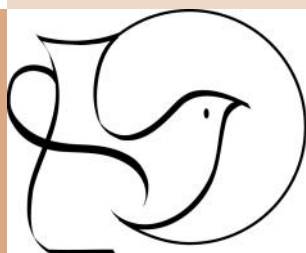


Colors of the Covenant

This Sunday:

BLUE



October 9, 2022

The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Classes for all ages
10:30 a.m. - Elective session on
10:30 a.m. - ICWA in Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. - Ecuador Prayers

Welcome Team

Greeters: Bob & Rachel
Brenneman
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Bruce
Snyder, Wade Ramer
Audiovisuals: Colin Berkey,
Jordan Kauffman

This Week at Waterford

Monday

7:00 p.m. MLC / FH

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. MYF, JYF, VC

Thursday

8:00 a.m. Mennonite Women /
MYF Rm

Zoom prayers

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

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Many Adults Committed to Youth

By Len Harms, Mentor Coordinator

Several Sundays ago new mentoring pairs were introduced and blessed. With many adults serving as mentors I want to recognize all of the mentoring pairs for this year.

Twelfth Grade

Colin Berkey—Bob Hochstedler
Leah Berkey—Laurina Graber-Ditzler
Isaac Myers—Brent Beck
Jordan Ross Richer—Murray Bowman
Jeremy Stutzman—Chris Judson

Eleventh Grade

Tyson Chupp—Lyle Miller
Mariah Stoltzfus—Joy Yoder
Sophia Kauffman—Angela Stoltzfus

Tenth Grade

Eleanor Habecker—Christa Graber Kauffman
Daphcar Lehman—Karen Sommers
Garrett Stoltzfus—Lowell Stoltzfus
David Stutzman—Jeff Miller

Ninth Grade

Gretchen Bateman—Loanne Harms
Corinne Chupp—Lynda Hollinger-Janzen
Isaac Pfahler—Karsten Hess
JoLee Stoltzfus—Lorene Miller

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 165

Nurture Hour – 168

Finances – October 2, 2022

Operating Fund: \$9,485.75

Mennonite Education: \$1,675.00

Either Fund: \$3,750.00

Budget subtotal: \$14,910.75

Sharing Fund \$1,174.00

D. Sommers Memorial \$150.00

Kitchen Fund \$200.00

Total: \$16,434.75

Looking Ahead

October 16: Sermon: Cindy Voth;
Celebrations & Confessions
(*Joshua 24:1-26*)

October 23: Sermon: Jackie
Wyse-Rhodes; Man in the
Mirror (2 *Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27*;
12:1-9; *Psalms 51:1-9*)

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

Elvina Schmidt October 9-15

Eighth Grade

Neer Goswami—Velma Swartz

Ethan Claassen—Dave Hostetler

Brianna Moser—Karen Pfahler

Lacy Stoltzfus—Krista Daniels

Seventh Grade

Bervalie Lehman—Ami Schlamersdorf

Elijah Voth—Dave Gingerich

Sixth Grade

Logan Beck—Conrad Brenneman

Hannah Claassen—Audrey Oostland

We currently have other youth for whom we are working to find a mentor. If being a mentor is something that you would like to do, talk to Len Harms or Katie Misz.

Parents who want to know more about the mentoring program can also contact Len or Katie.

Stephen Ministry Training Continues

The Stephen Ministry training class will be considering the subjects of “Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving” and “Providing Caregiving During Crisis.” They will be learning about how to guard against being manipulated and how to recognize their own tendencies to foster dependency by doing too much. They will also be studying exactly what happens when a person goes through a crisis, and how caring Christian ministry can help turn a potential danger into an opportunity for growth.

Thank You

Office hours this week

Monday - Thursday 9-12, 1-3

Tuesday, Friday 9-12

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Janet Shoemaker,
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Thank you for the beautiful mum plant and all of your cards and expressions of love and caring during Darrel's life and following his passing. Our family really appreciated the wonderful lunch after the funeral service prepared and served by Karen Hostetler and her helpers, Rachel Brenneman, Ursula Hess, Barb Westerbeek, Carolyn Kauffman, and Esther Helmuth. I also appreciate the Seekers class who have given me much support and provided a delicious supper between the visitation hours. Janet Shoemaker was very helpful and printed a very nice program for the service. Others have mentioned what a caring church we have and it is true! I am blessed.

