

## The Escape Room

Second place went to the Claassen family and an unidentified MVP.



July 2, 2023



# The Waterford Buzz

### **This Sunday**

9:00 a.m. - Worship  
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour  
MYF departs for KC

### **Welcome Team**

Greeters: Jim & Lila Gascho  
Ushers: Glenn Reinford, Ken Otto, Len Harms  
Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler, Glen Kauffmann

### **This Week at Waterford**

*Tuesday*  
Office Closed  
*Zoom prayers*  
Monday - 8:30 a.m.  
Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

## **Additional households make Welcoming Spaces gifts**

*Lyle Miller, Welcoming Spaces 3.1 fundraising coordinator*

Seven households have made a first-time gift to our Welcoming Spaces projects in the past two months. With those, a total of 81 Waterford households have made a gift to either Welcoming Spaces 3.0 or 3.1. Thank you to this group of attenders who have joined with others in their generosity!

With those contributions and others, we have now received more than \$238,000 in gifts and stated intentions to give, moving us to more than 86 percent of our \$275,000 goal. Our gifts received include the grant proceeds from Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference's Capital Projects Fund.

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. Also look for opportunities to help with demolition and other prep work in the fellowship hall, which will begin soon after Vacation Bible School in early August.

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## Life at Waterford

### Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 158

Nurture Hour – 136

### Finances – June 25, 2023

Operating Fund \$4,164.00

Mennonite Education \$160.00

Either Fund \$2,540.00

*Budget Total* \$6,864.00

Welcoming Spaces \$60,530.00

**Total \$67,394.00**

### Looking Ahead

July 9: Ruthie Saunders; A Song of Praise; (*Psalm 113*)

July 16: MennoCon23 sharing by Youth and Delegates; Be Transformed  
*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

### 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 July 3-12

Cindy Voth July 3-8, 10-11

Janet Shoemaker July 3-8

### Office hours this week

Tuesday CLOSED

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
9 - 12

Friday

9 - 12

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## Fellowship Hall deconstruction

Are you looking forward to having room dividers in the Fellowship Hall that actually close? Are you longing for the day when you don't have to stare at the 1970's school hallway floor tiles when no one in your Sunday School class has anything to say? Do you ever wish that your corner of the hall wasn't freezing in winter and suffocatingly hot in summer? Well, soon you will have a chance to do something about that!

Renovations are expected to begin in late August or early September. But before the contractors come, we will do the deconstruction with volunteers. From August 8 - 11 we will need a few volunteers to empty the hall of tables, chairs and everything in all of the closets. Then all entrances into the rest of the building will be sealed against traffic and dust.

On two Saturdays, volunteers are needed to remove the accordion doors (curtains) and moveable walls (August 12) and the ceiling tile and grid (August 19). Both of these days will require strong younger bodies, as the doors are heavy and the ceiling work is a lot of overhead labor.

During the week in between, we will need six to eight people each day to remove the floor tiles. Older volunteers would be better suited to this work, and positions and tasks can be rotated throughout the day. It will require N95 masks.

There are signup sheets at the participation station for each of these four tasks. Consider what you can do and when you can do it to help make this project happen!

## Bike Ride to Mooney's

On Saturday, June 24, nearly 50 WMCers biked the Pumpkin Vine trail to Mooney's ice cream stand near Middlebury and enjoyed some ice cream before pedaling back to Goshen.



Lauren Stauffer and Firman Gingerich enjoy some shade and ice cream.



Esther Farmwald, Esther Stutzman, Rosina Litwiller and Ruby Hochstedler joined the fun and food at Mooney's (by car).

## Waterford Announcements

This Sunday, **we will return to our regular inside worship services.** Adult Nurture classes will return to their regular meeting places. Children and youth will not be meeting during the month of July.

