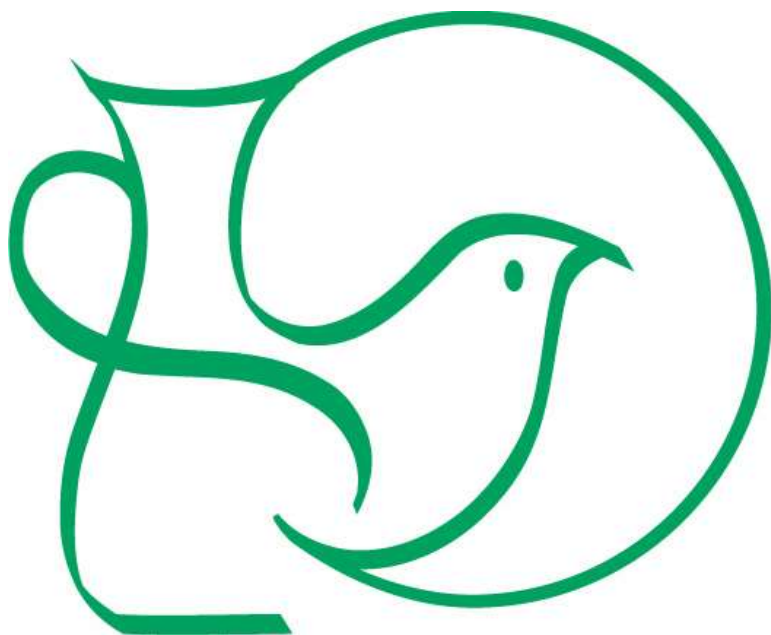


Practicing Our Faith



Waterford
Mennonite Church

Testimony

Receiving New Members

August 27, 2023

Prelude		Anne Lehman
Gathering Songs		Nick Stoltzfus
	<i>Every Time I Feel the Spirit</i>	VT 681
	<i>My Love Colors Outside the Lines</i>	VT 582
Statio		
Welcome & Call to worship		Cindy Voth
Lighting the peace lamp*		Charlie Lehman, Nathaniel Snyder
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Welcoming New Members		Deron Bergstresser, Cindy Voth
Derrick & Michelle Ramer		
Acts 11:1-18		Kenzie Zimmerman, Lena Claassen
Mark 12:29-31		Sean Zimmerman
Songs	<i>My Soul Cries Out</i>	VT 412
	<i>Praise God</i>	VT 70
Irma Pérez		
1 Corinthians 13:1-13		Lydia Voth
Song	<i>When Peace like a River</i>	VT 617
Derrick & Sara Method		
Luke 12:25-29		Eliza Method
Ephesians 4:26		Eliza Method
Ephesians 5:8-10		Jeremiah Voth
Songs	<i>God of the Bible</i>	VT 420
	<i>How Can We Be Silent</i>	VT 790
Membership Questions		
Congregational Response		VT 961
Congregational prayers		Cindy Voth
Benediction		
Sending Song	<i>Soon and Very Soon</i>	VT 669

*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world.

Prayers

Gladys Mast, who celebrates her 95th birthday on Monday the 28th, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on her. Join in her celebration by signing a card for her at the table in the foyer.

Pray for *Fairhaven Mennonite Church* to find ways to continue to connect with neighborhood families whose children participated in church-sponsored summer activities in July.

Bob and Leah Beth Shetler, who will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on August 29.

Ron and Esther Rose Graber, who will celebrate their 71st wedding anniversary on August 31.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for *Bekah York* in her work with the Colombia Mennonite Church and Justapaz, the church's peacebuilding organization. May God grant Bekah wisdom, energy and contagious hope for her ministries.

Our Waterford Delegation to Benin Bible Institute as they prepare for their visit to BBI in November: *Rod Hollinger-Janzen; Pastor Cindy, Luke, Elijah, and Thomas Voth.*

Welcome College Students and Young Adults! You are invited to enjoy baked goods and conversation in the library after worship.

Welcome Guests

We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. There are sermon boards for children outside the sanctuary doors; please pick one up as you enter. If desired, there is a nursery available in the west end of the foyer for infants and toddlers. Large print copies of the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. We invite you to stay for our nurture hour. Look for the welcome brochure on the front table in the foyer.

Our Mission Statement

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

Welcome everyone to faith and fellowship in Jesus Christ,

Minister to the needs of one another and our neighbors through the Holy Spirit, and

Call out each other's gifts for the joyful work of God's reconciling mission.

We celebrate that everyone is created in God's image, and as followers of Jesus we welcome people of every age, ability, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status, socio-economic situation, gender identity, and citizenship status as full participants in the life of our congregation.

Thank you to Loanne Harms for weaving the worship visual on the platform.

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