **This Sunday**

9:00 a.m. - Worship  
10:30 a.m. - Classes for all ages  
2:00 p.m. - Congregational  
meeting / Zoom

### **Welcome Team**

Greeters: Maurice & Carol  
Lehman  
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Bruce  
Snyder, Wade Ramer  
Audiovisuals: Colin Berkey,  
Steve Fath

### **This Week at Waterford**

#### **Monday**

4:00 p.m. WS group / FH  
7:00 p.m. ADN / FH

#### **Wednesday**

Office Closed  
6:00 p.m. JYF pool party

#### **Zoom prayers**

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

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## **Fall Worship Series**

*By Cindy Voth for Worship Ministry Team*

Worship Ministry Team has been busy reviewing ideas for our fall worship series. Together we discerned that the timing feels right to once again focus our worship series on the vast scope of the amazing story of God's steadfast love as captured in the Bible. Some at WMC might recall our "Year of the Bible" in 2014-2015 where we studied Heilsgeschichte, God's salvation history. This fall, though, we will be entering this beautiful story from a slightly different angle.

Beginning September 11 through May 2023 our worship services will follow the assigned scripture readings of the Narrative Lectionary. The Narrative Lectionary (NL), like the Revised Common Lectionary, is a four year cycle of scripture readings. The difference is that the NL arranges the passages in a narrative format so that every year from September through May the Sundays follow the overarching biblical story from creation through the early church.

We are grateful to draw from a worship resource called "Spill the Beans" created in Scotland. One of the real gifts of this resource is the fresh and engaging suggestions to use in our worship services. The resource challenges us to be mindful of the ways we worship God with our whole body and not just by the hearing of words. It includes suggestions for tangible rituals that engage more of our senses, and ways we can continue to interact with the biblical stories throughout the week.

## Life at Waterford

### Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 162

Nurture Hour – 168

### Finances – August 21, 2022

Operating Fund: \$6,274.45

Mennonite Education: \$1,290.08

Either Fund: \$4,660.00

**Budget subtotal: \$12,224.53**

MCC Ukraine \$400.00

Pathfinders \$50.00

Jubilee Fund \$55.00

**Total: \$12,729.53**

### Looking Ahead

September 4: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser; Cup of Our Life  
(*Matthew 4:11*)

September 11: Sermon: Cindy; Flood and Promise  
(*Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17*)

### Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Team Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser, Sr. Adults

Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz, Family Life

Tuesday, Thursday

Monday & Wednesday p.m.

Frances Ringenberg, Interim

### Out of Office

Cindy Voth August 26-28

Pastoral Team August 31

### Office hours this week

Monday, Thursday 9-12, 1-3

Tuesday, Friday 9-12

Closed Wednesday

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September 11 through October 23 our theme will be “Colors of the Covenant.” During these weeks, we will look again at the stories that describe the covenantal relationship that God forms with people and creation. We will build a rainbow on the platform, adding another color each week, as a visible reminder of the symbol of God’s covenant from Genesis 9. Through our study we will see the beauty, diversity, and vibrancy of the “Colors of the Covenant.”

From October 30 up until Advent we will shift to the theme of “Living into the Covenant.” Our stories so far have told of God calling out people to a different way of life with the promise of blessing which, for many, was a long time in coming. In the stories that follow, we see God-given wisdom and authority coming into play. In these weeks we will ask together, “How can we harness that wisdom and authority to live into the Covenant as the people of God today?”

We invite you to join us in praying for our series and for all who will offer their gifts to lead us in the various components of worship. The chart below outlines the stories we will be dwelling with.

Join us on this exciting journey as we once again enter this amazing story of God’s steadfast love! Together let’s color in the “Colors of the Covenant” as the Spirit challenges us while we are “Living into the Covenant.”

