

Advent 1

HOPE



November 27, 2022



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship

10:30 a.m. - Nurture classes for all ages

Welcome Team

Greeters: Jon. & Mary Ann Wieand

Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken Otto, Glenn Rienford

Audiovisuals: Jeff Claassen, Colin Berkey

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Cong. meal

7:00 p.m. Congregational meeting / Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. MYF

Thursday

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers / MYF/Room 15

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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I AM From

by Esther Cender

I AM FROM 8th Street in Goshen, Ind. until I was in 4th grade. Parkside was the BEST school.

I AM FROM many fond memories of roller skating on 8th Street and being a book worm.

I AM FROM a family of five and I was the oldest child which allowed me to be the BOSS.

I AM FROM a family that rarely punished with spanking except one time I disobeyed. My best friend was home bound due to Scarlet Fever and I was clearly told to not go into the house. I was punished!!

I AM From a family who allowed me to attend my Junior and Senior year at Hesston High School.

I AM FROM an excellent education at Goshen College, majoring in History which extended my love of history and reading.

I AM FROM a wonderful marriage that started at East Goshen and then living in Illinois for 40 years while farming and raising our family of one boy and three girls.

I AM FROM a warm, yeasty kitchen where I loved baking bread.

I AM FROM a deep passion for libraries and books. Gibson Library in Gibson City, Ill., Goshen College and Goshen Public Library extended my love of books as a patron and employee. I also helped in the library at WMC.



Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 145
Nurture Hour – 190

Finances – November 20, 2022

Operating Fund: \$4,297.00
Mennonite Education: \$1,250.00
Either Fund: \$6,785.00
Total \$12,332.00

Looking Ahead

December 4: Sermon: Cindy Voth; Time for Action
(*Esther 4:1-17*)
December 11: Sermon: Ursula Hess; Time for All
(*Isaiah 42:1-9*)

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

Mon., Wed.- Thurs. 9-12, 1-3
Tuesday, Friday 9-12

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Enneagram Study II

By Deanna Beth Chupp

A follow-up to last winter's Enneagram introduction is being planned for this winter. It will be a six-week study that will cover Suzanne Stabile's book *The Journey Toward Wholeness*. The group will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on the Wednesdays on which there are no inclusion events planned between January 18 and March 15. The group is open to anyone of any age, and you don't have to have been in the introduction class to participate, but you should have some understanding of the Enneagram already to benefit from the discussion planned. Look for a sign-up sheet in the foyer so that the correct number of books can be purchased. See Deanna Beth Chupp with any questions.

MCC Relief Kits

Our "Bucket of Thanks" drive is off to a great start! The very first week brought in 11 complete Relief Kits! Thank you. Remember, you can help with partial kits by taking slips of paper from the basket on the table and bringing just those items. Or if you wish to bring a complete kit, grab a white trash bag available on the table and a list for a complete kit and fill it. MCC will provide the buckets. We will continue collecting kit items up until Christmas. It's an amazing way to actually help displaced people around the world that we all pray for!

Waterford Announcements

Congregational Meeting, Wednesday, November 30. Meal for those who signed up at 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Absentee ballots are due by that evening. You can also join by Zoom at the link below: <https://goshen-edu.zoom.us/j/93690136615?pwd=cmlvNURkY29SUnRJcVN3M2Z5Q2dhUT09>
Meeting ID: 936 9013 6615 Passcode: 801806

For those who signed up for the **Advent devotional** on the women in Jesus' family line, you will find the book in your mailbox this Sunday. The devotional readings begin this Sunday, November 27. The Sunday class will begin December 4 and will meet in the south fellowship hall.

Everybody's Christmas Pageant will take place during our morning worship on December 18. We will be engaging in a participatory retelling of the Christmas story. **If you would enjoy being a reader** for the pageant or having a special part, **sign up at the participation station** and plan to be at one rehearsal on Saturday, December 17 at 9:30 a.m. with a potluck lunch to follow. All ages are invited to join the fun.

It's not too late to join the **Christmas prelude orchestra** on December 11! Send JD Smucker a note at smucker5@frontier.com letting him know that you would like to participate.

Ruthie Saunders has recorded a new CD entitled "One Day at a Time." There are 12 songs on the CD that reflect the difficult journey of Ruthie and Wayne's family in the past five months. CD's are available by donation, which will go to help their son, Charley, and his boys as they continue to rebuild their lives. Please contact Ruthie if you would like a CD.

