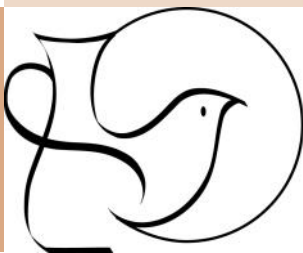




July 23, 2023



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

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

Welcome Team

Greeters: Bob & Rachel
Brenneman
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Krista
Daniels, Wade Ramer
Audiovisuals: Derrick Ramer,
Jordan Kauffman

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday
6:30 p.m. Young Adult
Fellowship
Zoom prayers
Monday - 8:30 a.m.
Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Upcoming Fellowship Events

Cars & Coffee

Jonathan Wieand, Fellowship Ministry Team

The Fellowship Ministry Team invites all car enthusiasts and interested others to Cars & Coffee at Waterford from 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on Saturday August 5, in the church parking lot.



We know there are those among us for whom cars are more than just transportation. If you have a car that is classic, old, new, sports, hybrid, electric, a restoration work in progress, or has an interesting story, bring it and share about it with others. You could even bring your favorite tractor, SUV, motorhome, or truck. Or, just come to see what others have brought.



We'll have coffee and donuts and maybe some home baked treats until the coffee urns run dry.

Please sign up at the participation station so we know how many to expect. There you can also tell us what car, truck, or vehicle you are bringing and if you would like to bring some home made goodies.



Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 205
Nurture Hour – 116

Finances – July 16, 2023

Operating Fund	\$8,190.00
Mennonite Education	\$4,445.00
Either Fund	\$5,420.00
<i>Budget Total</i>	<i>\$18,055.00</i>
Least Coin Fund	\$23.00
Welcoming Spaces	\$11,400.00
Total	\$29,478.00

Looking Ahead

July 30: Deron Bergstresser, A
Song of Happiness;
(Psalm 146)
August 6: George Thompson;
VBS
(Luke 4:18-19; 15:8-10)

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 July 24-27

Office hours this week

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

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Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"

Melissa Chupp, Lay Ministry Partner for Fellowship Ministry Team

In May we had our first "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" evening as around 165 WMCers gathered around tables in 17 different homes for an evening of food and fellowship. Fellowship Ministry Team (FMT) received so much affirmation about the event as well as heard a strong desire for us to plan another one! So, FMT is planning our next "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" for Sunday, August 27, from 5:30 – 8 p.m. Stay tuned for more information but we invite you to begin thinking now if you would like to serve as a host (clean your house, and provide the main dish in your home/backyard) or be a guest (not clean your house, and provide a salad or dessert in the home of another WMCer).

VBS

VBS is just around the corner!

Mariko Claassen, Director of Children's Ministries

We are looking for a few items that we would love to borrow or to have donated for the week of July 31 - August 4:

Marketplace decorations:

- Pillows
- Rags
- Sheets/ plain big cloths
- Baskets

Lunch ingredients for 50 people:

- Sandwich bread
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Mandarin oranges/cuties
- Crockpot mac and cheese or macaroni, velveeta cheese, evaporated milk, and butter
- Tortillas
- 10 lbs ground beef
- Shredded cheddar cheese
- 8 bags of hotdog buns
- Chips
- Fruits

We also welcome monetary donations toward VBS. Please contact Mariko Claassen at marikomc@gmail.com or 574-903-9385 if you can help with these items.

Waterford Announcements



It's School Kit time again! The stores are having sales on the items needed to fill a School Kit bag. MCC is making a drive to receive 10,000 kits in August. Last year our church delivered 95 school kits to the MCC Relief Center. This year we have 125 bags ready to be filled! Can we do it? Look for the bags on the table by the library. Lists of the items needed will also be available. For more information on the MCC School Kit Challenge go to mcc.org/school-kit-challenge.

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 23](#).

