

Sounds of the Season

Easter Sunday



Spillthebeans.org

April 9, 2023



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service

9:00 a.m. - Easter Brunch

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Welcome Team

Greeters: Dan & Diane Bodiker

Ushers: Mark King, David

Molina, Wade Ramer

Audiovisuals: Colin Berkey,

Steve Fath

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

6:45 p.m. New Member Class

7:00 p.m. MYF, VC, JYF

Thursday

8:30 p.m. Mennonite Women

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers

MYF / Rm 15

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Directions to the Kin-dom

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team Leader

Last September we started following the assigned scripture readings of the Narrative Lectionary. The large arch of the beautiful and complex story of God's salvation story started in Genesis and the story of creation. As we traced this story we paused to sit with the stories of individuals, families, and large groups of people from Noah to Abraham to Esther to Mary. Leading up to Easter we walked through the gospel of Matthew, retracing Jesus' steps of ministry and his journey to Jerusalem.

Following Easter, our scripture texts in April and May will lead us to the books of Acts and Romans. This series, "Directions to the Kin-dom," will invite us to dig deeper into how the early church understood the calling to faithfully follow Jesus. We are grateful to continue to draw from the Scottish resource, "Spill the Beans," to accompany our worship with creative scripture readings, engaging dramas, and suggestions for liturgical elements of the service. In May our dramas and creative scripture readings will be combined as we hear from "Inner Paul" and the "Written Paul." Two highlights of the series will be on April 30 when members of our JYF lead us in worship, and on May 28 when we bless and celebrate with our high school graduates.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 185
Nurture Hour – 167

Finances – April 2, 2023

Operating Fund \$6,791.00
Mennonite Education \$1,630.00
Either Fund \$3,560.00
Budget Total \$11,981.00
Sharing Fund \$629.00
Mary Christophel Mem. \$200.00
Total **12,810.00**

Looking Ahead

April 16: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser; Go Teach (*Matthew 28:16-20*)
April 23; Sermon: Cindy Voth; Go Eat (*Acts 10:1-17, 34-35*)

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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Spring Worship Schedule

Date	Theme & Scripture	Preacher
April 16	Go Teach – Matthew 28:16-20	Deron Bergstresser
April 23	Go Eat – Acts 10:1-17, 34-35	Cindy Voth
April 30	Go See – Acts 13:1-13; 14:8-18	JYF
May 7	Go Boldly – Romans 1:1-17	Cindy Voth
May 14	Go God – Romans 5:1-11	Deron Bergstresser
May 21	Go Live – Romans 6:1-14	Cindy Voth
May 28	Go Now – Pentecost – Acts 2:1-4; Romans 8:18-39	Guest invited by Seniors

Young Adults

Young Adult Neurodivergent Support Group

Do you identify as a young adult and have autism, ADHD, social anxiety, Down syndrome, OCD, bipolar disorder, or other neurodivergent tendencies? Waterford is forming a young adult neurodivergent support group, which will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the young adult room.

The group, led by Emily Hunsberger, will focus on connecting with one another and learning how to thrive in a world that was not created for our brains. Each meeting will follow the same structure: we will start with a mindfulness exercise, followed by 5 - 10 minutes of learning a skill or tool. Then a pre-chosen member of the group will share about a hobby and lead the group in that hobby for 20 - 30 minutes. Each night will end with a mindfulness exercise.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining this support group, talk to Emily Hunsberger or Katie Misz.

Young Adult Fellowship

All humans who identify as young adults are invited to join YAF on the fourth Wednesday of each month for a night of eating and being social together. A simple meal will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by talking and activities. Possible activities include board games, Mario Kart, and baking, among others. If you are interested or want more information, talk to Emily Hunsberger or Katie Misz.

Waterford Announcements

April 9, Easter Sunday:

7:00 a.m. Gathered outdoor Sunrise Service at Jackson Cemetery (southeast of Goshen on CR 44, between CR 127 and CR 31). Bring your own blankets and lawn chairs.

9:00 a.m. Easter brunch. Bring breads, breakfast casseroles, or fruit to share.

10:00 a.m. Easter worship. We will worship together through song, drama, word and sharing in Communion.

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.

MYF Service Auction is Sunday, April 16. There will be a meal (by donation) at 5:30 p.m. and the auction will start at 6:30. If you plan to join in the meal, please sign up at the participation station with your name and number of people coming.

Salt & Light weekly reflection for [April 9](#).

Upcoming Community Events

The family of Dave Leatherman invites everyone to an informal worship and sharing event to celebrate his 90th birthday. The event will be held at Waterford Mennonite Church at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, April 8. No gifts or cards, please. Instead, you may bring a can or box of food for the Window pantry. The worship time will be streamed at waterfordchurch.org/streaming/

Goshen College Choir Concert in Sauder Concert Hall, Tuesday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. **Vox Profundi**, Goshen College's low voice choir, will welcome invited **low voice ensembles from area high schools and the community** for a day of rehearsals, culminating in an evening concert at 7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

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](#).

Mennonite Church USA

The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board addressed **agenda items for the upcoming 2023 Delegate Assembly** and affirmed several key relationships during its online Zoom meeting on Jan. 27 and 28, 2023. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/executive-board-prepares

Online registration is open for MennoCon23, Mennonite Church USA's leading faith formation event, in Kansas City (Missouri) Convention Center, July 3-6, 2023. Registration is also open for the Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit, July 7, and the Delegate Assembly, July 7-8. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/registration

Is it time for a retreat? This is a question that Marlene Kropf, spiritual director and retreat leader, asks herself more often these days, especially in a post-COVID-19 world. Read more of her thoughts here: mennoniteusa.org/time-for-retreat

Shannon W. Dycus, vice president for student affairs and dean of students at Eastern Mennonite University in Virginia, attended Mennonite Church USA's **Hope for the Future Conference** for Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) at the beginning of February. Read Shannon's litany based on her experience: mennoniteusa.org/hope-is-a-practice

Pathways Retreat

Pathways Retreat will have **Stations of the Cross and Resurrection** available in the Pathways woods and on their website beginning on Palm Sunday, April 2. On Good Friday there will be a short noontime service of prayer and reflection. Daily prayers are offered both online and in-person. Find more information at pathwaysretreat.org.

AMBS

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! Register by May 1. ambs.edu/upcoming-courses

Join us! The **3rd Global Mennonite Peacebuilding Conference and Festival**, June 15-18, brings together Mennonite practitioners, artists and theologians from around the world to learn, share and discuss their work for peace. We are excited to invite people to Eastern Mennonite University, in Harrisonburg, Virginia to participate and share in this global journey. [Learn more 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.

Opportunities

Seeking a **Digital Marketing Manager**. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for this 0.75 FTE position to start in April 2023 or as soon as possible. The person in this role will serve as a member of the AMBS Marketing and Communications Team, contributing to the concept, development and production of marketing and communications projects. Primary responsibilities include managing the seminary's website and overseeing social media strategy and implementation, digital marketing and database management, and video production. See the full job description: ambs.edu/jobs

Only one month left to apply for **Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture programs**, including participating in an encounter with Christians in Benin, West Africa or a trip to the Mexico-United States border. Find more information at <https://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve/Youth%20Venture>