

## Colors of the Covenant

This Sunday:

GREEN



October 2, 2022

# The Waterford Buzz

### **This Sunday**

9:00 a.m. - Worship

10:30 a.m. - Classes for all ages

### **Welcome Team**

Greeters: Dan & Diane Bodiker

Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken Otto,  
Glenn Reinford

Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler,  
Shawn Stutzman

### **This Week at Waterford**

*Wednesday*

7:00 p.m. Mentor/Mentee mtg

*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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Dear Waterford Members:

It is always so exciting to watch the My Coins Count Jar filling up each Sunday! And what a joy to be sent or handed checks designated for My Coins Count! As a result of your generosity, \$5091.10 was given to MCC!

It is also exciting to pick up or receive pictures of items that are being donated to the Quilt Auction, Silent Auction and all the other areas where items are sold!

Watching our Waterford Worker Bees during the actual weekend culminates the joy of knowing that our congregation truly believes in the work of MCC and wants to share their talents to raise funds to help persons throughout the world.

May God bless you all for your generosity.

Carolyn Kauffman, Waterford Relief Sale Rep.



**Left:** Lena Claassen pushes WMC's coins into the counter



**Right:** Logan Beck and Isaac Pfahler sell popcorn and drinks at the quilt auction

## Life at Waterford

### Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 176

Nurture Hour – 193

### Finances – September 25, 2022

Operating Fund: \$5,865.00

Mennonite Education: \$3,235.00

Either Fund: \$5,110.00

**Budget subtotal: \$14,210.00**

MyCoinsCount \$40.00

Ukraine Relief \$325.00

Jubilee Fund \$55.00

**Total: \$14,630.00**

### Looking Ahead

October 9: Sermon: Luke

Gascho; Dismantling the  
Doctrine of Discovery

(Ex. 20:1-20; Matthew 5:1-12)

October 16: Sermon: Cindy Voth;

Celebrations & Confessions  
(Joshua 24:1-26)

### Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Team Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser, Sr. Adults

Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz, Family Life

Tuesday, Thursday

Monday & Wednesday p.m.

### Out of Office

Cindy Voth October 3-5

### Office hours this week

Monday - Thursday 9-12, 1-3

Tuesday, Friday 9-12

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## Waterford Announcements

**This Sunday (October 2), we will 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.

**College Care Packages!** Bring lots of care package contents **this Sunday.** We will be sending care packages to 32 college students. You are invited to contribute items such as fresh fruit, fresh baked goods, nuts, granola bars, and healthy snacks. Please place your donations in the box on the table near the library. You are also invited to write a note to individual students to go into the packages. Paper and pens will be provided at the table. Packages will be packed on Wednesday, October 5.

**Request for furniture:** Bella, the woman who is now renting the church house, has need of a couch and chairs for the living room and can use up to three dressers for the bedrooms. If you have such furniture pieces you are not using or need to clear out, please contact Jan Oostland (facilities@waterford church) or Denise Diener (denisediener@yahoo.com).

**Photo Directory:** Please sign up to have your photo taken for the 2022 directory. **If you have access to the internet, please signup online** at <https://calendly.com/wmcoffice-pd/sunday-am-photos> for Sunday a.m. OR <https://calendly.com/stevenlfath/waterford-directory-photo> for Thursday through Saturday and Sunday afternoons. If you don't have access to internet, you may sign up on the sheets at the participation station in the foyer.

**Have you visited or worked in Puerto Rico?** You and your family are invited to a potluck after church on Sunday, October 16 in the fellowship hall. We will be reminiscing and informally sharing experiences and memories from times visiting, doing mission work and/or living in Puerto Rico. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share. It can be a typical Puerto Rican food dish or not.

**Salt & Light weekly reflection** and extra printable teaching resource for [October 2](#).

## Upcoming Community Events

**Lavender Jazz Big Band Concert:** Come see GC's big band in the beautifully restored auditorium of the historic Goshen Theater on Friday, October 7. There will be two sets, 6:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., but feel free to come and go as you enjoy First Friday. The concession stand will be open.

**Goshen College Peace Play,** 4:00 p.m., Saturday, October 8; 2:00 p.m., Sunday, October 9, Umble Center. *The Fledgling* by Brigid Amos. In this year's Theater Department Homecoming Production, a dog, a cat, a baby bird uneasily share space on a fire escape. The show brings Goshen College's signature Peace Play Competition back onto its proper biennial schedule with a charming world premiere fable. Playwright Brigid Amos will participate in post-show discussions and campus activities. According to the playwright, "this play explores the seductive nature of xenophobia and the power of empathy to combat it."

**The Open Fifts Concert at 8<sup>th</sup> Street Mennonite Church (Sunday, October 9 at 4:00 p.m.).** *The Open Fifts* is a choral ensemble that performs music from the Renaissance through contemporary composers as well as traditional hymns and arrangements of popular music and songs from around the world. The concert is FREE. An offering will be collected to support the **Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition's Salary Campaign for Sarah Augustine**. Anabaptist author, scholar and activist Sarah Augustine, a Pueblo (Tewa) woman, has been a leading voice in calling the church to dismantle structures that oppress Indigenous peoples and deprive them of their lands. Contributions to her Salary Campaign will empower her to do this prophetic work of repair full-time.

