

MYF Fall Retreat

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November 6, 2022



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Classes for all ages
12:00 p.m. - Puerto Rico potluck

Welcome Team

Greeters: Doug & Janette Yoder
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Bruce Snyder, Wade Ramer
Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstetler, Shawn Stutzman

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Venture Club
7:00 p.m. JYF
7:00 p.m. MYF

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Mennonite Women / MYF Room
7:00 p.m. Sarah Augustine / FH

Zoom prayers

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

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Spiritual Formation Groups during Advent

By Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team Leader

Two of the recurring themes we heard in our Listening Tour were the need for additional opportunities for spiritual formation small groups, and the desire to learn to know others in the broader congregation. In the upcoming months we anticipate offering such types of small groups that center around a specific theme, study, or spiritual practice. For the upcoming season of Advent, I will be leading two such groups using the recently published advent devotional “Expecting Emmanuel: Eight Women Who Prepared the Way.”

The book, written by Joanna Harader with original artwork by Michelle Burkholder, contains short daily devotional readings that will lead us into the stories of the five women in Jesus’ genealogy and three women who later entered his ministry. From the back of the book:

Christmas is about so much more than twinkle lights, sugar cookies, and perfect family photos. It’s about the world-changing, transforming, and sometimes messy reality of experiencing “God with us.” As we dive deep into the biblical accounts of Jesus’ female ancestors and reflect on God’s presence in their complicated lives – which contain great joy and hope alongside deep pain and trauma – we can begin to release our expectations of a “perfect Christmas” and instead seek the experience of a holy season. This Advent and Christmas

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 180

Nurture Hour – 163

Finances – November 1, 2022

Operating Fund: \$4,605.00

Mennonite Education: \$1,724.05

Either Fund: \$2,840.00

Budget subtotal: \$9,169.05

Darrel Sommers Mem \$50.00

Total: \$9,219.05

Looking Ahead

November 13: Sermon: Cindy Voth; Vision & Reality

(Micah 1:3-5; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8)

November 20: New member sharing; Gateways to Grace (Jeremiah 1:4-10; 7:1-11)

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth,

Pastoral Team Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser, Pastor

Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz, Pastor

Tuesday, Thursday

Monday & Wednesday p.m.

Out of Office

Cindy Voth - Nov. 3-7

Katie Misz - Nov. 8-9

Office hours this week

Monday - Thursday 9-12, 1-3

Tuesday, Friday 9-12

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season, step into the true power of the incarnation as we journey together to the manger.

Although the book focuses on the story of biblical women, the devotional and the formational groups are for all genders. One group will meet during the Nurture Hour (10:30 - 11:30 a.m.) on December 4, 11, 18 and January 1, 8. The other group will meet on Thursday mornings at the church from 10:45 - noon on December 8, 15, 22 and January 5, 12. During our group time, we will look together at the story of the specific biblical women from the prior week's study, as well have time to share with each other our reflections, reactions, and responses to the biblical story and faith practices we incorporated throughout the week (suggestions are in the book).

Please stop by the Participation Station or email me by November 20 to sign up for one of the groups. You will be asked to indicate which group you will be attending and if you need us to order you a copy of the book (published by Herald Press, \$15). The daily readings begin on November 27.

Meet Lloyd and Debbie Miller



Over the summer, Lloyd and Debbie moved to Goshen from Shipshewana. They attended Emma Church. They have two daughters, Sheila (Travis) King and Landon (14) live in Louisville, Ky.; and Michelle (Matt) Wells, Noah (8) and Elias (5) live in Benton, Ind. Lloyd works at Rock Run

Manufacturing and Debbie works at Shipshewana Furniture Co. They enjoy spending time with their kids and grandkids and occasionally playing golf.

Lloyd and Debbie, welcome to Waterford!

Transfer of Membership

Larry and Kay Schrock have transferred their church membership to River Oaks Church. We ask for God's blessings for both of them as they settle into a new faith community to share together in life, ministry, and witness.

—Cindy Voth, for Ministry Leadership Council

Favorite Hymns

In looking toward the November 20 All-Church Hymn Sing, several people were asked to tell about their favorite hymn in Voices Together and why it is important to them. We will sing these hymns at the hymn sing.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

By Lorna Claassen

Our daughter, Heidi, was diagnosed with Leukemia when she was 15 years old. After three years of treatment, including a short remission, the cancer returned. She was completing her senior year at Bethany Christian School, while preparing for a bone marrow transplant. A final English assignment was to create a visual for a hymn. She chose “Precious Lord, Take My Hand,” WB # 575, VT # 610.

