

**This Sunday:**

Ariana Pérez Diener will share about her experiences in Kenya with MCC SALT.



**August 13, 2023**



# The Waterford Buzz

**This Sunday**

- 9:00 a.m. - Worship
- 10:30 a.m. - Congregational Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. - Ecuador Prayers

**Welcome Team**

- Greeters: Bob & Rachel Breneman
- Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken Otto, Denise Diener
- Audiovisuals: Shawn Stutzman, Jordan Kauffman

**This Week at Waterford**

- Wednesday*
- 5:30 p.m. - Haystacks & Games / MYF Room
- Zoom prayers*
- Monday - 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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**And the fun begins . . .**

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped clean out the Fellowship Hall and tear out the moveable walls this last week! The deconstruction has begun.

You will see various changes both inside and out. The hall is now completely sealed off with plastic to the rest of the building except for the outside west door. There is a large dumpster in the drive way on the west side of the building. If you park on the north side, drive carefully to avoid head-on collisions!

There has been a change of plans concerning the removal of the floor, which will shorten the amount of time needed to complete our part of the deconstruction. But there will still be plenty to do next week with removing ceilings, closet shelving and bathroom fixtures. If you signed up to help during the week, you'll be kept busy. There will be an announcement later in the week about volunteer needs for next Saturday. So stay tuned!



## Life at Waterford

### Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 186

Nurture Hour – 150

### Finances – August 6, 2023

Operating Fund	\$10,280.00
Mennonite Education	\$1,275.00
Either Fund	\$3,664.15
<i>Budget Total</i>	<i>\$15,219.15</i>
Welcome Spaces	\$100.00
VBS	\$516.37
Sharing Fund	\$125.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,960.52</b>

### Looking Ahead

August 20: Sermon: Velma Swartz; Dying Well

August 27: New Members; Testimony

### 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 August 15-16  
Katie Misz August 17

### Office hours this week

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

Tuesday, Friday  
9 - 12

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## Library Matters

*By Diane Bodiker*

Barb Westerbeek and I have just completed an inventory of the church library. The results are that we have one lost book we wanted you to know about:

*Elm Creek Quilts*, by Jennifer Chiaverini

This year's inventory results were the least amount of lost books we have had for a number of years. Thank you for being such responsible users of our church library.

Please stop and browse the books currently on display. We have many new Christian fiction books which are not new copyrights, but new to our library. Also, there are new non-fiction books from Herald Press and a few books that were donated. The Buzz will have blurbs for these books in the future.

## Seekers' Social

For their August social, the Seekers went to Wellfield Botanic Gardens . . .





. . . and then to DaVinci's Pizza to enjoy a salad/pizza buffet.



## Waterford Announcements

**There are still numerous baskets and a throw rug** that people contributed to last week's VBS. They are all on the top of the coat rack next to the nursery. Please claim your items this week!

**Last Sunday to sign up for "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"** Sunday, August 27, from 5:30 – 8 p.m. Don't forget to fill out your form if you wish to participate. Please return your filled out form to the box on the participation station table.

**It's My Coins Count time again this year!** This year, your collections will help provide FOOD to children and families around the world through Mennonite Central Committee and its partners by supporting farmers with animals and new techniques to maximize their yields to feed their families. Funds will also be used for emergency food for families in refugee camps or in crisis. Coins will be gathered at the church, beginning next Sunday, to take to the Michiana Relief Sale on Sept. 22-23. Once again, you are welcome to match the total of coins raised by WMC. Contact Denise Diener at 574-621-5126 or [denisediener@yahoo.com](mailto:denisediener@yahoo.com).

## Upcoming Community Events

**Pathways Retreat** is offering new retreats in August and September: Shake off Stress, Renewing Your Spirit in Nature, and weekly yoga. Daily prayers resume August 15. Find more information at [pathwaysretreat.org](http://pathwaysretreat.org).

