



VBS Sunday

Waterford Mennonite Church

August 6, 2023

Prelude		John Zehr
Gathering Songs	Nick Stoltzfus, Gretchen Bateman, Lacy Stoltzfus	
	<i>Peace Like a River</i>	
	<i>O Sing to the Lord</i>	VT 113
	<i>I Want Jesus to Walk with Me</i>	VT 306
Centering		Katie Misz
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Drama	Gretchen Bateman, Hannah Claassen, Lacy Stoltzfus, Layna Stoltzfus	
Song	<i>He Came Down</i>	VT 239
VBS Sharing		Mariko Claassen
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i> (Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Reading from the scroll	Luke 4:18-19; 15:8-10	
Scripture Memory Verse		
Meditation	“Time to Celebrate”	George Thompson
Song of Response	<i>Mountain of God</i>	VT 11
Congregational prayers		Katie Misz
Benediction		
Sending Song	<i>Guide My Feet</i>	VT 816

You are invited to visit the marketplace shops after morning worship during the fellowship time. Each shop will cost a monetary donation of any amount, which will be included in our Vacation Bible School Offering to Raw Tools, a MCUSA partner organization that receives donated guns and turns them into tools.

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

Prayers

For *Bob and Leah Beth Shetler* as they move to Traverse City, Michigan, to live near their family.

We pray for the complex and difficult life circumstances for many *women and children in Latin America*, including abuse and violence aimed at them, insufficient food, few educational possibilities, and few opportunities.

Our Senior Adults from the community that can no longer worship with us: *Nelda Nussbaum*

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for *staff at Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (NARPI)* as they prepare to begin their two-week summer training session in South Korea. Pray for fruitful relationship building and learning as NARPI brings together peacemakers from China, Japan, Mongolia, Russia, South Korea and Taiwan.

Teachers, staff, students and families as school begins in the coming weeks.

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.

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