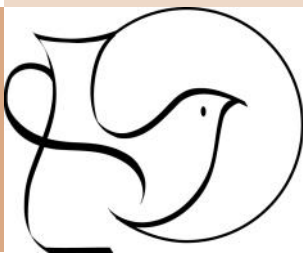




February 19, 2023



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship

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

Welcome Team

Greeters: Jerry & Barb Landis

Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken Otto, Len Harms

Audiovisuals: Colin Berkey, Shawn Stutzman

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. MLC / Rm 37

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Supper

6:40 p.m. Ash Wed ritual

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

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

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Lent – Sounds of the Season

Cindy Voth, for Worship Ministry Team

This year's Lenten theme is "Sounds of the Season" as we follow the Narrative Lectionary readings through the gospel of Matthew. Each week we will join the disciples and Jesus on the journey to Jerusalem, to the Last Supper, to the betrayals, to the cross, and to the empty tomb. Often our worship services include visual arts to help engage more of our senses. However, during Lent we will stimulate another sense: sound. Each week within our worship service we will hear a sound that we hope will draw us deeper into the biblical story and allow us freedom to explore our imagination more deeply within worship. In addition, we will also hear a creative scripture reading and a short drama.

Lent is the season of the church that is set aside for prayerful reflection as we prepare to faithfully follow Jesus through the events of Holy Week. Therefore, during our worship services there will be time for a "Prayer of Adoration and Confession." We invite everyone to come to our Lenten journey with an open heart, mind, eyes, and ears to meet Jesus and to be transformed as we follow Jesus to the cross and to the empty tomb.

In the chart below you will find the scripture texts for each week, in addition to the theme and the name of our preacher(s). We are excited to have several guest preachers in this series, all of them familiar faces to us at Waterford. First, Frances Ringenberg, who served last year as our Interim Pastoral Team Member, will return to

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 215

Nurture Hour – 192

Finances – February 12, 2023

Operating Fund: \$5,445.00

Mennonite Education: \$7,364.80

Either Fund: \$1,675.00

Budget Total \$14,484.80

Least Coin Fund \$29.60

Total \$14,514.40

Looking Ahead

February 26: Sermon: Frances Ringenberg; Lent 1

(Matthew 18:15 - 35)

March 5: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser; Lent 2

(Matthew 20:1 - 16)

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 February 20, 23

Office hours this week

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

Tuesday, Friday 9 - 12

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preach on Lent 1. Next, Waterford members Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer, currently serving in Ecuador with Two-Way Mission, will preach on Lent 3 and share stories, updates, and vision about their ongoing relationship with indigenous persons both in Ecuador and in North America. Finally, we will welcome Joanne Gallardo, Conference Pastor for Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference, as our guest preacher on Lent 4.

We will begin our Lenten journey February 22 on Ash Wednesday. Everyone is invited to a 6 p.m. dinner, followed by a service of imposition of ashes at 6:40 p.m. in the sanctuary. Our Formation Series on Inclusion workshop on Anti-Racism Training will follow at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. During our service at 6:40 we will mark each other with ashes as signs not only of our mortality but also of forgiveness and new life.

More details will come later regarding special services during Holy Week.

Date	Theme	Scripture	Preacher
Feb. 26	Loose Kingdom	Matthew 18:15-35	Frances Ringenberg
March 5	Unleashed Generosity	Matthew 20:1-16	Deron Bergstresser
March 12	Cutting the Cloth	Matthew 22:1-14	Jerrell & Jane Ross Richer
March 19	Missing the Moments	Matthew 25:1-13	Joanne Gallardo
March 26	Sifting and Sorting	Matthew 25:31-46	Deron Bergstresser
April 2	Turning the Tables – Palm Sunday	Matthew 21:1-13	Katie Misz
April 9	Shake, Rattle and Roll - Easter	Matthew 28:1-10	Cindy Voth

SOS

Prairie View staff appreciation, Wednesday March 1.

It's that time of year again when we have the opportunity to bless the wonderful teachers, staff, and administrators at Prairie View Elementary. Thanks to Fancheon Resler and Len Harms who are planning some delicious baked treats. Here's two ways You can help! 1. Prepare a fruit tray. We would like 5 or 6 if possible. Please contact Jane Otto if you are interested. 2. Bring your donations of children's size sweatpants by Sunday February 26. Thank you!

Waterford Announcements

Inclusion Formation this Wednesday, February 15:

6:00 p.m. Meal: Please sign up for the meal **this Sunday**. Since February 22 is not on the signup sheets, please put the number of people coming under the “**Feb. 8, Racism**” column.

6:40 p.m.: There will be a **brief Ash Wednesday service** with the imposition of ashes.

7:00 p.m.: **Session on Anti-racism** led by Carlos Romero. The session will end at 8:15.

Our **next quarterly hymn sing** will be held Sunday, February 26, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We rejoice in the return of ease to gather and sing shoulder to shoulder. Our siblings from Silverwood Mennonite have been invited to join us for this evening of favorite hymns and worship songs. All are welcome.

Embodied Spirituality Practice Group (March - May elective, meeting every other Sunday) This group time will be a learning experience for those longing to live more fully out of a rich and quiet center, becoming less reactive and more responsive and proactive, making room for Love/love to be received and shared freely. It is for those longing for spiritual energy to be more available and allowing ego energy to diminish. *The group will be limited in number to enhance the benefit of the experience for participants.* For more information and details about the makeup, format, and schedule of this group, please see the front page article in the Feb. 12 BUZZ. <https://waterfordchurch.org/resources/buzz-archive/>

Salt & Light weekly reflection for [February 19](#).