Date	Theme/Scripture	Title
9/11/22	Noah and the Flood - Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17	“Flood and Promise”
9/18/22	God Calls Abram - Genesis 12:1-9	“Sacred Stages”
9/25/22	Joseph - Gen. 39:1-23	“Keep Calm and Carry On”
10/2/22	World Communion Sunday; Red Sea - Exodus 14:10-14, 21-29	“A Toe in The Water”
10/9/22	Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery; The Ten Commandments - Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17	“Starters for Ten”
10/16/22	Joshua - Joshua 24:1-15 (16-26)	“Celebrations and Confessions”
10/23/22	Nathan and King David - 2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9	“Man in The Mirror”
10/30/22	Solomon’s Wish - 1 Kings 3:4-28	“Wisdom’s Child”
11/6/22	All Saints Day; Elisha heals Naaman - 2 Kings 5:1-15a	“Wash & Go”
11/13/22	Mercy, Justice and Peace - Micah 1:3-5; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8	“Vision & Reality”
11/20/22	God’s Plan for Peace - Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; 2:1-4	“Rumor Has It”

## Pokegon Band of Potawatomi Pow Wow 2022

*By Jeff Miller*

A Pow Wow is a Native American tradition that brings together many different tribes and communities. It's a special event for Native American communities that celebrates dance, song, socializing and honors a rich heritage. While some Pow Wows are private and only for various Native American communities, many are open to the public.

The Labor Day Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Pow Wow is open to the public at the Rodgers Lake Campus, 58620 Sink Rd., Dowagiac, Michigan. Kee-boon-mein-kaa in the Potawatomi language refers to the end of the huckleberry harvest, a traditional time of celebration for the Potawatomi people. The pow wow draws dancers and drummers of all ages from the Great Lakes and beyond to compete for prize money in several categories.

The Grand Entries are:

Saturday 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 p.m.

I have attended this pow wow several times and have greatly enjoyed the experience. I feel honored to be welcomed to learn and enjoy the music and the dance as well as the interactions with others who are there. The Grand Entrance times are listed, but if you can't be there in time for it, dancing continues for hours. There is delicious food and vendors of indigenous handcrafts and other items. I feel privileged to participate in this rich tradition.

You can find some good orientation information to read before going to a pow-wow for the first time at <https://www.powwows.com/pow-wow-101-frequently-asked-questions-native-american-pow-wows>.



This poster gives a complete schedule of the pow-wow events.

Look for it on the bulletin board by the mailboxes.

## Calling Artists of All Ages!

Worship Ministry Team is calling artists of all ages to design the cover for our weekly bulletins beginning October 30! We will have a sign-up sheet at the Participation Station that will include the date and theme of each Sunday (you can get a head start in your discernment by checking out the chart on page 2). Then sign up for a particular Sunday to design the bulletin cover. Please have your image to the church office by at least Tuesday morning prior to the Sunday's service. We invite young and old to share their artistic gifts with the broader church in this way by providing visual worship arts that connect us in some way with the scripture and theme of the morning. We are excited to see what you create!



## Sunday Evening Picnic

Sunday, August 21, we welcomed back Katie with our first post-pandemic potluck picnic! Some danced, some played lawn games, some just sat around and watched the dancing, but we all ate!



Thank you, Waterford, for the warm welcome back from sabbatical. From the welcome sign in my office to the pineapple palm tree and gluten free and dairy free desserts, I felt the love of the Waterford family. The “I am” poems are a special treat that I will enjoy over the next weeks.

Pastor Katie Misz



Yes—Katie’s feet really are not touching the floor!



## Stephen Ministry Training Begins:

Tuesday, August 30, marks the beginning of 50 hours of training for Bonnie Miller, Karen Thompson and Bill Minter of WMC; and Tracy Byler, Margaret Clemens and Julie Gunden of College Mennonite Church as they commit themselves to learning the skills of caring ministry. This first week's training concerns "The Person of the Caregiver," during which they will consider five foundational characteristics of a caregiver. Stephen Leaders from both congregations will be leading the weekly training sessions.

