A Season of Welcoming and Sending

This Sunday we will bless Anna Smucker as she leaves for a year of voluntary service

and

bless Pastor Deron as he steps into his full-time pastoral role

I Am From

I am from the pasta dishes and casseroles of potluck meals
celebrations of international foods
hot dog and hamburger cookouts
I am from waves of prairie flowers
foyer conversations with hands wrapped around warm coffee cups
lawn games and bluegrass band performances
the Elkhart River wetlands
I am from Yellow Creek Mennonite Church
Heilsgeschichte, Shema, a baptism pond
colorful fabrics of Beninese visitors
I am from joyous singing, heartfelt sharing, anointing oil
generous hearts and open hands
Saints, past and present
the cloud of witnesses
I am Waterford Mennonite Church

August 7, 2022

The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday
9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Joint nurture hour in the Sanctuary
Intergenerational class-Pavilion

Welcome Team
Greeters: Dave & Karen Hostetler
Ushers: Jerry Golden, Dennis Myers, Ken Otto
Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler, Shawn Stutzman

This Week at Waterford
Wednesday
7:00 p.m. BBI Planning Group / Rm 15
Thursday
8:30 a.m. Mennonite Women
7:00 p.m. Worship MT / FH
7:00 p.m. FFMT / Rm 15
7:00 p.m. DDofD / Rm 22
Zoom prayers
Monday - 8:30 a.m.,
Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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I Am From . . .

In May, as Pastor Katie Misz embarked on her sabbatical, she encouraged us to share our stories with each other. Katie encouraged us to consider our story, to share our story, and while doing so, to recognize this life we live is part of a really good story.

It is with great joy that we prepare to welcome back Pastor Katie and JE on August 21! As part of the welcome back we would like to give Katie a booklet made up of "I Am From" poems written by WMCers — yes, YOU! You need not be a poet to write this type of poem. How does it work? Use prompts to consider two to four items for each category. Then put it in poetry form by writing "I am from (familiar food). I am from (sights/sounds). I am from (important people). Etc." This type of poem captures part of your story — your very good story. Examples of these poems will be shared in worship on August 7 and 14.

This Sunday, there will be an insert in your bulletin with prompts and spaces to write your poem, or you can use the template in the "Spill the Tea" booklet. Completed poems can be placed in the basket on the table by the church office by noon, August 21. We will assemble these poems into a booklet to give to Katie at our picnic on that day.

No matter your age, young or older, you have a story and are invited to join in writing an "I Am From" poem as a welcome back gift for Katie.

—Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team Leader

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance
Worship – 168
Nurture Hour – 173

Finances – July 31, 2022

Operating Fund:	$4,059.00
Mennonite Education:	$2,205.15
Either Fund:	$5,440.00
Budget subtotal:	***$11,704.15***
MCC	$50.00
Seekers' Project	$1,325.00
Total:	**$13,079.15**

Looking Ahead
August 14: Sermon: Cindy Voth, Gretchen Bateman, Lacy Stoltzfus; Faces of Our Faith: Lydia
August 21: Sermon: Frances Ringenberg; Cup of Our Lives

Pastoral Team
Cindy Voth, Team Leader
Monday - Thursday
Deron Bergstresser, Sr. Adults
Tuesday - Friday
Frances Ringenberg, Interim
Melissa Chupp, Interim
Katie Misz, on Sabbatical

Out of Office

Cindy Voth	August 8-9
Melissa Chupp	August 7-8

Office hours this week

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

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Waterford's 2022 My Coins Count Campaign

Last Sunday, Helen Bowman talked to the children about MyCoinsCount (MyCC) and what the money will be used for this year. Instead of focusing on clean water, this year the MyCC funds will be designated to FOOD projects of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). With the war in Ukraine, the global hunger crisis is getting worse. MCC helps make emergency food available to families who are fleeing war and conflict, helps farmers deal with changing weather patterns and learn new ways to increase the yields of their crops, offers new ways for gardeners to grow fresh vegetables and shares animals that help families build up their flocks and herds to provide food and extra money for school and other needs. Helen's challenge to the children last week was to work to raise $8,000! Each of the children received a MyCC calendar that prompts giving for every day for a month. There are extra copies of the calendar on the first table under the mailboxes. Below are some more ideas of ways to collect coins.

