

## Waterford preachers, Sunday, April 30

Hannah Claassen, Lacy Stoltzfus,  
Neer Goswami and Pastor Katie  
Misz reflected on Paul and  
Barnabas's ministry in Lystra.



May 7, 2023



# The Waterford Buzz

### **This Sunday**

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

### **Welcome Team**

Greeters: Jon. & Mary Ann  
Wieand  
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken Otto,  
Denise Diener  
Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler,  
Shawn Stutzman

### **This Week at Waterford**

#### **Monday**

7:00 p.m. EMST / North FH

#### **Wednesday**

7:00 p.m. Venture Club, JYF

7:00 p.m. MYF

7:00 p.m. YA Support Group

#### **Thursday**

8:30 a.m. Mennonite Women /  
MYF Rm

7:00 p.m. ICWA meeting / FH

7:00 p.m. FFMT / Mtg Rm

#### **Zoom prayers**

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## **Explore our proposed fellowship hall, bathroom renovations**

*Lyle Miller, Welcoming Spaces 3.1*

In a recent Buzz article, I described the history of our Welcoming Spaces projects and introduced the need for addressing maintenance issues with the movable curtains and accordion panels in the fellowship hall.

Several groups, led by a task force of MLC member Rachael Hochstedler, pastor Cindy Voth, facilities manager Jan Oostland, coordinator of administrative ministries Janet Shoemaker, Welcoming Spaces 3.1 fundraising coordinator Lyle Miller and lay persons Dee Birkey and Bob Hochstedler, have been reviewing our space needs, coordinating with other leadership, and have prepared a proposal to bring to the congregational meeting on May 16. This plan to address our space needs is described in fuller detail in the materials accompanying the congregational meeting agenda you are receiving this week.

The materials include a drawing of the proposed floorplan. However, we realize that it can also be helpful to “experience” the new plan. On Sunday, May 7, an outline of the plan will be taped on the floor in the fellowship hall, allowing people to walk through the proposed rooms (including new bathrooms), get a sense of their proposed sizes and imagine a repatterned space. Committee and Ministry Leadership Council members will be available to answer questions.

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## Life at Waterford

### Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 219

Nurture Hour - 198

### Finances – April 30, 2023

Operating Fund	\$15,616.56
Mennonite Education	\$2,073.00
Either Fund	\$4,205.00
<i>Budget Total</i>	<i>\$21,894.56</i>
Sharing Fund	\$150.00
MYF Auction	\$505.00
BBI Fundraiser	\$250.00
Welcoming Spaces	\$2,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,799.56</b>

### Looking Ahead

May 14: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser; Go God  
(Romans 5:1-11)

May 21: Sermon: Cindy Voth; Go Live  
(Romans 6:1-14)

### Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser, Pastor  
Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz, Pastor

Tuesday, Thursday

Monday & Wednesday p.m.

### Out of Office

Katie Misz May 7 - 12

### Office hours this week

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

Tuesday, Friday 9 - 12

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Our plans in moving forward would include two “official” votes and one “unofficial” one. The official votes would be at the congregational meeting, where we would first approve the floor plan and then approve a funding approach that allows us to begin construction when we have approximately 80 percent of the remaining needed funds in either cash on hand or stated intentions to give.

The third, unofficial, “vote” will be with our pocketbooks in the coming weeks, as we respond to an invitation to generosity that seeks to raise the approximately \$250,000 needed to complete the project. We will be inviting people to give immediately or to state their intention to contribute over the coming months.

## Youth Delegation holds press conference at WMC to support ICWA

*Excerpted from a letter from Sarah Augustine*

The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery ICWA ( (Indian Child Welfare Act) solidarity working group is partnering with a youth delegation from Goshen College that plans to meet with Indiana Attorney General, Todd Rokita. The Christian youth delegation stands in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples across the United States who are struggling to uphold ICWA, a federal law that passed in 1978 to help keep Native children within Native communities. As residents of Indiana, they are asking for the office of the elected official responsible for challenging ICWA to hear their concerns and to explain why Indiana is one of three states challenging ICWA as plaintiffs in the case before the supreme court, Brackeen v Holland.

Youth and adults are invited to join this youth delegation as they hold a press conference on Thursday, May 11 at 7 p.m. at Waterford Mennonite Church, explaining the importance of ICWA and their request to meet with the Attorney General. They will also call people of faith to write or call the office of the Attorney General to encourage him to meet with them.

## Thank You

Dear Waterford MC,  
Thank you for the Easter lily which we enjoyed so much!! We also thank you for the many expressions of love we have received the past several months; your notes, cards, letters, prayers and phone calls have all been appreciated. Sylvia and Don Miller

# Waterford Announcements

**LOST:** Jane Otto is missing her Bible which disappeared at church a couple of weeks ago. It is burgundy, well-used, marked in and has her name in the front. If you accidentally picked up the wrong Bible, please return it to Jane.

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. Cooks bringing hot food are encouraged to bring it in crock pots. If you want to eat outside in the pavilion, you may bring your own chair. Note: There will not be tables set up outside.

This Sunday, you will receive a packet of information for the congregational meeting (also sent Friday by email), including the **renovation plans** 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.

**Mennonite Women Day** is coming up next week on Thursday, May 11. Mennonite Women is for any woman in our congregation (or any others) who would like to be a MCC volunteer for 1-6 hours. The doors open at 8:30 a.m. in the youth room. If you wish to stay for lunch, please bring a dish to pass.

