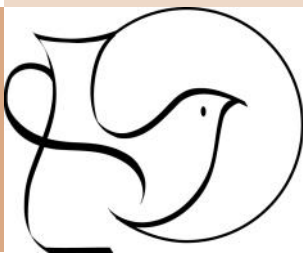




April 16, 2023



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour
5:30 p.m. - Auction meal
6:30 p.m. - Service auction

Welcome Team

Greeters: Bob & Rachel
Brenneman
Ushers: Glenn Reinford, Ken
Otto, Len Harms
Audiovisuals: Glen Kauffmann,
Jeff Claassen

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. MLC / FH

Wednesday

4:00 p.m. Children's Cluster
5:30 p.m. Haystacks / Games
7:00 p.m. MYF

Friday

11:30 a.m. SFMT / Culvers

Zoom prayers

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

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June Nurture Hour Electives

Cindy Voth, for pastoral team

We are excited for our Nurture Hour during the four Sundays in June! Repeatedly in our "Listening Tour" conversations we heard you all name your desires to build relationships with others at WMC, especially with those who are not in your regular circles (i.e. Nurture Classes, small groups, etc.). During the month of June our regular nurture classes will not be meeting. Instead during our Nurture Hour, 10:30-11:30 a.m., everyone is invited to participate in one of eight electives that have been planned.

It is our hope that these electives provide the fertile ground for new relationships to be created as well as for older relationships to be deepened. One of the gifts of this type of setting is also how we connect and engage with each other across the generations and across how long we have been connected to the community. So, whether you have been attending Waterford for 2 weeks, 3 years, 20 years, 60 years or somewhere in the midst of those numbers... and whether you are 3, 15, 50, 85 years old or somewhere in the midst of those numbers... we are grateful for a different setting to foster relationships within our community! Have you been thinking about inviting one of your friends or neighbors to visit WMC? Maybe June would be a great time!

As we continue with our planning it would be helpful to get a sense of how many might be interested in each of the electives. This information will help us know if there is interest in all eight of the electives or not. Here is a brief summary of each of the electives. In

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 240

Finances – April 9, 2023

Operating Fund	\$12,290.00
Mennonite Education	\$5,875.00
Either Fund	\$2,462.00
Budget Total	\$20,627.00
Sharing Fund	\$1,074.00
Mary Christophel Mem.	\$50.00
Welcoming Spaces	\$5,500.00
Total	27,251.00

Looking Ahead

April 23; Sermon: Cindy Voth;
Go Eat
(Acts 10:1-17, 34-35)
April 30: JYF; Go See
(Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18)

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team
Leader
Monday - Thursday
Deron Bergstresser, Pastor
Tuesday - Friday
Katie Misz, Pastor
Tuesday, Thursday
Monday & Wednesday p.m.

Office hours this week

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

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mailboxes and at the Participation Station you will find a postcard to fill out to indicate which elective you anticipate participating in. Multiple members of the same households may use the same postcard. **Please return the postcard to the box at the Participation Station by April 30.**

Elective	Description
Estudia Biblia - Spanish Bible study	Una reunion de los que hablan el Español: El tema sera: "Sorpresas en nuestro peregrinaje espiritual". Esperamos que cada uno de los presentes participe a manera de testimonio indicando como la Biblia nos ayuda a entender estas sorpresas. El verso lema es I Pedro 1:17. Sugerimos que leamos este libro.
Comforter Knotting/ Prayer Shawls*	We will get to know each other as we work with our hands. Two weeks we will work together on knotting comforters, and the other two weeks we will learn how to knit prayer shawls.
Active Outside Activities*	Do you like to get to know others while being active and moving your body? During this elective we will meet outside at the church. Two weeks we will learn and play disc golf, and two weeks we will learn and play other lawn games. All ages and levels of skills are welcome!
Foods From Around the World*	During this elective different members of WMC will lead the group in learning how to make (and then enjoy!) foods from their cultural background. Come with your curiosity and openness to try something new!
Salt & Light Bible Study	Join others in a Bible Study using the "Salt & Light" curriculum. During June the theme is <i>Reading Scripture with Discernment</i> . Each week we will look at how God speaks through the law, prophets, visions, and Psalms.
Learning New Songs from <i>Voices Together</i> *	Our new hymnal is full of amazing songs! This elective will meet in the sanctuary and explore some of the yet uncovered treasures within <i>Voices Together</i> !
Outside Spiritual Practices**	Spending time in creation can be a spiritual discipline to connect with God and with others. For the first two weeks Pastor Deron will lead this group in our wetlands. The second two weeks will take place at Luke & Becky Gascho's orchards while Luke leads the group on a tour there.
Grief Group	We all have experience grief during our life journeys. Grief is multilayered and complex... and the heaviness of it can be lightened when helped to be carried by others. This elective, led by Ursula Hess, will be a safe space to share your grief journey, hear the grief journeys of others, and sit together in the loving presence of God.

*Denotes electives that are designed to be intergenerational of all ages. We ask that children 5th grade and younger are accompanied by an adult to the elective of their choice. The adult could be a parent or grandparent, or just another adult in the congregation who will be with the child during the elective.

