

Sounds of the Season

Lent 3: Cutting the cloth



Spillthebeans.org

March 12, 2023



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Joint Nurture hour
with Ross Richers in sanctuary
5:30 p.m. - Ecuador prayers

Welcome Team

Greeters: Maurice & Carol
Lehman
Ushers: Dennis Myers, David
Molino, Wade Ramer
Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler,
Jeff Claassen

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. EMST / FH

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Haystacks and
Game night / FH

7:00 p.m. Enneagram / Rm 22

7:00 p.m. MYF

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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I Am From

by Joan Walsh

I am from a family of seven children, one boy
and six girls.

I am from a family that practiced much
hospitality, there were always guests for
dinner.

I am from grandparents in Nappanee and
in Bremen and many cousins.

I am from parents who had a farm with cows
and horses, large fields, south of Nappanee.

I am from rich harvests during summer
and fall and lots of canning.

I am from chores and helping with the farm work, we all worked
together.

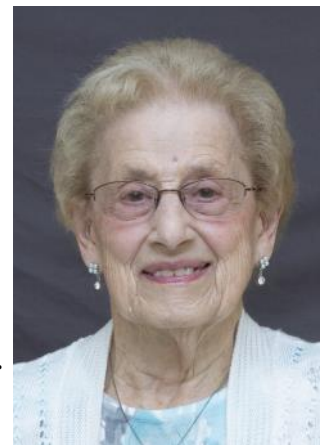
I am from an outhouse, called Clatter House, and from a chamber
pot in the house, called White Lily.

I am from the Depression, when everyone was poor and no one
thought about it.

I am from one pair of good Sunday shoes, a pair of 'ugly' work
shoes and no shoes in the summer.

I am from homemade dresses, made by my mother.

I am from "Waste not, want not, ask not, tardy not."



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Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 181

Nurture Hour – 187

Finances – March 5, 2023

Operating Fund: \$2,948.71

Mennonite Education: \$665.00

Either Fund: \$1,825.00

Total \$5,438.71

YTD Giving through 43 weeks is \$621,000; YTD Expenses through 43 weeks are \$620,000. Budgeted Giving for the year is \$755,000.

Looking Ahead

March 19: Sermon: Joanne Gallardo; Lent 3
(Matthew 25:1 - 13)

March 26: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser; Lent 4
(Matthew 25:31 - 46)

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 March 13-17

Office hours this week

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

Tuesday, 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.

Janet Shoemaker,
Editor
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I am from a one room grade school and from a high school in Nappanee, where we stayed during the week with other families, only coming home on weekends. We worked to earn our stay. I am from Goshen College and South Bend College, where I earned a degree in Bible and Business.

I am from the office of Dean Harold S. Bender, of the Goshen College Biblical Seminary.

I am from 50 years of working as a secretary, and, for a long time, earned \$20 /week.

I am from the business offices of presidents and CEOs – at Barler Metal in Goshen, the American Association for Jewish Evangelism at Winona Lake, Pine Manor.

I am from the love of music, playing piano and singing in choirs. I love Jesus more than anything else.

I am from Angola, where I met my “knight in shining armor,” Lawrence Walsh, called Tubby.

I am from a childless marriage, but cared, together with Tubby, for many children in our house.

I am from a Spirit-lead prayer for Tubby, who was seeking to become a Follower of Christ.

I am from North Main Street Mennonite Church in Nappanee, my church home until I got married.

I am from Saint Mark’s Methodist Church, where Tubby and I attended most of our married years, and lived in a lake house at Hunter Lake, north of Middlebury.

I am from Greencroft and Waterford Mennonite Church, where Tubby died in 2008.

I am from God’s family, loved and treasured by my Lord and Savior.

I am Nila Joan Walsh.

Save the Date!

MYF Service Auction April 16!

Mark your calendars: April 16 is the annual youth auction. This year we will be sending the youth to convention in Kansas City. There will be a meal at 5:30 p.m. followed by the auction at 6:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided during the auction. Donations for auction items are welcome, with preference given for handmade items and services over gift baskets. Contact Matt Bateman mattcb@gmail.com by March 26 to donate items. Thanks for your ongoing support!

Gretchen Bateman for the Auction Planning Team

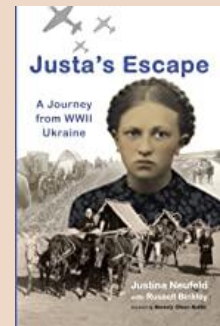
Waterford Mennonite Church Library

New Books in the Church Library

From the White House to the Amish: A story inspired by the life of Thomas E. Kirkman, by Katrina Hoover Lee. Not even the prestige of working in the White House and the CIA could take away Tom's disillusionment and despair when he loses the most important person in his life. Convinced that God did not care, Tom buried himself in his work and turned his back on God. Then, through an unexpected voice and an unpretentious Amish man, Tom Kirkman's life was forever changed. This work of biographical fiction echoes the true story of Thomas E. Kirkman.



