

# Waterford Mennonite Church

## Who Made Us Who We Are?

November 5, 2023

Prelude John Zehr

Gathering Songs Kent Myers

*Holy Spirit, Come with Power* VT 57

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* VT 88

Welcome & Call to worship Deron Bergstresser

Lighting the peace lamp\*

Song *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* VT 5

Children's time Christa Graber Kauffman, Eleanor Habecker

Offering *Please pass the friendship pads*  
(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)

Song *Now Thank We All Our God* VT 114

Drama Nick & Amanda Stoltzfus

Scripture Numbers 1:1-16, 44-54

Sermon "Counting and Camping" Jackie Wyse-Rhodes\*\*

Song of Response *God, Be the Love* VT 43

Congregational Prayer Deron Bergstresser

Benediction

Sending Song *Take My Life and Let It Be* VT 759

VT = Voices Together; SJ = *Sing the Journey*; SS = *Sing the Story*

\*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world.

\*\*Jackie Wyse-Rhodes is Associate Prof. Hebrew Bible and Bible dept. chair at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart

## Prayers

*Dwight Kauffman* as he will be admitted to the IU Simon Cancer Center this week for a bone marrow transplant. He will be in the hospital for a month. He and Carolyn will then stay for several weeks in Indianapolis after he is released.

For *Palestinians, Israeli hostages and others* trapped in the Gaza strip.

Give thanks to God for a good outcome for *Jerry Albrecht's* heart stint procedure and pray for a good recovery.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the *Johnstown Service Adventure unit*, made up of Elias Wolff, Henriette Preuss, Leni Schreiber and Marie Haller, and unit leaders Josh and Stef Musser and their children, Jacob and Noah. Pray for a harmonious household, deepening faith and service that reflects God's love.

*Jane Lehman*, who celebrates her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on her. Join in her celebration by signing a card for her at the table in the foyer.

Pray for those people in *Eastern DR Congo* where M23 rebels have committed war crimes in the region. Churches and homes have been destroyed. Pray for a de-escalation of violence and for emotional healing for those who have been affected, both as victims and as perpetrators.

We remember this week our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students *Jeremiah Voth, Lydia Voth* and *Sean Zimmerman*, and their teachers *Lorna Claassen, Laurina Graber-Ditzler, Jordan Smeltzer* and *Murray Bowman*.

## Welcome Guests

We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. There are sermon boards for children outside the sanctuary doors; please pick one up as you enter. If desired, there is a nursery available in the west end of the foyer for infants and toddlers. Large print copies of the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. We invite you to stay for our nurture hour. Look for the welcome brochure on the front table in the foyer.

## **Our Mission Statement**

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

*Welcome everyone to faith and fellowship in Jesus Christ,*

*Minister to the needs of one another and our neighbors through the Holy Spirit, and*

*Call out each other's gifts for the joyful work of God's reconciling mission.*

We celebrate that everyone is created in God's image, and as followers of Jesus we welcome people of every age, ability, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status, socio-economic situation, gender identity, and citizenship status as full participants in the life of our congregation.

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