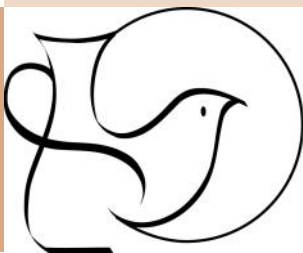




September 24, 2023



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture classes for all ages
11:00 a.m. - YAF
11:45 a.m. - BBI mtg / MYF Rm

Welcome Team

Greeters: Dan & Diane Bodiker
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken Otto, David Molina
Audiovisuals: Derrick Ramer, Dominic Ramer

This Week at Waterford

Monday

4:00 p.m. - Dismantling DDoD

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Hymn Sing
7:00 p.m. - VC, JYF, MYF

Thursday

7:00 p.m. - MLC

Saturday - Sunday

MYF Fall Retreat @ Amigo
Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.
Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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New Donated Books in the Church Library

Times of Trial: Poems of Anabaptist Martyrs for Children, by Amy Schlabach. Nine Anabaptist stories in poetry form.

You are More Than Your Score: On Sports and Spirituality, by Dan Shenk. The book includes true stories from sports history up to the present. It takes a heartfelt approach to the mixed blessing of sports. The author shares how games and sports have played an important part in his life and faith. He describes more than 30 spiritual practices, and makes a strong case that defeat, loss and brokenness in sports as well as in life itself, can set the stage for grace, healing, and service to others, in the spirit of Jesus.

Once Upon a Wardrobe (historical novel), by Patti Callahan. When college student Megs approaches author, C.S. Lewis, with her youngest brother's request to find out if Narnia is real, the author instead takes her on a magical journey through the moments in his life that led to his greatest creation.

Atlas of Indian Nations, by Anton Treuer. A comprehensive resource for those interested in Native American history and culture, a story of American Indians that only National Geographic can tell. Organized by region, this reference details Indian tribes in the following areas: beliefs, sustenance, shelter, alliances, animosities, key historical events and more.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 168 (+13—Open Door retreat)
Nurture Hour – 180

Finances – Sept. 17, 2023

Operating Fund	\$5,185.00
Mennonite Education	\$4,890.00
Either Fund	\$5,075.00
<i>Budget total</i>	<i>\$15,150.00</i>
Least coin fund	\$34.50
Welcome Spaces	\$200.00
Jubilee fund	\$125.00
Total	\$15,509.50

Looking Ahead

October 1: Sermon: Cindy Voth;
World Communion
(Psalm 104)
October 8: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser; Joseph, the Dreamer
(Genesis 37:2b-36)

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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WMC Pumpkinvine Bike Ride!

We are planning another multi-generation bike ride on the Pumpkinvine for Saturday, September 30. Ursula Hess has agreed to lead the group of riders, leaving from the Abshire Park parking lot at 10 a.m., for the ride to Mooeys Ice Cream. Those not biking are welcome to join the group at Mooey's at around 11 a.m. Those riding may then choose to return to Abshire Park or ride further on the Pumpkinvine before returning home. Please sign up at the Participation Station so we can give Mooey's an idea of how many will be coming.



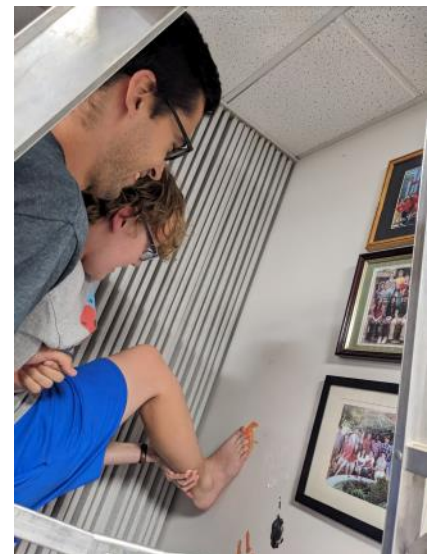
MYF Footprint night

On Wednesday, September 13, the new MYF members continued the long tradition of putting their footprints on the wall of the MYF room.



Top right: Ethan Claassen hangs on to Dominic Ramer as Colton Eby helps him get his foot flat against the wall.

Below: Emily Bowman paints the bottom of Lacy Stoltzfus' foot.
Right: Colton assists Landon Kauffman.



Waterford Announcements

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*.

Next Sunday, October 1, 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.

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.

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 baked goods, nuts, granola bars, and healthy snacks. (We will not be including fresh fruit this year.) 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.

Salt & Light additional resource for [September 24](#).

Upcoming Community Events

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.

The [Potawatomi and Miami Trail Marker Group](#) — in partnership with AMBS, Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes and Mennonite Mission Network — will **unveil the first memorial signage of the Bodéwadmi-Myaamia (Potawatomi-Miami) Trail** at AMBS on **Friday, Sept. 29**, from 10:20 to 10:40 a.m. One main trail sign and three signs for the spur to the St. Joseph River will be unveiled on the AMBS campus during the 20-minute ceremony. The event is free and open to the public.

"Being a Mennonite in public ed," the first of four Zoom meetings beginning Thursday, October 12, 7 p.m. EDT. **Mennonite Public Educators** is a group that brings together Mennonite teachers and other education professionals who work in a public school setting in the US or Canada 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](#).

MCUSA

Mennonite Church USA installed a **sculpture** at its Elkhart, Indiana, offices that was designed and built by **Emma Zuercher**, a 2023 graduate of Goshen College from Apple Creek, Ohio. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/unveil-sculpture/>

Engage with the MC USA Archives and meet the **new archives coordinator, Olivia Krall**. View the PowerPoint slide here: mennoniteusa.org/slide-archives-engage

In the wake of the U.S. sending cluster bombs to Ukraine, **Titus Peachey**, who currently serves on the steering committee for the Cluster Munition Coalition, reflects on his experiences dealing with cluster bombs in Laos and **calls Mennonites to witness against war makings**. Read more of his experiences here: mennoniteusa.org/cluster-bombs-witness

MDS

The September edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: MDS is hiring several positions; the important role of cooks at an MDS projects; and moving words of gratitude at the closing of the project in Cape Breton. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/45YzaOx>

AMBS

Thinking about seminary?

Strengthen your leadership skills and prepare for future ministry and service through one of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's master's-level programs. We offer generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and matching grants to help you study either on campus or at a distance, full time or part time. Apply today! ambs.edu/degrees-and-programs

Online Short Course: Resisting Christian Nationalism with the Gospel of Peace: Oct. 25 – Nov. 21. Join Drew Strait, PhD, in this four-week online AMBS short course to deepen your understanding of White Christian nationalism and explore practical and effective nonviolent strategies for resisting it — drawing insights from how Jesus countered oppression. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 4 to save \$50. ambs.edu/nationalism

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

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.

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.

Youth Challenge

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!](#)