Reminder: Judy Houtz’s memorial service will be held Saturday, February 25 at the church. There will be a visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m.; the memorial service will begin at 11:00, followed by a lunch at noon. The service will also be live-streamed from the church’s website.

Opportunities

Mennonite Central Committee is accepting donations to support people affected by the Feb. 6 earthquake in Türkiye and Syria.

MCC is working with long-term partners in Aleppo, Syria, and surrounding areas to provide emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma counseling. In a country already vulnerable from years of conflict, this was a devastating blow.

You can share God’s love and compassion with our global neighbors by providing a gift online at mcc.org/earthquake, by calling (888) 563-4676 or by sending a check earmarked for “Syria and Türkiye earthquake” to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

Mennonite Church USA

Cynthia Lapp, pastor at Hyattsville Mennonite Church in Maryland, writes about the challenges she has faced serving as a **chaplain to the local police** – and the impact this work has had in her community and in her own life. Read more: mennoniteusa.org/police-reform-hyattsville

Interested in volunteering at MennoCon23, Kansas City, Mo., July 3-6? Mennonite Church USA is seeking coordinators for special events, children’s and junior youth programming, and more! Fill out a form here: mennoniteusa.org/mennocon-volunteer-form

MCC

Put your faith in action by volunteering with SWAP this summer! MCC’s SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) home repair program provides short-term service and learning opportunities for churches, school and university groups, families, other groups and individuals. Now is the time to make your summer plans and sign up! More information and registration at swap.mcc.org or (606) 634-4418.

Pipeline to Prison Learning Tour, March 19-21. MCC and MC USA are hosting learning tours on mass incarceration in different parts of the U.S. Join MCC Great Lakes for three days focusing on the complexities of the U.S. criminal legal system as seen on the West Side of Chicago. Participants will engage with returning citizens and local organizations who are focused on re-entry work. [Read more and register by March 1.](#)

AMBS

Online Short Course:

Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication:

April 12 – May 23. Join Betty Pries, PhD, CMed, to explore the possibilities and pitfalls of courageously engaging differences within congregational life in this six-week online AMBS short course. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by March 22 to save \$50.

ams.edu/online-short-courses

Thinking about seminary?

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary offers generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and church matching grants for students learning 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.

ams.edu/affordability

MDS

The February edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: read about the MDS Annual Celebration in Lancaster, PA and check out the videos from the gathering; and a volunteer writes about the transformative experience during her time at Monte Lake, BC.

Click on this link to read more:

<https://conta.cc/3EboHDz>

Upcoming Community Events

The **2023 Yoder Public Affairs Lecture**, Monday, Feb. 20, will be given by Dicky Sofjan, entitled “Musli Cosmopolitanism: A Personal History”. Dicky Sofjan is a core doctoral faculty member in the Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS), an international, interdisciplinary, and inter-religious PhD program at the Graduate School of Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) in Yogyakarta. 7:00 p.m. in Reith Recital Hall, Music Center. Learn more at goshen.edu/events.

Annual C. Henry Smith Oratorical Contest at Goshen College. Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7:00 p.m., Umble Center. The annual C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest invites students to compete by delivering an 8- to 10-minute speech on their chosen topic relating to peace. Open to the public.

Ash Wednesday Service Online: Wednesday, February 22; noon – 12:30 p.m. Pathways’ annual [Ash Wednesday](#) service will be held on Zoom at noon on February 22. If you would like to have ashes to use during the service, Pathways will have some available for pick-up. Ashes can be found in a basket on the porch all day on Tuesday, February 21, and Wednesday, February 22 in the morning.

Anabaptism at 500 and the *Anabaptist Community Bible*. Join this special event Thursday, February 23 at 7 p.m. at Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship in Goshen. John D. Roth, project director, will talk about the Anabaptism at 500 project and share the vision behind the *Anabaptist Community Bible*. The event will include an update on the status of the project and a time for questions and conversation.

A Small World: Building Resiliency and Hope after Childhood Trauma; a webinar with WMC member JE Misz, February 28, 8 p.m. Nearly half of all children have experienced a traumatic event in their lives. These experiences have the potential of altering the ways children view the world and themselves, and these impacts can last well into adulthood. However, this is not the end of the story. Communities and supports can and do provide care that can shift outcomes and change lives. In this presentation, sponsored in part by Anabaptist Disabilities Network, we will define trauma and its effects and learn resources and ways of being to build resilience and hope. For more information and to register see the [Church of the Brethren Website](#)

Bethany Christian Upper School Presents: **Elephant and Piggie's “We Are in a Play!”** Showing March 3-5, this hour-long performance is geared specifically to young children, but it’s guaranteed to earn smiles and laughter from audience members of all ages. A special children’s matinee performance will be held on Saturday March 4 at 10 a.m., followed by a special cookie reception with the cast of the musical. [Learn more and get tickets here.](#)

IF: World Missionary Press Women’s Conference, March 3 & 4, 2023 in New Paris. Join other women in worship, dig into the Bible, and allow the Lord to refresh your soul. For more information and to register, see the poster on the bulletin board or pick up a flier on the table by the mailboxes to scan the QR code. Register by February 28.