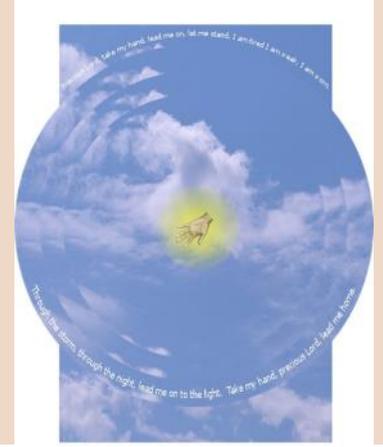
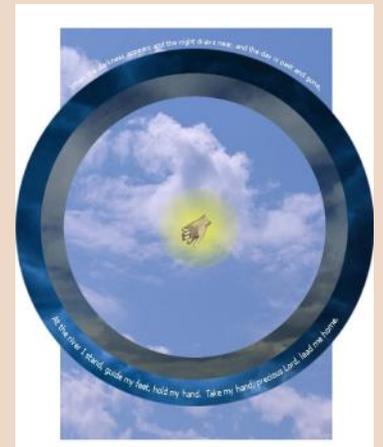
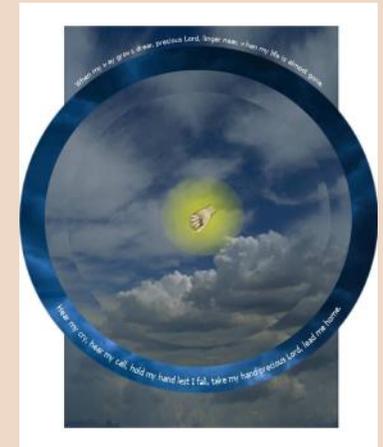
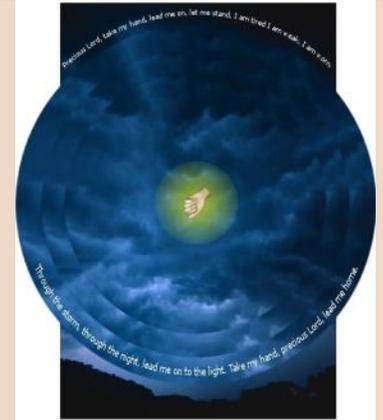
Her visual included four scenes, each with a hand in the center of a circular sky (right). The first sky was dark and the hand clenched tight. Each scene included a progressively lighter sky, while the hand gradually opened. “Lead me on to the light.” She insisted on taking this visual with her to Riley Children’s Hospital, where it was displayed on the wall of her ICU room.

We believe Heidi found comfort in these words, and we believe her Precious Lord did indeed hold her hand as she was taken to her eternal home. It became so meaningful for us that the words are now inscribed on her tombstone in Violet Cemetery.

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

By Jama Brookmyer-Graber

The hymns I enjoy the most are commonly found in the gathering, praising, and creation sections of the hymnal. Hymn 182, “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” is one of my favorites. My home congregation sang this hymn frequently during my childhood. Being able to comprehend the words and meaning of a hymn at a young age reinforced the Sunday School lessons I was learning. Understanding that God created all that we see—from the grand mountains to the tiny grain of sand—continues to remind me of His continuous presence everywhere.



Potawatomi Child Inspires Waterford People to Share

By Lynda Hollinger-Janzen

On Sunday, Oct. 9, our congregation learned more about God through the cultures of Indigenous Peoples. One of the stories was about a Potawatomi child, who returned his prize money during a powwow, “so that we can all dance again.”

I gave each child, who participated in the children’s time, a dollar, with the challenge that they should find a way to share it. I also invited Waterford adults to join in the fun. Carla and Lorene Miller were two of them who did.

Carla said that the story of the child sharing his prize money inspired her. “I relate to his joy in giving,” she said. “I love to give to

charities.”

Carla asked her sister-in-law, Lorene Miller, to help her make carrot muffins for [The Window](#), a faith-based organization in downtown Goshen, that provides services for people with limited incomes. Carla said that she and Lorene put their dollars together, making \$2, to buy the muffin ingredients that they didn’t already have on hand.

“I had such a wonderful time doing this,” Carla said.

Thank you, Carla and Lorene. I’d love to write more stories about how our congregation shares the gifts that God has given us.



Stephen Ministry Training Continues

This coming week the Stephen Ministry training class will be considering how to help suicidal people get the help they need. During this session they will be working with a questionnaire that deals with much significant information about suicide and shows how to minister to suicidal people.

Congregational Meeting November 30

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending our fall Congregational Meeting on **Wednesday, November 30**. All are invited to come first for dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting in the sanctuary at 7 p.m. Karen Hostetler will be making our dinner (Thanks, Karen!) and we will have a basket out for donations to help cover the cost. To help with Karen’s preparations please stop by the Participation Station and sign-up for the meal by November 20. In addition to signing up for the meal, you will also find a sign-up sheet for households to indicate—by the 20th—if they would welcome childcare and/or children’s activities during the 7 p.m. congregational meeting. Agenda and ballots for the congregational meeting will be in mailboxes on November 20.

—Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team Leader

MYF Retreat

Ten youth and 5 sponsors attended the MYF Fall Retreat October 30-31 at Camp Amigo. During the weekend, they cooked, took a pontoon ride, led each other through the woods blindfolded, and entertained questionable creatures.



Dear Katie,

I am concerned about the news that your office computer recently experienced a hostile takeover by a dinosaur. I actually saw the beast briefly as it wandered into a meeting room. It had probably accessed the church's calendar by then and was attempting to throw investigators off track by disturbing our meeting. But I'm guessing that DINO will begin flooding church members' emails with pro-dinosaur literature meant to question longstanding assumptions about their extinction...

Please have your computer examined carefully to make sure your email account has not been hacked.

A Concerned Church Member

Mennonite Church USA

Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, is one of 33 leaders of churches and faith-based organizations who **signed a letter to President Joe Biden**, in support of his recent efforts to pursue negotiations on nuclear arms control. Read the full letter here: mennoniteusa.org/news/nuclear-arms-control

The denominational **Advent at Home worship guide** will soon be available. The guide is designed for families and people of all ages, offering weekly Scriptures, background information, prayers, activities and rituals around this year's theme from Leader magazine, "Restoration is Near." Look for it here: mennoniteusa.org/adventathome

Mennonite Church USA's **Women in Leadership Steering Committee** wrote a **statement** in response to the recent Supreme Court decision that overturned Roe v. Wade. Read their statement here: mennoniteusa.org/wil-statement-roe-wade

As one of the original writers of the "**For Justice in the U.S. Criminal Justice Legal System**" resolution, **Eli Reimer** discusses a class that they participated in at Goshen College, called "Inside-Out." Reimer's blog is part of Mennonite Church USA's "Learn, Pray, Join: Mass Incarceration" initiative: mennoniteusa.org/friends-on-inside

Beryl Jantzi, **Everence director of stewardship education**, discusses his take on financial policies and practices through the example of the late theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. For Bonhoeffer, dying to self and the idols of culture was a daily practice of discipleship. Read more about his teachings here: mennoniteusa.org/bonhoeffer-discipleship-money

Waterford Announcements

This Sunday is your **last chance to get a new photo taken for the church directory**. Please sign up ahead of time on the calendar link or check the paper signup sheet on Sunday and check with the photographer-in-residence if there is time to get you in.

This Sunday, **Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer** will lead the nurture hour discussion from *Salt & Light* in the Seekers' class. The purpose of the lesson is "To explore how our faith intersects with the faith of others. Today, the context of slavery, colonization, and historical abuses demands a time of listening and repenting." Anyone interested is invited to join them for this conversation in the Seekers' classroom (North Fellowship Hall).

The Puerto Rico Potluck will be held after church this Sunday in the fellowship hall for those who have lived, worked, volunteered or just visited Puerto Rico—and their families. We will be reminiscing and informally sharing experiences and memories. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share. It can be a typical Puerto Rican food dish or not.

Mennonite Women's Day is coming up Thursday, November 10. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. You are welcome to come and join in our MCC projects. Soup will be furnished for lunch. You are welcome to bring a dish to share and have a bowl of soup! We appreciate all who are able to come.

You are invited to come **learn about the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition's Repair Network** with guest Sarah Augustine on Thursday, November 10, at 7:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall. We will learn what it means to be a Repair Congregation. See the announcements below for more of Sarah's speaking events next week.

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 by November 4**, visit thewindowharvestbanquet2022.eventbrite.com. After November 4, please call The Window for availability of tickets at [\(574\) 533-9680](tel:5745339680).

Goshen Community Chorale presents The Big Sing 2022, Sunday November 6, 7:00 p.m. at the Goshen Theater. Songs from the Swingle Singers, Dolly Parton, the Beatles, Cyndi Lauper and featuring local bands MiLO, Lalo Cura, and Shiny Shiny Black. Tickets \$8, available at the Goshen Theater Box Office.

The time is here! Join us for the Goshen MCC Comforter Bash on November 11-12! A handmade comforter provides not only warmth, but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. Join others of all ages for this two-day event at Pleasant View Church, 58529 County Road 23, to knot comforters that Mennonite Central Committee will distribute around the world. For more information about the event, visit mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash or contact LaVera Schlabach at 574.538.9629. **Dates:** Friday, November 11 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.); Saturday, November 12 (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

What is it like to be an Anabaptist Christian in the Marketplace? Join the MEDA Michiana Network Hub for an evening discussion with Dr. Malinda Elizabeth Berry, Associate Professor of Theology and Ethics at AMBS (Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary), on what it's like to be an Anabaptist Christian in the marketplace balancing faith, community, and work. November 10, 7:00 p.m. at Everence, 1110 N Main St. The event is free, but please RSVP at www.meda.org/events by November 7.

