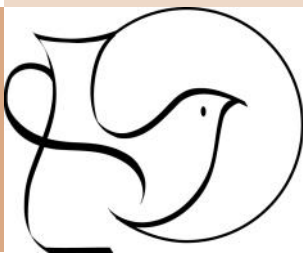




August 27, 2023



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour
5:30 p.m. - Guess Who's
Coming to Dinner

Welcome Team

Greeters: Jon. & Mary Ann
Wieand
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken
Otto, David Molina
Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler,
Dominic Ramer

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - MYF

Thursday

7:00 p.m. - WMT/ MYF Rm

7:00 p.m. - SAMT / Rm 15

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Construction Update

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped in the last two weeks with the deconstruction! They worked hard and quickly, putting us ahead of schedule. They removed all of the moveable walls, ceiling, wall tracks and headers, bathroom fixtures and cleared away the piles of trash. And thank you to Bob Hochstedler who is overseeing the work and has put in many hours in the last three weeks to keep this project on track!

Last week, the contractors began their work, cutting into the concrete to expand the drainage pipes under the floor, and the plumbers have begun reconfiguring and adding pipes to accommodate the relocation of the fixtures in both the existing and new restrooms. That work will continue into next week along with the framing of walls around the new restrooms.

You can see photos of how the work is progressing each week on the TV screen near the coffee station on Sunday mornings.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 208
Nurture Hour – 180

Finances – August 20, 2023

Operating Fund	\$8,025.00
Mennonite Education	\$405.00
Either Fund	\$2,895.00
<i>Budget Total</i>	<i>\$11,325.00</i>
Welcome Spaces	\$400.00
Total	\$11,725.00

Looking Ahead

September 3: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser; Sabbath
September 10: Sermon: Cindy Voth; Honoring our Bodies

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 27-29
Elvina Schmidt Aug. 29 - Sep. 6

Office hours this week

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

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Did you know . . .

Waterford Mennonite Church has an organ. It currently sits in the room located behind the mailboxes. It has been years since it was last used, and it is taking up valuable classroom space. Therefore, we are looking to remove it. If you know of someone or some organization that would like to have an organ, please let a pastor or Janet Shoemaker know. Anyone who wants it will need to make their own arrangements to move it out and take it away.

Learning more about caring for people with Alzheimer's and dementia.

The Senior Adult Ministry Team would like to invite you to join us for a presentation and conversation with Cheryl Schreiner about caring for people with Alzheimer's and dementia. Cheryl, daughter-in-law to Barb and Jerry Landes, worked for Greencroft for several years and is a professional with experience in these areas. She will be with the SAMT on Thursday, August 31, from 7-8 p.m. **If possible, please let Pastor Deron or Barb Landes know if you plan to come and we will give Cheryl an idea of the size of our group.**

Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful flowers from the church and all the prayers and cards sent to me after my recent surgery. Please continue to pray for Ken and I as I gain my strength and energy in the weeks ahead.

Jane Otto

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!

Mariko Claassen

Waterford Announcements

This Sunday night is Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. If you signed up to participate, you should have received a paper in your box last week with the address of the home you will be going to. If you have questions, contact Pastor Cindy. The fun begins at 5:30 p.m.!

If you missed the **congregational meeting** on August 13, you may watch the Zoom recording at <https://youtu.be/T5Ws5zKgX1M>

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.

Remember that completed **school kits** need to be at the **church by September 3**. There are a few bags and extra supplies available if you would like to make a kit or two.

Keep collecting your coins for My Coins Count! You can drop them in the jug at the main doors of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings from now until September 17. As your children begin to collect coins, you can download the [MyCC calendar](#) to guide their giving. If you are interested in matching the contributions, contact Denise Diener at 574-621-5126 or denisediener@yahoo.com.

Applications for the Waterford Mennonite Church Endowment Fund will be accepted until October 1, 2023. 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. Please submit the applications to Lyz Zimmerman, either by paper copy in church mailbox or via email at lyzkauffman@yahoo.com.

Salt & Light additional resource for [August 27](#).

Opportunities

Volunteer

Center for Healing & Hope is in need of volunteers who are fluent in Spanish and English to interpret for non-Spanish speaking medical providers who are giving care to uninsured and low-income patients at our office. Shifts are mornings from 9-12 or afternoons from 1-5. We currently need interpreters on Monday afternoons, Tuesday mornings, Wednesday mornings, and Thursday mornings or afternoons. Contact Missy Schrock at mkschrock@chhclinics.org or 574-534-4744 ext 206.

