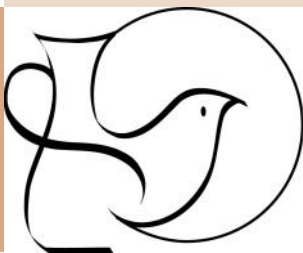




June 25, 2023



# 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, Glen Kauffmann

## **This Week at Waterford**

### *Wednesday*

5:00 p.m. New Members class / Voth house  
6:30 p.m. YAF / Rm 15  
*Zoom prayers*  
Monday - 8:30 a.m.  
Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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## **Worship Series on the Psalms**

*Cindy Voth, for Worship Ministry Team*



During the month of July our worship services will focus on different types of Psalms. This songbook of God's people provides language for us to employ in our prayers to God. The true gift of these words, though, is that they capture the full breadth of human experience and emotion. In rawness, and with authenticity, they grant language and shape to express our heart's prayers to God in times of joy, sorrow, anger, apathy, excitement, and pain. Within the songs of the Psalms, we find language as well as permission to bring our full selves to God. It actually is not just a permission but a real invitation to be real, authentic, and vulnerable.

On each Sunday we will focus on a different type of Psalms — A Song for the Journey, A Song of Praise, A Song of Lament, and A Song of Happiness. As we considered a series on the songs of the Psalms, we thought it would be quite fitting to invite Ruthie Saunders to lead one of the worship services. So, on July 9 Ruthie will lead the service by weaving together Psalms, songs, and stories.

We will take a break from the Psalms on July 16 to hear from our MYF and delegates who participated in the Mennonite Church USA convention in Kansas City July 2-8.

See **Summer** on page 5

## Life at Waterford

### Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 168  
Nurture Hour – 127

### Finances – June 18, 2023

Operating Fund	\$7,171.55
Mennonite Education	\$4,110.00
Either Fund	\$5,165.00
<i>Budget Total</i>	<i>\$16,446.55</i>
Welcoming Spaces	\$15,400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,846.55</b>

### Looking Ahead

July 2: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser; A Song of Journey; (*Psalm 1*)  
July 9: Ruthie Saunders; A Song of Praise; (*Psalm 113*)

### 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 26-27

### Office hours this week

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

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## Stephen Leader Team Welcomes a New Member



The Stephen Leader Team (SLT), of Mel & Lorna Claassen, Liz Gingrich and Bill Minter, looks forward to welcoming Kenneth Blount as an additional Stephen Leader. Kenneth plans to complete the on-line Stephen Leader Training course by the end of the fall and will officially join the SLT after commissioning by the congregation.

Kenneth moved to the Goshen area two years ago from Auburn, IN and lives in Greencroft's Whispering Pines. He is a member of Waterford and participates in the Seekers Sunday School Class. Kenneth has an educational background in social work, psychology and business. He is retired from a career in health care administration. In visiting with Kenneth, the Stephen Leader Team quickly became impressed with Kenneth's dedication to the Church and his careful consideration in agreeing to take on the role as a Stephen Leader.

You can continue to be a part of this lay-caring ministry by your prayer support. And if there are those in your circle of acquaintances who might benefit from having one-on-one Christian care to support them in life's difficulties, please provide them a referrals brochure. Or, with your friend's permission, contact one of the Stephen Leaders or a Pastor about the possible need. Referral brochures can be picked up at the Stephen Ministry bulletin board located directly to the left of the north entrance to the sanctuary.

## Welcome to Your New Home! Let's get you all set up!

*Pastor Katie Misz*

A warm welcome to Madi Higdon and Kelly Miller who recently moved to town. Kelly and Shelby Eby are sisters. Madi is from Kalona, Iowa and Kelly is from Pettisville, Ohio. Both Madi and Kelly are working as CNA's at the Waters of Wakarusa. Their hobbies are painting, playing with their cats, and spending time outside.



I recently offered that perhaps we could see if the kind people at Waterford might have some gently used items to help them furnish their first apartment. Kelly and Madi noted that they could still use a dresser, a bedside table, a queen sized bed, a chair for the living room, and a washing machine. If you have any of these items that you would be willing to share, email Kelly at [knimiller17@gmail.com](mailto:knimiller17@gmail.com) and Madi at [madihig@gmail.com](mailto:madihig@gmail.com).

Kelly and Madi, we are glad you have moved to Goshen and look forward to getting to know you!

# Life Story

## I Am From: Mervin Chupp

I am from being born at Goshen Hospital on Fifth Street, the second in a family of nine siblings, five boys and four girls. One brother and all four sisters have passed away;

- attending Waterford School and graduating from 8th grade;

- growing up on a farm at the corner of St Rd 33 and Co Rd 138; while Dad worked on the Railroad in Toledo five days a week, Mom, with the help of my brothers and I, did the farm work. We milked eight cows morning and evening, fed hogs and calves.

