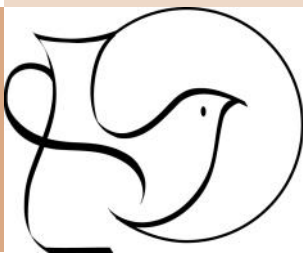




April 30, 2023



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour

Welcome Team

Greeters: Grant Kauffmann,
Logan Beck
Ushers: Ethan Claassen, Landon
Kauffman, Gio Molina, Amanda
Stoltzfus
Audiovisuals: Colin Berkey,
Jordan Kauffman

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

3:45 p.m. MSMT / Greencroft
6:30 p.m. Endowment Fund /
Meeting Room
7:00 p.m. Mentor/Mentee mtg

Thursday

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers
MYF Rm, Rm 15

Friday

11:00 a.m. SFMT

Zoom prayers

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

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Jim Christophel Life Story

Interviewed by Bob Brenneman

I am from living in a farmhouse along Elkhart County Road 36 and being the youngest of six siblings.

—being raised by my father and eldest sister, as my mother passed away when I was five.

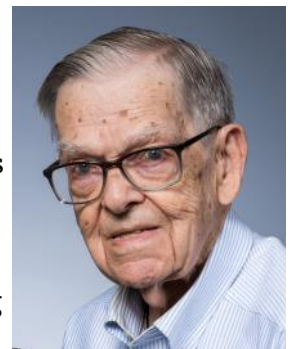
I am from walking a half mile to Shriver one room schoolhouse for four and one-half years and riding a school bus to Waterford for three and one-half years.

—attending Goshen High School and graduating in 1950.

—attending two years at Goshen College and three years at Goshen Biblical Seminary, and studying three summers to qualify for elementary teaching.

I am from being married to Mary Martin at Yellow Creek Mennonite Church. We were together for over 68 wonderful years and raised three sons and one daughter. We have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mary was 88 on December 8, and passed away of pneumonia December 27, 2022.

I am from living in Chicago at Mennonite Home Mission for one year as an understudy of Lawrence Horst and working at Wesley Memorial Hospital as an orderly after marriage.



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Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 214

Nurture Hour - 199

Finances – April 23, 2023

Operating Fund \$3,737.00

Mennonite Education \$260.00

Either Fund \$3,585.00

Budget Total \$7,582.00

Sharing Fund \$100.00

MYF Auction \$150.00

Total **\$7,832.00**

YTD Giving through 51 weeks is \$742,000. Budgeted Giving for the year is \$755,000. Giving needed on our final Sunday (April 30) to meet our projected giving target for the year is \$13,000.

Looking Ahead

May 7: Sermon: Cindy Voth;

Go Boldly

(Romans 1:1-17)

May 14: Sermon: Deron

Bergstresser; Go God

(Romans 5:1-11)

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

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 being called into ministry at age 24 to Fish Lake Mennonite Church in Laporte County and served there for 11 years. At the beginning we had one child and another on the way.

—moving my family to Muncie, Ind., to study one year at Ball State for a Master's degree.

—answering a call to establish a Mennonite Church at Harrisonville, Missouri, which met in our home. After two years and a new church house being built, we moved back to South Bend.

—living in South Bend an additional 40 years and teaching in elementary schools, selling insurance, volunteering in Hospice, Habitat, MDS, after school tutoring, helping to make church bulletins and other paperwork.

Thank You

Dear Friends at WMC

Thank you so much for the recent donation (to Prairie View Elementary School) which will be used for our playground. Most of the money will be used to repair our Gaga Ball pit, one of the favorite recess activities. Your involvement and interest in our school is greatly appreciated.

—Melissa Chupp, Marge Gingerich, Kay Miller; Sonya Imus, principal

Gladys Mast would like to thank the church for the beautiful Easter lily delivered to her. She was delighted to receive it.

We, the family of Homer Schmucker are so appreciative of your help and kind care of us during this sad time.

—Karen Schmucker and family

Waterford Announcements

Sunday, May 7, will be our first monthly **fellowship meal** after the Nurture hour. You are invited to bring a dish to share and your own tableware.

On May 5, you will receive a packet of information for the congregational meeting, including the **renovation plans and budget** for the Fellowship Hall and the bathrooms. Following the May 7 fellowship meal, you will be invited to **bring your questions and comments** to share with the Welcoming Spaces 3.1 Taskforce.

Reminders:

- Everyone is invited to participate in **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner**. Fill out the form you received in your box last week and drop it in the box on the participation table by May 7.
- **This Sunday is your last chance** to turn in your **June Sunday school electives cards**. Please mark which elective you would like to be part of and drop it in the basket at the participation table by April 30.
- You are invited to fill out the purple half sheets surveying participation in or the desire to be in a **small group**. Return the form to Ursula Hess or her mailbox.

