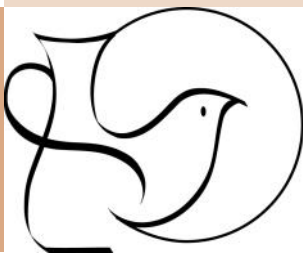


Construction Update

Week Six was plumbing and electrical wiring week. At right is the new plumbing for the women's restroom sinks.



September 17, 2023

The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship

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

Welcome Team

Greeters: Dan & Diane Bodiker

Ushers: Dennis Myers, Wade Ramer

Audiovisuals: Glen Kauffmann, Jeff Claassen

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

4:00 p.m. - Children's Cluster

5:30 p.m. - Games &

Haystacks / MYF Room

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Mentor/Mentee Pairs

By Katie Misz for Family Life Ministry Team

Waterford's Mentor/Mentee program is off and running for the 2023-24 school year! On the first Wednesday of every month, mentor pairs meet together for service and learning projects and guided conversations. On Wednesday, September 6, pairs undertook a church work night: staining the gaga ball pit, fixing the ark, scrubbing the pavilion, and weeding the playground and Remembering Life garden.

Future events will include packing relief kits, sending college care packages, and more. We currently have 24 Waterford mentor pairs and a couple of pairs planning to join us from other churches as well. There are also a few students looking for mentors and a couple of pairs in the process of being formed. Thank you, Waterford for your prayers and support of our mentor/mentee program.

Bervalie Lehman - Ami Schlamersdorf

Brianna Moser - Karen Pfahler

Cori Chupp - Lynda Hollinger-Janzen

Daphcar Lehman - Karen Sommers

David Stutzman - Jeff Miller

Eleanor Habecker - Christa Graber Kauffman

Elijah Voth - Dave Gingerich

Ethan Claassen - Dave Hostetler

Garrett Stoltzfus - Lowell Stoltzfus

Grant Kauffman - Jon. Wieand

Gretchen Bateman - Loanne Harms

Hannah Claassen - Audrey Oostland

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Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 173 (+30--Bridge-builders retreat)
Nurture Hour – 197

Finances – Sept. 17, 2023

Operating Fund	\$3,010.00
Mennonite Education	\$1,150.00
Either Fund	\$1,665.00
Total	\$5,825.00

Looking Ahead

September 24: Sermon: Katie Misz; Simplicity
October 1: Sermon: Cindy Voth; World Communion

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

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Neer Goswami - Velma Swartz
Poppy Habecker - Camila Pérez Diener
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Susanna Stutzman - Emily Hunsberger
Tyson Chupp - Lyle Miller
Zeke Ramer - Mark Daniels

Waterford Fall Festival

Fall Festival

Melissa Chupp, for Fellowship Ministry Team

Come one, come all! Let's celebrate fall! Join us on October 15 from 4-7 p.m. at the church for an outdoor Fall Festival. Hot dogs and drinks will be served starting at 4:30. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, as well as chairs or blankets to sit on and your own table service. We will have some tables set up in the pavilion for those who prefer to eat at a table. There will be activities to participate in such as pumpkin painting, bracelet making, sidewalk chalk drawing, roasting smores, and more; or just enjoy the company of your fellow church members. If you have lawn games to share, bring them along! We will move the fun inside if rain is forecasted. Sign up at the participation station by October 8, so we can get an idea of how many hotdogs to prepare. Hope to see you there!

Waterford Announcements

This Sunday:

- If you are planning on **baking for the relief sale**, you may pick up pans, bags, and labels at the table by the library.
- Last Sunday to **sign up to volunteer at a booth at the relief sale**: Sell popcorn, soft ice cream, or work in the Ten Thousand Villages store. You will find the signup sheets at the sale table.
- **Last chance to renew or start your subscription to Rejoice! devotional guide**. If you haven't done it yet, please return the form by this Sunday, September 17.

- **Last Sunday to bring your coins for My Coins Count!** Drop your coins in the jug at the main doors of the sanctuary this Sunday. You can also match the total contributions, doubling the amount we collect. If you would like to make a match, contact Denise Diener (denisediener@yahoo.com or 574-621-5126). The coins will be taken to the relief sale next Saturday to be counted.

It's College Care Package time again! You are invited to contribute items for care packages to send to 38 college students. Please bring items such as fresh fruit, fresh baked goods, nuts, granola bars, and healthy snacks. Please place your donations in the box on the table near the library by October 1. You are also invited to write a note to individual students to go into the packages. Paper and pens will be provided at the table. Packages will be packed on Wednesday, October 4.

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*.

Applications for the Waterford Mennonite Church Endowment Fund will be accepted until October 1, 2023. 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 17](#).

MCUSA

In a time of transition, ordained and board-certified chaplain, **Ruth Johnston, found herself seeking God's guidance for a new calling.** Through the recommendations of her spiritual director, Ruth learned to lean on her passions to discover where God was leading her next. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/gods-guidance-spiritual-direction

Kevin Chupp, pastor at Mennonite Church of Normal (Illinois) in Central District Conference and a graduate of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, uses his experience with clerical garb to explain why the church's openness in theology and dress drew him to the Mennonite tradition. Read his experience here:

mennoniteusa.org/openness-pulpit

Upcoming Community Events

Ways to Support the Relief Sale, September 22-23

- **Bake something to donate. Gather extra quilting supplies. Thin out your plants.** Then drop them off on Friday 9/22 near the front gate of the fairgrounds.
- **Bid at one of the two major auctions**, each with over 200 items!
 - Bidding is live for the **Online Silent Auction**. There are lots of great items including many beautiful handcrafted items, gift certificates to area businesses, artwork, and much more. You can view items and place bids at <https://charityauction.bid/MCCSale2023>.
 - You can view items for the **Quilt Auction** on the Brolyn Auctions website brolynauctions.com and register to bid. The auction starts live at 8 a.m. Saturday in the largest building on the fairgrounds. Bidding will be possible in person and online.
- Come to the sale and **enjoy good food**, bid on auction items, enjoy children's activities, run in the Run for Relief, and find wonderful things to buy!
- **Check out the website:** www.mennonitesale.org for volunteer opportunities and more information.

The **Support Group for parents with children of all ages who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community** will resume meeting on Saturday, September 16 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the library at Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship. Feel free to invite anyone you know who might benefit from this gathering. Please contact Sarah Higley Morrison at sjhigley@gmail.com with additional questions.

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.

AMBS

Rooted and Grounded Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship: Sept. 28–30 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart. 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. ambs.edu/rooted-and-grounded

Develop skills for holistic leadership! AMBS’s Master of Arts in Christian Formation program prepares students for ministry in spiritual formation and guidance, teaching and worship in congregations and other faith-based settings. Generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and matching grants are available! ambs.edu/macf

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.

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 author of *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.

Opportunities

Employment

Office Administrator Position: East Goshen Mennonite Church (EGMC) is hiring for their part-time (20-25 hours per week) Office Administrator Role. To read a complete job description and submit a résumé, please go to tinyurl.com/EGMCOffice. Come join the EGMC staff team and participate in the congregation’s vision of “Passionately Following Jesus!”

Learning Tours

MCC Pipeline to Prison Learning Tour on November 1-3 in Goshen and Elkhart: Join MCC Great Lakes for three days focusing on the complexities of the U.S. criminal justice system as seen in northern Indiana. Participants will learn about the systemic forces at play that have led to mass incarceration and the criminalization of marginalized groups. The group will hear diverse perspectives from community organizations and people experiencing arrest, incarceration and re-entry. More information and registration at mcc.org/indiana-pipeline-to-prison.

New Resources

[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.](#)