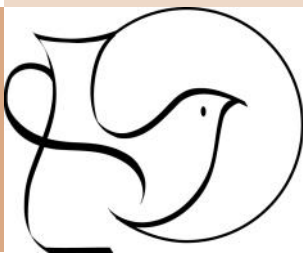




January 29, 2023



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

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

Welcome Team

Greeters: Dave & Karen Hostetter
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Bruce Snyder, Wade Ramer
Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler, Colin Berkey

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday
7:00 p.m. Enneagram / Rm 22
Thursday
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers / MYF Rm, Rm 15
Zoom prayers
Monday - 8:30 a.m.
Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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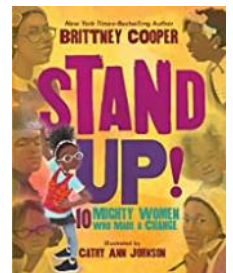
New Picture Books in the Church Library

Because of You, John Lewis: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship, by Andrea Davis Pinckney. A 10 year old boy named Tybre learns about John Lewis and his courageous march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, and is determined to meet him. Tybre eventually does meet him, and this is the inspiring story of the bond that was formed between a young activist and the late congressman, and civil rights activist, John Lewis.



I Am Me: A Book of Authenticity (I Am Books), by Susan Verde. A big hearted celebration of being comfortable in our own skin, respecting others for who they are, living authentically and loving ourselves. Each of us matters, just as we are.

Stand Up! 10 Mighty Women Who Made a Change, by Brittney Cooper. A powerful, groundbreaking picture book debut, introducing young readers to 10 revolutionary Black women—both historical and contemporary—who changed the world for the better, inspiring readers to know their strength, to be brave and to stand up!



Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 168 (+18—Gelassenheit retreat)
Nurture Hour – 165

Finances – January 22, 2023

Operating Fund: \$2,505.00
Mennonite Education: \$235.00
Either Fund: \$3,225.00
Total \$5,965.00

Looking Ahead

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

February 12: Sermon: Rachel Ringenberg-Miller; Living in the Now
(Matthew 14:13-33)

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

Katie Misz Jan. 28 - Feb. 5

Office hours this week

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

Friday 9 - 12

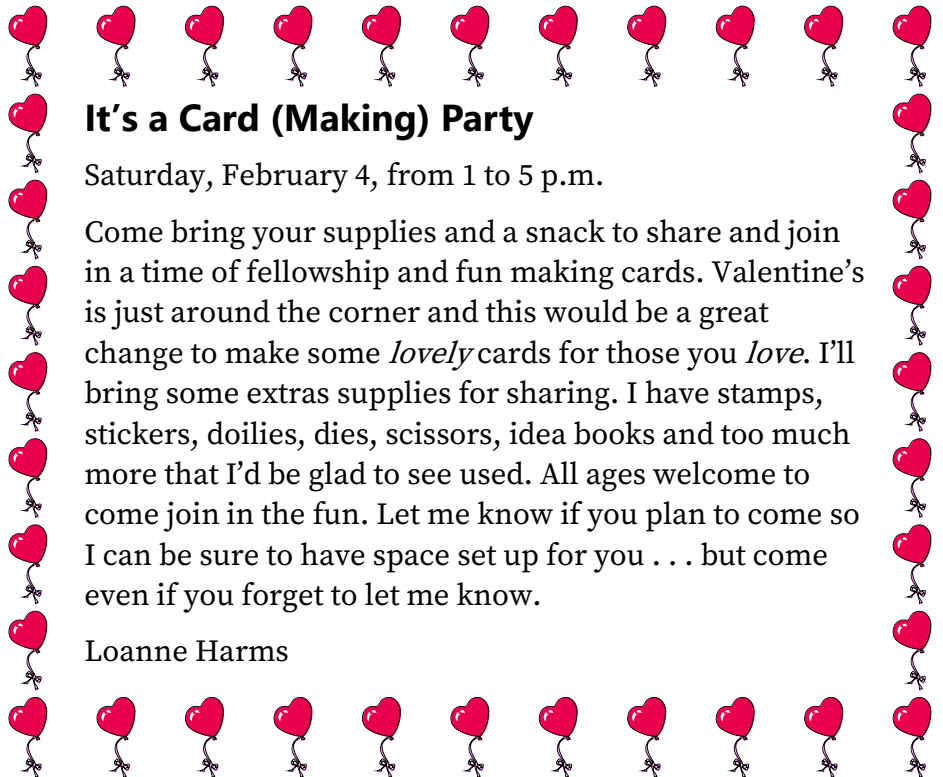
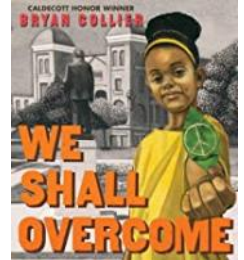
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Our Planet! There's No Place Like Earth, by Stacy McAnulty. A nonfiction picture book about the earth, told from the perspective of Earth herself.

