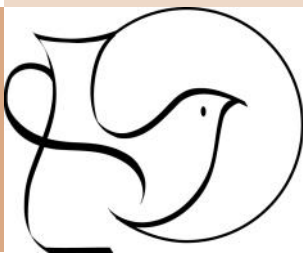




August 20, 2023



# The Waterford Buzz

## **This Sunday**

9:00 a.m. - Worship  
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour  
6:00 p.m. - JYF pool party / Jeff  
& Mariko Claassen home

## **Welcome Team**

Greeters: Bob & Rachel  
Brenneman  
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Jim  
Gashco, Wade Ramer  
Audiovisuals: Glen Kauffmann,  
Jeff Claassen

## **This Week at Waterford**

### *Monday*

7:00 p.m. - MLC / Rm 37

### *Wednesday*

7:00 p.m. - YAF

### *Zoom prayers*

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.



On August 12 the Pathfinders class met at Greg and Melanie Hire's home to celebrate the new stage of life Curt and Joanna Yoder will soon be entering—retirement!! In the next several weeks they will both retire from their long careers and begin moving their belongings to their new home in Anderson, Ind., which is closer to where their son, CJ, and daughter, Rachele, live. September 10 will be their final day of moving. Being only two hours away from Goshen, Curt and Joanna want to remain involved with things happening at Waterford as this is home to them. Congratulations, Curt and Joanna!

Their new address will be: 1118 Oregon Way, Anderson, IN 46012.

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## Life at Waterford

### Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 170

Nurture Hour – 172

### Finances – August 13, 2023

Operating Fund	\$3,895.00
Mennonite Education	\$5,859.10
Either Fund	\$1,315.00
<i>Budget Total</i>	<i>\$11,069.10</i>
Welcome Spaces	\$2,600.00
VBS	\$50.00
Least Coin	\$39.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,758.10</b>

### Looking Ahead

August 27: New Members;  
Testimony

September 3: Sermon: Deron  
Bergstresser; Sabbath

### 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 August 25-29

### Office hours this week

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

Tuesday, Friday  
9 - 12

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## Worship Visual

### What Is It?

by *Loanne Harms*

Last Sunday there were a number of people who stopped to ask me, “What is it?” referring to the huge visual up in front in the sanctuary. One soul was kind enough to say they weren’t sure what it was but trusted that if I was doing it, it would be meaningful. (Thank you)

Pastor Cindy introduced our current worship series, “Practicing our Faith,” in the *Buzz* earlier this month. In it she quotes Dorothy Bass describing Christian practices as “shared patterns of activity in and through which life together takes shape over time in response to and in light of God as known in Jesus Christ. Woven together, they form a way of life...”

Our visual for this series draws upon some of these images; shaped over time, woven together, and patterns of activity. The huge weaving or tapestry is meant to represent a “way of life” with a strip added each week that represents the practice of the day. I chose colors and patterns to reflect the theme of each practice. Careful observation will find that today’s fabric, while primarily black, is over-printed with music symbols that flow across it.

Within each strip you will find additional objects like a broken chain, a Masai necklace or a water bottle. These add-ons reflect the testimonies of the day. Like memories that surface when we reflect on Christian practices within our lives, these objects, these symbolic representations of the testimonies, help steer our encounters with God.

And it’s huge because smallness doesn’t serve us well as a way of life. We are called to add big chunks of our life to Christian practices, with each helping “to embody a specific wisdom about what it means to be a human being under God” as Bass describes.

## Kenyan Party Dress



**Ariana Pérez Diener’s Kenyan necklace drew the attention of Leah Smeltzer. Leah modeled the necklace for a picture. Ariana shared about her year with SALT during the service.**





## From the Children's Director

**Thank you** to everyone who supported the VBS mission, Raw Tools, and donated on VBS Sunday! We raised \$516.17! We hope you had fun getting a glimpse of what we did at The Marketplace VBS!

**As the new school year started**, I wanted to remind everyone about the youth section in the sanctuary. Youth in 6th-12th grades are invited to sit in the youth section towards the front of the sanctuary every Sunday. If there are many youth, they may need to split into two rows, but there is a seat for every youth! We hope that this is a fun space for them to sit with their friends and worship together.

## WMC Opportunities

### Endowment Fund Reminder

*Lyz Zimmerman, chair, the Endowment Fund Committee*

Applications for the Waterford Mennonite Church Endowment Fund will be accepted until October 1, 2023. As a reminder, the fund exists to further the ongoing mission of the church by providing a vehicle for above budget gifts to be invested for the church's work. A complete copy of the Endowment Fund Guidelines can be found under the big bulletin board or at [www.waterfordchurch.org](http://www.waterfordchurch.org). Please feel free to talk to one of the committee members if you have any questions and submit the applications to Lyz Zimmerman, either by paper copy in church mailbox or via email at [lyzkauffman@yahoo.com](mailto:lyzkauffman@yahoo.com).

