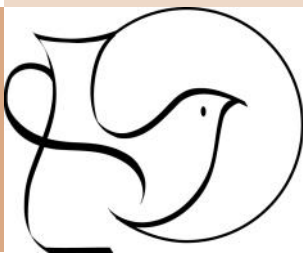




September 10, 2023



The Waterford

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
11:00 a.m. - YAF / Hunsbergers
5:30 p.m. - Ecuador prayers

Welcome Team

Greeters: Jim & Lila Gascho
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken Otto, Denise Diener
Audiovisuals: Colin Berkey, Jordan Kauffman

This Week at Waterford

Monday

4:00 p.m. - Fellowship MT

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - YAF Support group

7:00 p.m. - Venture Club

7:00 p.m. - JYF, MYF

Thursday

8:30 a.m. - Mennonite Women / MYF Rm

7:00 p.m. - FFMT

Zoom prayers

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New in the Church Library

Used Donated Books

The River Within: Loving God, Living Passionately, by Jeff Imbach. This book opens your eyes to new ways of living that bring you closer to God and leads you into the passionate joy of living.

The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality, by Ron Rolheiser. Using examples and stories relevant for today, Rolheiser explains the essentials of spiritual life, including the importance of community worship, the imperatives surrounding social action, and the centrality of the Incarnation.

Expecting Emmanuel: Eight Women Who Prepared the Way (an Advent devotional), by Joanna Harader. Reading the biblical accounts of God's presence in the complicated lives of the female ancestors of Jesus can help us release the expectations of a "perfect Christmas" and instead seek the experience of a holy season.

Ruthless Trust: The Ragamuffin's Path to God, by Brennan Manning. A sequel to *The Ragamuffin's Gospel*. Manning reveals the ways in which radical trust renews our faith and helps us grow.

Sister Images: Guided Meditations from the Stories of Biblical Women. by Mary Zimmer.

Isaiah 40-66 (Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching), by Paul D. Hanson.

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Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 172

Nurture Hour – 169

Finances – Sept. 10, 2023

Operating Fund	\$13,381.00
Mennonite Education	\$3,910.00
Either Fund	\$4,979.00
<i>Budget Total</i>	<i>\$22,270.00</i>
Welcome Spaces	\$5,700.00
Jubilee Fund	100.00
Sharing Fund	280.00
Total	\$28,350.00

Looking Ahead

September 17: Sermon: Derrick Ramer; Healing

September 24: Sermon: Katie Misz; Simplicity

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser, Pastor
Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz, Pastor

Tuesday, Thursday

Monday & Wednesday p.m.

Office hours this week

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

Tuesday, Friday
9 - 12

The *Waterford Buzz* is published weekly for members of Waterford Mennonite Church. Items for inclusion should be given to the editor by 5 p.m. Tuesday preceding publication.

Janet Shoemaker,
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Discernment: Reading the Signs of Daily Life, by Henri Nouwen. Henri Nouwen counseled many people during his lifetime about discerning God's will for one's life. His principles of discernment were never collected into a single volume until after his death. In association with the Nouwen Legacy Trust, his coursework, journals, and unpublished writings were used to create this book in a series exploring God's will for your life.

Save the Date

Waterford Fall Festival

October 15, 4-7 p.m.

Hot dogs, hot drinks, cool weather, cooler people

Waterford Announcements

This week: There will be a table in the foyer of **free music books** that were cleaned out of storage and are no longer used here. There are copies of old hymnals, some accompaniment materials and other music resources.

The final count for the MCC school Kits this year was 201, more than double the amount last year! Thank you to everyone who donated time and money to make it happen.

Next week **Mennonite Women** will meet on Thursday in the MYF room. Doors are open from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. As usual, we will work on MCC projects. Bring your own lunch if you stay during lunch hour.

It is time to **renew the Rejoice! devotional guide**. If you are interested in receiving Rejoice! complete the form and return it with your donation (suggested \$40) to the church office by September 17, 2023 (next Sunday). You must return the form or call or email the office to have your subscription renewed or begun. It includes the Winter 2023, Spring, Summer and Fall 2024 editions of Rejoice!

Our **final hymn sing of the year** is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27 from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. All ages are welcome and we have invited Sunnyside and Eighth Street congregations to join us. We will sing requests from both *Voices Together* and *Hymnal, a Worship Book*.

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 this Sunday and Sunday, September 17. You can also match the total contributions, doubling the amount we collect. We have one household who has pledged to give a match of what's in the jar when we take it to the sale. If you, too, would like to make a match, contact Denise Diener (denisediener@yahoo.com or 574-621-5126).

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 [September 10](#).

Upcoming Community Events

Goshen Clay Artists Guild closing gallery reception, Sunday, Sept. 10 at 2 p.m. in the Goshen College Music Center's Hershberger Art Gallery. There will be a closing reception for the Goshen Clay Artists Guild exhibit featuring the work of several guild members. The event is free and open to the public.