I am from working several years and giving money to the family and was finally able to buy my first car, a '37 chevy for \$150;

- picking up brother and sister from work at a dime store on Main Street where Edna also worked. One day she injured herself at work, so I took her to her house. That started our friendship;

- dating her a couple years and in 1957 we were married at Benton Mennonite Church;

- having one son and one daughter, two grandsons and two granddaughters. Our daughter passed away of cancer.

I am from Kalamazoo, where I served in I-W at Bronson Methodist Hospital for two years. Edna walked to a drug store for work;

- riding bicycle five miles to Goshen for work at Star Tank and worked there 46 years;

- having one son and one daughter, two grandsons and two granddaughters. Our daughter passed away of cancer.

- leaving Star Tank in '72 and delivering converted vans for many years. I also enjoyed a hobby of woodworking in my shop.

I am from beginning to attend WMC in 1983 after Brent found WMC friends at Bethany Christian High School.

- delivering a van near Casa Grande, Ariz. We stayed for the winter and bought a house in a mobile home park. We wintered in Arizona many years and in Goshen during the summer;

- delivering hot food from a Baptist Food kitchen in Phoenix to a Baptist church in Casa Grande five days week. The meals were for relief to the needy.

I am from missing Edna since January 2020 after almost 65 years of a happy marriage;

- having two stents inserted recently and moving to Evergreen assisted living at Greencroft.



## Reflection questions on trees

Questions from *Janeen Bertsche Johnson* from her June 18 sermon

Psalm 92:12-15 says, “The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, showing that the Lord is upright.” Just as the psalmist used trees as a metaphor for righteous people, we can be reminded of different aspects of our faith by thinking about the roots, trunks, branches, leaves, and seeds of trees. As a whole, these create an ecology of prayer, a spiritual habitat or home for us.

### **Roots: Embedding Ourselves in God’s Story, Connecting to Others in that Story**

Who or what are the things that feed and anchor your faith?

How deep and wide are your faith roots?

What obstacles have they faced and perhaps grown around?

Are there parts of your faith that have been uprooted? If so, what new growth has happened?

What new ground are your roots exploring?

### **Trunk: Growing through Pain and Loss**

Who or what are the things that strengthen your faith and support your spiritual growth?

How do you experience the sap of God’s love moving through your life?

What are the experiences that have injured your spirit? How have you experienced healing?

How have your experiences of brokenness been incorporated into your identity to make you stronger?

### **Branches: Celebrating our Unique Spiritual Journey**

How have you experienced your journey toward God? Is there a balance of old and new growth?

What ways of encountering God have you let go of because they no longer served you?

How has your faith tradition shaped your journey, and how have you not followed that pattern?

### **Leaves: Receiving and Responding to the Holy Spirit’s Empowerment**

-What are the ways you open yourself to God’s presence?

-How have you experienced the empowerment of the Holy Spirit?

-What patterns of dying and being reborn have you noticed in your life and in the world around you?

-How have you noticed beauty in death, grace in letting go?

### **Flowers, Fruits, Seeds: Sharing What We Have with Others**

-Can you think of times when your faith blossomed and brought joy to others?

-What are the ways you have shared the fruit of your faith with others?

-How have you planted seeds of faith in the lives of others?

May the God who touches earth with beauty, the Creator of the trees and all of their amazing mysteries, give us deep roots embedded in the sacred story, and make us grow strong and upright through nurture and struggle. May we celebrate the unique spiritual journey of each person. May we be open to the Holy Spirit and receive the Spirit’s power, and may we share the fruits of our faith with others. [Amen.](#)



## Summer Worship Schedule, cont. from page 1

Date	Theme	Preacher
July 2	A Song for the Journey – Psalm 1	Deron Bergstresser
July 9	A Song of Praise – Psalm 113	Ruthie Saunders
July 16	Be Transformed – 2 Cor. 5:17	Sharing from MYF and Delegates from MCUSA Convention
July 23	A Song of Lament – Psalm 69:1-16	Cindy Voth
July 30	A Song of Happiness – Psalm 146	Deron Bergstresser

## Changes of Address

### Jerry and Barb Landes

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Goshen, IN 46526

### Wilmer and Ruth Hollinger

Evergreen Place  
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Goshen, IN 46526

## Waterford Announcements

### This Sunday:

- This is the last week that we will meet outside for worship, and the last week for 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!
- This Sunday's **Foods from around the World elective** will feature West African Groundnut Stew, presented by Lynda and Rod Hollinger-Janzen. This would be a good excuse to show off your African swag!

