

Colors of the Covenant

This Sunday:

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September 18, 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,
Len Harms

Audiovisuals: Glen Kauffmann,
Jeff Claassen

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. MLC

Wednesday

6:45 p.m. New Members
Class / MYF Room

7:00 p.m. MYF

Thursday

7:00 p.m. WMT / FH

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Time For a New Pictorial Directory

A lot has changed at Waterford over the last five years and so, we are getting ready to produce a brand new pictorial directory with new photos of all of our attenders.

This year, our photographers have professional equipment and backdrops and we are offering several options for photo sessions. You can choose a 10-minute time slot on Sunday mornings by signing up at <https://calendly.com/wmcoffice-pd/10min?month=2022-09>. We will also offer 30-minute slots outside of Sunday morning for those who would like more time to get a shot everyone concerned can agree on. Steve Fath has graciously offered to provide time on Thursday through Sunday afternoons for these sessions. If you like your portrait, he can even order professional prints for a reasonable fee. To reserve one of these times, you can sign up at <https://calendly.com/stevenlfath/waterford-directory-photo>. Photo sessions will begin on Thursday, September 22 and will continue through October. There will be a signup sheet at the participation station table for those without access to the online calendar.

You will also find your personal profile form in your mailboxes this week. Please review the information on these sheets, make corrections and/or additions and return to the church office or the church mailbox by Sunday, October 9.

Please sign up for photos soon. And don't forget to thank the photographers for giving of their time to make a new directory a reality.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 152 (+24)
Bridgebuilders on retreat)
Nurture Hour – 181

Finances – September 11, 2022

Operating Fund: \$3,975.00
Mennonite Education: \$9,550.00
Either Fund: \$1,717.00
Budget subtotal: \$15,242.00
Least Coin Fund \$21.00
Jubilee Fund \$125.00
Total: \$15,388.00

Looking Ahead

September 25: Sermon: Cindy Voth; Keep Calm and Carry On (*Genesis 39:1-23*)
October 2: Sermon: Katie Misz; A Toe In the Water
World Communion Sunday (*Exodus 14:10-14, 21-29*)

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 September 18

Office hours this week

Monday - Thursday 9-12, 1-3
Tuesday, Friday 9-12

Mentor-Mentee Night at the Depot

Putting together school kits for MCC are Dave Hostetler and Ethan Claassen, at right.



At left: Mariah Stoltzfus and Joy Yoder on the left side of the table; Eleanor Habecker and Christa Graber-Kauffman on the right side.

MYF Footprint Night



At left: Matt Bateman and Colton Eby lift up Isaac Myers to help him get his footprint on the wall of the MYF room.

At right: Cori Chupp, Sophia Kauffman, and Gretchen Bateman sign their artwork.





Stephen Ministry Training Continues



This coming week the Stephen Ministry training class will be considering the subject of “Process verses Results in Caregiving.” During this session they will be learning the difference between their role as caregivers and God’s role as Caregiver.

Waterford Announcements



Bake Sale Sunday

 Buy some baked goods and support My Coins Count! Our youth and children were given “seed money” by a generous donor to purchase ingredients for some baked goods. 

 Now is YOUR chance to contribute to My Coins Count! We will have some cookies and other baked goods in the foyer after the service to be purchased by donations this Sunday, September 18. All proceeds will go to My Coins Count. —Children’s Cluster 



Relief Sale, September 23-24

- **Relief Sale Volunteers** - Make soft ice cream cones, sell popcorn, work in the Ten Thousand Villages room, or help educate people about what is recyclable. There are sign-up sheets at the table by the library. You can also help by baking homemade goodies! There are cookie trays, pie pans, cake pans, cinnamon roll pans, packaging and labels, and instructions at the table.
- **My Coins Count** - This is the last Sunday to bring your coins for the jar. There is still time to add to the \$1,500 match already pledged, or **triple** the amount collected. Please contact Carolyn Kauffman at 574 -304-7172 or cdkauff@gmail.com if interested. The coins will be counted at 10:00 a.m. in the MCC building. If you take your own coins, please designate WMC as your congregation.

