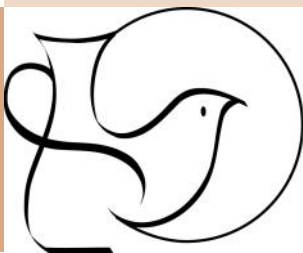




November 13, 2022



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Classes for all ages
5:30 p.m. - Ecuador Prayers

Welcome Team

Greeters: Doug & Janette Yoder
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken Otto,
Glenn Reinford
Audiovisuals: Colin Berkey,
Jordan Kauffman

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday
5:30 p.m. WMC game night
Zoom prayers
Monday - 8:30 a.m.
Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Welcome New Attenders LaVon and Linda Short!



LaVon grew up in Archbold, Ohio, and graduated from Archbold High School. He served in 1-W for two years at Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Sarasota, Florida, where he and Linda met and married. After returning to Archbold, he worked at Sauder Manufacturing building church furniture and retired in

2013 after working there for 46 years. He enjoyed singing in a Gospel music quartet for 20+ years, traveling on weekends to churches in several states; and he volunteered at Ten Thousand Villages in Archbold after retirement. He enjoys watching sports on TV, reading, biking and volunteering at the Depot.

Linda was born in Buffalo, New York, and her family moved to Sarasota, Florida, when she was eleven years old, where she graduated from Sarasota High School. After their three sons were raised, Linda worked in sales at a manufacturing company, in retail at a Christmas shop and in a securities office as a registered representative. She earned her M.Div. from AMBS in 2014, served as an interim pastor for several churches in Northwest Ohio and worked as a Hospice chaplain in a three-county area. She likes to read, spend time with her family and work part-time as a casual chaplain at Goshen Hospital.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 176

Nurture Hour – 179

Finances – November 6, 2022

Operating Fund: \$10,804.50

Mennonite Education: \$2,825.00

Either Fund: \$3,840.00

Budget subtotal: \$17,469.50

Larry Hooley Mem \$20.00

Jubilee Fund \$100.00

Total: \$17,589.50

Looking Ahead

November 20: New member sharing

November 27: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser: Time for Vision
(Habbakuk 1:1-4, 2:2-4, 3:17-19)

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth,

Pastoral Team Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser, Pastor

Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz, Pastor

Tuesday, Thursday

Monday & Wednesday p.m.

Office hours this week

Monday - Thursday 9-12, 1-3

Tuesday, Friday 9-12

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They moved to Goshen, Indiana, from Archbold, Ohio in December 2020. They decided on Goshen because Goshen is half way between their oldest son and their youngest son and their middle son lives in Goshen. Their oldest son, LaVon II (Lonnie) and his wife, Tina, live in Napoleon, Ohio; Darin, and his wife, Lisa, live in Goshen; and Joel and his wife, Karen, live in Valparaiso. In addition to their three sons and three daughters-in-law, they have eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Life is good!



Waterford Christmas Prelude Orchestra

By JD Smucker

Back by popular demand. The all-instrument Waterford Christmas Prelude Orchestra will open our worship time together on Sunday December 11. The prelude will include Christmas carols arranged for Orchestra. The difficulty level is about middle school level. So if you play an instrument, or used to play but it has been a few years, then this is a perfect fit for you. Even if you are a beginner, you are welcome to join and play the notes you are comfortable playing.

We will rehearse together at 8:18 a.m. before the service. JD will provide some fruit and donuts for those needing a sugar fix to get them going. And if that is not enough, each participant will receive a large chocolate candy bar, since “music is a sweet gift from God.”

For those who want to practice the music ahead of time, there are copies available for you to write on for your personal practice. And when we put things together on December 11 at 8:18 a.m. you will then have your own personal copy, and can even bring your own music stand if you wish. For those of you who have participated in the prelude orchestra before, the music will be the same. So you may or may not need to practice.

So lets bring back the pre-Covid tradition of celebrating Advent with God’s gift of instrumental music. To get the ball rolling, send JD a note at smucker5@frontier.com letting him know that you would like to participate, or ask questions, or feel free to suggest names of friends who play an instrument but are too shy to take the first step.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Favorite Hymns

New Favorites

By Deron Bergstresser

In October, it was my turn to lead the discussion time at our Indiana-Michigan Pastor Peer meeting. I invited the group to share about new songs from *Voices Together* that are becoming favorites for us and our congregations. These are songs we want to return to often, so our hearts get a chance to soak up the words and our bodies rest easy into the rhythms. We came up with quite a list! Here are three I love.

