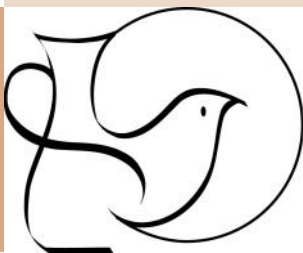




November 5, 2023



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture classes for all ages
5:30 p.m. - Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Welcome Team

Greeters: Bob & Rachel Brenneman
Ushers: Ken Otto, Len Harms, Wade Ramer
Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler, Colin Berkey

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Venture Club
7:00 p.m. - JYF
7:00 p.m. - 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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Mentor-Mentee Night

WMC mentors and mentees made their annual sojourn to the Depot on Wednesday night to compile MCC kits.

Below, clockwise from front left, are Ethan Claassen, Neer Goswami, Oliver Kauffman and Hannah Claassen assembling school kits.



Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 213

Nurture Hour – 207

Finances – October 29, 2023

Operating Fund	\$3,285.00
Mennonite Education	\$1,507.27
Either Fund	\$2,852.00
<i>Budget total</i>	<i>\$7,644.27</i>
Welcome Spaces	\$1,000.00
Jubilee	\$125.00
Turkey Relief	\$500.00
Total	\$9,269.27

Looking Ahead

November 12: Sermon: Cindy Voth; The Seventy
(Num. 11:16-35)

November 19: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser; Staffs and Serpents
(Numbers 17:1-13; 21:1-15)

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 5-6

Katie Misz - November 7

Karen Hostetler - November 5-7

Elvina Schmidt - November 8-14

Office hours this week

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

Tuesday, Friday 9-12

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Waterford Announcements

Reminding all who are interested in working on MCC projects on **Mennonite Women Day** to come next Thursday, November 9. We meet in the MYF room. Doors open at 8:30. If you are staying over lunch time bring your own brown bag. See you there!

Prairie View Elementary School teachers' breakfast: There are still some blank note cards on the small table in the foyer to write messages of gratitude and encouragement to school staff members. We would like to present a handwritten note of thanks to all 80 staff members. Completed cards and food items should be dropped off at the church by 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7.

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.

Salt & Light additional resource for [November 5](#).

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 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.

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 krisandrav@gmail.com.

Events at Goshen College

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

- **GC Symphony Orchestra Fall Concert***, Friday, November 3 at 7:30 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall.
- **Treble Fest Festival Concert**, Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall. **Free and open to the public.** Goshen College's treble voice choir, Voices of the Earth, will be joined by area high school high voice choruses for a day of rehearsals and workshops, culminating in an evening choir concert. Voices of the Earth is directed by H. Roz Woll, assistant professor of music.
- **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

Upcoming Broader Church Events

Learn. Pray. Join: End Gun Violence webinar, Intersectionality of Gun Violence, November 6, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. We'll focus on the intersectionality of gun violence and the call to explore our Anabaptist response to it. This webinar will provide information about the impact of gun violence on different communities, as well as provide information about mental health impacts, including suicide and how congregations can walk alongside those at risk and their family/friends. **Panel includes JE and Katie Misz.** Register here: <https://shorturl.at/irS58> View the PDF here: mennoniteusa.org/lpj-end-gun-violence-webinar-PDF

Believing and Belonging: a panel discussion exploring membership and baptism for people with intellectual disabilities. A webinar with Jeanne Davies, Bonnie Miller, and Denise Reesor; November 9, 2023 at 7 p.m. They'll discuss inclusive classrooms or personal study with a pastor, mentor, or parent; strategies for engaging and learning; and how to use ADN's new curriculum, **Believing and Belonging: An Accessible Anabaptist Membership Curriculum.** Bring your experience and questions for this practical conversation. [Register now.](#)

MCUSA

Mennonite Church USA has launched "**Learn, Pray, Join: End Gun Violence**," an initiative to bring awareness to the complex issue that intersects with poverty, racism, discrimination, criminal justice, education and the environment. Read more here:

mennoniteusa.org/educate-topic-lpj Visit the initiative page here: mennoniteusa.org/lpj-end-gun-violence

Katie Graber, Anneli Loepp Thiessen and Sarah Kathleen Johnson share a glimpse into the new resource, **Guide to Voices Together Songs and Resources with Connections to Indigenous Communities** in Canada and the United States, which was recently released by the Voices Together team. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/connecting-communities-voices-together

AMBS

Online Short Course: Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: Jan. 31 – March 12. Study how 16th-century Anabaptists approached Scripture — as compared with Catholics and other Protestants — and consider those similarities and differences in light of today. Instructors for this six-week AMBS Online Short Course are Laura Brennehan-Fullwood, PhD, and David Cramer, PhD. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Sign up by Jan. 10 to save \$50. ambs.edu/online-short-courses

Church matching grants for seminary. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary offers grants of up to \$2,000 per academic year to match contributions that congregations, conferences and regional churches make toward a full-time graduate student's tuition costs. Part-time students may be eligible for matching grants as well. We're committed to making theological education affordable and accessible for students across the church — tap a shoulder! ambs.edu/church-matching-grants

Visit day for high school students: Nov. 10 [Explore Goshen Day](https://www.goshen.edu/explore-goshen-day). Contact the Goshen College Admission Office at admission@goshen.edu, 800.348.7422 or 574.535.7535. For more information, visit [goshen.edu/visit](https://www.goshen.edu/visit).

Mennonite Palestine Israel Network (MennoPIN) will host a Zoom conversation with **Tareq Abuhalima 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=YXpUUE1tUk9KU2dHSUQybkVOZkMwZz09>

Meeting ID: 851 2209 2279, Passcode: 967361

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/**

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.

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.

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/>.

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, or click this [link](#) to the monthly newsletter.