### MCUSA

Mennonite Church USA has named **Nancy Kauffmann**, former board president of Dove's Nest and longtime Mennonite church leader, as the interim **denominational minister of Church Safety** for MC USA's Church Vitality office. This new position was created so that the denomination could address the need for continued abuse education and prevention work. Read the announcement here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/interim-minister-church-safety](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/interim-minister-church-safety)

In this Menno Snapshots blog, Glen Guyton, executive director of MC USA, introduces and reflects on the new theme for the next biennium, "**Follow Jesus.**" "MC USA's role in our society is more critical than ever. Our message of peace, love, community and reconciliation is needed in this hurting world," Guyton said. Read more about the new theme here: [mennoniteusa.org/follow-jesus](http://mennoniteusa.org/follow-jesus)  
View the slide graphic here: [mennoniteusa.org/fj-qr](http://mennoniteusa.org/fj-qr)

The pandemic was a time of great anxiety but also a time for reflection and healing. **Jesica Lynn Nichols**, a member of Lowville (New York) Mennonite Church, reflects on **how and why she became a Mennonite during the pandemic**. Read more of her story here: [mennoniteusa.org/blessings-amid-pandemic](http://mennoniteusa.org/blessings-amid-pandemic)

**Lisa Longacher**, a development officer for Hesston College, shares about **how her art can be used for positive change**. Longacher co-led a youth seminar, "Art for Change: Exploring Your Creativity," at MennoCon23. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/art-for-change](http://mennoniteusa.org/art-for-change)

## AMBS

### Expand your leadership skills through AMBS's new Practical Leadership Training modules!

Our September offerings include Guide Your Congregation through Polarization (webinar); Leadership Practices for Spiritual Vitality (online workshop); Liderazgo que edifica (online workshop in Spanish); and Practicing Resilience in Response to Trauma (in-person seminar). CEUs available. The registration deadline for each module is one week prior to its start date. See our offerings for October and November as well! [ambs.edu/plt](http://ambs.edu/plt)

### Take a seminary course this fall!

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's distance-friendly options include Faith Formation and Spirituality: Children; 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](http://ambs.edu/upcoming-courses)

**Embrace the Change:** A presentation by Tom Rose, Sunday, August 20, at 4:00 p.m. at the Goshen Theater. Tom Rose has written about coping with grief and he will talk on learning to embrace life changes as opportunities. Meet and greet reception to follow in the lobby. See more details on the flier on the bulletin board.

The Indiana Center for Middle East Peace is honored to present **Dr. Mazim Qumsiyeh**, speaking on "**Saving Palestine: A People in Jeopardy**" on August 24 at 10:00 a.m. in Greencroft's Jennings Auditorium. Dr. Qumsiyeh is a scientist and author from Bethlehem, Palestine. He has lectured at Duke, Yale, and the University of Tennessee. In 2008, he founded both the Palestine Museum of Natural History and the Bethlehem Institute for Biodiversity and Sustainability. He has a passion for conserving Palestinian culture and heritage in the midst of current Israeli governmental abuse. You are invited to join us in learning about a people whose simple existence is in jeopardy. Admission is free, but a free-will offering will be received.

### Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale:

- **Volunteers** are needed as golf cart shuttle drivers (see the website for 2.5 hour shifts available), helping with recycling, working in a booth, helping set-up before the sale and/or tearing down on Saturday. Email [mennonitesale@yahoo.com](mailto:mennonitesale@yahoo.com) for information.
- **Runners and walkers:** Be sure and visit the website <https://www.mennonitesale.org/run-for-relief> to register for the **Run for Relief** (5K run or 2K fun run) and, if you want a T-shirt, reserve your size. You can also register in person at the sale Friday evening or Saturday morning. There is a paper form on the website you can fill out and mail in if you prefer. The registration fee remains a reasonable \$25 with T-shirt or \$20 without a T-shirt.

## Opportunities

### Employment

**Office Administrator Position:** East Goshen Mennonite Church (EGMC) is hiring for their part-time (20-25 hours per week) Office Administrator Role. To read a complete job description and submit a résumé, please go to [tinyurl.com/EGMCOOffice](http://tinyurl.com/EGMCOOffice). Come join the EGMC staff team and participate in the congregation's vision of "Passionately Follow Jesus!"

### Volunteer

**Do you have a heart for helping children and grieving adults?** If so, become a trained grief facilitator! Ryan's Place is looking for volunteers to help with children and adult groups for our Monday Night Program. We are also looking for volunteers to help with our School Program. You should know: We have a lot of fun, and our volunteers make a huge difference! No clinical experience is required and you'll never be in a group alone. Our next training is **August 18 and 19**. Contact Lindsay Diener-Locke if are interested or would like more information @ [locke@ryansplace.org](mailto:locke@ryansplace.org) or 574-538-1744

**Green Oaks, the new assisted living complex** built in Goshen, is looking for volunteers to help impact the lives of its residents. Playing cards, running Bingos, holding Bible Studies, etc. If you are interested in working with seniors, call Anita today at 574-501-5342.