—Karen Sommers and family

New Books in the Waterford Church Library



AUTOBIOGRAPHY

The Blistering Morning Mist: A Memoir, by Kathleen Weaver Kurtz. Kathie's family life centered around a small church college, part of a Mennonite community of the 1950s and 1960s. This setting provided a richly varied milieu that stimulated her inquiring mind. But like the mist that hovered in the valley where she lived, it also separated her from the larger world where she dreamed of living. More often she tried to mold into the person she thought she should be. Her self-imposed limitations created greater barriers than external ones. Breaking through the obstacles became the challenge of her life.

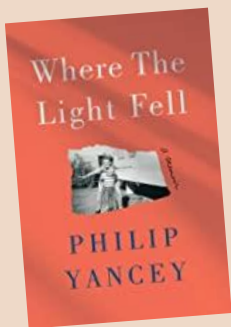
Where the Light Fell: A Memoir, by Philip Yancey. Well known Christian writer Philip Yancey recounts his unexpected journey from a strict fundamentalist upbringing to a life of compassion and grace. Yancey says, "I truly believe this is the one book I was put on earth to write."

ADULT NON-FICTION

Jesus Takes a Side: Embracing the Political Demands of the Gospel, by Jonny Rashid. Jesus sides with the oppressed, will you? We do not see Jesus taking a "third way" between oppressor and oppressed, and as followers of Jesus, neither should we. For the sake of our faith, for the sake of the least among us, and for Christ's sake, Christians need to stand firmly for the truth, peace, and justice.

Upside Down Apocalypse: Grounding Revelation in the Gospel of Peace, by Jeremy Duncan. The author draws on biblical scholarship and nonviolent theology to guide readers through the book of Revelation, understanding the vision of John in the light of the Jesus we know through the Gospels.

Entertaining Angels Unaware: Welcoming the Immigrant Other, by Philip A. Gottschalk and David W. Shenk. . What sort of reception have Christians given to immigrants? Many people fear immigrants, they may dress differently from us, and practice different religions etc. Christians, however, belong to the Kingdom of Jesus. A Christian's response to the needs of refugees and immigrants should reflect their commitment to Christ more than their fears or political allegiances. Stories of immigrants in the past and present are included in this book.



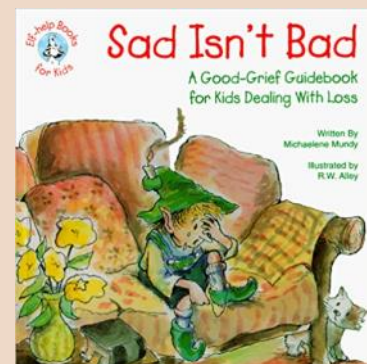
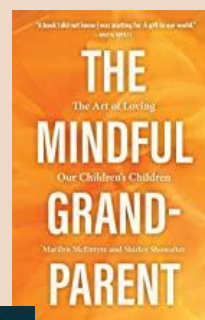
The Mindful Grandparent: The Art of Loving Our Children's Children, by Shirley Showalter and Marilyn McEntyre. Making memories and fostering relationships with our grandchildren in our fast moving culture isn't easy. So how do grandparents cultivate strong, meaningful relationships with the children we adore? This book can help guide you for the sacred and sometimes bewildering work of grandparenting.

Fight Like Jesus: How Jesus waged Peace throughout Holy Week, by Jason Potterfield. What if—despite all our familiarity with the events of Holy Week—we still don't know how Jesus makes peace? We desperately need to recover the radical vision of peacemaking that Jesus embodied through Jesus' final week and discover anew why he is called the Prince of Peace.

To Be Made Well: An Invitation to Wholeness, Healing, and Hope, by Amy Julia Becker. This book weaves together the authors own story with reflections on biblical accounts of Jesus' healing work, providing fresh insight into both the nature of healing and pathway to healing, then and now. The book is a powerful invitation to personal, spiritual, and social healing as we reconnect to our bodies and souls, to God, and to our communities.