“Go, My Friends, in Grace” #810. Text: David Wright. Music: James E. Clemens.

Go, my friends, in grace, beneath the blessed sky.
Where you go, God is there, beneath the blessed sky.”

“Here by the Water” #629. Jim Croegaert.

And here by the water I’ll build an altar to praise you, out of the
stones that I’ve found here.
I’ll set them down here, rough as they are,
knowing you can make them holy,
knowing you can make them holy,
knowing you can make them holy.

“Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets” #276. Christopher Clymer Kurtz
and Maria Clymer Kurtz.

Solemn stillness— weary streets strain to grasp the sound.
In the quiet breathes an anthem over dark and thorny ground.
Rocks and plains repeat the echo; splendor floods the starlit morn.
We are wonders, blessed wonders, singing joy to the world.

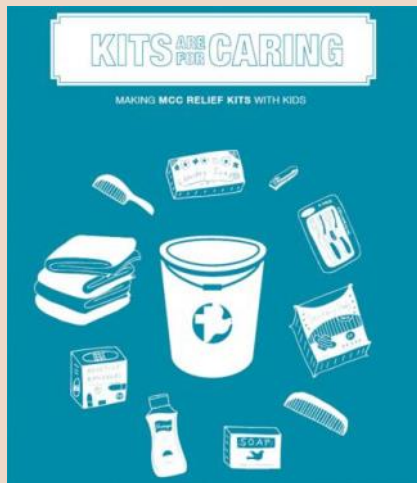
May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

By Deanna Beth Chupp

Choosing a “favorite” hymn seems to me a fairly brutal task. Yesterday, or last week, I might have given a different answer but today my thoughts keep landing on “May the Mind of Christ, My Savior.” I’m not sure I’ve seen it in a Mennonite hymnal. I didn’t learn it until I was an adult, when it was sung at a Bible study that I attended. Since then, I’ve seen it in several hymnals in my collection. It’s a simple hymn — just eight measures long — with a sweet melody and rewarding harmonies. It’s dear to me because the text is a prayer of petition for all of the characteristics of God that I long for. The verses begin “May the mind of Christ...” “May the Word of God...” “May the peace of God...” and conclude with the singer’s wish for that element to be found in her life. My favorite? “May the peace of God, my Father, Rule my life in everything, That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing.”



Sunday, November 20, 6:30 p.m.



MCC Relief Kit Drive

By Rachel Brenneman

Mennonite Women are excited to announce that once again we are going to lead a drive to collect Relief Kits for Mennonite Central Committee! MCC has put out a request for many more kits this year. The need is so very great. Relief kits provide valuable supplies to families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster. Last year 22,496 kits were shipped to Cuba, Haiti, Honduras, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Ukraine, and Zambia.

More could be used this year.

Julia Zehr will kick off the drive this Sunday morning by introducing the theme “Buckets of Thanks” to the children.

There will be a table in the foyer displaying the items needed. You may choose to contribute to a Relief Kit by taking a slip of paper with several items to buy or there will be complete lists if you choose to donate an entire kit.

Previously, when we did this project, many families commented what a great Christmas project this was for their family as they shopped together for the items along with buying the usual gifts for each other.

We will welcome Relief Kits until Christmas.

Stephen Ministry Training Continues

This coming week Stephen Ministry training class will be considering the subject of bringing a caring relationship to a close and how this sometimes-difficult process can instead be turned into a relationship-strengthening event.

Waterford Announcements

3rd Wednesday game nights (with Haystacks) this Wednesday, November 16 for all ages, from 5:30 - 8:30. Bring your friends, your favorite board games, and a haystack topping to share (chips, crackers, cheese, lettuce, tomato, beans, salsa, etc.). Meat and rice will be provided.

Advent devotional: “Expecting Emmanuel: Eight Women Who Prepared the Way.” Stop by the Participation Station to sign up for one of the groups or email Pastor Cindy **by November 20**. Indicate which group you will be attending (Nurture Hour (10:30 - 11:30 a.m.) on December 4, 11, 18 and January 1, 8; or, Thursday mornings at the church from 10:45 - noon on December 8, 15, 22 and January 5, 12) and if you need a copy of the book. The daily readings begin on November 27.

