

This Sunday:

Goshen College Parables

will lead our service



January 22, 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, Ken Otto,
Len Harms

Audiovisuals: Colin Berkey,
Jordan Kauffman

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Supper / FH

7:00 p.m. Inclusion Formation
— Racism / Sanctuary

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

Thursday

7:00 p.m. Worship MT / FH

Saturday

8 a.m. Stephen Ministers
retreat / FH, Nurture Wing

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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New Books in the Church Library

Joel, Obadiah, Micah; Believers Church Biblical Commentary (Reference Book)

The Radical Muslim and Mennonite: a Muslim-Christian encounter for peace in Indonesia, by Agus Suyanto. This book showcases the unique dialogue carried out by Hizbullah Front and Mennonite Diakonia Service in Solo, Indonesia. These two communities have opposing characteristics and practice fundamentally different religions...the two were able to encounter and dialogue with one another. This phenomenon is interesting to be observed as a model of a constructive Christian-Muslim encounter in Indonesia.

When We Belong: Reclaiming Christianity on the Margins, by Rohadi Nagassar. For Christians who know the pain, isolation and loss of identity that comes with the ongoing struggle to be seen in churches and institutions full of barriers to belonging, you are not alone. Sometimes it can feel easier to walk away from faith completely. But there is another way. In this hope-filled book, Nagassar brings the margins to the center to help readers rediscover a reality of love, belonging, and beauty through the journey of deconstructing, decolonizing, and reclaiming faith. For those on the margins struggling to find belonging, for everyone who wants to join in building radically inclusive communities where all people can live fully in their own skin — now begins a journey to find freedom.

See **Library Books** on page 3

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 178+18 (MYF retreat)
Nurture Hour – 168

Finances – January 15, 2023

Operating Fund:	\$3,940.00
Mennonite Education:	\$3,390.00
Either Fund:	\$16,300.00
Budget Subtotal	\$23,630.00
Least Coin	\$17.00
Two-Way Mission	\$2,000.00
MCC	\$40.00
Total	\$25,687.00

Looking Ahead

January 29: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser; Living in Righteousness
(*Matthew 5:1-10*)

February 5: Sermon: Rod Hollinger-Janzen; Living by Practice
(*Matthew 6:7-21, 25-34*)

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 22 - 27
Katie Misz - Jan. 28 - Feb. 4

Office hours this week

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
9 - 12, 1-3
Friday 9 - 12

The *Waterford Buzz* is published weekly for members of Waterford Mennonite Church. Items for inclusion should be given to the editor by 5 p.m. Tuesday preceding publication.

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Introducing the Ramer Family



Derrick, Michelle, Dominic, and Zeke Ramer moved back to Goshen in July of 2022 after six years in Newton, Kansas. Derrick was raised in Wakarusa, Ind., and is a graduate of Bethany Christian High School and Goshen College. He pastored for 19 years, the first 13 in Northern Indiana. Derrick most recently finished six years at New Creation Fellowship Church in Newton. After 19 years, Derrick needed a break from pastoral ministry and is currently driving dump truck for Yellow Creek Gravel. Derrick enjoys sports, playing games, riding bicycle, and riding his Goldwing Motorcycle.

Michelle grew up in Reedley, Calif. She attended Southamptton College in New York and Rockport College in Maine. Michelle works from home for Mennonite Mission Network as the Human Resources International Coordinator. For the past decade, Michelle has been on the Board for Menno Clinic India as the treasurer. Michelle loves to travel, the ocean, and learning new things. Derrick and Michelle were married in 2002. Both boys were born while we lived in Indiana.

Dominic is a freshman at Bethany. He is on the tennis team, is enjoying stage managing at Bethany, and is looking forward to joining the golf team this spring. Dominic enjoys video games, school, sports, and playing games.

Zeke is short for Ezekiel, and Zeke is in 6th grade at Bethany. He plays soccer and is most interested in being with people. Zeke enjoys video games, being outside and rough housing with Dominic, Dad, or his uncle.

They look forward to joining Waterford Mennonite and building relationships within this community.

Welcome, Derrick, Michelle, Dominic and Zeke!