We Shall Overcome, by Bryan Collier. “We Shall Overcome” is one of the most recognizable songs from the Civil Rights movement. Breathtaking illustrations by multi-award winning illustrator Bryan Collier bring the song to life.



It's a Card (Making) Party

Saturday, February 4, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Come bring your supplies and a snack to share and join in a time of fellowship and fun making cards. Valentine's is just around the corner and this would be a great change to make some *lovely* cards for those you *love*. I'll bring some extras supplies for sharing. I have stamps, stickers, doilies, dies, scissors, idea books and too much more that I'd be glad to see used. All ages welcome to come join in the fun. Let me know if you plan to come so I can be sure to have space set up for you . . . but come even if you forget to let me know.

Loanne Harms

Waterford Announcements

The **silverware from the kitchen** will still be available for perusal and claiming on the table near the library one more Sunday. If you think you may have left some of yours at the church at some point in history and weren't at church last Sunday, please stop by to take a look at what is there.

Salt & Light weekly reflection for [January 29](#).

Upcoming Community Events

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.

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 Goshen College Choirs will present their **annual Winter Choral Concert** in Sauder Concert Hall, Feb 11 at 7:30 p.m. Performing are the GC Chamber Choir and Vox Profundi, directed by Scott Hochstetler, and Voices of the Earth, directed by H. Roz Woll. Tickets: \$8 [goshen.edu/tickets](#).

Mennonite Church USA

Mennonite Church USA has released the **MennoCon23 block schedule and registration rates**. Learn more about MennoCon23 here: mennoniteusa.org/mennocon23-schedule

Sarah Augustine, co-founder and executive director of the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition, **is both Indigenous and a Mennonite**, two identities that she believes complement one another. In her blog post, "I am Indigenous and an Anabaptist," she shares how she incorporates her cultural heritage into her faith journey. Read it here: mennoniteusa.org/i-am-indigenous-and-an-anabaptist

AMBS

Scholarships available! Ready to pursue seminary studies? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, offers generous need-based financial aid, church matching grants and scholarships for students learning either on campus or at a distance. Complete your Admissions Application now so you can be eligible to apply for merit-based scholarships by March 15 and ministry scholarships by April 1. ambs.edu/scholarships

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>

Resources and Learning Opportunities

MCC and MCUSA are partnering in a new webinar series, ***Beyond incarceration: A hard look at dismantling the prison system and building healthy communities***. Join us to learn about the ways the faith community is actively understanding and working against these complex systems of confinement. The webinars will take place on Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 7, and March 21 at 7:30 p.m. EST. They will be followed by learning tour opportunities in different parts of the U.S. Registration link: mcc.org/beyond-incarceration-webinars

Embracing Beloved Community is a seven-week biblical study for Sunday School classes or other groups to dive into the ways God calls the church to embrace diversity. The curriculum is designed for congregations new to this topic to journey together in an exploration of the sin of racism and Christ's vision for the Kingdom of God on Earth. [Download the curriculum.](#)

Welcoming Ukrainians and Venezuelans Webinar. For the first time in decades, private citizens and residents can sponsor families and individuals seeking refuge in the U.S. On December 20, we invited Dr. Katie Randall from Church World Service to share how faith communities can welcome newcomers through these sponsorship programs. Currently, Ukrainians, Venezuelans, Cubans, Nicaraguans, and Haitians are eligible for sponsorship. [View a recording of the webinar.](#)

Youth Venture—for ages 15 - 22

- **[Stories at the Border:](#)** Youth Venture trip to South Texas, July 19 - 27, 2023. Join faith-based and humanitarian groups along the U.S.-Mexico border. Learn what's missing from conversations about the border and immigration, and explore the root causes of migration, the strife at the border, and what goes into the asylum-seeking process. Cost: \$625, plus travel to South Texas. Application deadline: May 15.
- **[Indonesia tour open for applications:](#)** July 12-26, 2023. Experience community life — from cities to mountains — of Indonesian Anabaptist believers living and working with Buddhists, Hindus and the largest Muslim population in the world. Application deadline: May 1.

Job Opportunity

MCC Thrift at Woodland Crossing is seeking a full-time general manager. Serving the south central community of Elkhart, Thrift at Woodland Crossing was successfully launched in June 2022 with the support of several staff and numerous volunteers. The general manager will provide oversight of the shop, including incoming donations and processing, outgoing merchandise, retail operations, recycling and managing staff and volunteers. For a full job description and to submit a resume, contact glmthrift@gmail.com, attention TWC Search Committee. You can also see a copy of the job description on the bulletin board by the mailboxes.