### Opportunity to Help Someone!

Looking for someone to purchase a home in Clinton Woods as a rental. The current renter has been renting the home for 14 years and would like to continue. For more information contact Ruthie Saunders. Thanks so much for considering.

## Waterford Announcements

It has been so rewarding to watch all the **school kits** coming in! To date, you have donated 131! There are still more bags available. If you have any more completed kits at home, **have them to church by September 3**. Thank you!

The **deadline** for letting Sheldon Swartz know of your interest in joining the **Anxiety as Opportunity for Spiritual Growth group** described in the August 4 Buzz is this Wednesday the 23rd. [sheldonws@yahoo.com](mailto:sheldonws@yahoo.com) or text or call 574-536-5630

**My Coins Count.** Coins will be gathered at the church, beginning this Sunday, to take to the Michiana Relief Sale on Sept. 22-23. As your children begin to collect coins, you can download the [MyCC calendar](#) to guide their giving. 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).

**Salt & Light additional resource** for [August 20](#).

## MCUSA

Mennonite Church USA Executive Board is strengthening its ongoing commitment to creation care and climate justice by expanding its Peace & Justice ministries to include **Mennonite Creation Care Network**. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/mccn](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/mccn)

During her "Called to be Bad" MennoCon23 seminar, **Mariah Martin**, a pastor at Faith Mennonite Church and the host of the "Called to be Bad" podcast used the media platform as a case-study to explore the **life-giving possibilities for virtual community**. Read more about her podcast here: [mennoniteusa.org/called-to-be-bad](https://mennoniteusa.org/called-to-be-bad)

**"Living into Repentance and Transformation"** a seminar that took place during MennoCon23, allowed for curiosity about questions of repentance and transformation through table talk and group conversation. Randy Spaulding, pastor of Boulder (Colorado) Mennonite Church, invited ideas, stories, actions and creative possibilities ahead of the seminar. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/living-into-repentance-transformation](https://mennoniteusa.org/living-into-repentance-transformation)

**Jessica Griggs, blog editor for MC USA, talked to Sarah Nahar**, a non-violent action trainer and inter-spiritual theologian, ahead of the Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit. Watch the video and read the article as Nahar answers questions about climate justice and her work on this subject: [mennoniteusa.org/climate-justice-poop-loop](https://mennoniteusa.org/climate-justice-poop-loop)

MennoCon is a formative event for many youth and young adults as they journey in their faith. **Rylee Weishaupt**, future Hesston College graduate, **reflects on the conventions she has attended** as a youth and the ways these events have impacted her. Read her story here: [mennoniteusa.org/transformed-through-mennocon](https://mennoniteusa.org/transformed-through-mennocon)

## AMBS

**Online Short Course: Resisting Christian Nationalism with the Gospel of Peace: Oct. 25 – Nov. 21.** Join Drew Strait, PhD, in this four-week online AMBS short course to deepen your understanding of White Christian nationalism and explore practical and effective nonviolent strategies for resisting it — drawing insights from how Jesus countered oppression. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 4 to save \$50. [ambs.edu/nationalism](https://ambs.edu/nationalism)

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## MDS

The August edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: We have the latest information from Maui on the devastating wildfires; learn about the power of family love; and learn about new ways to get involved with MDS by exploring Beyond the Project. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3E1RVV3>

## Upcoming Community Events

**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.

**MCC Great Lakes Open House on Thursday, August 31, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.** You are invited to visit our office in The Depot building in Goshen (1013 Division Street) for an informal time of conversation and fellowship with MCC Great Lakes staff. There will be an opportunity for those who visit to donate items for and put together a school kit for MCC's School Kit Challenge. For more information and to register, visit [mcc.org/gl-open-house](https://mcc.org/gl-open-house) or RSVP to 574-534-4133 or [GreatLakes@mcc.org](mailto:GreatLakes@mcc.org) by August 24.

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: More Quilts are needed!** Bless others through 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.

**"Enhancing Cross Cultural Understanding of Grief,"** Ryan's Place **Annual Grief Seminar at Goshen College**, September 22, 2023. The Keynote Speaker will be Andy McNeil, CEO of The Satori Group, LLC, a national education and consulting company for non-profit organizations. Andy has worked with organizations and written about children and grief. Scan the QR code for more information.



## Opportunities

**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.