Thank you to the friends at Waterford Mennonite Church for the many sympathy cards to honor Mary's death and for the bouquet of flowers from the church.
Jim Christophel

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All Our Grievs to Bear: Responding With Resilience After Collective Trauma, by Joni S. Sancken. Church and a Christian community look a lot different than they did before the horrors of the coronavirus pandemic, racial trauma, and economic uncertainty revealed difficult truths about the wounds we carry. The damage caused by trauma is deep and affects every part of our lives together. At the same time, the pandemic has upended or called into question many of our traditional ministry models. For those tasked with leading congregations through this disorienting new territory, the challenges are great indeed. The author engages leading sociologists and mental health professionals to name some of the largest issues that congregations now face and will face as we process the cascading trauma of our time. Chapters focus on practices such as lament, storytelling, and blessing to help leaders and church members to nurture resilience and compassion.

Mennonite Mission Network has posted an article by Jane Ross Richer about the Indian Child Welfare Act now being tested before the US Supreme Court. Read her response to the claims made by the adoptive white parents of the Navajo child whose adoption is being argued in the courts at <https://www.mennonitemission.net/blog/4829/Jesus-followers-are-called-to-stand-in-support-of-Indian->

Mennonite Women are excited to announce that you have stepped up to contribute 58 MCC Relief Kits! Many brought in completed kits. Others brought in items that were needed and Mennonite Women used out of their funds to complete kits with the remaining items. Our goal was 25 kits. We certainly exceeded that goal! Thank you very much. Let's pray for the desperate families who will be receiving the kits. May they experience the feeling of being loved and cared for.

Waterford Announcements

The second Inclusion Formation session will be this Wednesday, January 25. The focus is on **Anti-racism as a pathway to welcome and inclusion**. Carlos Romero will lead us in discussion beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Mennonite Church USA

In November 2022, the **National Faith Leaders Climate Roundtable**, which is made up of 16 U.S. denominational leaders — including Glen Guyton, Mennonite Church USA's Executive Director — gathered to discuss climate justice. They acknowledged the importance of engaging local congregations and communities to reach their climate goals. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/accelerate-climate-action

What does it take for a rural church to install solar panels?

For Metamora (Illinois) Mennonite Church, it required a team with a vision, a lot of planning and some flexibility, along with some help from the Mennonite Creation Care Network. Karla Kauffman, a therapist who is developing expertise in climate grief work, outlines Metamora Mennonite's process in "A rural congregation goes solar: Metamora (Illinois) Mennonite Church." Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/metamora-illinois-mennonite-church

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)

AMBS

Fully online seminary degree. Check out Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's **fully online Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism!** The 46-credit-hour academic degree program can be completed in four years of part-time study and offers a global approach to Anabaptist theological education. ambs.edu/matqa

MDS

The **January edition of On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: get more details on how to register for the MDS Annual Celebration in Pennsylvania next month; read the latest on the MDS response to flooding in Eastern Kentucky; and learn how MDS Canada volunteers are helping hurricane victims in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3XjseqR>

Please sign up for next **Wednesday night's meal this Sunday**. If you already signed up, please be sure that you recorded the **correct number of people** from your household **who will come to eat** for the 25th.

Salt & Light weekly reflection and additional resource for [January 22](#).

Upcoming Community Events

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 Feed's worm composting bin. No cost, all are welcome. Please RSVP at seedtofeed@communitychurchservices.org

Center for Community Justice is hosting world-renown and Lansing native saxophonist **Tim Cunningham**, at a one-night-only benefit concert on February 7 at 6 p.m. at the 112 Club in downtown Elkhart.. Tickets can be purchased by clicking: [Tim Cunningham Benefit Concert Tickets..](#)

The **celebration of Candlemas** on the 40th day of the Christmas/Epiphany season originated in the late fifth century as a day of light and hope. It is a day to bless the candles to be used for the upcoming year. On Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023, 7 p.m., you are invited to an online service of light and blessing as the candles to be used this year at Pathways Retreat will be blessed. Gather your own candles in your home or your work space for an online blessing as well.

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>.