

Look Who Came to Dinner!

See more inside.



May 28, 2023



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour
12:00 p.m. - YAF Waffles at
Hunsbergers
6:30 p.m. - Strategic Giving
Seminar

Welcome Team

Greeters: Jon. & Mary Ann
Wieand
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Carolyn
Kauffman, Wade Ramer
Audiovisuals: Derrick Ramer,
Dominic Ramer, Bob
Hochstedler

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. MYF

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Crockpotluck

Melissa Chupp, for Fellowship Ministry Team

We had a wonderful potluck meal on May 7 hosted by the Bridgebuilders class. One thing that made it run smoothly was the fact that most hot dishes were brought in crockpots. Prior to the pandemic, it was getting difficult to host potlucks with everyone bringing a casserole dish that needed to go in the oven set at a certain temperature for a certain number of minutes. The problem was that not all dishes were to be warmed at the same temperature, and at times there was not enough oven space to do so and still get everything out to the table in time. The crockpots allowed the hosts to simply stir the dish or turn down the temperature as needed. They also allowed the hosts to attend most of the worship service and just check in occasionally. We are grateful for the number of circuits in the kitchen that helped us to avoid blowing a circuit!

So to make hosting less stressful, we would ask that hot dishes continue to be brought in crockpots. If you do have something that needs to go in the oven, please plan on coming to the kitchen to take care of it yourself.

Thank you!

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 195

Nurture Hour – 206

Finances – May 21, 2023

Operating Fund \$10,932.70

Mennonite Education \$1,165.00

Either Fund \$2,815.00

Budget Total \$14,912.70

Welcoming Spaces \$7,100.00

Total **\$22,012.70**

Looking Ahead

June 4: Sermon: Luke Gascho;

Seasons of Creation: Land

June 11: Deron Bergstresser;

Planet Earth; Communion

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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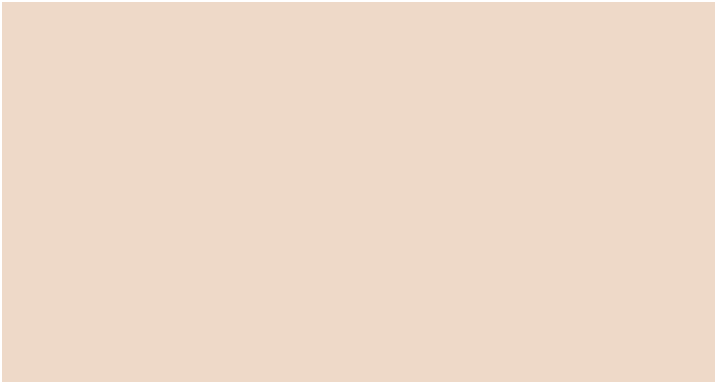
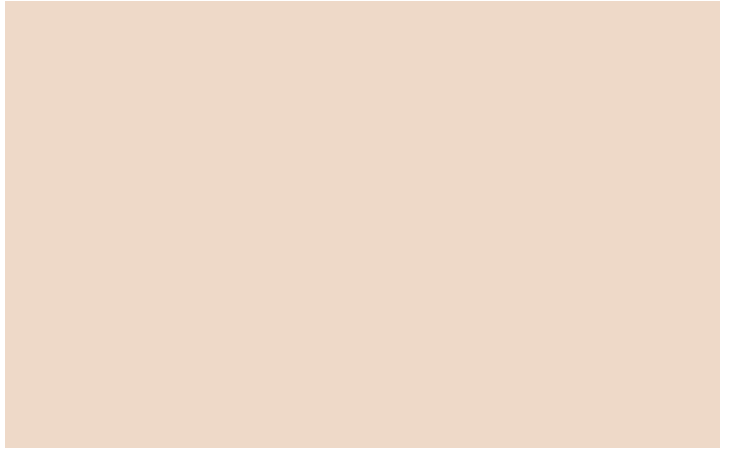
Guess Who's Coming!