Renew or subscribe to Anabaptist World magazine at the WMC group rate of just \$39 and receive 16 print issues. 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**.

Salt & Light weekly reflection for April 30.

Mennonite Church USA

Mennonite Church USA is seeking a **Director of Archives and Records Management** to oversee the accessioning, arrangement, description and preservation of permanent records for MC USA as well as collections of individuals or institutions closely associated with MC USA. Degree in history, archival studies, library science or related field and/or equivalent work experience preferred. View the job description here: mennoniteusa.org/archives-position

A spiritual practice can be as simple as praying with beads. Shirley Yoder Brubaker, a retired pastor and educator, and member of Park View Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia uses the concept of the Catholic rosary as a form of Anabaptist prayer beads. Read more of her reflections here: mennoniteusa.org/praying-with-beads

MCC

Thrift at Woodland Crossing recently bid farewell to manager Judy Miller. Judy launched the successful south-central Elkhart community MCC Thrift shop a year ago, and she is ready to be fully retired. We are grateful for the energy she brought to the implementation of this endeavor. New manager Haiam Gendi has assumed managerial responsibilities and welcomes new volunteers, donors and supporters. Please call 574-326-3674 to explore how you might serve!

Opportunities

Volunteer Opportunities at Center for Healing & Hope. There are a variety of opportunities to volunteer at CHH. Some require Spanish fluency and others do not. Full and half days are available—weekly or biweekly commitments are preferred except for events. There is a printed list of volunteer opportunities on the bulletin board. Check out these options to find out if one or more is a good fit for you or someone you know! Email us at info@chhclinics.org or fill out the form on our website at www.chhclinics.org/volunteer.

Lacasa's Help-A-House is hosting a small mini workday with limited slots available. See the flyer on the bulletin board with additional information and a QR code to register. If you have a group interested in participating, please register as soon as possible.

Menno-Hof is seeking a Daily Operations Manager for 32 hours per week. This individual will be responsible for recruiting and scheduling volunteers, answering phones, scheduling tour groups, daily bank deposits, and other administrative duties. Interested persons should contact Executive Director Jerry Beasley at 260-750-0824 or jbeasley@mennohof.org.

AMBS

Fully online seminary Graduate Certificate program. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's fully online Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies requires only 21 credit hours! Strengthen the biblical and theological foundation for your work by developing a customized plan of study that matches your interests. Ideal for church leaders, bivocational pastors and other professionals. ambs.edu/certificate

Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. Encourage someone you know who has gifts for ministry to check out this distance-friendly undergraduate-level AMBS program! Journey supports learners as they explore spiritual leadership in their local churches and communities and deepen their understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry with a dedicated mentor. The Fall 2023 cohort begins Sept. 8; those who apply by July 11 can save \$100! ambs.edu/journey

MDS

The April edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: learn why some volunteers feel driven to be a part of the RV (recreational vehicle) program; search and rescue volunteers in Arkansas help bring closure to a grieving family; and volunteers in Florida deliver hope just in time for Easter. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3USblhq>

Upcoming Community Events

Medicare Monday, May 1, 6:30 p.m. at 1110 N. Main St: Gain confidence and clarity about moving to Medicare with guidance from Everence at our next workshop. Register at Everence.com/medicare-monday

MCC Alumni & Friends Service Nights: Join other local MCC alumni and friends at our MCC Material Resources Center in Goshen for an evening of fun and fellowship while **helping to pack much-needed kits**. There is an increased demand for supplies to send to Ukraine and other countries around the world, and these kits are a tangible way to share hope with people in difficult situations. There are two chances for you to join the kit packing event: **Wednesday, May 3 or Friday, May 5** from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. More information and registration at: mcc.org/gl-alumni-service.

This year's Empty Bowl soup meal will be held at Silverwood Mennonite Church (1745 W Lincoln Avenue, Goshen, IN) on **Saturday, May 6** from 4 - 8 p.m., minimum donation of \$15.00/person. This year, First Light Mission has a very limited number of bowls. Any bowls you might want to donate back from previous years can be dropped off at First Light Mission before May 6. You may also reuse a bowl of your own.

Rug Event is BACK! Ten Thousand Villages is hosting its annual Fair Trade Rug Event again. Visit us in May to see over 200 rugs displayed in the store. These rugs 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!

Color Fun Run, May 20, 9:00 a.m. Come celebrate the launch of Bethany Christian Schools' Bright Future Campaign with a 1-mile Color Fun Run on Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m.! Registration is now open to the general public and is \$15 per person. Be sure to register soon so you can be part of one of the most colorful parties in town! Learn more or register by visiting bethanycs.net/brightfuture

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.