**Outside Spiritual Practices Elective is designed to be intergenerational of all ages 6th grade and older.

First Light Mission Empty Bowl Returns

The Empty Bowl is back in the Spring of 2024, resurrected from the pandemic!

We greatly appreciate all the work that the Goshen Clay Artist Guild has put into making this event happen for nearly 20 years and we look forward to being able to continue the tradition of the community event for many more years to come.

First Light Mission is taking on the future planning of the annual Empty Bowl from the Clay Artist Guild while still having their help along with many other potters supplying bowls to make it happen.

Because the Farmer's Market has grown, so has the Empty Bowl, creating a space issue. To accommodate everyone, we will be holding the event at churches going forward, either downtown or close to downtown.

As before, this will be a Community Event in conjunction with The Goshen Clay Artist Guild along with many other local potters. This year will also be slightly different in that it will also contain a different element, that of the fable of Stone Soup.

In this fable, strangers come into a "stingy" town and convince the residents to share small amounts of their food in order to make a meal that everyone can enjoy. The moral, of course, is that there is power in community sharing. This is our goal this year.

For this event to be successful this year, we are asking the community to share back bowls that we all have collected in order to create and enjoy a beautiful meal together. So, if you do have any bowls from previous years that you might want to donate back in order to "Reuse and Recycle," and allow others to take home, they can be dropped off at your church or at our shelter (801 W Wilkinson St, Goshen). Or, if you have a bowl that you just want to reuse and keep for yourself, feel free to bring it with you the night of the event. We do have a very limited number of bowls right now that we have for the event. Please join us as we restart this wonderful community event that will help us continue to be a place of Refuge and Fresh Starts.

This year's Empty Bowl Stone Soup will be held at Silverwood Mennonite Church (1745 W Lincoln Avenue, Goshen, IN) on Saturday, May 6 from 4 - 8 p.m. The cost is \$15.00/person.

Highlights of Holy Week

Palm Sunday



Maundy Thursday



Easter

Sunrise Service



Easter Egg Hunt



Looking Forward

MYF Service Auction Sunday 5:30 meal, 6:30 sale

The MYF Service Auction is this Sunday!! See a sale bill attached to the online announcements, or pick up a copy at the participation station. We will enjoy a homemade pizza meal for donation before the auction with g/f and d/f options available!

Childcare will be available in the nurture wing during the duration of the sale.

If you have donated perishable items, they may be brought the night of the auction, preferably at or before 5:30 p.m. Nonperishable items may be brought to Pastor Katie's office during office hours or on Sunday morning.

Proceeds for this fundraiser support Waterford youth in attending conventions, youth retreats, and service projects. This summer, youth will be attending the Mennonite convention + youth climate summit in Kansas City, Missouri in July.

If you would still like to obtain vouchers from unfulfilled items from the 2020 auction, please visit the auction table near the library Sunday morning between worship and nurture hours.

If you have any questions, contact a member of the auction committee: Matt Bateman, Nick Stoltzfus, Cori Chupp, and Gretchen Bateman.

Potluck Fellowship Meals

Potluck meals will begin again the first Sunday of each month starting May 7. The May 7 meal will be hosted by Bridgebuilders. There is an opportunity at the participation station to sign up to host and/or clean up after an upcoming meal. You may sign up as a class or as an individual who will then be partnered with other individuals who sign up for the same Sunday.

If you are bringing food to the potluck, we ask that hot dishes be brought in crockpots, or if you do need something prepared at the church, please plan on baking it or preparing it yourself. This makes it easier on the group hosting. Thank you!

Small groups at Waterford

As part of her work in completing the Journey Program (a three-year missional leadership development program of AMBS) Ursula Hess is interested in learning about small groups at Waterford. This interest connects well with the work of the Spiritual Formation team, and as one of the themes pastors heard in the recent Listening Tour.

We would appreciate your help as we begin to gather information. You are invited to share about your involvement in small groups at Waterford. This includes groups outside of SS classes—for prayer, sharing, study, support, or other kinds of activities that nurture community, care, and faith formation in our congregation. You will find a sheet in your mailboxes with the questions listed below. Or, you may complete the online survey [here](#). Ursula will process this information with Pastor Deron and the Spiritual Formation Ministry Team. Thank you for your participation.

Pastor Deron

- Do you belong to a small group?
- What is the focus of the group?
- How often do you meet?
- How many are in your group?
- Would you join a new small group?
- What kind of group interests you?

Waterford Announcements

MYF Service Auction this Sunday. Come enjoy an evening of food and fun to support the MYF trip to Convention. There will be a meal (by donation) at 5:30 p.m. and the auction will start at 6:30.

It's time to renew our WMC group subscription to *Anabaptist World* magazine. Anabaptist World is your source for news of the global Anabaptist movement. Through timely news reporting and insightful commentary, Anabaptist World seeks to inform and inspire Mennonites and anyone interested in Anabaptism. Subscribe or renew your subscription today for the Waterford Mennonite Church group rate of just \$39 and receive 16 print issues of Anabaptist World delivered to your home or office, plus email delivery of the PDF digital edition. Simply fill out and return the subscription form in your mailbox to the church office mailbox with \$39 payment (checks payable to WMC) by May 15, 2023.