**MCC Comforter Bash:** Make plans to join us on November 11 and 12 for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Church (58529 County Road 23). For more information about the event visit [mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash](http://mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash) or contact LaVera Schlabach at 574-538-9629. A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

## Opportunities

**MCC Buckets of Thanks:** This Thanksgiving, show your gratitude and provide hope to those in need by collecting relief supplies for MCC. The supplies you donate will fill a Bucket of Thanks for people affected by conflict or disaster around the world. For more information, including supply lists and a ready-to-use curriculum for children, visit: [mccbuckets.org](http://mccbuckets.org).

**Are you a youth who attends a Mennonite high school or an Anabaptist church?** This is your opportunity to express your views in essay format on critical issues facing U.S. society. Submissions are due Feb. 24, 2023, and may be in English or Spanish. The grand prize is \$1000! [Find out more about the high school essay contest.](#)

**MCC Peace Camps: Calling Young adults!**

- **Nov 6-11: Puerto Rico Peace Camp:** Join MCC on November 6-11 on the beautiful island of Puerto Rico as we discover new ways to live and proclaim the gospel of peace. This week-long experience will be filled with practical learning about deconstructing oppressive systems, building community, participating in spaces of healing and commitment to hospitality. This experience will be facilitated in Spanish; a minimum of conversational Spanish is expected from all participants. Registration fee is \$200; sign up now at [mcc.org/campamento-de-paz](http://mcc.org/campamento-de-paz).
- **Jan 2-7, 2023: Peace for the Weary at Camp Deerpark:** For those living in metropolitan areas to take a break from daily life and join MCC for a transformational week of connection and learning. During this experience, you will gain tools for understanding trauma and develop strategies for self-care and healing through the lens of restorative justice to bring back to your city. Registration fee is \$200; sign up now at [mcc.org/peace-for-the-weary](http://mcc.org/peace-for-the-weary).

More information about peace camps: [mcc.org/peace-camps](http://mcc.org/peace-camps).

**Goshen Community Schools** has a number of volunteer opportunities for the 2022-2023 school year. Look for the blue fliers on the bulletin board beside the mailboxes to learn how you can help Prairie View School this year.

## Mennonite Church USA

Mennonite Church USA launched the “**Learn, Pray, Join: Mass Incarceration**” initiative in September. This initiative, in conjunction with the “For Justice in the U.S. Criminal Legal System” resolution, seeks to raise awareness of injustices in the U.S. criminal legal system, especially those that disproportionately affect people of color and people without financial security. The initiative will continue through the end of October. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/lpj-mi](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/lpj-mi)

Several years ago, when the congregants of College Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana, agreed to follow strategic priorities that included embracing diversity and practicing active inclusion, they knew they were taking a big step, but they didn't know how deeply it would affect their church. Read Marty Lehman's blog, “**The dangers of strategic planning**,” to learn more about how these priorities led to a robust immigrant resettlement ministry in their community.

[mennoniteusa.org/dangers-strategic-planning](http://mennoniteusa.org/dangers-strategic-planning)

Like most other Americans alive on Sept. 11, 2001, Drew Strait has strong memories attached to the tragedies that occurred that day. This day set him down a path toward **Anabaptism, nonviolence and a professional focus on combatting Christian nationalism**. Read his story here: [mennoniteusa.org/neverforget](http://mennoniteusa.org/neverforget)

**MennoCon23**, Mennonite Church USA's largest faith formation gathering, will be held July 3-8, 2023, in Kansas City, Missouri. There will be programming for all ages, including a one-day Climate Summit for youth and young adults. See the tentative block schedule here: [mennoniteusa.org/mennocon-schedule](http://mennoniteusa.org/mennocon-schedule)



## MHS

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) invites healthcare providers in all disciplines to our Annual Gathering at MCC's Welcoming Place in Akron, PA, October 14 -16, 2022. The theme is: **Coming Together at the Well - Renewal Through Exploring the Five Life Standards.** Participants will have the opportunity to explore and discuss the Five Life Standards from More-With-Less and how they apply to health and healing as well as hear from keynote speaker Malinda Elizabeth Berry, PhD, professor at AMBS. Commuter registration is available for local participants. Registration information at [mennohealth.org/annual-gathering-2022/](https://mennohealth.org/annual-gathering-2022/).



Logan and Isaac display the wares of their trade.

## Relief Sale Workers



Left: Waterford MYF helped set up for the sale on Wednesday night, September 21.

Left: Susanna Stutzman and Steve Fath wait to take ice cream orders, and Dave Hostetler waits in the back to fill those bowls and cones.



Left: Brent Beck serves ice cream while Jennifer Beck and Vyron Schmidt look on.