

## WMC Fall Festival

The nine-square grid got a lot of use last Sunday afternoon. See inside for more Fall Festival activities.



October 22, 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 @ Hunsbergers

### **Welcome Team**

Greeters: Jon. & Mary Ann Wieand  
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken Otto  
Audiovisuals: Colin Berkey, Steve Fath

### **This Week at Waterford**

#### *Wednesday*

7:00 p.m. - MYF  
7:00 p.m. - Venture Club  
7:00 p.m. - JYF  
7:00 p.m. - YAF

#### *Thursday*

7:00 p.m. - MLC / MYF Room  
*Zoom prayers*  
Monday - 8:30 a.m.  
Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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### **Special Treat for Prairie View Elementary Staff**

*By Luke & Cindy Voth, SOS Coordinators*

For the past nine years WMC has had a special relationship with Prairie View Elementary School. We are one of three local churches who are in partnership with PVES through a program called "Supporting Our Schools" or SOS for short. We join in our SOS with Comunidad Christiana Adulam and Maple City Chapel. Within our partnership we are invited to support the students as well as the teachers and staff at PVES. Last week there was a thank you note in the Buzz from Sonya Imus, PVES Principal, expressing gratitude for 100 headphones and a whole bin of tissues that WMC donated.

Our next opportunity to bless and support PVES is providing a special breakfast treat for the 80 staff members on Wednesday, November 8. This special treat is just to offer a word and gesture of gratitude and encouragement to all involved in the care, nurture, and education of the 430 students who attend PVES. There are two ways you can participate in this gesture of blessing and care. First, you can stop by the Participation Station to sign up to contribute food items for the breakfast (fruit trays to serve 10, containers of mixed nuts, bags of small wrapped candy, or special paper plates and napkins). A special thank you to members of Sojourners Class who are preparing homemade baked good items for the breakfast.

The second way you can participate in this gesture of blessing and care is by writing a note that will be given randomly to one of the 80 staff members. There are blank note cards on a table in the foyer at church, and you are invited to pick one or two or five and write a

## Life at Waterford

### Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 186

Nurture Hour – 186

### Finances – October 15, 2023

Operating Fund	\$8,818.50
Mennonite Education	\$4,030.00
Either Fund	\$6,084.00
<i>Budget total</i>	<i>\$18,932.50</i>
Welcome Spaces	\$100.00
Sharing Fund	\$200.00
Least Coin Fund	\$24.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,256.50</b>

### Looking Ahead

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

November 5: Sermon: Jackie Wyse-Rhodes; Who made us who we are?  
(Numbers 1:1-16, 44-54)

### 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 22, 26

Katie Misz - October 21

Deron Bergstresser - Oct. 25-27

### Office hours this week

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

Tuesday 1-3

Friday 9-12

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message of gratitude. It is our hope to present a handwritten note of thanks to all 80 staff members. Your message could include a thank you for their contribution to the care, nurture, and education of the students at Prairie View, as well as a word of our support or a word of encouragement. Completed cards can be left in the basket on the table in the foyer. Completed cards and food items should be dropped off to the church by 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7.

Thank you for the ways you participate in helping us to partner with other local churches to provide care and support to one of our local elementary schools.

## Christmas Prelude Orchestra

*By JD Smucker*

It seems like ever since I began attending Waterford, there have always been many people in the congregation who play instruments. Our church has tried to affirm the musical gifts and talents among us, inviting string quartets, and other instruments in our worship time together. About ten years ago we made the effort to get all of our instrumentalists together before Christmas to do some music making. A medley of Christmas carols was chosen, at a difficulty level that was easy for those who had been playing an instrument for at least a year. As a result, between 15 - 25 people each year bring their instruments to church to join in a Christmas prelude. We will be doing this again on December 10 to start the service.

Instrumentalists will come around 8:15 and we will play through the music a couple times and then share with the congregation. Vyron and Elvina are leading the congregational singing, and a few of these songs may be accompanied by the orchestra.

Music is a sweet gift from God. Everyone who participates with their instrument will be given a gift for their effort. In addition, some fruit and donuts will also be available before the service for those needing added motivation. If you are interested in joining in with your instrument, let JD know and he can give you a copy of the music ahead of time to practice. For those who have done this for many years, just show up at 8:15 to tune, and we will all look forward to what you will bring to worship in our Christmas Prelude Orchestra on December 10.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

## WMC Fall Festival

Around 100 people braved the cold, damp and breezy autumn weather last Sunday evening for food, fun and fellowship. Activities included face painting, pumpkin painting, an obstacle course and games.



Left: Matilda Graber-Ditzler and a guest paint pumpkins.