Reminder: Last chance to submit your subscription forms to **Rejoice! devotional guide** this Sunday, September 18. Suggested donation is \$35.00 for the year.

Salt & Light weekly reflection for [September 18](#).

Upcoming Community Events

The **Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Choir** will be performing at Sauder Hall at Goshen College Sunday, Sept. 25 at 7 pm. Fairfield HS choir will also be performing several songs. There is no admission charge but an offering will be taken to benefit Mennonite Central Committee.

AMBS

Grow your skills in offering spiritual direction! Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is launching a new **Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction!** With a focus on practice-based learning, this certificate offers a curriculum and supervised program to prepare you to become a spiritual director or to strengthen the spiritual direction aspects of your ministry. The 21-credit-hour certificate can be completed part time in two years, either fully online or with a combination of distance-friendly and campus-based courses. ambs.edu/certificate

Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology: Oct. 26 – Dec. 13. Explore the birth and development of the Anabaptist movements in the 16th century in this six-week online AMBS short course taught by Jamie Pitts, PhD. You’ll be challenged to draw connections between the 16th century and your own life and ministry. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 5 to save \$50. ambs.edu/online-short-courses

Mennonite Church USA

Abortion has always been a contentious topic among Christians. Nancy Heisey, a retired Eastern Mennonite University professor, writes that regardless of our views on abortion, we, as people of faith, should focus on caring for people experiencing crisis pregnancies. Read her blog, “**How are we to be the church?**” here: mennoniteusa.org/how-to-be-church

In his youth, Doug Hostetter, the peace pastor at Evanston (Illinois) Mennonite Church, enjoyed using guns to hunt for food, but after serving with Mennonite Central Committee in Vietnam during the Vietnam War, he decided to abstain from using guns ever again. In his blog, “**Reflection on guns and security,**” he explained how the war and his peace witness affected his view on guns. mennoniteusa.org/reflection-on-guns

Pathways Retreat

Pathways is offering a new Rest, Reflect, and Renew Retreat on October 8. The annual St. Francis Animal Blessing will be held October 9. Pathways is looking to connect with potential volunteers through a brief survey. Daily prayers are offered both online and in-person. Read their newsletter for more information on any of these events at <https://static-promote.weebly.com/share/3509eccf-1e14-456b-95ab-09446d242af4>

Diversity Isn't Enough: a free Webinar led by Ben Tapper, October 8, 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. During the IN MI Mennonite Conference Spring Summit in March, Ben Tapper challenged us to the work of decentering whiteness in our conference and congregational systems. His engaging style and helpful teaching allowed us to explore this topic and left many asking for more.

This time, Ben will be engaging us in webinar format that is open to everyone in Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference (for free). The interactive presentation will focus on why diversity is not always enough in creating intercultural competence and the decentering of whiteness in our institutions. In fact, it may even play against us!

Register today for the webinar using the button below. You can register as an individual or a small group gathered in a church or home. Registration will close on September 30, 2022. <https://www.im.mennonite.net/webinar/>

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. Speakers include Casey Plett, Julia Spicher Kasdorf and Steven Rubin, and Beth Piatote. More info can be found at goshen.edu/mennoniteswriting.

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)

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 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

Mennonite Church USA is seeking a Project Manager for MennoCon23. The position is a 12-month contract position at .50 to .75 FTE. Responsible for coordinating the various aspects of the MennoCon23 process, managing logistics, giving continuity to convention operations, ensuring the event runs smoothly and within established budget parameters. Experience in project planning or convention is desired. Strong organizational skills required. Location: Any. We are committed to diversity among staff and welcome people of diverse backgrounds and abilities to apply. View the job description [HERE](#). Send cover letter with resume to HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call 316-281-4257.

CPT Palestine Delegation, November 3 -14, 2022. Join the delegation to witness the Israeli occupation first-hand and live and work with the CPT Palestine team, aiding with tours, family visits, school monitoring, documentation, and partnership-building. **Application deadline: October 5** [LEARN MORE AND APPLY](#)