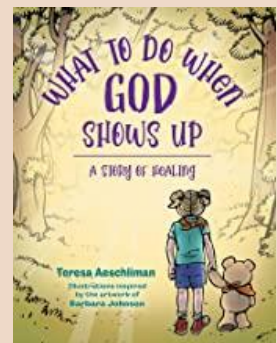
Justa's Escape: A Journey from WWII Ukraine, by Justina Neufeld. In this real life adventure, Justa, youngest of ten children in a Mennonite family in WWII era Ukraine, revisits a childhood in totalitarian Stalinist USSR. When authorities swoop down in the middle of the night to seize neighbors' fathers, Justa begins to dread the dark. As both armies — German and Russian — approach, thirteen-year-old Justa and her family hurriedly pack their wagon to flee. Will the family ever be whole again? In the end, who will survive? (This book is a shortened version of Neufeld's original book, *A Family Torn Apart*.)



Christine's Turn: A Novel, by Merle Good. A love story, told with poetic restraint and emotive coming-of-age themes. A compelling story of longing and belonging. As Christine struggles to define her future, she confronts the claims of the past and the expectations of others. This engaging novel explores identities both chosen and ascribed.



What To Do When God Shows Up: A Story of Healing, by Teresa Aeschliman. When a car accident landed Teresa's oldest sister Pauline in the hospital with severe injuries, seven-year old Teresa knew what to do: sing, climb on furniture, pray, eat her peas, dance, sing some more, search for matching socks, pray again and snuggle Chubo the bear. When Pauline was in a coma and doctors exhausted every medical intervention available, her family gathered in prayer. What came next can only be described as a miracle. Pauline, whose family had been told she would not live, came back to abundant life. (This book is good for both adults and children to read.)



February Birthday Women



Waterford women with February birthdays gathered at Karen Sommers' home to celebrate together. They strongly encourage women with other birthday months begin such annual celebrations.

Top photo, left to right:
Celina Romero, Liz Gingrich, Pushpa King, Jo Ward-Selman, Esther Farmwald, Michelle Ramer, Rachel Stoltzfus, Elvina Schmidt, Esther Helmuth, Barb Westerbeek, Lorna Claassen, Karen Sommers.



Save the date for this year's Vacation Bible School!

We will have Vacation Bible School from July 31 (Monday) to August 3 (Thursday) in the mornings. This year's theme is the Marketplace, and we will learn about life in Biblical times through: visiting the Synagogue, baking bread, making bricks and more! Mark your calendar now. This will be so much fun that you won't want to miss it!

Children's Ministry Cluster

Waterford Announcements

Joint nurture hour, this Sunday. Join Jerrell and Jane Ross Richer in the sanctuary as they share about their first return trip to Ecuador with Two-Way Mission since the pandemic began.

3rd Wednesday game nights (with Haystacks) this Wednesday, March 15, for all ages, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Bring your friends, your favorite board games, and a haystack topping to share (chips, crackers, cheese, lettuce, tomato, beans, salsa, etc.). Meat and rice will be provided.

Thank you to all of those who have responded to the First Fruits Giving questionnaire either electronically or on cards. For those of you who have not yet responded, Facilities and Finance and Ministry Leadership Council invite you to respond electronically or on written cards.

Endowment Fund Reminder: Applications for the Waterford Mennonite Church Endowment Fund will be accepted until April 12, 2023. A complete copy of the Endowment Fund Guidelines can be found under the big bulletin board or at www.waterfordchurch.org. Please submit the applications to Lyz Zimmerman.

Salt & Light weekly reflection and extra resource for [March 12](#).

Upcoming Community Events

Michiana Anabaptist Historians' Spring meeting will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at Townline Mennonite Church, 2165 S 1000 W, Shipshewana, Indiana. The public is invited to attend. Coffee and registration at 8:30 a.m. John D. Roth will present information about the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism, offering a unique opportunity to celebrate, dream, and engage in the future. This will be followed by a time of fellowship and then a second session, including Q & A.