Salt & Light weekly reflection for [April 16](#).

Mennonite Church USA

The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and MC USA's Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference signed an amicus brief in support of Apache Stronghold and the protection of Oak Flat, a sacred site of Native American religious exercise in the Tonto National Forest in Arizona. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/oak-flat

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

When Sue Park-Hur, director of racial/ethnic engagement for Mennonite Church USA, was invited by MennoMedia's Leader magazine to write about intercultural churches, she knew right away that this should be in a conversational format with other Mennonite leaders who are committed to living out the vision of the church becoming intercultural. Sue invited Iris de León-Hartshorn, associate executive director of operations for Mennonite Church USA, and Tina Schlabach, moderator of Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference and co-pastor of Shalom Mennonite Fellowship in Tucson, Arizona, for a lively conversation. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/why-intercultural-church

AMBS

Rooted and Grounded Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship: Sept. 28–30 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. Attend in person or virtually! This conference on “Pathways through Climate Doom: Resistance and Resilience” will examine theological, biblical and pastoral care responses to climate doom. How do people of faith combine active engagement and deeply rooted hope? Keynote speakers: Kaitlin Curtice; Leah Thomas, PhD; and Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, PhD. Proposals for papers and workshops are due April 30. ambs.edu/rooted-and-grounded

Earn a Master of Divinity at a distance! Develop your leadership abilities from an Anabaptist perspective while staying in your current vocation. AMBS’s MDiv Connect program offers you in-depth biblical and theological study, spiritual formation and vocational internships — right where you live. Generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and matching grants are available. ambs.edu/mdiv-connect

Upcoming Community Events

Annual EARTHTONES Choral Concert, Saturday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sauder Concert Hall. The Goshen College Choirs — Chamber Choir, Vox Profundi, and Voices of the Earth ensembles — will present their annual spring concert of world choral music, from various cultures and countries. There will also be a time to celebrate Professor Emerita of Music Mary Oyer’s 100th birthday. But tickets at <https://goshen.universitytickets.com/>

Mary Oyer turned 100 on Wednesday, April 5. To celebrate this milestone in her life, we are holding a **hymnsing on Sunday, April 16**, from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. at College Mennonite Church. Come sing some of Mary’s favorite hymns and perhaps some of your own.

Why religion? Where does the impulse for religion and spirituality in humans come from? Where is it taking us? Come explore these fascinating questions in three free, public presentations by Dr. Michael Spath (D.Min., Ph.D. in Historical Theology), Thursday evenings, April 13, 20, 27; 7-8:30 pm, at Greencroft’s Jennings Auditorium. All are welcome! For more information, click [here](#).

Goshen College Symphony Orchestra Concert, Saturday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Sauder Concert Hall. The Orchestra, conducted by Victoria Petrak, will present its spring concert at 7:30 p.m. Learn more and purchase tickets at <https://goshen.universitytickets.com/>

The Goshen Community Chorale presents *Broken and Blessed, a Concert of Sacred Music from Bach to Brazil*, with conductor, Bradley Kauffman, on Sunday, April 23 at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church on S Main St. Chorale singers include Waterford Mennonite members Shelby Eby, Douglas Graber, Jeff Miller and Bob Brenneman. The featured piece will be Bach’s Cantata #23. Other pieces include “Kyrie” by Palestrina, “If Ye Love Me” by Rick Wheeler, and “Psalm 150” by Brazilian composer, Ernani Aguiar. The concert is free; an offering will be taken to defray the expenses of the concert. All are welcome!

2023 Men’s Retreat at Amigo Centre, April 28 - 30. This retreat will be led by James Yoder (a retired clinical social worker who spent his career working with marginalized people and traumatized children) and Leon Bauman (a retired schoolteacher and school counselor who spent his career asking “How can painful experiences be transformed and reframed?”) and will focus on creating stories of hope and finding healing in the male journey. At this retreat you will explore the ways that our interpretations of life events impact the stories we create. Individually, in small groups, and in larger groups we will hear ancient stories and emerging stories. As we tell our stories, we will contemplate questions common to the male journey. Full weekend - \$175; 25 and Under and Commuter - \$120; Just Saturday - \$75. [Click here](#) to register.

Rug Event is BACK! Ten Thousand Villages is hosting the biggest Fair Trade Rug Event in town again! Save the date now and visit us in May to see over 200 rugs displayed in the store. These rug are handcrafted from start to finish in Pakistan and offer many different styles and types. Bunyaad Rugs will be delivering and providing support for this event. Join us May 10-14, a perfect time to grab a mother’s day gift!

SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendar now for the **2023 Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale, Sept. 22 - 23**, at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds. Start thinking about ways you can support the sale such as donating an item for the online auction, the quilt auction, or the plant sale. It’s not too early to start collecting coins for MyCoinsCount! Check out the website (www.mennonitesale.org) and follow the Relief Sale on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for updates.