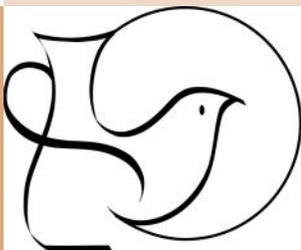




January 15, 2023



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture classes for
all ages

Welcome Team

Greeters: Dave & Karen
Hostetler
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Bruce
Snyder, Wade Ramer
Audiovisuals: Glen Kauffmann,
Jeff Claassen

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Haystacks & Board
games / FH
7:00 p.m. Enneagram study /
Room 22
7:30 p.m. MYF parents mtg

Thursday

7:00 p.m. MLC / FH
Zoom prayers
Monday - 8:30 a.m.
Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Living 'In,' 'With,' 'By,' and 'For'

Cindy Voth, for Worship Ministry Team

On January 15 we will begin a new worship series as we continue to follow the Narrative Lectionary with assigned texts from the Gospel of Matthew. This series, January 15 – February 19, is a series based around 'living.' That is, living, truly living, as journeying people in the way God wants for us. We will draw from the resource created in Scotland called "Spill the Beans" which describes the series this way:

This series is a time to reflect on our own homes and all the things we live 'in': houses small and large, the solid, stable, (generally) immovable constructs around us. It is time to reflect on what we live 'with': furniture and living equipment and gadgets. It is time to reflect on what we live 'for': perhaps our families and/or our aspirations. Some of which will give us joy and some of which will disappoint. This season also gives us a chance to think about what we live 'by': perhaps long held traditions that positively ground our existence or traditions that tie us down to a way that we should have given up long ago. God intends not for us to be settled people fortifying our lives with brick walls and impenetrable doors but to be journeying people, nomads in a world that is going somewhere good, whatever the news tells you.

See next page for the preaching schedule.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 213

Nurture Hour – 207

Finances – January 8, 2023

Operating Fund: \$3,740.00

Mennonite Education: \$3,508.20

Either Fund: \$2,306.63

Budget Subtotal \$9,554.83

Mary Christophel mem \$50.00

Jubilee Fund \$125.00

Total \$9,729.83

Date	Theme	Preacher & Special Elements
1/15/23	Living in Freedom – Matthew 3:1-17	Sharing from Congregational Members; Commissioning new Stephen Ministers
1/22/23	“Spread Love”	Led by Goshen College Parables
1/29/23	Living in Righteousness – Matthew 5:1-10	Deron Bergstresser
2/5/23	Living by Practice – Matthew 6:7-21, 25-35	Rod Hollinger-Janzen
2/12/23	Living in the Now – Matthew 14:13-33	Rachel Ringenberg Miller – MCUSA Denominational Minister; and hosting Bethany Concert Choir
2/19/23	Living in Denial – Matthew 16:24-7:8	Cindy Voth

Thank You

Looking Ahead

January 22: GC Parables

January 29: Sermon: Deron

Bergstresser; Living in

Righteousness

(Matthew 5:1-10)

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 – January 12 - 27

Katie Misz - January 16 - 17

Office hours this week

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9 - 12, 1-3

Friday 9 - 12

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Janet Shoemaker,

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Carlos Ramos

Hello everyone from WMC. I hope everyone is doing well during this troubling time with war in the Ukraine and all those viruses in the air that has taken so many lives and especially our loved one's. Some of them are not around us anymore in this earth but definitely they are in a better place and I would like to remind me and also remind you that “God is also in the air too” and that no matter what, he is the only one who can give us comfort even though sometimes we don't see it that way. Things that we get through, which is very hard for me to recognize that he is the one who can set me free from suffering and from resentment that I got within me. I don't want to go too far saying things. The main reason to write this note is to say THANK YOU for your prayers, THANK YOU for your support and THANK YOU for being there when I need it the most. Thank you for your patience with me. With tears in my eyes I would like to say that life wouldn't be the same if our paths wouldn't cross and for that I thank God for all you people from Waterford Mennonite Church. God bless you all.

Carlos Ramos

Thanks to all those who attended the fundraiser meal and donated to Carlos Ramos' support last Sunday. We raised a little over \$4,000. We'd like to offer a special thanks to those from Pathfinders and Seekers Sunday school classes for setting up tables and chairs, preparing and serving food, and cleaning up. Although we do not enjoy asking others for help, we do feel like it's the right thing to do and that Carlos deserves the assistance.

With much gratitude, David Gingerich & Karen Sommers.

Thank you, Helen!

by the Stephen Leaders

Helen was trained as a Stephen Minister in the Fall of 2017. After five years of providing meaningful care, she has decided to step down from this commitment in order to more fully focus on family and other responsibilities at WMC.

As a Stephen Minister, Helen cared for four individual persons in the Waterford congregation.

She was appreciated for her attentive listening, thoughtful comments and ability to walk and talk at the same time, as many of her conversations took place while she was walking around Fidler Pond, or other such places!

