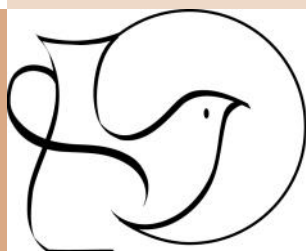


And the Winners Are(n't)...

Three teams of people experienced the Escape Room sold at the service auction and designed by Katie and JE Misz. Third place went to this team of three MYF sponsors, a spouse, and two youth.



June 11, 2023



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour
5:00 p.m. - Ecuador Prayers

Welcome Team

Ushers: Dennis Myers, Glenn Reinford
Audiovisuals: Colin Berkey, Bob Hochstedler, Jordan Kauffman

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. YA Support group

Thursday

7:00 p.m. Worship MT

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Introducing Firman and Susan Gingerich



Firman Gingerich and Susan Yoder met at Iowa Mennonite School. After attending Eastern Mennonite College and Goshen College, they graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with degrees in elementary education. They served in Voluntary Service on the Blackfeet Indian reservation in Browning, Montana, prior to teaching school for three years in Montana.

Daughter Amy was born in Montana and son Fred was born in Iowa where they returned to live near family. After teaching several years, Firman attended Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary and served as a pastor for congregations in Indiana, Iowa, and Pennsylvania. Susan was an administrative assistant for the Mennonite Church, Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference, and American College Testing. Her later career involved fund-raising for Bethany Christian Schools and Christopher Dock High School.

Having lived in Goshen previously, they returned in October 2022 to be nearer to their grandchildren. They have two grandchildren in Goshen and two in Hudson, Ohio. They enjoy biking, exploring, entertaining, and watching birds together. Firman is also a woodworker and wood turner while Susan enjoys flower gardening and singing with threshold singers.

Be sure to welcome them and introduce yourself when you see them.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 189

Nurture Hour – 150

Finances – June 6, 2023

Operating Fund \$9,531.00

Mennonite Education \$980.00

Either Fund \$5,611.00

Budget Total \$16,122.00

Sharing Fund \$225.00

Welcoming Spaces \$10,200.00

Total **\$26,547.00**

Looking Ahead

June 18: Sermon: Janeen

Bertsche Johnson; Forest

June 25: Cindy Voth; Ocean

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

Cindy Voth June 15

Office hours this week

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9 - 12, 1- 3

Tuesday, Friday

9 - 12

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June Electives



New Songs from Voices Together



Estudio Biblico



Comforter Knotting / Prayer Shawls



Outside Spiritual Practices



Active Outside Activities



Foods from around the World



Salt & Light Bible Study

Bill and Jan Swartzendruber's new address:
1538 Dogwood Court
Goshen IN 46526

Thank You

Dear Waterford MC, thank you for the heart-felt support we experienced abundantly at the visitation and memorial service for Sylvia on June 3 and 4 — and for the noon meal that followed. We also thank you for the many expressions of love we have received the past several months; your notes, your cards, letters, prayers, and phone calls have all been appreciated.

The Miller family: Don, Carla, Kevin, Lorene, Ethan and Sophie

Waterford Announcements

This Sunday:

- We will continue with our **June Nurture Hour Electives**. You can find the list of the electives [HERE](#). For those participating in the Active Outside Elective this Sunday, please bring your favorite lawn games for our time together!
- **Foods from around the World elective:** This week, Carlos and Celina Romero will introduce us to Puerto Rican food, religion, and socio-economic realities with pictures and stories of the beginnings of the Mennonite work on the island. They will be bringing in the food to share with the group.
- This is the last Sunday to **return your affirmation ballot for church treasurer** to the church office. There are some extra copies of the ballot by the ballot basket on the table by the church office.

Vacation Bible School online sign up: This year's theme for VBS is the Marketplace, and we will learn about life in Biblical times through visiting the Synagogue, baking bread, making bricks, fishing and more! We will meet July 31 to August 3 from 9 to 12:30. Lunches will be provided. Bring your friends and neighbors! Sign up online at <https://forms.gle/6HZU9codYS39Pfvo7>

Calling Waterford Bikers! Join a group bike ride on the Pumpkinvine Trail, Saturday, June 24. We will meet at Abshire Park at 10 a.m. and bike six miles to Mooney's Ice Cream Shop (14408 CR 20, Middlebury) where we will enjoy some refreshments and then bike back. Overzealous bikers and non-bikers are free to meet the slow bikers at Mooney's at 11 a.m. Sign up to participate at the Participation Station by June 18.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame! Calling all baseball fans! The Fellowship Ministry Team is reserving group seating at the South Bend Cubs game on July 18 at 7:05 p.m. Cost is \$11.00 per person. We can arrange carpooling if needed. Stop by the Participation Station to sign-up by June 21.

