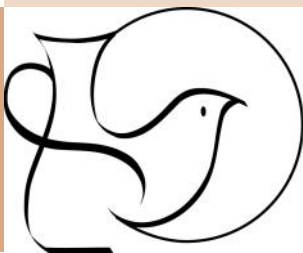




February 5, 2023



# 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, Denise Diener

Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler, Shawn Stutzman

## **This Week at Waterford**

### *Wednesday*

6:00 p.m. Supper

7:00 p.m. Inclusion Formation

— Immigration / Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Venture Club, JYF, MYF

### *Thursday*

8:30 a.m. Mennonite Women

7:00 p.m. FFMT

### *Zoom prayers*

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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## **Anabaptism at 500 Bible groups: Update**

This Menno Media project is gathering study notes and commentary in an English Bible, using contributions from 500+ small groups of 4 - 6 people across North American Anabaptist communities.

Waterford has already committed three groups! (including the Koinonia SS class, and Pathfinders, who will begin next quarter). Final registration for groups is April 1, 2023, and organizers are calling for more groups. That means you can invite your SS class. Or form a group with people you don't know well (newer attenders, young adults, older people). The experience includes just four sessions, reading three assigned Bible passages and responding to several broad, reflective questions.

Read more here: <https://anabaptistworld.org/planning-an-anabaptist-bible/>, register [here](#). And, to learn how diverse people are working with and responding to this project, listen to the Menno Media Podcast Season 3: Anabaptism at 500 miniseries. Follow the link and scroll down to episode 4 with guests Sarah Augustine, Jonny Rashid and Gerald Mast. <https://www.mennomedia.org/ing-podcast/>

## Life at Waterford

### Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 178

Nurture Hour – 197

### Finances – January 29, 2023

Operating Fund: \$5,175.00

Mennonite Education: \$6,375.35

Either Fund: \$4,060.00

**Total \$15,610.35**

### Looking Ahead

February 12: Sermon: Rachel Ringenberg-Miller; Living in the Now

(*Matthew 14:13 - 33*)

February 17: Sermon: Cindy Voth; Living in Denial

(*Matthew 16:24 - 17:8*)

### 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 5

Elvina Schmidt February 8 - 14

### Office hours this week

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9 - 12, 1- 3

Tuesday, Friday 9 - 12

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## Baptism Class Offered

The Pastoral team will be offering a faith exploration and baptism discernment class starting this winter. The class is open to all ages of youth and adults. If you would like to learn more about your faith, or you have wondered about baptism, maybe this class is for you.

If you think you might be interested, email Pastor Katie and come to an interest meeting on Sunday, February 12, right after Sunday school in the front of the sanctuary.

The class intends to meet four times after church, so it's important everyone who wants to take the class can make the gatherings. Here are some dates to pencil in on your family calendar. Classes will be lunch and conversation after church from 12:00 - 2:00.

February 26

March 26

April 23

May 21

\*All these dates are subject to change!

Lastly, this year we will be asking you to invite a baptism mentor to attend the classes with you. This should be somebody that you feel you can open up to freely about your faith. It could be your church mentor, a family member, another person in the church with whom you like to talk about faith, etc. This will also be the person who will testify about your faith growth at your Baptism (if you choose to get baptized).

If you want to take the class, you will want to ask someone to be your baptism mentor soon! They will need time to consider and look at their schedules to see if they can offer that commitment.

If you have questions, or feel unsure about baptism, Katie, Deron, or Cindy would be happy to talk with you more about it.

Peace be with you today,

Katie

## Thank You

Thank you to the congregation for the cards, prayers and other acts of kindness during my recent back surgery. Your care and concern were certainly felt and appreciated.

Carl Westerbeek

# Waterford Announcements

**Card (Making) Party, this Saturday,** February 4, from 1 to 5 p.m. Come bring your supplies (or use some provided) and a snack to share and join in a time of fellowship and fun making cards. All ages welcome to come join in the fun. We will meet in the fellowship hall.

**Ruthie Saunders will be doing the Vesper service** Sunday, February 5, at Greencroft Manor 2 at 6 p.m. The program will include songs from her new CD. Come and bring a friend.

**This Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 p.m.: Inclusion Formation session on Immigration.** Gilberto Pérez, Jr. will facilitate a panel discussion with people whose work focuses on welcoming and serving the needs of immigrants in our community.

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** on February 8.