Congregational Meal Signup: If you are planning on joining the meal before the congregational meeting on November 30, please sign up at the participation station. If you have children, please indicate if you want childcare provided and the ages of those children. There is also a sheet to sign up to help with cleanup after the meal.

WMC Hymn Sing, Sunday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will sing old favorites and new titles in *Voices Together*. Plan to join us for this joyful and meaningful time.

Salt & Light weekly reflection for [November 13](#).

Upcoming Community Events

Please join **The Window for our Annual Harvest Banquet**, November 12, at the College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. Hors d'ouvres at 5:30 p.m., program and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Individual tickets are \$40, table for 8 is \$300. To purchase tickets, please call The Window for availability at [\(574\) 533-9680](tel:5745339680).

Goshen MCC Comforter Bash on November 11-12! Join others of all ages for this two-day event at Pleasant View Church, 58529 County Road 23, to knot comforters that MCC will distribute around the world. Friday, November 11 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.); Saturday, November 12 (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

Bethany Christian High School presents *The Laramie Project*. Friday, Saturday November 18 & 19 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, November 20 at 3:00 p.m. \$8 adults, \$6 students. Reserve tickets at bethanycs.net/bcstickets/. Gretchen Bateman and Marta and Alina Bergstresser are part of the cast.

Parents/Guardians of LGBTQ+ children. A support group has been started for parents or guardians of LGBTQ+ children in Goshen-area congregations. This group is meant to provide mutual support and to build resources for LGBTQ+ youth in our local congregations and community. The next meetings will be at Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship on Saturday, November 19, and Saturday, December 17, both from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Sarah Morrison at sjhigley@gmail.com.

Pathways Retreat is offering two opportunities to Engage Advent in a "Soul Seeing" Way: the Advent Rest, Reflect, and Renew Retreat on November 19; and Visio Divina Retreat: Engage Advent through Art and Imagination, December 3. Daily prayers are offered both online and in-person. Find more information at pathwaysretreat.org.

You're invited to a special celebration of 50 years of MCC Thrift on November 22! This live, virtual event will celebrate the history, creativity and generosity of the MCC Thrift network, which has raised more than \$250 million over the last 50 years for the work of MCC at home and around the world. All while providing affordable secondhand goods and community connection. Let's celebrate that legacy! The virtual event will take place at 8 p.m. Register online to reserve your spot today at thrift.mcc.org/celebrate50

Goshen College Music concerts:

- [Community School of the Arts Choral Showcase](#), November 13, Music Center, Sauder Concert Hall, 4 p.m. Three youth choirs in the Community School of the Arts will perform as part of the CSA Fall Choral Showcase concert: Rejoice (grades 3-5) and Sommo Voci (grades 9-12), directed by Kristin Kauffman, and Shout for Joy (grades 7-9), directed by Sandy Hill.
- [Youth Honors Orchestra & ECoSistema Fall Concert](#), November 15, Music Center, Rieth Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. The YHO, a youth instrumental ensemble comprised of Elkhart County young musicians and conducted by Victoria Petrak, will join with students from the Elkhart County ECoSistema program for a joint concert in Sauder Concert Hall.
- [Lavender Jazz Concert](#), November 16, Umble Center, 7:30 p.m. Come see GC's big band, Lavender Jazz, perform during their fall concert. Event is free and open to the public.

Goshen College Theatre & Art:

- [Fall Mainstage: Everybody](#), Umble Center, Nov. 11, 12, 19: 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 13: 2:30 p.m.; Nov. 20: 2 p.m. This modern riff on the fifteenth-century morality play *Everyman* follows Everybody (one actor, chosen from amongst the cast by lottery at each performance) as they journey through life's greatest mystery—the meaning of living.