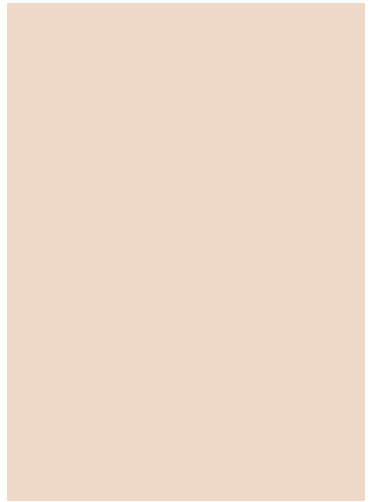
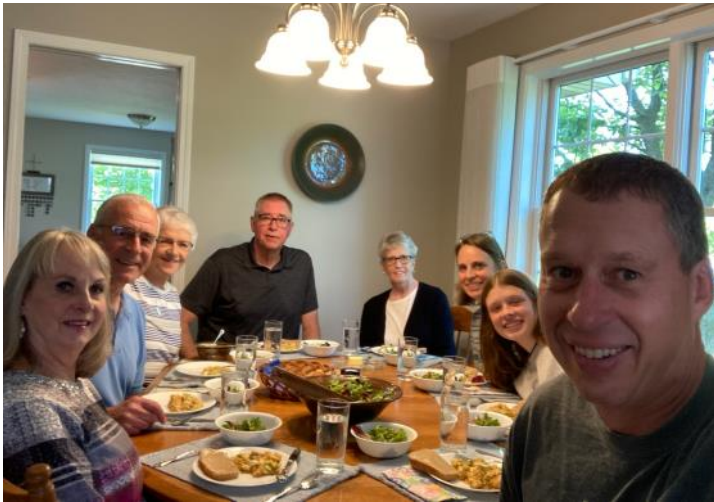
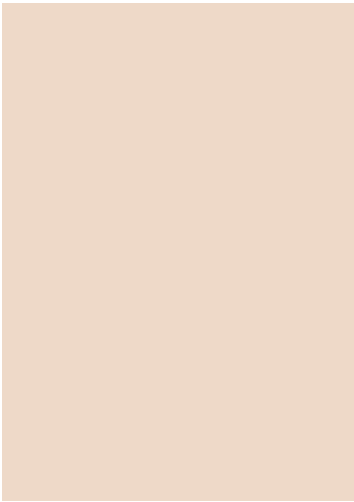
Melissa Chupp, for Fellowship Ministry Team

There were 164 individuals from 78 different households, who participated in our first “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” evening on May 21. Hosted in 17 different houses, those who participated shared dinner together with others from Waterford, but didn’t know who they were eating with until they arrived! Fellowship Ministry Team (FMT) has heard such wonderful things about the evening, including great appreciation for the gift of learning to know others in our faith community, some for the very first time! FMT has also heard, loud and clear, a request for us to plan this event again. The joy of the event is that no two times will be the same as we are able to change up the guests gathering. So, we will be exploring dates to offer this again soon with the thought that perhaps we will begin to do this once a quarter.

Thank you to those who hosted and those who were guests! And, we hope that if you were unable to participate this time that you will be able to join in the fun for our next evening of “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner?!” Enjoy these pictures from 16 of the 17 gatherings.







Waterford Announcements

Welcoming Spaces 3.1 plans to give

Remember to return a card naming your current or future plans to give to Waterford's Welcoming Spaces 3.1 campaign, which will be used to make our space a more welcoming place for ministry. Invitations to give were in mailboxes last week.

We plan to move forward with the renovation of the fellowship hall and south restrooms when we have received approximately 80 percent of the remaining amount needed to complete the project. Current gifts and stated plans to give will be helpful as we move forward.

Strategic Generosity

Plan to attend the workshop, "Strategic Generosity: Creative Ways to Maximize Your Giving," on Sunday, May 28, at 6:30 p.m., at the church.

In the session, we will consider a number of strategies that can be advantageous when giving to Waterford and other organizations that you care about, focusing on ideas that provide immediate tax advantages and that support organizations now or in the near future. We will also consider ways to help organizations at a later time, as well as "life income gifts." These are "gifts that give twice" by providing the donor a stream of income now and benefit an organization at a later date. Finally, we will also look at the ways a couple of these strategies are affected (or not affected) by the SECURE Act 2.0 tax legislation passed in late 2022.

Many of the tools we explore can be helpful in supporting special projects such as Welcoming Spaces 3.1, but many Waterford individuals use one or more of these strategies for all of their charitable giving, including regular giving to Waterford and to other ministries they care about.

The event will also be Zoomed for those unable to attend in person. It will be recorded and made available later. The link is: [Zoom link: Strategic Generosity workshop](#).

This Sunday, is **Pentecost and Graduation Sunday!** You will be invited during the worship service to write about something you are passionate about. This week, in preparation, think about this prompt: **What could you talk about for hours?** A hobby, vocation, grandkids, friendship, etc. What makes you come alive?