Mennonite Church USA

"Imagine a great symphony without spaces between the notes. Imagine conversation with a beloved friend without pauses between the words." **Eric Massanari**, executive conference minister for the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference of Mennonite Church USA, **reflects on silence as a spiritual practice** in his Menno Snapshots blog. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/on-silence

Jon Carlson, moderator-elect for Mennonite Church USA and worship speaker at MennoCon23, writes, "This is part of what I love about the Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition. We believe that the work of interpretation — of figuring out what is right — happens best in communities guided by the Holy Spirit," in his blog, "**Communities of Transformation.**" Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/communities-transformation

"During election seasons in America, we get flooded by advertisements. The main purpose of these advertisements is to shape our perspectives about the candidates whom we may choose to vote for in the elections." **Nelson Okanya**, **future MennoCon23 speaker**, **discusses the power of storytelling** here: mennoniteusa.org/church-in-mission

MCC

In Ephesians 2:14, Paul presents Jesus as the one who destroys walls of hostility. What would it mean to join Jesus on that mission? In a world that sees barriers and walls as solutions, can we instead dismantle walls and build bridges of peace and justice? [Breaking down dividing walls](#), the Spring/Summer 2023 edition of the *Peace & Justice Journal*, invites us to reflect on walls, specifically the separation barriers in Occupied Palestine and the physical walls along the U.S.-Mexico border. It includes thoughtful reflections, statistics, policy principles and worship resources.

AMBS

Make your commitment to peacemaking come alive with Nonviolent Communication (NVC). Malinda Elizabeth Berry, PhD, Associate Professor at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, offers presentations and workshops on Nonviolent Communication — an approach to both leadership and relationships that can help you keep people at the table while growing and maturing as an Anabaptist-Mennonite Christian. She can introduce NVC's core concepts and provide customized interactive sessions based on your context and timeframe. ambs.edu/invite

PATHWAYS RETREAT

Pathways Retreat is offering three new retreats in August & September: Living that Matters for Men, Shake off Stress, and Renewing Your Spirit in Nature. Find more information at pathwaysretreat.org. Read the monthly newsletter: <https://static-promote.weebly.com/share/58cd8ef0-2098-44be-8ca5-459489e01028>

Upcoming Community Events

Church Community Services is hosting a Summer Block Party from 3-7 p.m. on Saturday, July 15 at the Elkhart Civic Plaza! There will be a live band and food trucks for the whole family to enjoy!

Hesston College alumni and friends are invited to join several college representatives at Maple Indian Cuisine for complimentary food and quality fellowship on Friday, June 16 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. This event will include a brief college update and comments from Hesston College President Dr. Joseph A. Manickam and VP of Advancement Dr. Rachel Swartzendruber Miller. For more details and registration information please visit the Hesston College alumni and friends webpage at www.hesston.edu/alumni or call the alumni office at 620-327-8147. RSVP today so we can see you soon!

Learn about MCC's work in India: Join us for an MCC Alumni & Friends Gathering on June 19 to hear from **Manjula Patnaik, MCC India sector coordinator for justice and peace**. Patnaik has worked with MCC in India for more than 30 years and will share stories about MCC's program with people on the journey amidst trauma and healing. Join MCC staff and host Ron Byler, former MCC U.S. executive director, for this free event on Monday, June 19 at 11 a.m. at the Jennings Auditorium at Greencroft Retirement Community.

Goshen College **2023 Summer Camps** for 1st through 12th graders. See fliers by the table under the bulletin board for the variety of camps offered.

Opportunities

Needing a place to rent: A volunteer at Thrift at Woodland Crossing is in need of a long-term rental. She would like to stay in Elkhart but is open to Goshen. She is a quiet, Christian woman. She would love to find something to share or rent on her own for less than \$700 but can go up to \$800 if she needs to. Please contact Haiam Gendi if you need more information, have a space to offer, or have a connection. Call 317-674-5157.

Seeking an Admissions Counselor. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart is accepting applications for this 0.5 FTE position. The person in this role will serve as a member of the AMBS Admissions Team, recruiting and working with prospective students from the U.S., Canada and across the world and connecting with church leaders and alumni about AMBS programs and offerings. See the full job description: ambs.edu/jobs

Menno-Hof is seeking volunteer tour guides. Volunteers may opt to take some regular shifts through the week, work one shift or one full day a week or a month, or just simply be "on call" to pick up a shift when we have call offs or maybe a large tour. Tour guides don't need to be a wealth of information, we'll get you the tools and training you need to lead tours. All ages, from high school and older are welcome to explore doing this. Interested persons may call, email or stop by and talk to Betty Lou Kline, for more information or to get signed up: blkline@mennohof.org; 260-768-4117.

Call for Volunteers! Looking for something to fill a few hours every week? Something that is fun, fulfilling and makes a difference? Ten Thousand Villages, our local fair trade store, is seeking volunteers. At **Ten Thousand Villages**, your work makes it possible for families to eat, children to go to school and have access to health care. To learn more about this great opportunity to help your neighbors around the world, email goshen@tenthousandvillages.com.