

## Construction Progress

Last week the contractors finished the plumbing, framed new walls and doorways, and put up the new headers for the moveable folding walls.



August 27, 2023



# The Waterford Buzz

## **This Sunday**

9:00 a.m. - Worship  
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour

## **Welcome Team**

Greeters: Jim & Lila Gascho  
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Len Harms, Wade Ramer  
Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler, Colin Berkey

## **This Week at Waterford**

### **Monday**

Office Closed  
4:00 p.m. - YAF Social

### **Tuesday**

7:00 p.m. - Ecuador MST

### **Wednesday**

7:00 p.m. - Mentors/Mentees  
7:00 p.m. - Fellowship MT

### **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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## **The Relief Sale is Coming!**

*By Tami Schlabach*

The Michiana Relief Sale has long been part of my life.

When I was a child, my first memories of the Sale are of marking the wax paper to wrap sausage sandwiches “with” or “without” onions. This booth still continues today.

When I was in college, I attended as a customer only, and I can remember a year I wore my winter coat and gloves to eat pancakes and sausage on Saturday morning.

As an adult, I drifted away from attending the Sale until my Uncle Theron and Aunt Sara Schlabach involved me in the planning of the Ten Thousand Villages (TTV) booth. Back then, they set it up like a real marketplace—great atmosphere, but tons of work and volunteers!

I continued helping year after year as people from the TTV store began planning and setting up the booth, making it look more and more like the Goshen store. By this time my role had evolved into Volunteer Coordinator of the TTV booth. I had some wonderful helpers who helped me make contacts in their home congregations. Over the years, the set up became simpler and my job was reduced from finding over 150 volunteers to finding 50-60. It also became harder, as College Mennonite, my main source of help, got older and less and less people signed up. I created a list of names and numbers of everyone who helped, which I updated each year. More and more, I staffed the booth by calling through that list. With the help of that list, two years ago I started helping staff the Craft building also, since they needed cashiers and floor staff just like TTV.

## Life at Waterford

### Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 191

Nurture Hour – 182

### Finances – September 6, 2023

Operating Fund	\$4,900.00
Mennonite Education	\$155.00
Either Fund	\$2,315.00
<i>Budget Total</i>	<i>\$7,370.00</i>
Welcome Spaces	\$9,730.00
My Coins Count	51.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,151.00</b>

### Looking Ahead

September 10: Sermon: Cindy

Voth; Honoring our Bodies

September 17: Sermon: Derrick

Ramer; Healing

### 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

Elvina Schmidt September 3 - 6

### Office hours this week

Monday

Closed for Labor Day

Wednesday, Thursday

9 - 12, 1-3

Tuesday, Friday

9 - 12

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This year my responsibilities are changing again. The TTV store will be responsible for more of their own volunteers, so I hope to use my list to help fill other positions. Since I have not done this before, I am learning as I go.

TTV and the Craft building will still need cashiers during the sale Friday night and Saturday. They also need help setting up Thursday and Friday and cleaning up Saturday afternoon, after their new 12:00 closing time. Meanwhile, I am trying to direct some help to the easy but important positions available with the children's activities (some of these could be seated) and other set up and clean up positions. I would also love to find people to help fry all that delicious whole-hog sausage we eat in sandwiches and with our Saturday morning pancakes.

One thing I love about Waterford Mennonite Church is the different volunteer opportunities that fit different ages. Aaron Lehman is the fearless leader of the ice cream booth, where our children can pull wagons and help sell popcorn and pop and our JH youth can compete for "most interesting cone" in the ice cream booth. We can help with the plant booth, run by Len and Loanne. The more mature crowd is invaluable in setting up since they are available during the day. Adults, young or old, also make good cashiers in the TTV booth and Craft building. I'm sure, like many churches, lots of individuals are involved in lots of other ways, too, helping with quilts, food booths, the online auction, recycling, etc, etc. Of course, we also have talented people who make crafts and quilts and food, grow plants and collect coins, all before the Sale ever begins.

The Relief Sale always happens the third Friday night and Saturday in September. This year it will happen on Sept. 22 and 23. I hope everyone will pitch in before and during that weekend to help make it happen, because I love it and so do many, many people. Let me know if you need a place to plug in: Tami Schlabach, [tamischlabach70@gmail.com](mailto:tamischlabach70@gmail.com), (260) 593-2886.

## Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Last Sunday evening, 114 people gathered at 12 homes for dinner and fellowship.

