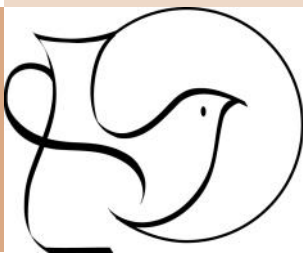




October 15, 2023



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture classes for all ages
4:00 p.m. WMC Fall Festival

Welcome Team

Greeters: Maurice & Carol Lehman
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Mark King, Wade Ramer
Audiovisuals: Glen Kauffmann, Jeff Claassen

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday
6:00 p.m. - MYF / GC
6:00 p.m. - Haystacks & Games / MYF Rm
6:30 p.m. - Children's Christmas Program Workshop
7:00 p.m. FFMT
Zoom prayers
Monday - 8:30 a.m.
Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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New Purchased Books

An Untidy Faith: Journeying Back to the Joy of Following Jesus, by Kate Boyd. In the wake of scandal, culture wars, and abuse, many Christians are wondering if the North American church is redeemable, and if not, whether they should even stay. Many are answering no, but this book is for those who want to disentangle their faith from all of the cultural baggage and recapture the joy of following Jesus.

Godbreathed: What It Really Means for the Bible to Be Divinely Inspired, by Zack Hunt. What if the imperfections, and contradictions in Scripture were allowed to be there by the Holy Spirit in order to draw us beyond the literal words on the page, and deeper into the Spiritual truth God is trying to teach? It is, in fact, an ancient way of understanding what it means for the Bible to be divinely inspired. Hunt offers a practical approach for reading & understanding the Bible that doesn't require a PhD in biblical languages.

Stuck Together: The Hope of Christian Witness in a Polarized World, by Nelson J. Kraybill. It seems as though the world and church are more polarized than ever before. Kraybill suggests we can take hope from the early Christian vision of God uniting all things in Christ, a hope that can lead us to act. Bible stories and narratives, ancient and modern, can inspire us to open our hearts and minds to persons with whom we disagree as we gain confidence in our own convictions. Kraybill draws from Scripture, his own life journey, and the witness of others.

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Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 189

Nurture Hour – 192

Finances – October 8, 2023

Operating Fund	\$3,130.00
Mennonite Education	\$3,035.50
Either Fund	\$2,322.00
<i>Budget total</i>	<i>\$8,487.50</i>
Welcome Spaces	\$1,000.00
Sharing Fund	\$165.00
Total	\$9,652.50

Looking Ahead

October 22: Sermon: Firman
Gingerich; Joseph, the
Reconciler

(*Genesis 43: 1-5; 45: 1-18*)

October 29: Sermon: Deron
Bergstresser; All Saints Day
(*Num. 14:1-12; 16:1-5, 23-25*)

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

Cindy Voth - October 20-22

Katie Misz - October 13-21

Office hours this week

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9 - 12, 1 - 3

Tuesday Friday

9 - 12

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And We Walk: confessions of faith, hope and love, by J.E. Misz. This book features poems J.E. has written over the course of the last decade. J.E. weaves in both humor and reverence to address topics such as addictions, mental and physical health, justice, peace and love of God and others.

Finding Our Way Forward: When the Children We Love Become Adults, by Melanie Springer Mock. The author draws on her decades as a college professor and mother of four adult children to challenge, equip, and encourage the parents of emerging young adults. Young people are told they need to discern God's calling for their lives. The author explores how finding our way means developing a more expansive understanding of calling for ourselves and the young adults we love. One that moves beyond vocation and capitalistic enterprises to what God really calls us to: seeking justice, loving mercy, loving others and God.

East of Liberal: Notes on the Land, by Raylene Hinz-Penner. The author offers an engaging personal and political narrative that explores the contradictions, myths, and resilience of what we call her landlines. Her memoir includes helpful distillations of significant historical periods and patterns of Mennonite migrations and indigenous and settler histories.

The White Mosque: A Memoir, by Sofia Samatar. In the nineteenth century, a group of German-speaking Mennonites traveled from Russia into Central Asia. Over a century later, Sofia Samatar joins a tour following their path, fascinated not by the hardships of the journey, but by its aftermath. The establishment of a small Christian village in the Muslim Khante of Khiva, named "The White Mosque" after the Mennonites white washed church, the village lasted for fifty years.

