

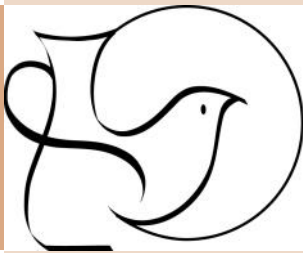
Sounds of the Season

Lent 4: Missing the Moments



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March 19, 2023



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

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

Welcome Team

Greeters: Maurice & Carol Lehman
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken Otto, Len Harms
Audiovisuals: Glen Kauffmann, Steve Fath

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Supper
7:00 p.m. Inclusion Formation
—Social & Economic diversity
7:00 p.m. MYF, JYF, VC

Friday

11:30 a.m. SFMT / Culver's
Zoom prayers
Monday - 8:30 a.m.
Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Holy Week at WMC

Cindy Voth, for Worship Ministry Team

We continue in our journey through Lent as we join Jesus and the disciples making their way to Jerusalem. In our weekly worship we have continued to follow the Narrative Lectionary with our texts coming from the gospel of Matthew. In addition, each week we have included a different sound to help us engage more of our senses to aid us in digging deeper into the biblical stories.

Our Lenten journey leads us to Holy Week which will have added opportunities for us to gather, to reflect, to fellowship, and to worship.

April 2 – **Palm Sunday**, we will gather at 9 a.m. for worship with a special guest of a miniature donkey. Children will venture outside to our Remembering Life Garden for children's time before returning inside, waving branches while we sing. Nurture hour will follow at 10:30.

April 6 – **Maundy Thursday**, all are invited to share in a simple meal together in our fellowship hall at 6 p.m., followed by a service of footwashing. At the Participation Station you may sign up to bring food (soup, bread, or fruit to serve 8), as well as to help with set up or clean up from the meal.

April 7 – **Good Friday**, we encourage you to participate in a local Good Friday service and/or walk the Stations of the Cross at Pathways Retreat Center. <https://www.pathwaysretreat.org/stations-of-the-cross.html>

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 120

Nurture Hour – 129

Finances – March 12, 2023

Operating Fund: \$4,270.00

Mennonite Education: \$3,931.00

Either Fund: \$7,806.00

Budget Total \$16,007.00

Least Coin Fund \$27.18

Jubilee Fund \$125.00

Total \$16,159.18

YTD Giving through 45 weeks is

\$648,000; YTD Expenses

through 45 weeks are \$647,000.

Budgeted Giving for the year is

\$755,000. Average giving

needed over final 7 weeks is

\$15,300 per week.

Looking Ahead

March 26: Sermon: Deron

Bergstresser; Lent 5

(*Matthew 25:31 - 46*)

April 2: Sermon: Katie Misz;

Palm Sunday

(*Matthew 21:1 - 13*)

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

Elvina Schmidt March 20 - 26

Katie Misz March 23

Office hours this week

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9 - 12, 1 - 3

Tuesday, Friday 9 - 12

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Janet Shoemaker,
Editor

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April 9 – **Easter**, we will once again have lilies for people to take to our seniors who are unable to join us for worship. Look for the sign-up sheet at the Participation Station.

7 a.m. Sunrise Service: We begin this day of celebration with a sunrise worship service at 7 a.m. at Jackson Cemetery (CR 44). Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and join others in greeting the day and worshipping the one who has risen from the dead. Hallelujah!

9 a.m. Fellowship Brunch: All are invited to bring a dish or two (sweet breads, egg casseroles, fruit, etc.) to share for a fellowship potluck brunch in our Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m. Coffee and water will be provided. A special thank you to the Sojourners class who will serve as our hosts, and to Steve Landis who will make the coffee.

10 a.m. Worship: At 10 a.m. we will gather in our sanctuary to worship together through song, drama, and word as we dwell with the biblical text from Mathew 28. As we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, we will also share together in Communion. The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

Engaging the Powers

Pray with Apache Stronghold on March 19!

The [Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery](#) invites our community to join in prayer for Indigenous land justice with the [Apache Stronghold](#) on March 19. On March 21, a federal appeals court will hear a pivotal case about Apache religious freedom that centers around a proposed copper mine, which would destroy the Western Apache sacred site of Oak Flat, *Chi'chil Bildagoteel*. (For a synopsis of the case, [read more here](#).) Mennonite Church USA and Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference signed onto an [amicus brief](#) (a letter to the court) in support of the Apache Stronghold, along with other religious groups. The Apache Stronghold are rallying all people of faith and conscience under the call of "One Drum, One Prayer, One Circle," to seek unity in protection of Earth and in resistance to ongoing colonization by dedicating March 19 to prayer for them and this case. Here are two opportunities to do that:

- **Sunday, March 19 at 2 p.m: Goshen College Newcomer Center.** An event supporting and praying for the Apache Stronghold, defending its sacred lands against Resolution Copper. Please join in this event, and invite others from our community.
- **Tuesday, March 21 at 6 p.m. Goshen College Rec-Fitness Center.** This includes a prayer run/walk to the Goshen Dam for continued prayers.