MCUSA

Jewel Gingerich Longenecker, dean of Lifelong Learning and co-director of the Doctor of Ministry in Leadership program at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, shares about her transformative experience applying for a position through the Spirit-led nudging of a mentor. Read her story here: mennoniteusa.org/transformed-by-mentoring

The international fellow at Mennonite Central Committee's National Peace and Justice Ministries, **Anthony Khair**, has lived next to a wall for a lot of his life. "Being from Palestine, I am often seen as being from 'the other side of the wall,'" he writes. Read his Menno Snapshots blog, "**Both sides of the wall: the good side and the bad side**," here: mennoniteusa.org/both-sides-of-the-wall

On Sunday, May 21, 2023, more than 260 people – including members of at least six local Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) congregations – gathered for a **Gun Violence Awareness Day witness walk** in Lansdale, Pennsylvania. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/protest-gun-violence

In celebration of **Bike to Work Day**, **Joel Miller**, pastor of Columbus (Ohio) Mennonite Church, an MC USA congregation, wrote a poem about his experience riding his bike to work in the morning. Read the full poem here: mennoniteusa.org/bike-church-poem

AMBS

Spiritual Direction:

Foundations. Strengthen your skills in offering spiritual direction through the first level of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's supervised spiritual direction program. This course — which can be done either in person or online — will help you grow in confidence and competence as a spiritual director as you learn from Scripture, theology, Christian tradition, ethics, psychology, human development and practice! The seminar begins Aug. 29; apply by Aug. 1 to save \$200. ams.edu/seminars

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. ams.edu/online-short-courses

Fully online seminary degree.

Check out Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's fully online **Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism!** The 46-credit-hour academic degree program can be completed in four years of part-time study and offers a global approach to Anabaptist theological education. ams.edu/matga

MDS

The July edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King shares some lessons learned in the wilderness; learn about an MDS family project bringing a new look to a campground in Wyoming; and hear from a long-time project director talk about why he continues to serve with MDS. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3DlnAQX>

Upcoming Community Events

Pathways Retreat is offering three new retreats in August & September: Living that Matters for Men, Shake off Stress, and Renewing Your Spirit in Nature, as well as weekly yoga. Daily prayers resume August 15. Find more information at pathwaysretreat.org.

The Adriel Foundation invites you to join Adriel for a day of fun and fellowship at Eagle Rock Golf club in Defiance, Ohio, for the **annual Adriel Benefit golf Scramble** on Monday, September 11, 2023. Proceeds support children in Northwest Ohio and throughout the state through Adriel's foster care and adoption, clinical services, family preservation, and training programs. To register, or for sponsorship information, please visit <https://forms.gle/ipuNBfWbLyVtchJM7>, or for more information please call or email Jennifer Butler at 419-906-0228 / jennifer.butler@adriel.org. See bulletin board for more details.

Opportunities

Mennonite Relief Sale:

- Bless others and the work of MCC with your **donation to the 2023 Quilt Auction** at the Relief Sale. Comforters and quilts of all sizes, quilted wall-hangings, plus knitted or crocheted afghans are all needed. See the website for how to register your item - <http://www.mennonitesale.org/quilt-auction>. Registration ends August 25. For more information contact Gail Shetler, 574-333-7142.
- You can already **register for the Run for Relief** at the 2023 Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale! Registration details are on the website: <https://www.mennonitesale.org/run-for-relief>. Cost is only \$25! (\$20 without a t-shirt).

Over the last two years **Pastor Ben Bouwman** at Walnut Hill Mennonite Church has been learning about **the ways that white supremacy has shaped (and continues to shape) our country**, most evident in the harms towards Black Americans. He has been asking what it means to repair this harm nationally as well as locally. Please email Ben at benraybouwman@gmail.com if you have interest in being on a monthly email list regarding racial justice and reparations, particularly at the local level.

Thrift at Woodland Crossing, Elkhart, IN is seeking to hire an **assistant manager** to work 25-40 hours per week. For information please contact Thrift at Woodland Crossing at elkharthrift@gmail.com or (574) 326-3674.

Amigo Centre is hiring! Amigo is a camp and retreat center in Sturgis, Michigan that connects people to God, creation and each other. At Amigo, we are in need of a Head Cook with experience to continue a long tradition of delicious food at camp, as well as a Guest Services Coordinator and Food Services Administrator to support the effective running of camp. All positions are part-time. For more information, see the website <https://www.amigocentre.org/employment.html> Interested applicants should contact Executive Director Jessica Weseman at jessica@amigocentre.org