Join the Goshen College Community on Sunday, September 10 at 8:00 p.m. in Newcomer 19 for **contemplative worship based on the style of the Taizé** community of France. This ecumenical service is focused on singing, Scripture, silence, and prayer. All are welcome!

Goshen College Faculty Recital, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Center's Rieth Recital Hall. Voice professors Scott Hochstetler and H. Roz Woll will present a joint recital, performing individually and as a duo. Tickets can be purchased at goshen.edu/tickets.

Quilt expert Janneken Smucker will give a gallery talk, sponsored by the Amish Mennonite Museum Committee, Saturday, Sept. 16 at 2 p.m. in Goshen College's Good Library Gallery, Smucker will speak about quilts featured in the current gallery exhibit: "A Cabinet of Curiosities 3." A Goshen native, Smucker is professor of history at West Chester University (PA) and authored a definitive book, *Amish Quilts: Crafting an American Icon*. She is also working with forthcoming exhibits and publications for the International Quilt Museum (Nebraska) and the Smithsonian American Art Museum. Free and open to the public

Performing Arts Series presents The Lone Bellow, performing Saturday, Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Goshen College Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Throughout their lifespan as a band, The Lone Bellow have cast an indelible spell with their finespun songs of hard truth and unexpected beauty, frequently delivered in hypnotic three-part harmony. Tickets can be purchased at goshen.edu/tickets

Save the date for a Comforter Bash! Make plans to join us on November 10 and 11 for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Comforter Bash in Goshen. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Church (58529 County Road 23). For more information about the event visit mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash or contact Donna Stoltzfus at 574-831-4098. A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten.

MCUSA

Mennonite Church USA Executive Board has named **two peacemakers, Jonathan Kuttab and Sydney Leah Bontrager**, as the 2023 Bring The Peace award winners. The denomination gives the award to a Legacy Peacemaker and a Young Peacemaker each year. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/23-btp-winners

Yujin Kim, a communications associate for Mennonite Central Committee East Coast, reflects on the **70th anniversary of the Korean Armistice Agreement** and how separation and longing are part of her family narrative, shaping her identity and motivating her to work for peace. Read her story here: mennoniteusa.org/belonging-in-peace

Doh Nay Kaw attended Mennonite Church USA's convention in early July with her youth group of Whitehall (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church. She wrote a **poem expressing her experience of self-searching** at MennoCon23. Read the poem here: mennoniteusa.org/who-am-i

Violence pervades some children's Bibles, but **The Peace Table**, Shine's new storybook Bible, provides a peace witness while providing thoughtful prompts concerning more violent passages. Read more about Chrissie Muecke's experience as part of The Peace Table's Team here: mennoniteusa.org/peace-witness-paths

AMBS

Expand your leadership skills through AMBS's new Practical Leadership Training modules!

Upcoming offerings include Guide Your Congregation through Polarization (webinar); Practicing Resilience in Response to Trauma (in-person seminar); Leading Congregations in Transition (online synchronous short course); Intercultural Inclusion: From Symbolic to Shared Power (online workshop); and Peacemaking through Curious Dialogue (webinar). CEUs available. Check out all our offerings and register today! ambs.edu/plt

Opportunities

Volunteer

Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale coming soon!

Runners and walkers: Be sure and visit the website <https://www.mennonitesale.org/run-for-relief> to register for the **Run for Relief** (5K run or 2K fun run) and, if you want a T-shirt, reserve your size. You can also register in person at the sale Friday evening or Saturday morning. The registration fee remains a reasonable \$25 with T-shirt or \$20 without a T-shirt.

Young Adults

MCC's Seek Discipleship Program in Cambodia: Seek is a 6-month intentional discipleship program for 18–20-year-olds, with an Anabaptist flavor. Participants will live with a small group of other young adults, exploring what it means to grow as a follower of Jesus. They will study Scripture, volunteer locally, and experience life in the community. The cohort will consist of 6-10 international participants and will run from January 15 - June 24, 2024, in the rich and beautiful setting of Cambodia. More information and an online application are available at mcc.org/seek. Accepting applicants until October 1 or the cohort is filled.

MCC U.S. Peace Camps are one-week, hands-on learning experiences for young adults hungry to connect with other young adults, root themselves in intentional, theological reflection and apply that to real-world work of peace and justice in their communities. The next peace camp is **Descolonizando la construcción de paz | Decolonizing Peace** October 15-20 in Puerto Rico: [Inscribirse para Decolonizando la construcción de paz](#) MCC will cover all costs of travel, lodging and meals with each participant paying only a \$200 registration fee.

New Resource

[Climate Action for Peace: International Day of Peace](#) This year, MCC's Peace Sunday packet centers on the theme of Climate Action for Peace. How can we help to bring about God's vision of Shalom, a true and just peace, by addressing climate change? [Download your copy today in time for the International Day of Peace, Sept. 21.](#)

[Water is Life: World Food Day](#) This year's commemoration of World Food Day, on October 16, reminds us of the importance of water, highlighting its indispensability as a driving force in our lives. [Download your copy of MCC's World Food Day worship resource today.](#)