Volunteer Appreciation

Thank you to all our youth and children volunteers!

This Sunday is Waterford's volunteer appreciation Sunday. Family Life Ministry Team expresses our appreciation to everyone who pours their time, energy, and resources into the youth and children in our congregation and community. From children's story tellers in worship, to nursery volunteers, to those praying for the kids on the Sunday school lists, thank you. We give an extra special thank you to teachers, sponsors, and mentors, for your faithful service and care. As we anticipate the final quarter of the school year, we know the year can feel long and we continue running to complete the race! As a token of appreciation, the Family Life team is providing chips and salsa for the congregation between worship and nurture hours. Let's "Taco-bout how great you are!"



Waterford Announcements

New Member Class. The class will meet for two sessions on April 12 and 19 from 6:45 - 8:15 p.m. Please contact Pastors Cindy or Deron if you wish to explore membership at Waterford by April 1.

MYF Service Auction April 16. 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.

Community Pro-Education food drive. Help provide individuals and families with some basic food items. (See the poster on the bulletin board for a list of suggested food items.) All food items can be dropped off at the church **by March 26**, OR, you can drop off your own donations at Maple City Conference and Event Center at 222 S. 3rd Street, Goshen, Monday thru Friday, 4 - 7 p.m. Look for the labelled tub near the front office to deposit donated food items.

Inclusion Formation this Wednesday, March 22:

6:00 p.m. Meal: Please sign up for the meal **this Sunday** for the March 22 supper.

7:00 p.m.: Session on welcome and inclusion of Social and Economic diversity led by Kay Bontrager-Singer, Rod Hollinger-Janzen and Cyneatha Millsaps. The session will end at 8:15.

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 19](#).

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. ambs.edu/online-short-courses

Take a summer course at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Hybrid courses (combining online work and one week on campus) include Ethics and Care: Living and Dying with Purpose; and Preaching. **Campus courses** (also open to auditors) include Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence; The Religious Other in the Bible; and The Spirit World and the Global Church (also available via live videoconference). Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours! ambs.edu/upcoming-courses

Online Short Course: Resisting Christian Nationalism with the Gospel of Peace: April 12 – May 9. Join Drew Strait, PhD, in this four-week online AMBS short course to deepen your understanding of White Christian nationalism and explore practical and effective nonviolent strategies for resisting it — drawing insights from how Jesus countered oppression. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by March 22 to save \$50. ambs.edu/online-short-courses

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 hired **Warren Yoder as the director of constituent engagement**. In this new position, Yoder will help the denomination connect more fully with its member churches, organizations and individuals. Read more about his work here: mennoniteusa.org/news/director-of-constituent-engagement

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

Mennonite Church USA will host a **webinar for more information about what to expect during MennoCon23** on March 30, 2023 at 7 p.m. Stay up to date on the latest convention news by subscribing to Peace Mail, the denomination's only news source here: mennoniteusa.org/peacemail

The word "home" is something that Christians talk about frequently. **But what happens when someone is experiencing physical homelessness?** Kyle Nye, author of "Grace Can Lead Us Home: A Christian Call to End Homelessness," the current CommonRead selection for the denomination, discusses topics around how Christians can respond to this call: mennoniteusa.org/grace-can-lead-us-home

MDS

The March edition of **On the Level** is now available. In this issue: Executive Director Kevin King shares his experiences of working on a project in Dulac, Louisiana; visible reminders that God cares in Kentucky; and MDS Canada returns to Cape Breton to repair damage from Hurricane Fiona. Click here to read more: <https://conta.cc/3JazUG0>

Upcoming Community Events

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.

Anabaptist Disabilities Network is seeking an Office Administrator. This is a quarter-time hourly position at \$15-17 per hour (depending on experience) with paid vacation and holidays. Applicants will be highly organized with excellent computer skills and a strong sense of responsibility. Working in the Elkhart office building, the office administrator will provide collaborative support for ADN staff and volunteers as they work toward fulfilling AND's vision. Interested applicants should fill out this online form or send a completed application to adnet@adnetonline.org. Office Administrator [Position Description](#); Office Administrator [Job Application](#) (online)

Upcoming Community Peacemaker Teams delegations. Join a seven to fourteen day delegation for a first-hand experience of CPT's on-the-ground experiment in non-violence:

El Guayabo: Protecting the land to defend life; [Colombia](#): April 1-7, 2023

Nakba Day; [Palestine](#): May 10 - 22, 2023

Kurdish Resistance; [Iraqi Kurdistan](#): May 14 - 26, 2023

Mennonite Church USA is seeking nominees for its 2023

#BringthePeace awards. The annual award is given to two honorees: a legacy peacemaker in recognition of their life's work and a young peacemaker (age 16-25), who can help inspire other young leaders. Submit your recommendations for nominees by completing this form by April 14: mennoniteusa.org/btp-nomination