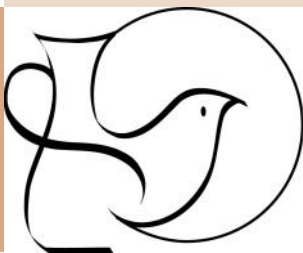




November 12, 2023



# 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: Bob & Rachel Brenneman  
Ushers: Glenn Reinford, Mark King, Denise Diener  
Audiovisuals: Shawn Stutzman, Jordan Kauffman

## **This Week at Waterford**

### *Tuesday*

7:00 p.m. - YA Support Group  
7:00 p.m. - EMST

### *Wednesday*

6:00 p.m. - Haystacks & Games / MYF Rm  
7:00 p.m. - Children's Christmas Prog. WkShp

### *Saturday*

8:00 a.m. - SM Retreat / Rm 28/30

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## **November 5 "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"**

**Chupp**



**Pérez Diener**

## Life at Waterford

### Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 196

Nurture Hour – 202

### Finances – November 5, 2023

Operating Fund	\$11,408.45
Mennonite Education	\$2,395.00
Either Fund	\$3,554.00
<i>Budget total</i>	<i>\$17,347.45</i>
Welcome Spaces	\$4,100.00
Jubilee	\$290.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,737.45</b>

### Looking Ahead

November 19: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser; Staffs and Serpents

(Numbers 17:1-13; 21:1-15)

November 26: Testimony and Song; A Song of Thanksgiving (Psalm 40:1-10)

### 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 - November 15-28

Elvina Schmidt - Nov. 12-14

### Office hours this week

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

Tuesday, Friday 9-12

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## Community School of the Arts *Rejoice* auditions



The **Goshen College Community School of the Arts Rejoice Children's Choir {grades 3 through 5}** is accepting new members. If your child loves to sing, would like the opportunity to meet and sing with other area children, and sing alongside a professional choir this Spring, this may be for them! Our semester begins Thursday evening, January 11 and runs through Saturday, May 11. **Auditions** will take place on **Monday, November 20** from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Goshen College Music Center in room 100. No preparation is needed, auditions are short and simple! Please contact Rejoice Director Kristin Kauffman with additional questions at [krisandtrav@gmail.com](mailto:krisandtrav@gmail.com).

# Waterford Announcements

Thank you to all of those who have responded with the updates of your **attender profiles for the directory!** For those who have not done so yet, please return them by Sunday, November 19. If you didn't receive an email with your information, please let the office know as soon as possible.

If you would like to **play in the Christmas Orchestra** on Sunday morning, December 10, there are signup sheets at the Participation Station and on the SS class clipboards. Please sign up at one or the other of the two places.

This Sunday is the last Sunday to add **messages to the banner in the foyer for BBI**. Stop by and write a greeting or color in a letter.

Wednesday is **Haystacks and Games night**. We will begin at 6:00 and meet in the MYF room. Bring a haystack topping to share. All ages are welcome.

**Salt & Light** additional resource for [November 12](#).

## Upcoming Community Events

**Tanzania Education Aid is hosting a fundraising meal** with African food at Assembly Mennonite Church on November 11 at 5:30 p.m. Come enjoy East African food like ugali, mandazi, chai and others. We provide scholarship and library services to the Shirati, Tanzania area. You can also give donations or ask questions to Shawn Stutzman.

**Comforter Bash! November 10 and 11**. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Church (58529 County Road 23). For more information about the event visit [mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash](http://mcc.org/goshen-comforter-bash) or contact Donna Stoltzfus at 574-831-4098.

**Come see Susanna Stutzman** as the character Sven in *Frozen Jr.* at Goshen Junior High School. Friday and Saturday, November 17 and 18, 7:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 3:00 p.m.

You are invited to the **Bethany Fall Play, *The Curious Savage***, Friday and Saturday, November 17 and 18, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, November 19, 3:00 p.m. Support Waterford students Gretchen Bateman, Alina Brill Bergstresser, Marta Brill Bergstresser, Ethan Claassen, Neer Goswami, and Dominic Ramer.

The **Goshen Community Chorale** is joining the **Maple City Community Orchestra to present a concert** in the Sauder Concert Hall at Goshen College Sunday afternoon, at 4:00 p.m. November 19. Open Fifths will also be participating. The program will feature two of Gabriel Faure's most beautiful pieces, Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine (sung in English). Members of Waterford in the Chorale include Rachel Brenneman, Shelby Miller Eby, Rose Shetler, Karsten Hess, Kay Miller, Douglas Graber, Jeff Miller, and Bob Brenneman. Free, but donations will be welcomed at the end of the concert.

## Events at Goshen College

\*Tickets can be purchased at <https://goshen.universitytickets.com/>

- **Fall Mainstage Play: “Twelfth Night” by William Shakespeare\***, Nov. 10, 11, 18: 7:30 p.m., Nov. 12, 19: 2:30 p.m., Umble Center. Celebrate the promise of youth with Shakespeare’s classic gender-bending romantic comedy! Mistaken identity, misunderstandings and pranks instigate all the hijinks. This fall’s mainstage production by the Goshen College Theater Department draws inspiration from post-punk youth culture in London, circa 1980. Parents and educators told the youth they wouldn’t amount to anything. In defiance, a few friends start meeting up each Tuesday night to have some fun. Their creativity ended up changing the world. This production is directed by Amy Budd, assistant professor of theater.
- **Community School of the Arts Fall Choral Showcase\***, Sunday, Nov. 12 at 4 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall. Three youth choirs in the Community School of the Arts will perform as part of the annual CSA Fall Choral Showcase Concert. Performing are Rejoice (grades 3-5) and Sommo Voci (grades 9-12), directed by Kristin Kauffman, and Shout for Joy (grades 6-8), directed by Sandy Hill.
- **Youth Honors Orchestra Fall Concert\***, Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall. The Youth Honors Orchestra, a youth instrumental ensemble featuring community players grades 7-12, is conducted by Viktoria Petrak.
- **Lavender Jazz Concert\***, Friday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall. Lavender Jazz is Goshen College’s “big band” student jazz ensemble. They will perform their fall concert of jazz charts and standards. They are directed by Greg Smucker.
- **Art Exhibit Reception and Artist Talk: Goshen College Art Faculty & Retired Faculty**, Sunday, Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m., Hershberger Art Gallery. Exhibit runs until January 14, 2024.