**Salt & Light additional resource** for [June 25](#).

## Mennonite Church USA

When Marc Smithers, one of three delegates selected from Sojourner's Mennonite Fellowship to participate in "**A Day of Fellowship and Discernment**" for the New York Mennonite Conference, he felt apprehensive. But as the event unfolded, the intentionality of the event's planning committee was evident. Read more of his experience here:

[mennoniteusa.org/called-to-community](https://mennoniteusa.org/called-to-community)

"**We live in a fragmented society**. Most of us have grown accustomed to spending the vast majority of our time alone and apart, even if we are in the vicinity of other people," writes Dianne Garcia, future MennoCon23 speaker. Read her reflections here:

[mennoniteusa.org/creating-kingdom-community](https://mennoniteusa.org/creating-kingdom-community)

Follow along with the day-to-day excitement of MennoCon23, the Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit and the Delegate Assembly by subscribing to **MC USA's daily email convention newsletter, the KC Sauce**, here:

[mennoniteusa.org/kcsauce](https://mennoniteusa.org/kcsauce)

"From the time I was very young, I wanted to write a children's book. I spent many hours coming up with characters and interesting plotlines." Chrissie Muecke, curriculum writer and editor for MennoMedia, a Mennonite Church USA agency, reflects on her experience editing "**The Peace Table: A Storybook Bible**" for children. Read more here:

[mennoniteusa.org/preparing-peace-table](https://mennoniteusa.org/preparing-peace-table)

## AMBS

**Take a seminary course this fall!** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's distance-friendly options include Faith Formation and Spirituality: Children; The Hebrew Bible and Its Contexts; History of Christianity in Africa; Luke-Acts: Gospeling Peace Amid Empire; Reading Cultural Contexts; Somatic Spiritual Practices; and more. Campus courses are also available. Some courses may be audited. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours. Classes begin Aug. 29; sign up by Aug. 21. [ambs.edu/upcoming-courses](https://www.ambs.edu/upcoming-courses)

**Church matching grants for seminary.** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary offers grants of up to \$2,000 per academic year to match contributions that congregations, conferences and regional churches make toward a full-time graduate student's tuition costs. We're committed to making theological education affordable and accessible for students across the church — tap a shoulder! [ambs.edu/church-matching-grants](https://www.ambs.edu/church-matching-grants)

## MDS

The June edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: volunteer work in Red Lake, Minnesota is empowering Native American homeowners; a new video features a unique program at Lancaster Mennonite School; and with open arms, there are new accommodations for volunteers in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3PnIVBu>

## 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.

**Come hear Tim Nafziger**, active in the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery coalition, **share about his time at Oak Flat in Arizona**, and the effort of the Apache Stronghold to resist the U.S. government's plan to transfer land considered sacred to the mining industry. Thursday, June 29, 7 p.m. at the Assembly Mennonite meetinghouse. The Oak Flat struggle is a modern example of how the legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery continues to oppress Indigenous Peoples.

**MDS Family Camp at Amigo Centre, July 9 - 13.** What is the MDS Family Camp? It is an opportunity to come as a family or for grandparents to bring their grandchildren for a week of learning about the value of service and learning construction skills. See more information and register at <https://www.amigocentre.org/mds-family-camp.html>

**Hearts of Fire:** World Missionary Press is hosting this virtual event on Friday July 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the World Prayer Center (19168 CR 146, New Paris). Hear inspiring testimonies of costly faith from four courageous women. Event is free, but a ticket is necessary. Call 574-831-2111 ext. 230 to reserve a seat. See flier on bulletin board for more details.

**Save the date for a Comforter Bash!** Make plans to join us on November 10 and 11 for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Comforter Bash in Goshen. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Church (58529 County Road 23). For more information about the event visit [mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash](https://mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash) or contact Donna Stoltzfus at 574-831-4098. A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

**Sixth Rooted & Grounded Conference** to focus on **“Pathways through Climate Doom.”** Rather than being stuck in despair about climate change, how do people of faith find ways to combine active engagement and deeply rooted hope? Participants in the sixth **Rooted & Grounded Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship** will engage this question together, examining theological, biblical and pastoral care responses to climate doom. The conference will be held Sept. 28–30, 2023, at AMBS and online. [Learn more and register.](#)

## Opportunities

**Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Needs You!** Volunteers help make the Relief Sale happen. Your help is appreciated!

- Do you love seeing happy children? We need you to help us **host a carnival for kiddos** at the MCC Relief Sale! Anyone 12 years or older can sign up to run a game booth. Kids under 12 are welcome to run a game with the help of an adult. Have fun in a carnival atmosphere while helping kids learn about the work MCC does around the world. If you have questions, contact Sonya Overman at [preschoolsonya@gmail.com](mailto:preschoolsonya@gmail.com)
- Volunteers are also needed to help **work at booths including plants, Ten Thousand Villages and others, and with set up and tear down.** Email [mennonitesale@yahoo.com](mailto:mennonitesale@yahoo.com) or call 888-503-8559 to volunteer. Just a few hours makes a big difference!