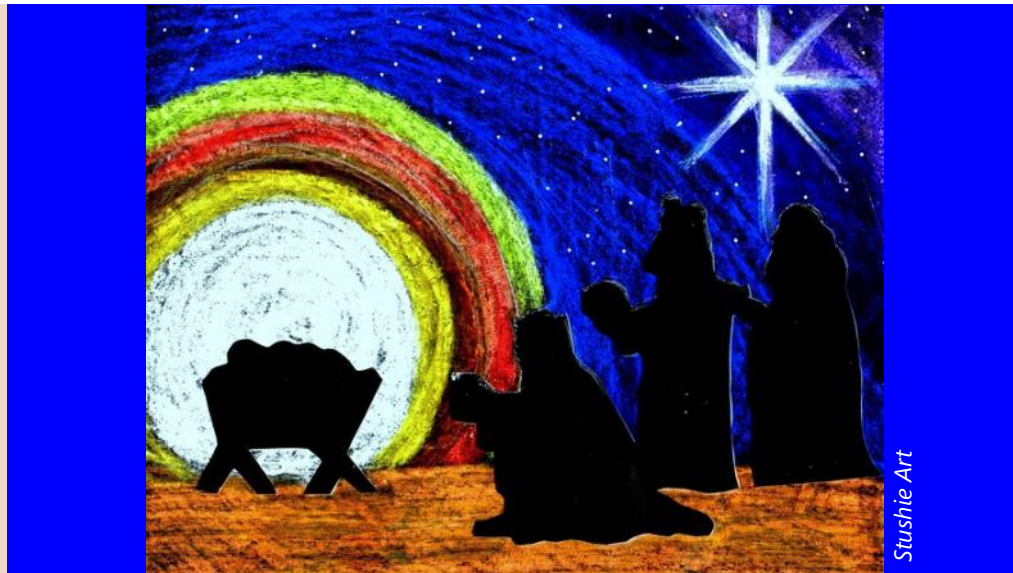


Epiphany



January 8, 2023



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30a.m. - Nurture Hour
12:00 p.m. - Fundraiser dinner
for Carlos Ramos
5:30 p.m. - Ecuador prayers

Welcome Team

Greeters: Bob & Rachel
Brenneman
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken Otto,
Carolyn Kauffman
Audiovisuals: Colin Berkey
Steve Fath

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. - Supper
7:00 p.m. - Inclusion
Formation — Disabilities
7:00 p.m. - Venture Club
7:00 p.m. - JYF, MYF

Thursday

8:30 a.m. - Mennonite Women

Zoom prayers

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

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Inclusion Formation Workshop: Differing Abilities

by Emily Hunsberger

What does it mean to be whole? To be normal? To belong? How do our answers change when we have a disability (like being deaf, autistic, or blind) or a mental illness (like anxiety or depression)? Anabaptist Disabilities Network leads the first Wednesday workshop in our inclusion series, inviting the congregation to examine their own understanding of belonging and wholeness and share stories about our own experiences with disabilities and mental illness. ADN will share the results of the recent accessibility audit, celebrating the ways Waterford has become a place of belonging for people with disabilities and mental illness and offering suggestions to become even more welcoming to those with disabilities. The workshop will include times of small group discussion and an opportunity to share with the congregation as a whole.

Waterford Announcements

This Sunday, January 8, the Pathfinders and Seekers Sunday school classes will host a noon **benefit meal for Carlos Ramos** in the fellowship hall. Pathfinders will be providing a Haystack dinner and Seekers will provide desserts.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 160
Nurture Hour – 124

Finances – January 8, 2023

Operating Fund:	\$7,335.00
Mennonite Education:	\$340.00
Either Fund:	\$10,365.00
Budget Subtotal	\$18,040.00
MCC Ukraine	\$1,000.00
Total	\$19,040.00

Looking Ahead

January 15: Living in Freedom;
Sharing by congregants
(*Matthew 3:1-17*)
January 22: GC Parables

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

Office hours this week

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

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The first Inclusion Formation session will be this Wednesday, January 11. We will host several people from Anabaptist Disabilities Network who will talk with us about steps to making people with all abilities welcome in our congregation and building. We will share a meal at 6:00 p.m. and the session will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please be sure to sign up for the first meal by **this Sunday**.

If you would like to join the Enneagram seminar, you will need to sign up by this Sunday, January 8, at the participation station. We will be using *The Journey Toward Wholeness*, by Suzanne Stabile. Please let the office know if you would like us to purchase a copy for you. Alternatively, you may search for a used copy online at a cheaper price.

Salt & Light weekly reflection and additional resource for [January 8](#).

Opportunities

MennoPIN (Mennonite Palestine Israel Network) invites you to a 1-hour Zoom conversation with Suheil Tarazi and Hani Farah of the Gaza YMCA on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. EST. Suheil and Hani will talk about the current humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the compelling work that the YMCA is doing to support families in the midst of these dire conditions caused by the ongoing Israeli blockade. Please use this link to join the Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86324229910?pwd=emszSIJRQkprWnVJU0laQnZlekVp>

Stories at the Border: Youth Venture trip to South Texas, July 19 - 27, 2023 for young adults age 15 - 22. 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.

Project Coordinator — Burkina Faso: MCC is seeking a Project Coordinator responsible for mentoring and building capacity of local partners towards greater independence and sustainability and, alongside the MCC Burkina Faso Country Representatives, will assist in all planning, monitoring, and evaluating activities for various projects related to conservation agriculture, peace building, education, health, and emergency assistance. If you or someone you know might be interested, learn more and apply by December 31 at mcc.org/burkina.

Annual Music & Worship Leaders Retreat: Laurelville Retreat Center in Southwestern Pa., will host its annual Music & Worship Leaders Retreat from January 20 - 22, 2023. The event is an in-person format, limited to 200. A virtual recording of some segments can be purchased to watch at a later date. The retreat gives music and worship leaders a space to learn, recharge, and connect with their peers through valuable workshops, seminars, resources, fellowship time, worship, and plenty of music. This year's theme is "Lament and Hope" with guest speaker Safwat Marzouk, author and theologian. [Click here to register.](#)

Mennonite Church USA

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