**GINGERICH**



**SHETLER**



**MAUST**

**YODER**



**ZEHR**

**MILLER**



**BOWMAN**



**MILLER**

**SWARTZ**



**MILLER / STUCKEY**



**LANDES**



## HARMS



## Waterford Announcements

Good work! The count for the **MCC school Kits** is 187 as of Wednesday, August 29! They will soon be taken to the MCC Resource Center. You can still bring more yet this Sunday; just lay them on the table and they will be taken also. Thank you!

It is time to **renew the Rejoice! devotional guide**. If you are interested in receiving Rejoice! complete the form (in your mailbox this week) and return it with your donation (suggested \$40) to the church office by September 17, 2023. 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!

**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 from now until September 17. As your children begin to collect coins, you can download the [MyCC calendar](#) to guide their giving. If you are interested in matching the contributions, contact Denise Diener at 574-621-5126 or [denisediener@yahoo.com](mailto:denisediener@yahoo.com).

**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](http://www.waterfordchurch.org). Please submit the applications to Lyz Zimmerman, either by paper copy in church mailbox or via email at [lyzkauffman@yahoo.com](mailto:lyzkauffman@yahoo.com).

## MCUSA

Mennonite Church USA Executive Board staff has named 2023 Goshen College graduate **Olivia Krall as archives coordinator for the MC USA Archives** in Elkhart. Krall holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Goshen College, with minors in political studies and sociology. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/olivia-krall/>

**Peaceful Options for Training and Careers (POTC)** — formerly known as Alternatives to Military Enlistment Network (AMEN) — has formed a steering committee, recruited volunteers and began its work to counter the recruitment of youth by the U.S. military. POTC is an independent initiative that began as an outgrowth of a collaboration between Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Church USA. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/potc](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/potc)

MC USA is inviting young people to actively care for the planet through the **Generation Z Energy and Spirit Challenge**, which runs through April 2024.

The challenge is “a friendly competition to embrace our Anabaptist calling as earth keepers, reduce our carbon footprints, nurture environmental leadership, and utilize and bless the gifts of youth and young adults.” Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/energy-challenge/> Register for the MC USA Generation Z Energy and Spirit Challenge by October 15, 2023: <https://www.mennocreationcare.org/energy-and-spirit-challenge/>

**Anicka Fast**, who ministers through Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite World Conference, **finds joy, sheds tears and dreams of intercontinental, interchurch research** in the Mennonite Church USA Archives. Read more about her work here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/archives/>

## AMBS

**New: Doctor of Ministry in Leadership!** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's DMin is the only one in the U.S. to be deliberately developed with an Anabaptist framework. In this competency-based program, students develop a customized learning plan around their goals, gain expertise in five key competencies and grow in effective Anabaptist leadership. Applications to start in January are due Sept. 15. [ambs.edu/dmin](https://ambs.edu/dmin)

**Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology: Oct. 25 – Dec. 12.** Explore the birth and development of the Anabaptist movements in the 16th century in this six-week online AMBS short course taught by Jamie Pitts, PhD. You'll be challenged to draw connections between the 16th century and your own life and ministry. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 4 to save \$50. [ambs.edu/online-short-courses](https://ambs.edu/online-short-courses)

## Upcoming Community Events

**“Enhancing Cross Cultural Understanding of Grief,”** Ryan’s Place **Annual Grief Seminar at Goshen College**, September 22, 2023. The Keynote Speaker will be Andy McNeil, CEO of The Satori Group, LLC, a national education and consulting company for non-profit organizations. Andy has worked with organizations focusing on children and grief and co-authored a book on the topic. Scan the QR code for more information and [Register here](#).



## Opportunities

### 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](https://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 Descolonizando la construcción de paz](#) MCC will cover all costs of travel, lodging and meals with each participant paying only a \$200 registration fee.

### Volunteer

**Center for Healing & Hope is in need of volunteers who are fluent in Spanish and English** to interpret for non-Spanish speaking medical providers who are giving care to uninsured and low-income patients at our office. Shifts are mornings from 9-12 or afternoons from 1-5. We currently need interpreters on Monday afternoons, Tuesday mornings, Wednesday mornings, and Thursday mornings or afternoons. Contact Missy Schrock at [mkschrock@chhclinics.org](mailto:mkschrock@chhclinics.org) or 574-534-4744 ext 206.

### New Resource

**Mennonite Women USA’s 2023-2024 Bible Study Guide** is available for purchase on the webstore! This year we teamed up with [Samantha E. Lioi](#) for the start of a new trilogy over the next three years. Samantha is a spiritual director, retreat leader, and writer ordained in Mennonite Church USA and has served as a pastor and conference peace and justice minister. The guide explores a theology of Divine abundance and liberation. [Purchase a copy for download](#)