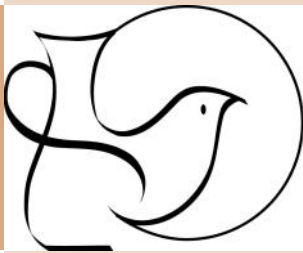


Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference

Ursula Hess, Journey program graduate, and her mentor, Mary Hochstedler, attended the IMMC sessions along with WMC delegates and pastors June 9-10.



June 18, 2023



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

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

Welcome Team

Ushers: Dennis Myers, Glenn Reinford
Audiovisuals: Colin Berkey, Bob Hochstedler, Jeff Claassen

This Week at Waterford

Monday

7:00 p.m. MLC / FH

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Haystacks & Games /FH

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.
Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Welcoming Spaces 3.1 projects ready to move forward

Lyle Miller, Welcoming Spaces 3.1 fundraising coordinator

Thanks to so many for the generous response to our Welcoming Spaces 3.1 plans for facility renovation.

Through June 11, we now have raised over \$230,000 of the remaining \$275,000 needed to complete the project, which includes a renovation of the fellowship hall and south restrooms and the addition of two individual restrooms. This total counts the grant we received from Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference, gifts already received and people's stated intentions to give.

At our May 14 meeting, we voted to move forward when we had reached at least 80 percent of the remaining need in cash and intentions. Our June 11 total provides nearly 84 percent of what is needed.

We are working with our contractor, John Mast Construction, to finalize the project details and will keep the congregation posted when we have an expected start date.

As I shared during the June 4 service, it has been inspiring to see the gifts and intentions to give from so many people. We have received gifts ranging from several dollars to several thousand and more, and all are valuable. We have received gifts and plans to give from cash, from Donor Advised Funds and from Qualified Charitable Distributions. We have received one-time gifts, gifts planned over several months or into next year and even from a household that has committed to giving monthly over 12 months.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 168

Nurture Hour – 125

Finances – June 11, 2023

Operating Fund	\$2,795.00
Mennonite Education	\$1,775.00
Either Fund	\$2,240.00
<i>Budget Total</i>	<i>\$6,810.00</i>
Sharing Fund	\$136.00
Least Coin Fund	\$47.85
Welcoming Spaces	\$6,700.00
Total	\$13,693.85

Looking Ahead

June 25: Cindy Voth; Ocean

July 2: Sermon: Deron

Bergstresser; Songs of Life:
Journey; (*Psalm 1*)

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

Deron Bergstresser June 18-24

Cindy Voth June 18

Janet Shoemaker June 18-19

Office hours this week

Wednesday, Thursday

9 - 12, 1- 3

Monday, Tuesday, Friday

9 - 12

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Janet Shoemaker,
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Each of those gifts is a testament to generosity, reflecting our response to the generous God that we serve. If you have not yet made a gift or stated your intentions, you may include a designation on your check or complete and return a green intention-to-give card to the church office.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me via email at lylegmiller@gmail.com.

Congratulations!



Ursula Hess graduated from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Journey Program during the IN MI Mennonite Conference sessions on Saturday, June 9.

Gifts Discernment

Church Treasurer update

Ken Otto, Gifts Discernment Ministry Team

Thank you to all who turned in the special ballot from Gifts Discernment Ministry Team. I am very pleased to share that we received 53 ballots and all of them affirmed Jim Gascho for the role of Treasurer/Member of Ministry Leadership Council. With this affirmation, Jim will begin this new role at the next MLC meeting on June 19. Also at that meeting MLC will have time to express their gratitude to Carlos Romero who is leaving that role as he and Celina return, with our love and blessing, to Clinton Frame Church.

Volunteers Needed

Who opens the church?

In the past, the responsibility for opening the church on Sunday mornings and closing it back up after noon was placed on the custodians. In talking with other churches about how they handle the job, we've learned that none of them expect their custodians to do it!

With the transition of custodial staff, we are looking at other possibilities within the congregation to take care of these needs without requiring someone to make special trips to lock and unlock doors. There are many ways this can be done—by one person or several people sharing the task, and some opening and another closing. If you are an early bird or a last-one-out-the-door sort of person, please let the office know if you are willing to help with this task.

Landscaping opportunity!

