

**Directions to the Kin-dom
Pentecost / Graduates Sunday**



Waterford Mennonite Church

May 28, 2023

Prelude		Shelby Eby
Welcome and Call to worship		Zoë Brown
Gathering Songs		Worship Band
	<i>Kindle in Us Your Love</i>	VT 54
	<i>Holy Spirit, Come with Power</i>	VT 57
Lighting the peace lamp*		Isaac Myers
Scripture	Acts 2:1-8, 12-15, 41-47	Jordan Ross Richer
Offering	<i>(Please pass the friendship pads)</i>	Cindy Voth
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Offertory		Colin Berkey, Leah Berkey
Children's time		JoLee and Angela Stoltzfus
Song	<i>As the Wind Song through the Trees</i>	VT 373
Dramatic reading	"Without A Word"	Eleanor Habecker
Sermon		Katie Misz
Song of response	<i>Let Us Build a House</i>	VT 36
Congregational prayers		Cindy Voth
Graduate Milestone	<i>Go Light Your Candle</i>	Ruthie Saunders

VT = Voices Together; SJ = *Sing the Journey*; SS = *Sing the Story*

*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world.

Prayers

Ron Graber, who celebrates his 93rd birthday on Monday the 29th, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on him. Join in his celebration by signing a card for him at the table in the foyer.

For *Don, Kevin & Lorene, and Carla Miller* as they grieve the death of Sylvia and give thanks for her life.

For *leaders of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso* as they seek to explain the non-violent position of Mennonites to leaders of the Federation of Evangelical Churches and Missions which is requesting all churches to contribute to the war effort. They ask for the prayerful support of the global church, that God prepare this meeting and give wisdom and discernment to all in the discussion.

For *Esther Farmwald and her family* as they gather on Tuesday to celebrate Leon's life.

John and Virginia Wenger, who will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on June 2.

We thank God for *those who have completed college and graduate school degrees*. Provide them opportunities to serve you in their work. Encourage them as they go forth into new fields and use them to further your Kin-dom.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for *Odesa Theological Seminary* in Ukraine. Pray that courses on trauma healing will equip church leaders to respond with compassion and skill to the millions of people who have lost loved ones and homes due to Russia's invasion.

Welcome Guests

We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. There are sermon boards for children outside the sanctuary doors; please pick one up as you enter. If desired, there is a nursery available in the west end of the foyer for infants and toddlers. Large print copies of the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. We invite you to stay for our nurture hour. Look for the welcome brochure on the front table in the foyer.

Our Mission Statement

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

Welcome everyone to faith and fellowship in Jesus Christ,

Minister to the needs of one another and our neighbors through the Holy Spirit, and

Call out each other's gifts for the joyful work of God's reconciling mission.

We celebrate that everyone is created in God's image, and as followers of Jesus we welcome people of every age, ability, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status, socio-economic situation, gender identity, and citizenship status as full participants in the life of our congregation.

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