Sunday, **June 4**, there will be an **all-church potluck** after the nurture hour hosted by the Seekers' class. You are invited to bring a dish to share. (See the article on potlucks on page1)

Salt & Light weekly reflection for [May 28](#).

Thank You

To my friends at church: Thanks for your prayers.

Mervin Chupp

Merv has moved to Evergreen Place at Greencroft, Room 241

Mennonite Church USA

The MennoCon23 worship planning committee has released the names of the **worship speakers for the July 3-6 Mennonite Church USA denominational convention**, which will take place at the Kansas City (Missouri) Convention Center. The convention's overall theme is "#BeTransformed," which is inspired by Isaiah 43:19-21 and 2 Corinthians 5:17. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/mennocon23-worship-speakers

There's still time to register 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/news/mennocon23-registration

The all-new **Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit**, taking place on July 7, 2023, directly following Mennonite Church USA's MennoCon23 convention, will be an opportunity to explore ways that youth and young adults ages 14-25 can put their faith to work to address this crisis during a day of worship, learning and collaboration. Watch an informational Zoom recording here: mennoniteusa.org/webinar-climatesummit

When **Becky Degan** told her husband and teenage son that the theme for MennoCon23 worship is "Transformed by the Spirit," they broke out with the Transformers' theme song, "More than meets the eye." "Later, when I was asked what excites me about this year's convention, that song went through my head, and I realized that's what I'm excited about — catching glimpses of the Holy Spirit at work beyond what we can understand or imagine." Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/worship-is-gods-playground

MDS

Family Program Opportunities!

Are you looking for a way for the whole family to serve with MDS? We want that too! The MDS Family Program is running in June at the **gorgeous Camp Palisades in Idaho!** Volunteers will stay in A-Frame cabins, work all together on projects there at the Camp, and have free time to romp around the trails nearby. It's the perfect way to work hard and play hard together, no age restrictions. There is still space for families the week of Jun 18-24! Call or email Alicia Hurst (800-241-8111 or ahurst@mds.org) to get signed up!

Weekly Volunteer

Opportunities: MDS always has opportunities to volunteer for a week at a time. See the list of current projects: <https://mds.volunteermatrix.com/>

Upcoming Community Events

2023 Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale: The Relief Sale will be held September 22–23 at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds. You can begin supporting the sale now:

Plant enthusiasts, share your plants at the Relief Sale. Now is the time to nurture your indoor plants or pot up your perennials as you divide them. A good plant sale depends on healthy established plants. Consider what you could contribute to the sale. If you specialize in violets or succulents, they are always popular.

Join in the fun by starting to collect coins for My Coins Count. If you need a quarter collector contact the MCC Great Lakes office in The Depot (574-533-4133)

Consider where you can volunteer: make baked goods, help with children's activities or with setup, assist with social media, work in a food booth. Email mennonitesale@yahoo.com with your interest.

Follow the Relief Sale on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, and check out the website: www.mennonitesale.org for more information.

Opportunities

MCC Great Lakes is seeking a Program Director: This role is responsible for the direction and oversight of MCC Great Lakes programs and church engagement. This position is expected to connect with constituent churches, groups, and partner organizations to work together and advance the mission of MCC. The full-time position will preferably be located at one of the main Great Lakes offices, but the location is flexible within the region where MCC is an authorized employer. Bilingual fluency in Spanish and English is preferred. Apply online by June 25 at mcc.org/gl-program-director. For more information, contact Wesley Wilder at WesleyWilder@mcc.org.

The Indiana Friends of Meserete Kristos Seminary invite you to enjoy **an Ethiopian meal at Pleasant View Church**, 58529 C.R. 23, Goshen, on Monday, June 26, at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the meal is \$15 per person to be paid at the door. Checks that are donations beyond the cost of the meal can be written to MK College Link. You will hear from the Principal of the Seminary, Gishu Jebecha and also the President of Meserete Kristos Church, Desalegn Abebe. Please RSVP to Ruth Sellers by Monday, June 19. Phone: 574-238-5822; Email: rbsellers@yahoo.com

Membership Transfer

LeRoy and Sherry Mast have requested their church membership be transferred to First Mennonite Church in Indianapolis. We pray for God's blessings for them as they build community with others in their new church home.

Cindy Voth, for Ministry Leadership Council