



October 8, 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  
5:30 p.m. Ecuador Prayers

## **Welcome Team**

Greeters: Maurice & Carol Lehman  
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken Otto, Denise Diener  
Audiovisuals: Shawn Stutzman, Jordan Graber Kauffman

## **This Week at Waterford**

### *Tuesday*

7:00 p.m. - YA Support Group

### *Wednesday*

7:00 p.m. - Venture Club

7:00 p.m. - JYF, MYF

### *Thursday*

8:30 a.m. - Mennonite Women / MYF Rm

7:00 p.m. FFMT

### *Zoom prayers*

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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## **MYF Fall Retreat at Amigo Centre**



Back Row: Becky Bateman, Eleanor Habecker, Matt Bateman, Shelby Eby, Emily Hunsberger, Colton Eby, Ethan Claassen, Landon Kauffman, Dominic Ramer, Isaac Pfahler, Daphcar Lehman, David Stutzman, Emily Bowman, Garrett Stoltzfus.

Front Row: Lacy Stoltzfus, Anna Schrock, Neer Goswami, Gretchen Bateman, Katie Misz.

## Life at Waterford

### Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 203 (+19 -- MYF  
Retreat)  
Nurture Hour – 206

### Finances – Sept. 24, 2023

Operating Fund	\$6,425.00
Mennonite Education	\$890.00
Either Fund	\$4,059.00
<i>Budget total</i>	<i>\$11,374.00</i>
Welcome Spaces	\$100.00
Sharing Fund	\$1,481.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,955.00</b>

### Looking Ahead

October 15: Sermon: Cindy Voth;  
Joseph, the Cynic  
(Genesis 41: 37-57)  
October 22: Sermon: Firman  
Gingerich; Joseph, the  
Reconciler  
(Genesis 43: 1-5; 45: 1-18)

### 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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## MennoCon with ADHD & Autism

*From an article in AdNet Connections Newsletter: Fall 2023:  
Youth & Young Adults*

by Landon Kauffman

My convention experience was great. I loved the nice people. The seminars were interesting to me. Worship was long, and it was hard to stay focused. I enjoyed meeting Doodle the dog and that



Landon with Doodle the dog. The two spent time together in the sensory area outside of worship. Photos by Emily Hunsberger.



Landon is a freshman at Fairfield Jr Sr High School in Goshen, IN. He is active on the school's ESports team and Jacksonians Producers 4H club. He loves all things animals, especially his Australian Shepherd, Sapphire. Landon attends Waterford with his family Lyz and Alan Zimmerman, Kenzie and Sean.

# Waterford Announcements

## Save the Date!

Our next “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” will be on November 5!

Check your mailbox for a sign-up form and return it to the box at the participation table by October 22.

**WMC Fall Festival.** Sunday is your last chance to sign up for the fall festival on which will be on Sunday, October 15, 4 - 7 p.m. There will be food, activities for children and adults and lawn games. Sign up at the participation station, so we can get an idea of how many hotdogs to prepare. For more details, pick up an orange flier from one of the tables in the foyer.

**Mennonite Women** will meet on Thursday this week in the MYF room at church. Doors are open from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. As usual we will work on MCC projects. Bring your own lunch if you stay during lunch hour.

**Salt & Light additional resource** for [October 8.](#)

## Upcoming Community Events

**Sara Method, Waterford member, gallery reception,** Saturday, October 7 from 5:30 to 7 p.m., with artist’s talk at 6:15 in the Hershberger Art Gallery, Goshen College Music Center. Sara’s show, “a sense of place,” will be on display through November 12. Read what she has to say about her show [here.](#)

“**Being a Mennonite in public ed,**” the first of four Zoom meetings beginning Thursday, October 12, 7 p.m. **Mennonite Public Educators** brings together Mennonite teachers and other education professionals who work in a public school setting 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.](#)

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

## MCUSA

There’s still time to register for the Generation Z Energy and Spirit challenge! Mennonite Church USA is inviting young people to actively care for the planet through the challenge, which runs through April 2024. 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. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/energy-challenge/](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/energy-challenge/)

Talitha Amadea Aho, keynote speaker for the Mennonite Church USA Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit on July 8, 2023, wrote a letter to thank the climate summit attendees and follow up on the question, “What can an introvert do about climate justice?” Read her letter here: [mennoniteusa.org/climate-justice-introvert](https://mennoniteusa.org/climate-justice-introvert)

Mennonite Church USA invites all congregations to deepen their understanding about the complex, intersectional issue of gun violence in the U.S. and to explore how our Anabaptist faith can inform our response. Learn more about MC USA’s “Learn, Pray, Join: End Gun Violence” initiative and upcoming webinars here: [mennoniteusa.org/lpj-end-gun-violence](https://mennoniteusa.org/lpj-end-gun-violence)

## Goshen College

Visit days for high school students:

Oct. 23 - [Nursing and Public Health Career Day](#)

Nov. 10 - [Explore Goshen Day](#)

Contact the Goshen College Admission Office at [admission@goshen.edu](mailto:admission@goshen.edu), 800.348.7422 or 574.535.7535. For more information, visit [goshen.edu/visit](http://goshen.edu/visit).

## Taizé Sunday Evening Worship Service

Join the Goshen College Community on Sunday, October 8 at 8:00pm in Newcomer 19 for contemplative worship based on the style of the Taizé community of France. This ecumenical service is focused on singing, Scripture, silence, and prayer. All are welcome!

## AMBS

**AMBS Forming Leaders Together Campaign Launch Celebration: Thursday, Oct. 19, 6:30–8:30 p.m.**, in the AMBS Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount (3003 Benham Avenue, Elkhart, Indiana). Please join the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary learning community, the AMBS Board of Directors, and leaders from Mennonite World Conference and Mennonite Church Canada to celebrate the public launch of the seminary's Forming Leaders Together campaign! The celebration will include a lecture by Jamie Pitts, PhD, Professor of Anabaptist Studies, on "Mysteries of Reconciliation: Culture, Violence, Politics," in honor of his recent promotion to full professor. A dessert reception will follow the presentation. Please RSVP by Oct. 12: [ambs.edu/celebrate](http://ambs.edu/celebrate)

## Fun was had at the MYF Fall Retreat