All youth and adults are invited to attend a gathering at Waterford Mennonite Church at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2023 to **take action regarding the State of Indiana's opposition to the Indian Child Welfare Act**. See article on p. 2 for more information.

**Reminder:** This will be the last Sunday to turn in a **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** form. Everyone is invited to participate. Just fill out the form and drop it in the box on the participation table this Sunday.

**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 [May 7](#).

## Opportunities

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](https://mennoniteusa.org/archives-position)

**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!

## Mennonite Church USA

The **Mennonite Church USA Executive Board** met in Los Angeles on April 13-14, 2023, and voted to forward three proposed organizational resolutions to the Delegate Assembly, including one that recommends shifting the Delegate Assembly to a three-year, or triennial, cycle. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/executive-board-april-meeting](https://mennoniteusa.org/executive-board-april-meeting).

The Constituency Leaders Council provided feedback on the three proposed organizational resolutions at its meeting in San Antonio, Texas, in March. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/clc-looks](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/clc-looks)

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. **Early bird pricing ends on May 14**. Register here: [convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration](https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration)

After attending Mennonite Church USA's Hope for the Future Conference as a Mosaic Mennonite Conference board member, **Kiron Mateti, experienced a refreshing sense of belonging** within the Mennonite church. He was no longer the only person of color in the room. Read more about his experience here: [mennoniteusa.org/finding-seat-at-mennonite-table](https://mennoniteusa.org/finding-seat-at-mennonite-table)

The **Peace Table is the new Bible story for MennoMedia's "Shine"** elementary curriculum for 2023-26. Get a sneak peek of this exciting new resource during MennoMedia's webinar on Monday, May 8, 7 p.m. Learn how this book can help you guide children to love Jesus, grow in faith and become peacemakers that change the world by registering here: [shinecurriculum.com/webinar](https://shinecurriculum.com/webinar)

## AMBS

Grow your skills in offering spiritual direction! With a focus on practice-based learning, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's **Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction** offers a curriculum and supervised program to prepare you to become a spiritual director or to strengthen the spiritual direction aspects of your ministry. You can complete the 21-credit-hour certificate part time in two years, either fully online or with a combination of distance-friendly and campus-based courses. [amsbs.edu/certificate](https://amsbs.edu/certificate)

## Pathways Retreat

Pathways Retreat continues to offer **Stations of the Resurrection** in the Pathways woods and on their website until May 28. Daily prayers are offered both online and in-person. You are also invited to join in their **Creation Care Events** on May 13 and June 17. Find more information in their newsletter at <https://static-promote.weebly.com/share/fcb7602c-e10a-4dfd-82a7-42942b376345>

## MCC

MCC U.S. National Peace & Justice Ministries Peace Camps! Peace Camps are one-week, hands-on learning experiences for young adults hungry to connect with other young adults, root themselves in intentional, theological reflection and apply that to real-world work of peace and justice in their communities. **Peacebuilders Training** camp is July 24-29 in Divide, Colorado: **Register for Peacebuilders Training** MCC will cover all costs of travel, lodging and meals with each participant paying only a \$200 registration fee. Find more information on our Peace Camps webpage. Check back regularly for updates!.

## Upcoming Community Events

**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.

**Public Lecture: "Misunderstanding Judaism Means Misunderstanding Jesus and Paul" by Amy-Jill Levine, PhD.** The lecture will be held at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount, 3003 Benham Ave, Elkhart on **May 8**, 2-4 p.m. Amy-Jill Levine is Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace. She is Professor Emerita at Vanderbilt Divinity School. Amy-Jill has played a crucial role in Jewish-Christian dialogue and has contributed greatly to understanding the Jewish roots of Jesus and Christian practices. She is the author of acclaimed books such as *Entering the Passion of Jesus* and *The Difficult Words of Jesus*. For more information contact [andybk@amsbs.edu](mailto:andybk@amsbs.edu).

**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!

**There's still time to visit Bethany!** It's not too late to come check us out! Bethany Christian Schools is still accepting applications for the fall of 2023, so come visit for lunch or a tour. To learn more, visit [www.bethanycs.net/ataglance](http://www.bethanycs.net/ataglance)

**Documentary premiere. *What Happened at Benham West: African American Stories of Community, Displacement and Hope*** will premiere **Friday, May 19**, at the Crystal Ballroom at the Lerner Theatre at 410 South Main Street, Elkhart, Indiana. The film features stories of life in Elkhart's predominantly African American Benham West neighborhood and documents the process of the city's eventual clearing of the neighborhood. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is hosting the launch event. There is no charge to attend, but space is limited to 300 participants, and **registration by May 12 is recommended** to reserve a seat: [benhamwestproject.com](http://benhamwestproject.com)

**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](http://bethanycs.net/brightfuture)

## Congratulations!

**Congratulations Alina! Alina Bergstresser**, (pastor Deron's daughter) an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student at Bethany Christian Schools in Goshen, Indiana, won grand prize in the annual Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) U.S. National Peace & Justice Ministries public policy essay contest. Bergstresser will receive \$1,000 for her essay, "A faulty immigration system." Her full essay can be accessed at [mcc.org/media/resources/11303](https://mcc.org/media/resources/11303).