**Mennonite Women** will be meeting this Thursday, February 9, in the MYF Room at church. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. We will eat lunch at 12:00 p.m. Bring a dish to accompany a soup or casserole. There will be quilting, knotting comforters, and often a cutting project. If you are working on a prayer shawl, you are welcome to bring it along also.

**Salt & Light weekly reflection** for [February 5](#).

## Mennonite Church USA

It is with great sadness that Mennonite Church USA announces the **passing of James ("Jim") Frederick Schrag**, 78, pastor, leader and first executive director of the denomination, on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, in North Newton, Kansas. Read more about his life of service here:

[mennoniteusa.org/news/mourns-first-executive](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/mourns-first-executive)

February is Black History Month. Be sure to check out Mennonite Church USA's timeline honoring "**Black History in the Mennonite Church.**"

[mennoniteusa.org/resource/black-history](https://mennoniteusa.org/resource/black-history)

**Registration for MennoCon23** will open on March 1.

Mennocon23 will be held in Kansas City, Mo., July 3-6, immediately followed by the Mennonite Church USA Delegate Assembly and the new Youth and Young Adult Climate Summit. Subscribe to MC USA's PeaceMail weekly newsletter for the latest updates.

[Mennoniteusa.org/peacemail](https://mennoniteusa.org/peacemail)

View a slide for PeaceMail:

[mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/PeaceMail-slide.pptx](https://mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/PeaceMail-slide.pptx)

View a MennoCon23 slide: [mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/MennoCon23.pptx](https://mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/MennoCon23.pptx)

# Upcoming Community Events

**Center for Community Justice is hosting** world-renown and Lansing native saxophonist **Tim Cunningham**, at a one-night-only benefit concert on Tuesday, 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](https://goshen.edu/tickets).

The **Sherer Trio**, Goshen College's resident chamber ensemble comprised of three Goshen College music faculty members—Solomia Soroka, violin; Dato Machivariani, cello; and Matthew Hill, piano—will perform on Sunday, February 12 at 4 p.m. in the Music Center's Rieth Recital Hall. The Trio will present a concert of chamber music, including a performance of Brahms' Piano Quintet in F minor, Op.34, featuring Hillary Harder, violin & Rosalyn Troiano, viola. **Tickets:** \$8 adults | \$6 students/seniors, available online at [goshen.edu/tickets](https://goshen.edu/tickets), or (574) 535-7566.

Pathways Retreat will be hosting two Lenten retreat opportunities. **Rest, Reflect, Renew Lenten Retreat** is a one day retreat (maximum 6 people) at Pathways on March 4. **Broken and New: a Lenten Journey** is a six-part retreat; the first five sessions will be held on Zoom and the final gathering will be in person at Pathways. Please visit [www.pathwaysretreat.org](https://www.pathwaysretreat.org) for more information and to register.

## MCC

**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.](#)

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](https://mcc.org/beyond-incarceration-webinars). The first webinar, on Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m., addresses the question: **How do we develop an historical and systemic understanding of mass incarceration and what is our Christian mandate to respond?**

## Opportunities

### 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.

## Employment

**MCC Great Lakes is seeking a Program Director:** This role is responsible for the direction and oversight of MCC Great Lakes programs and church engagement. This position is expected to connect with constituent churches, groups, and partner organizations to work together and advance the mission of MCC. The full-time position will preferably be located at one of the main Great Lakes offices, but the location is flexible within the region where MCC is an authorized employer. Bilingual fluency in Spanish and English is preferred. Apply online by March 3 at [mcc.org/gl-program-director](https://mcc.org/gl-program-director). For more information, contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or [AmberFalcon@mcc.org](mailto:AmberFalcon@mcc.org).

**MCC is seeking a Project Coordinator for the Dismukes Project in Kimball, West Virginia:** MCC continues to work to uncover the forgotten history and honor the legacy of Dr. Henry Dodford Dismukes, an African American physician and surgeon in Appalachia in the 1930s. This full-time role is great for someone looking to put their innovation, creativity, and resourcefulness to use by collaborating with the local community and SWAP staff to build the program from the ground up. Apply online by April 6 at [mcc.org/dismukes-project-coordinator](https://mcc.org/dismukes-project-coordinator). For more information, contact Amber Falcón at 574-534-4133 or [AmberFalcon@mcc.org](mailto:AmberFalcon@mcc.org).

**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](mailto:glmthrift@gmail.com), attention TWC Search Committee. You can also see a copy of the job description on the bulletin board by the mailboxes.