Jan Oostland, Facilities Manager

We're looking for a person, small group or Sunday School class to take on the maintenance of the remembering life garden and other landscaped areas. This includes trimming bushes, weeding and leaf cleanup. The workload varies throughout the growing seasons. If you're interested in taking on part or all of this work please contact me at facilities@waterfordchurch.org for a more detailed list of tasks.

Waterford Announcements

This Sunday:

- **Foods from around the World elective:** This week, **Mariko Claassen** and her family will share about **Japanese history, culture, and food** through pictures from their recent trip to Japan. There will be make-your-own sushi, okonomiyaki (savory cabbage pancake), karaage (Japanese fried chicken) and Japanese sweets.
- **Last chance to sign up for the bike ride!** 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**.
- **Last week to sign up for the Ballgame!** 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**.

Haystacks and Game Night, Wednesday at 5:30. Bring your favorite board game and a haystack topping to share.

Mennonite Church USA

When **Seattle Mennonite Church** (SMC) purchased a house in what a member of the church property team described as "a pretty undesirable part of town" about 45 years ago, the Mennonite Church USA congregation never dreamed it would accrue a worth of \$2 million. But that's what happened – and they gave the house away, no strings attached. Read the story here: mennoniteusa.org/news/seattle-redistribution

Melanie Springer Mock, author of "Finding Our Way Forward: When the Children We Love Become Adults," reflects on her experience releasing her sons into adulthood in her recent Menno Snapshots blog. Her book is the CommonRead selection for April-June. CommonRead is an initiative of MennoMedia and Mennonite Church USA Executive Board. Read Springer Mock's blog here: mennoniteusa.org/finding-way-forward

As part of Mennonite Church USA's "**I choose to be Mennonite because ...**" **blog series**, **Nathan Perrin**, an emerging writer and pastor of Christian formation, Lombard (Illinois) Mennonite Church, shares about his experience reconciling his Quaker background and his Anabaptist theology here: mennoniteusa.org/friendly-mennonite

"Whether you call them actions, traditions or rituals, congregations, much like nuclear families, have ways of **celebrating, mourning or remembering together** that act as treasured ways of being family," reflects Leslie James of Hope Mennonite Church. Read more about how Hope Mennonite Church honored their late pastor in her blog: mennoniteusa.org/beyond-words

MCC

Calling all young adults, ages 18-30! Join us for an incredible week of hands-on learning, **July 23-28**, in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado Springs! [MCC's Peacebuilders Training](#) is a learning experience 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. The **registration cost is \$200** and all other expenses are covered, including travel, lodging and food! Don't miss this amazing opportunity.

AMBS

Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible: Sept. 13 – Oct. 24.

Join Drew Strait, PhD, and Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, PhD, to study pertinent Scripture passages and reflect on how these texts form a robust and biblically based practice of peace and justice today. This online AMBS short course lasts six weeks. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Aug. 23 to save \$50. [ambs.edu/online-short-courses](https://www.ambs.edu/online-short-courses)

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>

We will not have a potluck on July 2. Instead, Fellowship Ministry Team encourages WMCers to invite another WMC household to share a meal with you that day... whether at your dining room table or at a local restaurant.

Salt & Light additional resource for [June 18](#).

Upcoming Community Events

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.

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.

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

You're invited to the **3rd Annual Festival of Hope**. Enjoy a day of community fun featuring live entertainment, kids' activities, delicious food, a Makers Market, and nonprofit partners. Saturday, June 24, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Goshen Brewing Company, 315 W Washington Street.

Opportunities

Volunteers needed! The 3rd Annual Festival of Hope is happening on June 24 from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. and we need volunteers to help make the day a success. If you would like to volunteer, you can sign up by [clicking here](#), calling Missy Schrock at 574-534-4744 ext 206, or email info@chhclinics.org. Shifts are 2 hours and include \$10 to use for lunch at Goshen Brewing, Saca Los Tacos, Diana's Dulces, and/or Tropicana.

Needing a place to rent: A female volunteer at Thrift at Woodland Crossing is in need of a long-term rental 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](https://www.ambs.edu/jobs)

Menno-Hof is seeking volunteer tour guides. Volunteers may opt to take some regular shifts, one shift or one full day a week or month, or be "on call" to pick up a shift for calls off or a large tour. We will train tour guides. 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.