Donate

Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale: The Relief Sale **Online Silent Auction** welcomes your donations of unique experiences, gift certificates, art works, and new/gently used items with a value of \$50 or more. Call/text 574-849-0053 or email Kauffman.mmrs@gmail.com.

MCUSA

On June 11, 2023, the congregation of Lombard (Illinois) Mennonite Church celebrated the **50th anniversary of the ordination of Emma Richards** (1927-2014), the first Mennonite woman pastor to be ordained as a pastor of a Mennonite congregation in North America. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/celebrating-emma-richards

One of the many identity markers for being a Mennonite is hospitality and its culture. Reverend Erica Lea-Simka, pastor of Albuquerque Mennonite Church and southwest representative for Mennonite Women USA, proposes that **hospitality and its meaning in Anabaptist culture can be examined more closely**. Read more of her thoughts here: mennoniteusa.org/culture-of-hospitality

Intersectionality seeks "... to describe how race, class, gender, and other individual characteristics 'intersect' with one another and overlap."

Joanne Gallardo, Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference co-minister, reflects on her own **experiences within the Mennonite church, relating to intersectionality and tokenism**. Read her reflections here: mennoniteusa.org/intersectionality-tokenism

God's power and omnipresence is with us, even in the darkest of times. "To understand God's omnipresence — not limited by space and time but existing everywhere in the past, present and future simultaneously — is to realize God is already living out tomorrow at this very moment," reflects Wil LaVeist, Mennonite Mission Network's senior executive of advancement. Read his story here: mennoniteusa.org/gods-omnipresence

AMBS

Rooted and Grounded Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship: Sept. 28–30 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. Attend in person or online! This conference on “Pathways through Climate Doom: Resistance and Resilience” will examine theological, biblical and pastoral care responses to climate doom. Keynote speakers: Kaitlin Curtice; Leah Thomas, PhD; and Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, PhD. Register by Sept. 20 if meals are desired; final registration deadline is Sept. 26. ams.edu/rooted-and-grounded

Earn a Master of Divinity on campus! Do you want to grow in faith and leadership in a vibrant, supportive community? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s MDiv Campus program offers you in-depth biblical and theological study, personal/spiritual formation and mentoring on our campus in Elkhart. Focus on pastoral ministry, chaplaincy, Christian formation, theology, peace studies or environmental sustainability leadership, among others. Generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and matching grants are available. ams.edu/mdiv

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>

New Resource

Mennonite Women USA’s 2023-2024 Bible Study Guide is available for purchase on the webstore! This year we teamed up with [Samantha E. Lioi](#) for the start of a new trilogy over the next three years. Samantha is a spiritual director, retreat leader, and writer ordained in Mennonite Church USA and has served as a pastor and conference peace and justice minister. The guide explores a theology of Divine abundance and liberation. [Purchase a copy for download](#)

Upcoming Community Events

The **Goshen College Community School of the Arts Rejoice Children’s Choir (grades 3 through 5)** is accepting new members. If your child loves to sing, would like the opportunity to meet and sing with other area children, perform in the world class Sauder Concert Hall, and sing alongside a professional choir this year, this may be for them! Rehearsals begin Thursday, August 24, but new singers are still **welcome to audition on Thursday, August 31 from 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** at the Goshen College Music Center in room 100. No preparation is needed, and auditions are short and simple! Those who audition successfully should plan to stay and rehearse with the choir from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. on the 31st. Please contact Rejoice Director Kristin Kauffman with additional questions at krisandtrav@gmail.com.

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 or RSVP to 574-534-4133 or GreatLakes@mcc.org by **August 24**.

2023 AIMM Gathering, September 1, 10:00 a.m. in the Jennings Auditorium at Greencroft in Goshen. Co-Executive Coordinators, John Fumana from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Bruce Yoder from North America, will share stories of AIMM’s collaboration with African church partner initiatives.

Join Adriel Foundation 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.

“Enhancing Cross Cultural Understanding of Grief,” Ryan’s Place Annual Grief Seminar at Goshen College, September 22, 2023. The Keynote Speaker will be Andy McNiell, CEO of The Satori Group, LLC, a national education and consulting company for non-profit organizations. Andy has worked with organizations focusing on children and grief and co-authored a book on the topic. Scan the QR code for more information and [Register here](#).

