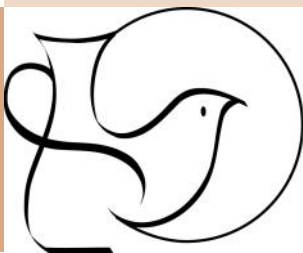




October 1, 2023



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship

10:30 a.m. - Nurture classes for all ages

Welcome Team

Greeters: Maurice & Carol Lehman

Ushers: Dennis Myers, Wade Ramer, Len Harms

Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler, Steve Fath

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 p.m. - Mentor/Mentee

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

Thursday

6:30 p.m. - Stephen

Ministers / MYF Rm, Rm 15

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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October and November Worship

Cindy Voth, for Worship Ministry Team

Our fall worship services started with two months of engaging with “Practicing our Faith” as we looked at eight different spiritual practices. The worship services were rich and meaningful as we were led to consider new and old ways of engaging with God within us, God within others, and God within the world.

We now shift gears so that during the months of October and November we embark on a journey of a road less travelled. Each week we will dwell with a scripture passage that is not included in the cycles of the Revised Common Lectionary OR the Narrative Lectionary.

The first stop of our journey will be with the Old Testament character of Joseph. Each week we will focus on a different aspect of Joseph — Joseph the dreamer, Joseph the cynic, Joseph the reconciler. We wonder what God will invite us to consider as we spend an extended time with Joseph and his story. We wonder how we will see ourselves within this complex story that is part of God’s story of love and redemption.

Our next step of the journey will be with the Old Testament book of Numbers. Over the course of four Sundays we will dig into this book and consider what it might have to say to us today. A special highlight will be hosting Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary Professor Jackie Wyse-Rhodes as our guest preacher on November 5. Jackie also just so happens to be writing the commentary on the book of Numbers for the Believers Church Bible Commentary Series!

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Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 210

Nurture Hour – 204

Finances – Sept. 24, 2023

Operating Fund \$4,374.25

Mennonite Education \$7,655.00

Either Fund \$3,665.00

Budget total \$15,694.25

Welcome Spaces \$3,500.00

Sharing Fund \$100.00

Jubilee fund \$100.00

Total **\$19,394.25**

Looking Ahead

October 8: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser; Joseph, the Dreamer

(*Genesis 37:2b-36*)

October 15: Sermon: Cindy Voth; Joseph, the Cynic

(*Genesis 41: 37-57*)

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

Deron Bergstresser - October 6

Janet Shoemaker - October 2-6

Office hours this week

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,

Friday

9 - 12

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Editor

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On the last Sunday of November, before entering Advent on December 3, we will have our worship service of Thanksgiving through testimony and song. Please contact Erin Smeltzer (lay ministry partner for Worship Ministry Team) or Pastor Cindy if you are interested in sharing a story of gratitude within that service.

We look forward to accompanying each other on this road less travelled. May God grant us eyes to see the hidden treasures along the path.

Date	Scripture Text	Preacher
10/8	Joseph the Dreamer – Genesis 37:2b-36	Deron Bergstresser
10/15	Joseph the Cynic – Genesis 41:37-57	Cindy Voth
10/22	Joseph the Reconciler – Genesis 43:1-5, 45:1-18	Firman Gingerich
10/29	All Saints Day – Numbers 14:1-12; 16:1-5, 23-25	Deron Bergstresser
11/5	Who made us who we are? – Numbers 1:1-16, 44-54	Jackie Wyse-Rhodes
11/12	The Seventy – Numbers 11:16-35	Cindy Voth
11/19	Staffs and Serpents – Numbers 17:1-13; 21:1-15	Deron Bergstresser
11/26	A Song of Thanksgiving – Psalm 40:1-10	Testimonies and Songs

Thank you

We are pleased to report the grand total for this year's relief sale is approximately \$425,000. While much of what we sell is donated, we have some expenses and then will joyfully forward a large percentage of that to Mennonite Central Committee. We are deeply grateful to all who donated items, volunteered, and came to enjoy this year's event and support MCC.

Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Board

Thank you for your donation of 17 comforters and 201 school kits to Mennonite Central Committee which will be used to help those who are suffering around the world. Our goal was to collect 10,000 school kits with our School Kit Challenge in the month of August. Because of generous support from our MCC donors, families of students from countries experiencing crisis and economic hardship can send their children to school.

We reached our goal and surpassed it! More than 27,800 school kits were collected during our challenge. What a wonderful way to support the educational hopes of so many children.

Thank you for the many ways you support folks around the world in vulnerable situations.

Nadine Zook Miller, MCC Great Lakes

Waterford Announcements

Save the Date!

Our next "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"
will be on November 5!

This Sunday we will share in communion. We invite you to prepare your hearts for this sign of God's peace by making peace with God and with your brothers and sisters. And, as did the early church (Acts 2:43-47), we will also collect offerings for the Sharing Fund. This fund benefits people in need within the congregation.