## Raise Coins for My Coins Count

We have a sponsor who will graciously provide \$10 to families of children and youth who would be willing to take the money and put it toward ingredients for baked goods. We would then ask that those baked goods be brought to church on September 18 to be purchased by donation during our fellowship time. All proceeds will go to My Coins Count for MCC. If your family is willing to do some baking for this project, please sign up at the participation station. Money will be handed out Sunday, September 11 unless other arrangements need to be made. Thank you for supporting MCC. —Children's Cluster

# Waterford Announcements

### THIS SUNDAY, August 28

- **Fundraiser to help Charley Cripe.** All are welcome to the Pancake Bar following Sunday School, 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. Bring lawn chairs for sitting outside, though we'll likely have some seating in the fellowship hall as well.
- **Congregational Meeting** at 2:00 p.m. by Zoom. Voting will take place on Zoom; absentee ballots need to be in the basket by the office door by noon on the 28th. Here is the link: <https://notredame.zoom.us/j/94303864914?pwd=OUFZajZkR20yMUNWMlBlbmxcXc5dz09>
- Starting this Sunday **we are reserving a section for YOUTH** in the sanctuary, as we did on a trial basis over the summer. This section is for both MYF and JYF to sit with their peers during the service, while fully participating in the service. YOUTH, look for the reserved seats in the sanctuary and enjoy worshipping with your peers! As sometimes seats are limited, we will reserve the seats until the beginning of the first song.

The **My Coins Count Jar** will be at the door to the sanctuary this Sunday and will continue to be at the door each Sunday through September 19. We are thankful to a generous Waterford couple who will **match \$1,500** of the amount given by Waterford members! If God is calling you to add to this match or **triple** the amount collected, please contact Carolyn Kauffman at 574-304-7172 or [cdkauff@gmail.com](mailto:cdkauff@gmail.com).

## Mennonite Church USA

The words we use when worshipping together help form the way we think about God and others. Darrin W. Snyder Belousek of Salem Mennonite Church in Elida, Ohio, shares **six criteria for how he thinks we should choose our worship words**, in his blog "O Lord, open our lips: Some thoughts about words for worship." Read it here: [mennoniteusa.org/open-our-lips](https://mennoniteusa.org/open-our-lips)

**Are you interested in writing a blog for Mennonite Church USA (MC USA)?** Menno Snapshots are blogs from diverse voices across MC USA. They include stories about peacemaking, experiencing God's presence and ways that people are living out their faith. Read the guidelines and submit a blog for consideration here: [mennoniteusa.org/blog-guidelines](https://mennoniteusa.org/blog-guidelines)

## Mennonite Women USA

**Leaders Inspiring Leaders: A Women's Leadership Conference**, Sept. 29 - Oct. 2. 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.](#)

## 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>



## AMBS

**Develop skills for holistic leadership!** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Master of Arts in Christian Formation program equips students to lead biblically grounded ministries of spiritual formation, discipleship and guidance in congregations or other faith-based settings. Generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and matching grants are available! [ambs.edu/macf](http://ambs.edu/macf)

## MCC

**MCC Great Lakes in Goshen is looking for occasional volunteers to help with driving and vehicle maintenance.**

Driving responsibilities include driving a pick-up truck and trailer to pick up donated kits and comforters across the region and bringing them back to our Goshen warehouse. Vehicle maintenance includes taking care of several organization-owned vehicles on an as-needed basis. For more information and to volunteer, contact our office at 574-534-4133 or [GreatLakes@mcc.org](mailto:GreatLakes@mcc.org).

**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 28](#).

## Upcoming Community Events

**Vintage Villages Auction bidding is open until August 28!** Vintage Self Help, Ten Thousand Villages, and other Fair Trade crafts are included. Sign up today! <http://www.bit.ly/ttv-f22>.

**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>

**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](mailto:eksaner@gmail.com))

## Thank You

Thanks so much for the beautiful floral arrangement delivered to me by Debbie Fath, giving me the opportunity to chat with her a while. Also to Deron for bringing a lovely prayer shawl.

Thank you, too, to the Waterford congregation for the MANY cards with well wishes, encouragement and prayers. They are so much appreciated. We continue to value your prayers as we continue this journey.

Blessings, Miriam and Loren Stauffer

Thank you so much for the meal you provided on the teacher work day. We are excited to begin a new school year and we appreciate your partnership in serving our community.

Sincerely, Prairie View Elementary Staff