Right: Karen Thompson makes a pumpkin out of pipe cleaners and beads.



Above: Lydia Voth won the "guess how many pieces are in the jar" contest.



Left: Amelia Ramão shows off the artwork on her cheek.

Below: Neer Goswami has her face painted.

Right: Miranda Pfahler crawls through arches at the beginning of the obstacle course.



All photos by Mariko Claassen

# Thank You

Thank you to our church family for the messages, cards, prayers, and expressions of condolence sent after the death of my (Leonard's) mother, Emma Shetler. Thanks, also, for the beautiful fall mums delivered to our home. We appreciate you!

Leonard & Rose Shetler

## Local Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Events

The WMC DDoD group invites you to join with us and AMBS professor Janeen Bertsche Johnson on Saturday, October 28, for an excursion to where the 1838 Trail of Death started at Twin Lakes, Ind. Janeen will provide historical input at the site of the church where the Potawatomi were forced to gather. The tour includes going to the Chief Menomonie marker and the first stop on the Trail of Death as the Potawatomi were marched to Kansas by the US Army. Janeen will also lead the group in reflections on this injustice to guide lament and response.

We will leave at noon for the 4.5 hour trip from the church parking lot. There is a signup sheet at the Participation Station. Please sign up before Tuesday, October 24.

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The first markers acknowledging the existence of a commercial route established by Indigenous Peoples to connect present-day Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Chicago, Illinois, were unveiled on the campus of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Sept. 29. Read an article by Lynda Hollinger-Janzen about the event [here](#).

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On October 3, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary library returned an English-Cheyenne Dictionary to the Southern Cheyenne via the Reverend Susan Hart. It was compiled by a Mennonite missionary in 1895 and has been in AMBS's collection for decades. Read the article at <https://www.ambs.edu/news/english-cheyenne-dictionary-goes-home/>



# Waterford Announcements

**Looking for painters:** We are looking for painters to paint our fellowship hall. If you are interested in helping out, let JD know soon.

**Remember to sign up for the November 5 “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner”!** There are extra forms at the participation station—fill one out and put it in the box on the table. **Forms must be turned in by this Sunday, October 22**, if you want to participate.

**Salt & Light additional resource** for [October 22](#).

## MCUSA

**Sydney Leah Bontrager**, Mennonite Church USA’s 2023 **Bring the Peace award recipient**, describes how God has impacted her through her work raising funds to provide relief to Myanmar villages and a Myanmar orphanage. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/interview-bontrager](https://mennoniteusa.org/interview-bontrager)

## 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., 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](https://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](https://goshen.edu/tickets). It will also be [\(live streamed\)](#)
- **Patricia Caicedo, guest soprano**, Oct. 31 at 7:30 p.m., Rieth Recital Hall. A world-renowned expert in Latin American and Iberian Art songs, Patricia Caicedo has led a crusade to include underrepresented repertoires and creators in music curricula and concert venues. She has having performed worldwide and founded and directed the Barcelona Festival of Song, which focuses on studying art songs in Spanish, Catalan, and Portuguese. Tickets can be purchased at [goshen.edu/tickets](https://goshen.edu/tickets).

## 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](https://mcc.org/Palestine-Israel)

**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](https://mcc.org/gl-alumni-service).

**A Musical Thanksgiving:** Sunday, Oct. 29, 4 p.m. at AMBS Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount. Organist Shirley King and pianist Beverly Lapp will share solo settings of several hymns of praise and thanksgiving, with congregational singing integrated throughout the program. All are invited; admission is free

**Gospel Echoes Team Annual Fish & Chicken Fry** will be Saturday, November 4, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Shipshe Auction-Antique Building in Shipshewana (345 S Van Buren St). Concert begins at 5:30 p.m. See bulletin board for more information.

**Living that Matters Retreat-** December 9, 2023 in Goshen, IN. Men, what kind of man do you want to be and how can you live a life that matters? In this half-day retreat, we will examine the scripts we've been given, explore differing expressions of masculinity, reconsider our purpose and aims in life. This retreat draws from *Living that Matters: Honest Conversations for Men of Faith* (Herald Press, 2023), which each participant will receive. Both retreats are led by Steve Thomas, US coordinator of Mennonite Men.

## Opportunities

## MDS

The October edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King shares the health benefits of being a volunteer; an old grocery store is transformed near Red Lake, Minnesota; and if you enjoy quilting, knitting or crocheting you'll want to learn more about the MDS Housewarmer Project. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3FnVTrJ>

**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](https://pathwaysretreat.org). Follow this [link](#) to their monthly newsletter.

**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](https://mcc.org/indiana-pipeline-to-prison).