Salt & Light weekly reflection for [November 27](#).

Upcoming Community Events

You are invited to the **First Annual Community Posada** hosted by Center for Healing & Hope, December 2, 2022, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Maple City Conference & Event Center. Enjoy hot drinks, traditional pastries, piñatas, and gift bags for kids including Advent Activity Calendar cards, hats and gloves, and books from the Goshen Public Library.

Goshen College presents: A Festival of Carols, *Sauder Concert Hall*, Dec. 2 & 3, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. Includes performances by Goshen College music ensembles (choirs, orchestra), faculty, and students, all set in a lavishly decorated Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets: \$15 at goshen.edu/tickets

Advent Recital: Sunday, Dec. 4, 7 p.m. in Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount (3003 Benham Avenue, Elkhart). With Shirley King on organ, Don Kehrberg on oboe and other reed instruments, and Brian Wiebe on viola and piano, this evening of music will feature Advent arrangements, classical selections and jazz settings. All are invited and admission is free, with donations accepted for the Worship and Arts Scholarship at AMBS. The program will be approximately 90 minutes long, with an intermission.

Opportunities

Local MCC Thrift shops could use your extra plastic, paper or cloth reusable bags during this busy shopping season. Please drop off at the donation area at **The Depot**, 1013 Division Street in Goshen or **Thrift At Woodland Crossing**, 138 W Hively, Suite 7 in Elkhart. Thank you for sharing in the ministry of MCC Thrift shops!

Mennonite World Conference is hiring for a full-time **Development Executive position in North America**. The Development Executive participates in developing fund raising strategies and develops and maintains donor relations in North America under the supervision of the Chief Development Officer. See <https://mwc-cmm.org/mwcdevexec> for the job posting.

Mennonite Church USA

The **worship planning committee for Mennonite Church USA's MennoCon23 convention** has officially begun preparing for the event, which will take place at the Kansas City (Missouri) Convention Center, July 3-8, 2023. The committee spends the year prior to the event organizing the worship services for MennoCon. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/mennocon23-worship-planning-committee

Save the date! Hope for the Future, an annual gathering of Black, Indigenous and people of color leaders from across Mennonite Church USA, will be held February 3-5, 2023, in Atlanta, Georgia. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/hopeforthefuture

Dirt and composting are powerful tools for learning how to serve. Just ask Melissa Marquez Weaver of Immanuel Mennonite Church, who was recently inspired to dig through mud. "At the bottom of my muck pile was the brown gold I'd been searching for. Soft and rich and ready to help our plants and flowers thrive." Read more in her **#BeTransformed blog** here: mennoniteusa.org/compost-canned-goods

Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship artist Christian Dallas painted a mural that makes a powerful statement to the church's neighborhood. Titled (by a church vote) "**The Beauty of Peace**," the approximately 500 sq. ft. mural spans three walls. **See a photo** and learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/peaceful-scene

Thank You

AMBS

Anabaptist Witness 9.2, "Mission and Health." This AW issue — edited by Jamie Pitts, PhD — explores the place of healing in the church's conception of its purpose and task. It includes essays connecting current issues such as the COVID-19 pandemic and HIV/AIDS to past and present Mennonite medical mission work, and a call for the church to be reshaped by the witness of persons with disabilities. Read it online for free:

anabaptistwitness.org

Seminary Preview Webinar.

Thinking about seminary? Or do you know someone who might be? Join us online on

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 8–8:45 p.m. EST, and get a glimpse of

what Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary has to offer — whether you want to study at a distance or on our campus in Elkhart, Indiana. Areas of study at AMBS include pastoral ministry, chaplaincy, Christian formation, peacebuilding, Anabaptist theology, environmental sustainability leadership and more. Register online: ambs.edu/preview

MDS

The **November edition of On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Learn about the MDS long-term response to Hurricane Ian in Florida; read about volunteers responding to Hurricane Fiona in Atlantic Canada; a new web page with volunteer opportunities closer to home; and we have information on the up-coming **MDS Annual Celebration** in Pennsylvania in February. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3UEteoj>

Thank you to all the volunteers who participated in the MCC Great Lakes Comforter Bash in Goshen! More than 350 people knotted 470 comforters over the two days of this fun-filled event. Thanks to you, people around the world will not only be kept warm but can go to sleep knowing that someone cares about them. Stay tuned for information about next year's Comforter Bash!