The relief sale committee is inviting congregations to try a new idea — offering "seed grants" to children in the congregation who might enjoy the opportunity to grow a grant into a larger donation to MyCC. Perhaps your child/children or family would like to make and sell lemonade, bake cookies or brownies or something else tasty, team up with others kids/families for a spaghetti or pizza supper or special meal at church, make something crafty to sell, give a concert or poetry reading, or any of a variety of creative initiatives that sound like fun. There just may be others in the congregation who would like to offer a $20 "Seed Grant" to kids needing to purchase supplies for such a project!

If you are interested in giving seed money or receiving seed money for a project (you'll need to have a plan), you may either contact the office or find your own donor.

Adults can also support the children by matching the coin totals! Please contact Janet in the office, office@waterfordchurch.org, if you would like to do that.

Let's all pitch in to make that $8,000 goal!

Waterford Announcements

THIS SUNDAY, August 7

- **Joint Nurture Hour** for the working group on Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery to share a land acknowledgement statement draft for the church property and to engage questions about what it means for WMC to become a Repair Network member.
- There will be a **Welcome Back banner for Katie** on tables in the foyer for everyone to sign in the next two weeks. Stop by the table and write your message of welcome to Katie.
- You are invited to **bring a special cup or mug this Sunday** and next to be included in creating the worship visual on August 21. Please place your mug on the participation station table and put your name on the bottom of the cup! If you would like to tell a story about your cup or mug please contact a pastor.

MENNONITE WOMEN: Thursday, August 11 is our next meeting date. The doors are open from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. We meet in the MYF classroom. Come for the entire day or for several hours. Bring your own lunch. Give a gift of time to MCC.

MCC School Kit bags are by the mailboxes. Look for the sheet with the list of items that need to be included in each bag.

Intergenerational Sunday School activity week: Kent Dutchersmith will be here to lead the group in folk dancing.

Salt & Light weekly reflection for August 7.

Upcoming Community Events

Looking for a special afternoon or night with your small group? Ten Thousand Villages in Goshen would like to offer a special time for you and your group of friends or small group to shop! We'd love to supply some coffee and tea, but you are welcome to also bring other snacks and drinks of your choice! Reach out to us soon as spots are filling up! Contact us at goshen@tenthousandvillages.com or give us a ring and leave a message at 574.533.8491.

VINTAGE VILLAGES AUCTION Our Vintage Villages Auction is coming soon! On August 14 you can view the auction items online and on August 21, bidding goes live. The auction will include beautiful art pieces and artisan crafted candlesticks, pots, wall-hangings, lamps and much more. Save this link to view the items and bid: https://auctria.events/VVAUCTION2022. We would like to thank our generous sponsors who make this event possible!

Mennonite Church USA

Nature has a way of refreshing the soul, and **Cheryl Mast** has noticed this firsthand with students who have participated in the outdoor education program at Amigo Centre, a Mennonite Camp in Michigan. Read her blog, **"The power of nature,"** to learn more about how Mast has experienced students coming out of their shells while unplugging at camp. mennoniteusa.org/power-nature

MCC

Relief, Development and Podcast -- The hunger crisis / Andy Harrington from Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Right now around the world, hundreds of millions of people go to bed hungry. 50 million have exhausted all options and are teetering on the edge of famine.

MCC Bike Michiana - September 16-18
Join other bicycle enthusiasts of all skill levels for an enjoyable experience of pedaling the beautiful lake and farmland region of southern Michigan and northern Indiana. More details and registration information for the weekend at Amigo Centre in Sturgis, Michigan.

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship

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/