While we will miss you in the Stephen Ministry program, we are grateful for the many ways you continue to use your gifts and talents.

Thank you, Helen

Reflection

Navidad = "Dádiva de vida"

By Angel L. Miranda

Navidad es la dádiva de vida que Dios nos permite disfrutar en Cristo Jesús. Por lo tanto, id al mundo y dad este mensaje.

Christmas is the gift of life that the Lord allows us to enjoy in Christ Jesus. Therefore, go and give this message to the world.

Waterford Announcements

3rd Wednesday game nights (with Haystacks) this Wednesday, January 18, for all ages, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. 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.

First Enneagram meeting will be this Wednesday, January 18. We will meet in the multipurpose room (Sojourners' classroom behind the mailboxes).

Salt & Light weekly reflection and additional resource for [January 15](#).

Mennonite Church USA

From a young age, Cristian Alemán, outreach coordinator and bilingual music director for College Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana, knew he might one day lose his sight, but he did not know the lessons that he would learn from the experience. Adriana Celis, a writer for MenoTicias, the Spanish-language newsletter published by Mennonite Church USA and Hispanic Ministries of Mennonite Education Agency, shares Alemán's story in "**Learning to value the colors of life.**" Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/learning-to-value-the-colors-of-life/ (Lea la versión en español aquí: mennoniteusa.org/learning-to-value-the-colors-of-life-spanish)

After two years of renovations and pandemic-related delays, the **new Brooklyn (New York) Peace Church opened its doors in October 2022**. The Atlantic Coast Conference church plant welcomed members of the Spanish-speaking congregation that previously met in the same location. Read more about their first few services here: mennoniteusa.org/brooklyn-peace-church (Lea la versión en español aquí: mennoniteusa.org/brooklyn-peace-church-spanish)

Mennonite Church USA will host its annual **Hope for the Future conference** Feb. 3-5 in Atlanta. The conference welcomes MC USA-affiliated BIPOC leaders and young adults for a time of networking and mutual edification. Register by Jan. 18. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/hope-for-the-future

Area conference ministers from Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada gathered in San Francisco in early December **for renewal, training and collaborative work around a new misconduct accountability and prevention guide**. mennoniteusa.org/proposed-misconduct-policies

MDS

Weekly Volunteers are needed to assist in remodeling of a Volunteer Center in **Red Lake, MN**. Work will include framing, drywall, flooring installation, etc. We will need crews (3-5 people or larger) from late **January through late March**. All work is indoors, out of the cold Minnesota winter! Lodging and meals provided. Contact Jeff Koller (717-823-7415 or jkoller@mds.org) for details.

Upcoming Community Events

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration at Goshen College:

- Sunday, January 15: 7 p.m., Documentary Film, *Goshen's History as a Sundown Town: Contemporary Implications* and Panel Discussion, in the Umble Center
- Monday, January 16: 10 - 11:30 a.m., King Convocation, Church-Chapel
Keynote speaker: Dr. Darryl Heller, director of the [IU South Bend Civil Rights Heritage Center](#)

For more events of the weekend and information on the keynote speaker, see <https://www.goshen.edu/news/2023/01/03/2023-goshen-college-king-celebration-highlights/>

The **Michiana Regional Seed Swap**, Saturday, January 21, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Goshen College Church-Chapel. Join fellow gardeners, growers and plant enthusiasts to gather and exchange seeds, compare and discuss varieties, attend educational sessions and more. This year, the swap will include a focus on native plants in addition to vegetable/garden crops! The event is free, with opportunities to buy seeds. For more information see <https://www.goshen.edu/merrylea/seedswap5/>

Worms: The Original Composters, a community class of Church Community Services, January 26, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., 907 Oakland Avenue, Elkhart. Ever wanted to compost, but don't have the space? Join us while we discuss worms and how to use them in a composting system. There will be a hands-on demonstration with Seed To Feeds worm composting bin. No cost, all are welcome. Please RSVP at seedtofeed@communitychurchservices.org

Opportunities

MDS is hiring! Mennonite Disaster Service is building our team and searching for qualified, motivated individuals who have a knowledge of and passion for the MDS mission, vision and values and a commitment to the Anabaptist church. We are searching for a **Regional Operations Coordinator** who will oversee all MDS project operations in Region 3 (Central States, West of the Mississippi) and facilitate volunteer engagement in the investigation and development of projects. [Visit our website](#) for more information.

“Pastoral Care for Climate: From Anxiety to Action,” a yearlong experience for pastors, church leaders and climate activists to explore how churches and communities can become places where people learn to engage climate with active hope. The year begins and ends with in-person retreats, and an every other month Zoom session in between. This is a partnership between Anabaptist Climate Collaborate (the name of the new Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions) and Eastern Mennonite Seminary. For more information and application see: <https://emu.edu/seminary/pastoral-care-for-climate>.