PICTURE BOOK

Sad Isn't Bad: A Good-Grief Guidebook for Kids Dealing With Loss, by Michaelene Mundy, and R.W. Alley.





JoLee Stoltzfus has her foot traced on the wall in the MYF room so she can paint and sign it.

3rd Wednesday board game & haystacks

Calling all board-gamers!

Do you like card games? Strategy games? party games? We, Krista and Mark Daniels, invite you to “3rd Wednesday game nights” from 5:30 - 9:30 starting Wednesday, October 19. We are inviting everyone from Waterford and anyone in our local community who likes to play games. Come for any part of the evening that suits your schedule. Bring your friends, your favorite board games, and come for a time of fellowship and fun. Meat and rice will be provided. We invite you to help provide a haystack topping to share (chips, crackers, cheese, lettuce, tomato, beans, salsa, etc.).

Waterford Announcements

This Sunday there will be an elective nurture hour session with Jane Ross Richer learning about the Indian Child Welfare Act and the threat to this piece of legislation that protects Native American children from being taken from their communities of birth. All are welcome to join us in the sanctuary to learn what we can do about it.

The date for the Puerto Rico group potluck has been changed to November 6.

Mennonite Women: Our day is coming up. Next Thursday, October 13, the doors will open at 8:30 a.m. This week 95 School Kits were delivered to MCC Resource Center! Those were only the ones you brought to the church. Others of you may have delivered your own. Thank you so much for all you do for MCC.

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

Salt & Light weekly reflection and extra printable teaching resource for [October 9](#).

Mennonite Church USA

The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board has changed how it will divide donations directed to “Mennonite Church USA” among its agencies and affiliated Racial/Ethnic Council groups. The changes to the **denominational unified giving formula** were implemented to address evolving ministry needs. Read more here:

mennoniteusa.org/news/giving-formula

In her blog, “**Mass incarceration and restorative justice**,” Loraine Stutzman Amstutz, Mennonite Church USA denominational minister of Peace and Justice, writes, “Restorative justice principles hold transformation as a value — transformation of people, systems and structures that oppress.” Read the rest of her blog here: mennoniteusa.org/snapshots/restorative-justice

When our beliefs feel like they are unraveling, it may feel like we are losing our faith in God altogether. Sherill Hostetter, a spiritual director with the **Mennonite Spiritual Directors Network**, shares how her crisis of faith led her to explore her spiritual journey through writing. Read her blog, “Knowing and unknowing,” here:

mennoniteusa.org/snapshots/knowning-unknowing

AMBS

Take a seminary course this spring! AMBS's distance-friendly options include Faith Formation and Spirituality: Adults and Seniors; Gender and the Bible; Global Anabaptist-Mennonite History and Theology; God's Shalom and the Church's Witness; Human Sexuality and Christian Ethics; Spiritual Practices: Water of Life; The Epistle to the Romans; and more. In-person courses are also available. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours. Courses begin Jan. 10; sign up by Jan. 2. ambs.edu/upcoming-courses

MCC

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.

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.](#)

Upcoming Community Events

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 Fifths Concert at 8th Street Mennonite Church (Sunday, October 9 at 4:00 p.m.). A choral ensemble that performs music from the Renaissance to popular music. 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, who has been a leading voice in calling the church to dismantle structures that oppress Indigenous peoples and deprive them of their lands.

Indigenous Peoples' Day Event, October 11, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Goshen Theatre. The Community Relations Commission of Goshen will have information and activity tables in the lobby of the Theater and our program will start at 6:30. The program will include performance and public seminar among other elements.

Connect with the land and life through a **weekend retreat centered on restoring healthy relationships with all of creation**. Doug Kaufman will lead us in restoration practices for ourselves and our natural and human communities, with a special focus on climate change. Take time to slow down, walk the paths, paddle the water, and simply be in community with all that is around you. <https://friedenswald.org/retreats/#restoration-getaway> October 21–23, Camp Friedenswald, Cassopolis MI.

Opportunities

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.
- **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.

More information about peace camps: 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.