## MCUSA

**Shelley Buller**, executive assistant to the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board, has announced her plans to retire at the end of 2023, after 46 years of dedicated service to the denomination. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/shelley-buller-retire](https://mennoniteusa.org/shelley-buller-retire)

**Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster** (Pennsylvania) worked with a local artist to create a public mural that represents their community’s history and diversity. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/beauty-of-earth](https://mennoniteusa.org/beauty-of-earth)

**Joel Shenk**, pastor of Toledo (Ohio) Mennonite Church, describes how he learned **blacksmithing** as part of his personal peace witness and how his conference and congregation have joined him in this work. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/peace-witness-anvil](https://mennoniteusa.org/peace-witness-anvil)

## The War in Gaza

Would you like to have a better understanding of the current events in Gaza? Who are these various warring groups, and what is their history? Is there any hope for peace in that part of the world?

You are invited to a presentation: **“Israel and Gaza: History and Context” with Dr. Michael Spath** on Monday, November 20, at 2:00 p.m. in the Greencroft Community Center. Dr. Spath is the Founder and Executive director of the Indiana Center for Middle East Peace. He has led frequent tours of Israel-Palestine that explores the social/political situation in that land.

Dr. Spath holds a PhD in Historical Theology with an emphasis on Islam-Christian relationships. His academic studies also include Abrahamic Religions, Peace Studies, Religion and Violence. He currently serves as temporary Interim Pastor of the Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship in Berne, Ind.

**Mennonite Palestine Israel Network (MennoPIN)** will host a Zoom conversation with **Tareq Abuhallima of Gaza City** and current graduate assistant at Bluffton University’s The Lion and Lamb Peace Arts Center. Tareq previously worked at Youth Vision Society in Gaza City as a project manager and served as MennoPIN’s “Twinning with Gaza” Initiative Coordinator. He will share about his experience of growing up in Gaza and give an update on the disastrous human toll of the current war. **Saturday, November 11 at 10:00-11:00 a.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85122092279?pwd=YXpUUEE1tUk9KlU2dHSUQybKVOZkMwZz09>  
Meeting ID: 851 2209 2279, Passcode: 967361

**Seminary Preview Webinar.**

Thinking about seminary? Or do you know someone who might be? Join us online on **Tuesday, Jan. 30, 8–8:45 p.m. ET**, and get a glimpse of what Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary has to offer — whether you want to study at a distance or on our campus in Elkhart, Indiana. Areas of study at AMBS include pastoral ministry, chaplaincy, Christian formation, peacebuilding, Anabaptist theology, environmental sustainability leadership and more. Register online (no cost): [ams.edu/preview](https://ams.edu/preview)

## Upcoming Broader Church Events

**Join Hesston College in celebration of Tony Brown** as we honor his lifelong pursuit of peace-building through music. Hesston College music department will present this year's Masterworks concert, "Peacing it Together: A Tribute to Tony Brown," Saturday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church. Masterworks chorus and orchestra, along with soloists Dr. Holly Swartzendruber and Keith Harris, will perform compositions Brown held dear to his heart. Selected works include a scene from "Elijah" by Felix Mendelssohn, "Old American Songs" by Aaron Copland and a wide collection of spirituals and art songs. **View the event online at [hesston.edu/livestream!](https://hesston.edu/livestream!)**

Do you yearn for holy and social liberation to come to the Southern border and in our communities? **Sojourners has put together an Advent series, Caminando Juntos, Journeying Together**, to help you make space for reflection and action with immigrant communities, families, and churches allied for a humane, just, and common-sense pathway to citizenship. Sign up at the link above for an electronic subscription to the devotional.

## Opportunities

**Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is seeking an International Program Accounting Assistant.** This role will provide clerical support to the International Program accounting team, including processing payments and supporting the payroll process for international employees. This position can be located in U.S. locations where MCC is a registered employer in Eastern or Central time zones; eligible for remote work. For more information and to apply by November 8, visit [mcc.org/ip-accounting-assistant](https://mcc.org/ip-accounting-assistant).

**Mennonite Central Committee is looking for an Executive Assistant to aid our International Program Department.** If you have administrative gifts to support the global relief, development and peace efforts of MCC, apply by November 13. More information at [mcc.org/ip-executive-assistant](https://mcc.org/ip-executive-assistant).

**Shalom Academy 2024:** Cultivating unity within faith communities can be difficult when cultural pressures are divisive. As the next iteration of the former School for Leadership Training, Shalom Academy 2024 offers a place to learn and reflect on the practices that move congregations past divisiveness and toward peace. Keynote speakers and workshops give fresh perspectives on justice-inspired shalom, and new-this-year excursions provide for relaxation and recreation with friends both old and new. For more information or to register for Shalom Academy 2024 visit <https://emu.edu/seminary/slt/>.