Mennonite Church USA

The **Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA** gathered in San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2022, for its first meeting since the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly this spring. Executive Board members adopted a new resolutions process, responded to the actions of the Delegate Assembly and proposed a new three-year cycle for future Delegate Assemblies. Read about more of their actions here: mennoniteusa.org/executive-board-takes-action

When **Anneli Loepp Thiessen** of Anabaptist Worship Network took another look at submissions for *Voices Together*, the new Mennonite hymnal, she made an exciting discovery. This resulted in the birth of the song "Still My Soul," No. 603 in *Voices Together*. Read more about her process here: mennoniteusa.org/tune-finds-words

Painting a full picture of mass incarceration in the United States requires a reckoning with how **Indigenous peoples in the U.S. are disproportionately arrested and sentenced** in comparison to the broader population. "The inequities within our legal system are evident not only in statistics but also in comparison of specific cases," writes Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, Mennonite Church USA's denominational minister for peace and justice. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/indigenous-mass-incarceration

Duncan Smith, director of Mennonite Church USA's The Corinthian Plan, reflects on his time as a pastor and what it felt like to be recognized and appreciated. "Take a moment and thank your pastor and other church staff members in your congregation." Read more in his blog here: mennoniteusa.org/thank-your-pastor

Goshen College

Explore Goshen Day, Union Building, Welcome Center, November 11, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. This is a time for students and parents interested in Goshen College to join other families for an exciting campus visit day. Learn more at goshen.edu/visit. [Register](#).

MCC

Free resource: Learning about generosity with MCC. Make talking about generosity with your children easy by using this free resource. The printable worksheets help kids explore the basics of generosity at an elementary school level. The resource contains downloadable worksheets, activity ideas, a story about how generosity makes a difference, make-your-own bookmark craft and alternative Christmas gift ideas. Sign up to receive this free resource at: mcc.org/generosity. Learn more about gifts that changes lives this Christmas at: mcc.org/Christmas.

Ten Thousand Villages

Interested in staying connected with Goshen Ten Thousand Villages? **Subscribe to our monthly email list to hear about sales and events** going on at our store! We'd love to stay connected with you! Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/U9hVdtj3TJNwtzHb7>

- **Art Exhibit Reception: Goshen College Alumni**, November 20, Music Center, Hershberger Art Gallery; Reception: 2 p.m., Artist talk: 3 p.m. Several Goshen College alumni will have work on display in this combined exhibit. Various forms of art will be on display including sculpture, painting, ceramics, jewelry and tailoring.

Opportunities

MCC is seeking a Constituency Engagement Manager: This new role is designed to help the MCC's in the U.S. plan and implement a cohesive engagement strategy for specific priority audiences including alumni, churches, congregations of color, plain communities and young adults. With a focus on convening and strategizing, this person will be part of the Communications and Donor Relations network and will work in close collaboration with other departments and regional MCC's. This full-time position will preferably be located in Akron, Pa., but location is flexible within any MCC office in the U.S. Apply online for this opening by November 18 at mcc.org/constituency-engagement-manager. For more information contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or AmberFalcon@mcc.org.

Seeking an Assistant Director of Human Resources (HR) and Payroll. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for this half-time position. The person in this role will serve as the primary contact for HR/payroll-related issues. Qualifications: bachelor's degree required; prior HR/payroll experience preferred; excellent organizational skills; strong communication skills; intercultural competence. See the full job description: ambs.edu/jobs

Restoration Farm Open House, Saturday November 19, 2 - 4 p.m. at 15466 Jackson Rd, Mishawaka, IN 46544. Restoration Farm is a cohousing community in Northern Indiana which includes 60 acres of pasture and woodland. We have space in our Planned Unit Development for up to three more homes for people who want to accompany us in living sustainably, participating in common life, praying together and practicing hospitality. The adjacent agricultural and woodland is used by some community members for grazing and related endeavors. We especially welcome young people and young families who are interested in working on the land to improve its fertility and productivity. For more information contact: dscarsella55@gmail.com or john.danile.martens@gmail.com

Mennonite Church USA is seeking a full-time Director of Constituent Engagement. This newly created position will maintain relationships with donors (individuals and congregations), track engagement metrics, and oversee several pieces of the churchwide convention. To request an application form, contact HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call 316-281-4257. [View job description here.](#)

MCC is seeking a Human Resources Assistant: This role is designed for someone to grow their human resources skills and assist the department in recruiting, human resources information systems, orientation, as well as a variety of administrative services. The position requires advanced proficiency in Spanish, a basic proficiency in English, and the candidate to be able to commit eight weeks a year of orientation support in Akron. This full-time position will preferably be located in Akron, PA, but can accommodate employment in any state that MCC is currently registered as an employer. Apply online for this opening by November 19 at mcc.org/human-resources-assistant. For more information contact Wesley Wilder at 316-836-5055 or WesleyWilder@mcc.org.