Events Scheduled with Sarah Augustine:

Besides the Thursday evening meeting at Waterford (see Waterford Announcements section), the public is welcome to attend these events with speaker, Sarah Augustine. Please see the schedule below for a time when you might be able to hear her speak and be part of the conversation. Sarah Augustine, a Pueblo (Tewa) woman, is the Executive Director of the Dispute Resolution Center of Yakima and Kittitas Counties, and is a member of Seattle Mennonite Church. She is co-founder of Suriname Indigenous Health Fund and the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition. She is also a writer for Anabaptist World.

Tuesday, November 8:

11:45 - 12:15: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) Participation in the **AMBS chapel**

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.: **"An Indigenous View on a Changed World,"** Public presentation with Q&A at **Goshen Public Library Auditorium**, followed by a book signing

Wednesday, November 9:

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.: Presentation to the **Goshen College** Community in a **Convocation** entitled **"Seeking right relationship through engaging in true solidarity with Indigenous Peoples,"** introduced by Jan Shetler (followed by coffee and informal conversation in College Church)

Upcoming events at Goshen College:

Symposium, lectures:

- **Old Books Made New: The Surprising Wisdom of Erasmus for Today.** An Intercollegiate Symposium, November 4-5, Newcomer Center, Room 19. Keynote speaker Dr. Greta Kroeker, along with students, professors and librarians, explore the influence of Erasmus on the Anabaptist movement, his ongoing relevance and the value of preserving physical volumes. This in-person and virtual symposium connects participants with each other and Erasmus' rare books at Mennonite colleges across Canada and the United States.

Music concerts:

- [GC Symphony Orchestra Fall Concert](#), November 4, Music Center, Sauder Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- [Aida Cuevas at Goshen College](#): Aida Cuevas presents "45th Anniversary — Yo Creo Que Es Tiempo" at Goshen College on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. This will be an unforgettable and emotional concert celebrating a long-lasting career as Mexico's most important female voice. The Queen of Mariachi is joined by renowned Mariachi Aztlán, along with other special guests.
- [Treblefest Festival Choral Concert](#), November 8, Music Center, Sauder Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m. The Goshen College Voices of the Earth, directed by H. Roz Woll, will present a women's choral festival concert along with Indiana high school women's choral ensembles in Sauder Concert Hall.
- [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 on the Sauder Concert Hall stage as part of the CSA Fall Choral Showcase concert. Performing are Re-joyce (grades 3-5) and Sommo Voci (grades 9-12), directed by Kristin Kauffman, and Shout for Joy (grades 7-9), directed by Sandy Hill.

AMBS

New *Vision* issue available for free online, **"Spirituality and aging"**

The Fall 2022 issue of [Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology](#) is edited by [Jane Kuepfer](#), PhD, and [Andy Brubacher Kaethler](#), PhD. They write, "This issue of *Vision* focuses on the opportunities and challenges associated with three aspects of spirituality and aging in particular: changes, questions and resources. Through these themes we honor the experience of aging, with all its emotions, ponderings and questions." The issue includes a piece by **Velma Swartz**.

AMBS

Registration is open: AMBS Pastors & Leaders 2023: Reimagining Ministry: Feb. 13 – 16. How do we think about our ministry in this time of collective trauma stemming from the coronavirus pandemic, racial injustice, economic uncertainty and rising polarization? This conference will give participants ideas and practices to help nurture resilience, compassion and hope in themselves and in their congregations by learning from Jesus' ministry. Speakers: Joni Sancken and April Yamasaki. Plan to join us in person or online! Also, workshop proposals on "reimagining ministry" are due Dec. 1. ambs.edu/pastors-and-leaders

Church matching grants for seminary. AMBS offers grants of up to \$2,000 per academic year to match contributions that congregations, conferences and regional churches make toward a full-time graduate student's tuition costs. We're committed to making theological education affordable and accessible for students across the church — tap a shoulder! ambs.edu/church-matching-grants

Goshen College

College Goal Sunday, Union Building, Welcome Center, 2 p.m. During College Goal Sunday, financial aid professionals will provide free help for college-bound seniors and their families to complete their FAFSA.

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.](#)

- [Youth Honors Orchestra & ECoSistema Fall Concert](#), November 15, Music Center, Rieth Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. The Youth Honors Orchestra, a youth instrumental ensemble comprised of Elkhart County young musicians, will join with students from the Elkhart County ECoSistema program for a joint concert in Sauder Concert Hall. The YHO is conducted by Victoria Petrak
- [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.

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. Features an ensemble of nine exceptional actors and at least one guest designer. Pulitzer Prize finalist, 2018.

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