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Forest Sunday

Waterford Mennonite Church

June 18, 2023

Prelude		Lorraine Reinford
Gathering Songs		JD Smucker
	<i>Praise Him, Praise Him</i>	HW 100
	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	HW 102
	<i>Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah</i>	HW 50
Welcome and Call to worship		Aaron Lehman
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
God's work among us	Reporting from IMMC Annual Sessions Karsten Hess, Aaron Lehman, Rose Shetler	
Children's time		
Song	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	HW 366
Scripture	Colossians 1:3-6, 9-12	
Sermon	"Faith Like Trees"	Janeen Bertsche Johnson
Song of response	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	HW 327
Congregational prayers		Katie Misz
Benediction		
Sending Song	<i>Come, Come Ye Saints</i>	HW 425

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

Eloise Schrock, who celebrates her 96th birthday on Wednesday the 21st, and *Glen Horner*, who celebrates his 90th birthday on Thursday the 22nd, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on them. Join in their celebrations by signing cards for them at the table in the foyer.

Rachel Stoltzfus as she has knee replacement surgery on Wednesday.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for *Robin Gingerich*, who has served in administrative and academic capacities at LCC International University in Lithuania since 2001. Pray for her as she builds relationships with students, faculty and staff from around the world.

Wilmer and Ruth Hollinger as they settle into their new home at Evergreen Place (apartment 112).

Miriam Stauffer as she recovers from a heart catheterization.

Belmont Mennonite Church is grateful for the stories and themes that emerged as they journeyed through a narrative listening process and invite prayers as they shift from storytelling to strategic planning.

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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