Goshen High School will be performing "The Addams Family" March 10 - 12. Performances will be Friday - Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Support Waterford students Colin Berkey, Leah Berkey, Sophia Kauffman, and David Stutzman and pit director Steve Snyder. Purchase tickets at <https://goshenhighschool.ludus.com/index.php>

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AMBS

Develop skills for holistic leadership! Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's **Master of Arts in Christian Formation** program prepares students for ministry in spiritual formation and guidance, teaching and worship in congregations and other faith-based settings. Generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and matching grants are available! ambs.edu/macf

AMBS Transition to Leadership program. This program guides new pastors during the crucial first years of ministry through one-on-one mentoring; biannual Weekend Learning Events with peers, mentors and program leaders; and four specialized training sessions per year. It's free to participants in the Spring 2023 cohort, which starts April 13. Apply by March 13. ambs.edu/transition-to-leadership

The **Spring 2023 issue of Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology**, edited by Karl Koop, PhD, of Canadian Mennonite University, looks at **uncertainty** from personal, ecological, biblical and societal angles. Writers explore how to move away from self-centered conceptions of certainty and control and move toward notions of trust and mystery. [Read Vision online](#)

Mennonite Church USA

Mennonite Church USA has hired a **climate justice intern, Sarah Werner**, as part of an effort to provide a continual emphasis on creation care. Read more about her work here:

mennoniteusa.org/news/climate-justice-intern

“What time is it in the Mennonite Church?” Keynote speaker Frank Scoffield Sánchez posed this question at Mennonite Church USA’s 10th Hope for the Future conference on Feb. 3-5.

More than 70 Black, Indigenous and people of color gathered for “Such a Time as This,” which was the weekend’s theme. Read more about the conference here:

mennoniteusa.org/news/hope-for-the-future Read more about the honorees here: mennoniteusa.org/news/hope-for-the-future-honorees

Mennonite Church USA is proud to acknowledge **Clara Weybright’s peacebuilding work with the 2022**

#BringthePeace Young Peacemaker award, sponsored by the denomination’s Church Peace Tax Fund. Clara is a graduate of Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia, where she studied environmental science. She is currently a Juris Doctor candidate at Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. See her interview here:

mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/clara-weybright

In March 2022, members from Central District Conference visited Americus Mennonite Fellowship, as part of the **Sacred Listening Project, and the story of Nashua “Nash”**

Chantal stood out as epitomizing the Mennonite imperative to live a life that works to bring love and justice to a hurting world. Learn more about The Sacred Listening Project and “Nash’s” story here:

mennoniteusa.org/want-to-make-difference

A new exhibit, **“Cabinet of Curiosities 3: Quilts, Clocks, Ceramics, Fraktur”** will be on display in the Good Library Gallery at Goshen College. See recent accessions to the museum collection for the first time including Mennonite and Amish quilts from Pennsylvania and Midwest, clocks from Belleville, Pennsylvania and Ukraine, Hutterite/Habaner and Makkum ceramics, revival Fraktur, Wayne Co. coverlet, Amish figurines, fine art and more. Opening reception on Sunday, March 12.

The **2023 Beechy Peace, Justice and Reconciliation Public Lecture**, will be given by Ben Goossen, entitled “Reflections on the History of Mennonites and Nazism.” Ben Goossen is a historian at the Institute on the Formation of Knowledge at the University of Chicago. He is the author of *Chosen Nation: Mennonites and Germany in a Global Era* (Princeton University Press). March 14, 7:00 p.m., CMC Church Chapel.

Visiting Artist Recital featuring The Silver Duo! March 19, 4:00 p.m., Rieth Recital Hall. University of Maine music professors, Noreen (cello) and Phillip Silver (piano), will present a program of works for cello and piano. The Silver Duo, founded when Noreen and Phillip were students at the New England Conservatory of Music, has received accolades and acclaim from appreciative audiences and critics around the world. For more info and tickets visit goshen.edu/tickets.

If you know a student interested in Goshen College, encourage them to visit GC during our **March Explore Goshen Day**, March 24. Students and families will go on a campus tour, sit in on an admissions and financial aid session and hear from current GC students and faculty. Learn more at goshen.edu/visit.

The **Goshen College Theater Department will present Stephen Sondheim’s Into the Woods**. The musical intertwines the plots of several Brothers Grimm fairy tales, exploring the consequences of the characters’ wishes and quests. Performances on March 24, 25, 31 at 7:30 p.m.; March 26 & April 2 at 2:30 p.m. You can purchase tickets at goshen.edu/tickets.

Opportunities

Little Eden Camp, a Christian camp in Northern Michigan, is seeking a full-time, year-round **Food Service Director**. This is a salaried, onsite position with benefits. Little Eden is also accepting applications for college-aged **Summer Staff** (10 weeks or more) and one- and two-week **Cabin Leaders** for our June youth camp programs. For more information or to apply, visit the work/employment page at www.littleeden.org.

Hively Avenue Preschool in Elkhart is seeking a PreK teacher. The ideal candidate should enjoy creating hands-on curriculum, have excellent classroom management skills, and be comfortable working and sharing one’s faith in a small church setting. If interested, please send a resume to the director: preschool@hivelymennonite.org.

Call for Volunteers! Looking for something to fill a few hours every week? Something that is fun, fulfilling and makes a difference? Ten Thousand Villages, our local fair trade store, is seeking volunteers. At Ten Thousand Villages, your work makes it possible for families to eat, children to go to school and have access to health care. To learn more about this great opportunity email goshen@tenthousandvillages.com.