This Sunday is the last day to submit applications for the Waterford Mennonite Church Endowment Fund. Guidelines and application form can be found 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.

Last Sunday to bring items for College Care Packages! Please bring items such as fresh baked goods, nuts, granola bars, and healthy snacks. We will not be including fresh fruit this year. Place your donations in the box on the table near the library and write a note to individual students to go into the packages. Paper and pens are provided at the table. Boxes will be packed on Wednesday, October 4.

WMC Fall Festival. Don't forget to sign up for the fall festival on Sunday, October 15, 4 - 7 p.m. There will be food, activities for children and adults and lawn games. Sign up at the participation station by October 8, so we can get an idea of how many hotdogs to prepare. For more details, pick up an orange flier from one of the tables in the foyer.

Salt & Light additional resource for [October 1](#).

MCUSA

Ingrid Friesen Moser, wellbeing coordinator for Mennonite Church USA's The Corinthian Plan, shares how **spending time outdoors can help heal us** and, when we come together for climate justice, can also help our planet. Read her story here: mennoniteusa.org/heal-ourselves

Upcoming Community Events

Sara Method gallery reception, Saturday, October 7 from 5:30 to 7 p.m., with artist's talk at 6:15 in the Hershberger Art Gallery, Goshen College Music Center. Sara's show, "a sense of place," will be on display through November 12. Read what she has to say about her show [here](#).

"Being a Mennonite in public ed," the first of four Zoom meetings beginning Thursday, October 12, 7 p.m. **Mennonite Public Educators** brings together Mennonite teachers and other education professionals who work in a public school setting for mutual encouragement, support, and learning. Let's have real discussions of what it means to live out our faith (or not) in the public schools. There is no cost to join the conversation, but registration is required to share the Zoom link. RSVP [here](#).

Center for Community Justice invites you to participate in the **45th Anniversary of the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP)**. We will recognize those who founded this first-in-the-nation Restorative Justice Program. Saturday, October 21, at the Matterhorn Conference Center at 2041 Cassopolis Street in Elkhart. Tickets: \$50. For more information about the event and the awardees, see the flier on the bulletin board by the mailboxes.

Goshen College

Visit days for high school students:

Oct. 6 - [Homecoming Open House](#)

Oct. 23 - [Nursing and Public Health Career Day](#)

Nov. 10 - [Explore Goshen Day](#)

Contact the Goshen College Admission Office at

admission@goshen.edu,

800.348.7422 or 574.535.7535.

For more information, visit goshen.edu/visit.

Opportunities

Employment

MCC is hiring a Peace Education Coordinator! The Peace Education Coordinator leads MCC's church education efforts nationwide in the U.S. related to peace and nonviolence. This includes peace theology, conflict transformation, and response to violence (including gun violence prevention, anti-militarism, and mass incarceration). Education efforts involve engaging MCC's constituency on these peace-related topics by working with MCC regional staff and with denominational and other partners. Apply at mcc.org/peace-education-coordinator by October 16.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is seeking a full-time Warehouse and Equipment Manager to manage the MDS warehouse in Columbus, Mississippi including the buildings, contents and equipment stored on site. The qualified candidate should have knowledge of and passion for the MDS mission, vision and core values; a commitment to the Anabaptist faith and peace position; three or more years of equipment maintenance or general construction experience; a high school GED or diploma; and a driver's license (CDL Class A preferred). Interested applicants can view the full job description at mds.org/employment. Resumes may be sent to jobs@mds.org. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

MCC Plain Community Liaison: MCC seeks someone to serve as the primary liaison to large segments of Anabaptists in the U.S. that self-identify as Plain Anabaptists. In collaboration with MCC colleagues, this position develops, analyzes, implements and evaluates engagement with Plain communities. This position sets broad goals for building relationships with key representatives in Plain communities and demonstrates MCC's commitment to engaging the full range of Anabaptist churches and beyond. For more information contact Marilyn Peters at MarilynPeters@mcc.org or apply online by October 23 at mcc.org/plain-community-liaison.

Young Adults

Calling all young adults for a **week-long experience** at Camp Deerpark in New York from Jan. 3-8, 2024! ***Liberty and Justice for All? Peace Camp*** will focus on the criminal legal system in the U.S. and explore transformative justice as a biblical means to peace. [Register today](#)

Mennonite Creation Care Network is challenging young people to actively care for the planet through its **Generation Z Energy and Spirit Challenge**, which runs through April 2024. Between **now and April 15, 2024**, young people are invited to respond to environmental needs in one of two categories: Energy and Spirit. Participants can include youth groups, young adult groups, mentor-mentee pairs and other intergenerational combinations involving at least two people. All high school student participants in graduating classes '24-'27 are eligible for a **\$1000 grant toward tuition at one of our Mennonite colleges or universities**. Two exceptional group projects will earn a cash prize of **\$500-\$1000 for an outdoor experience**. For more details [Learn more here](#). [Register here by October 15!](#)