**We will not have a potluck this Sunday, 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.

**Vacation Bible School, July 31 - August 3.** The theme this year is The Marketplace. We will learn about life in Biblical times through visiting the Synagogue, baking bread, making bricks, fishing and more! We will meet from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunches will be provided. **Bring your friends and neighbors!** Sign up online at <https://forms.gle/6HZU9codYS39Pfo7>

**Salt & Light additional resource** for [July 2](#).

### Classifieds

**Ride needed:** Ursula Hess is looking for a ride home **from Chicago O'Hare** Airport on Thursday, August 3 at 3:00 p.m. Please contact Ursula, preferably before July 3, at 574-210-9143 if you can pick her up on that day.

**Ukraine history and contemporary reality:** The first four Sundays of July, the Seekers class will be hosting Walter Sawatsky, Retired Professor of Church History at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, to lead them in a historical and current foundation on the situation in Ukraine. Others are invited to join them if interested. For an outline of the four sessions, see the flier on the bulletin board. Seekers meet in the north Fellowship Hall.

**Do you have Legos to donate or sell?:** I am looking to acquire Legos for the Waterford youth and kids. I am hoping to use Legos for a Sunday school class I am teaching this coming fall, and I would find good use for them in the years to come. If you once had a Lego-builder in your house, and now do not know what to do with all those little bricks, I would be interested in them! Contact [katie@waterfordchurch.org](mailto:katie@waterfordchurch.org).

### Mennonite Church USA

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](http://mennoniteusa.org/kcsauce) View the **online version** here: [www.mennoniteusa.org/kcsauce/](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/kcsauce/)

In case you missed it, watch the recording of **part I of the Delegate Assembly: Know Before You Go** webinar series. Host and panelists review the agenda and discuss the best way for conferences, congregations and delegates to prepare as well as the role of delegates in the discernment process: [mennoniteusa.org/da23-webinar1](http://mennoniteusa.org/da23-webinar1)

In case you missed it, watch the recording of **part II of the Delegate Assembly: Know Before You Go** webinar series. Leaders from MC USA, Everence and MHS Association discuss the proposed organizational resolutions for the upcoming Delegate Assembly in Kansas City: [mennoniteusa.org/da23-webinar2](http://mennoniteusa.org/da23-webinar2)



## AMBS

### Seeking an Admissions

**Counselor.** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, 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://ambs.edu/jobs)

## 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/3PnlVBu>

## Upcoming Community Events

**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.

**Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Banquet:** Mark your calendar for the Relief Sale Banquet, Tuesday, **August 15**. Watch for more details coming soon.

**Living that Matters for Men: A half-day retreat.** Men, what kind of man do you want to be and how can you live a life that matters? In this half day retreat, men will examine the scripts we've been given, explore the traits of healthy masculinity, and reconsider their purpose and roles in life. This retreat will be led by Steve Thomas, director of Mennonite Men and author of *Living that Matters* (Herald Press, 2023), at Pathways Retreat in Goshen 8:30-12:00 Saturday, **August 19**. See more information or to register at <https://www.pathwaysretreat.org/living-that-matters-for-men.html>.

**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** at AMBS and online. [Learn more and register.](#)

**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](http://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.

## Opportunities

La Posada Immigrant Aid urgently needs a **host family for an MCC IVEP** intern, Andres Felipe, who will be arriving from Colombia in August. Host families provide room, board and a supportive family environment. A monthly stipend to cover costs is available. Contact the La Posada office ([office@LaPosadaAid.com](mailto:office@LaPosadaAid.com)) if interested.

MC USA is seeking a .5 to 1.0 FTE **Climate Justice Coordinator** to oversee and coordinate the climate justice efforts within MC USA. This person will help resource conferences and congregations to build a common understanding across the denomination around the climate crisis and our role/responsibility in creating lasting change. The ideal candidate will be a follower of Jesus, an active member of an MC USA congregation, be knowledgeable about climate change science, and have an understanding of theological grounds for creation care and climate action. View the job description [here](#). For an application form, contact [HR@MennoniteUSA.org](mailto:HR@MennoniteUSA.org) or call 316-281-4257.