Living that Matters: Honest Conversations for Men of Faith, by Steve Thomas and Don Neufeld. A practical guide to help individuals and groups engage in conversations on what matters most for men, with a focus on following Jesus, forming community, and building peace.

Luke: Believers Church Bible Commentary, by Mary Schertz. The book of Luke offers a matchless portrait of Jesus Christ, and those who followed him. Luke demonstrates both the cost of the Kingdom and the exuberance of a life lived in loyalty to Jesus, and the strength of the Spirit.

The librarians often find books in the church library that people have left on the counters on in the return basket and don't know what the person who left it wants done with it—or if they even meant to leave it there. If you have a book that you would like to donate to the church library, please leave a note with instructions of what is to be done with it. Thank you.

AMBS

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

Upcoming offerings include Peacemaking through Curious Dialogue (webinar); Practices and Principles for Effective Boards (four-session online workshop); and Creating a Healthy Congregational Culture (webinar). CEUs available. Check out all our offerings and register today! ambs.edu/plt

Take a seminary course this spring! AMBS's distance-friendly options include Church and Race; Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations; The New Testament and Its Contexts; Numbers; Spiritual Practices: Play and Rest; and more. In-person courses are also available. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours. Courses run Jan. 9 – April 26; sign up by Jan. 2. ambs.edu/upcoming-courses

MCC

Responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict

As conflict has escalated in the region, MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and we invite you to join us in praying for an end to the violence.

MCC is planning an emergency response to the current crisis with existing partners. Our response will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. MCC's work will build on previous responses to the ongoing conflict, including the distribution of food and bedding. We are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. Donate online at mcc.org/Palestine-Israel

Upcoming Community Events

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 Music Events

- **2023 Sherer Violin & Piano Competition Judges' Concert**, Saturday, Oct. 21 at 7p.m., Music Center, Rieth Recital Hall. Judges and adjudicators of this year's Competition, will perform in a recital that is free and open to the public. Performing will be Matthew Hill, piano; Clare Longendyke, piano; Solomia Soroka, violin; Miroslav Hristov, violin; and Caroline Chin, violin.
- **2023 Sherer Violin & Piano Competition Winners Concert**, Sunday, Oct. 22 at 6 p.m., Music Center, Sauder Concert Hall. Goshen College voice professors Scott Hochstetler and H. Roz Woll will present a joint recital in Rieth Recital Hall. Hochstetler and Woll will perform individually and as a duo. Tickets can be purchased at goshen.edu/tickets. The concert will also be ([live streamed](#)).
- **The Goshen College Choirs will present their annual Fall Choral Concert** Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in **Sauder Concert Hall**. Performing are the Goshen College Chamber Choir and Vox Profundi, directed by Scott Hochstetler, and Voices of the Earth, directed by H. Roz Woll. The choirs will be joined by Community School of the Arts chorus Sommo Voci in a performance of Robert Ray's "Gospel Mass." Tickets can be purchased at goshen.edu/tickets. It will also be ([live streamed](#))

MCC Alumni & Friends Service Activities: Join other local MCC alumni and friends at our MCC Material Resources Center in Goshen for fun and fellowship while helping to pack much-needed kits. There is an increased demand for supplies to send to Ukraine and other countries around the world, and these kits are a tangible way to share hope with people in difficult situations. There are two chances for you to join the kit packing event: Thursday, October 26 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. or Friday, October 27 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. More information and registration at: mcc.org/gl-alumni-service.

Opportunities

Have 1-2 hours/week to talk English? There will be some classes for Haitian people, newly arrived to the states. If you would be open to a conversation circle, with another teacher leading, let Anne Meyer Byler know: 574 621-3924.

Pathways Retreat is offering several retreats this fall: Living that Matters for Men, Meditative Zentangle-inspired Art, Cultivating Awe in Advent, and weekly yoga. Daily prayers are offered both online and in-person. Find more information at pathwaysretreat.org. Follow this [link](#) to their monthly newsletter.