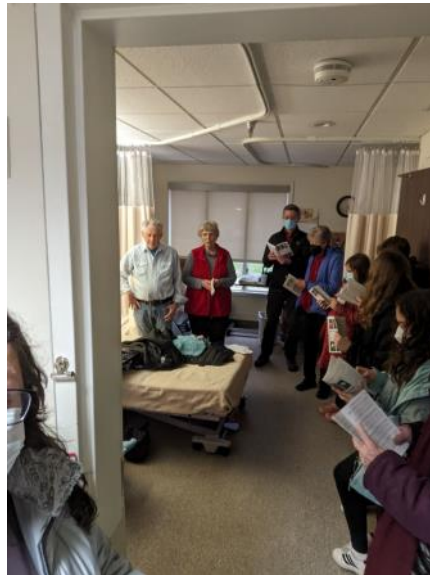


Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 17, four groups of WMC attenders caroled to the WMC residents at Greencroft. At left, one group visited the health center; at right, another group serenaded residents in the courts.



December 24, 2023

The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
No Nurture Hour

Welcome Team

Greeters: Doug & Janette Yoder
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Wade Ramer, Douglas Graber
Audiovisuals: Derrick Ramer, Jeff Claassen

This Week at Waterford

Monday CLOSED

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Waterford Announcements

Join us this Sunday, December 24, for our Christmas "Eve" service during our morning worship. We will do the traditional service of lessons and carols, ending with candle lighting. We will also be blessed with the special addition of a young adult strings group to accompany our singing. There will be no nurture hour.

As we welcome more people to our services during the holiday season, we would ask everyone to be mindful about **moving toward the center of the rows** to provide more room in the row for those coming in after you.

On Sunday January 7, the Pathfinders and Seekers Sunday school classes will again host a **noon benefit meal for Carlos Ramos** in the fellowship hall. Carlos attended WMC from August 2013 to August 2015. Pathfinders will be providing a Haystack dinner and Seekers will provide desserts.

The MCC Meat Canner will be in Goshen January 6-17, 2024. Although Waterford is not scheduled to help with labor this year, **MCC needs financial donations for the Goshen canning operation**. This year's budget will be around \$175,000. Please make checks payable to Foreign Relief MCC and mail to Ernie Miller, 59123 SR 13, Middlebury, IN 46540. If you would like a tax receipt, send your donation to MCC Great Lakes, 1013 Division St., Goshen, IN 46528. See more information on the notice on the bulletin board by the mailboxes.

Salt & Light [additional resource](#).

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 242

Nurture Hour – 164

Finances – December 17, 2023

Operating Fund	\$12,207.65
Mennonite Education	\$3,625.00
Either Fund	\$4,914.00
<i>Budget total</i>	<i>\$20,746.65</i>
Least Coin Fund	\$11.00
Welcome Spaces	\$1,450.00
Sharing Fund	\$1,250.00
Total	\$23,457.65

Looking Ahead

December 31: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser; Christmas

January 7: Sermon: Katie Misz; Epiphany

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

Deron Bergstresser - Dec. 22-27

Katie Misz - Dec. 26-30

Cindy Voth - Dec. 29 - Jan. 4

Office hours this week

Monday CLOSED

Tuesday - Thursday

9-12, 1-3

Friday 9-12

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Upcoming Events

Goshen College **Festival of Carols** will be aired on **WNIT**, channel 34.2, Sunday Dec. 24 @ 7:00. (This info was published in PBS Michiana Planner Magazine). If this channel is not carried by local cable carriers, you will need an antenna to take it in over the air.

Everence® is offering a new **stewardship training program**. The **FreedUp program** is a way for everyone to get their finances in order at any economic level – and gaining a deeper faith perspective on your money.

FreedUp is a 7-week app-based lesson series that includes a workbook and opportunities for discussion in interactive small group sessions. Everence facilitators will lead the group sessions There are several days of the week and times to choose from so you can find a time that fits your schedule:

- Mondays at 8 p.m. ET, starting Jan. 29, 2024
- Tuesdays at 8 p.m. ET, starting Jan. 30, 2024
- Wednesdays at 2 p.m. ET, starting Jan. 31, 2024
- Saturdays at 11 a.m. ET, starting Feb. 3, 2024

To register, go to everence.com/national. After registering, you'll get a message with the Zoom link and a reminder to download and sign up for the FreedUp app. Everence has a discount code to get the sessions for \$19 instead of the regular price of \$99.

Opportunities

The Fall 2023 issue of *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology* — edited by **Andy Brubacher Kaethler**, PhD — explores how the church can play a positive role in supporting families without relying on a narrow understanding of the ideal family unit itself. [Read Vision Here](#)

AMBS: The Trail of Death: A Pilgrimage of Remembrance, Lament and Transformation: June 10–24. Participants in this nine-day pilgrimage will trace the route of the U.S. military's 1838 forced removal of Potawatomi people from their ancestral homeland in northern Indiana to present-day Osawatomie, Kansas. This intensive AMBS course can be taken for credit, audit or no credit (trip only). Limit: 15 participants. Sign up by May 1. ambs.edu/trail-of-death

Hively Avenue Preschool is seeking a teacher to work with children ages 3 and 4. The position involves approximately 20 hours per week. A degree or certification in early childhood or elementary education is highly preferred. Interested candidates should email their resume to Amy Redar, preschool director preschool@hivelymennonite.org

The **December edition of On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King share stories of people "moving toward Jesus;" meet two women who enjoy cooking and painting with MDS; learn why a retired Army General in Kentucky says, "only God could have made that happen;" and we are now accepting registration for our Annual Celebration in Fresno in February. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3v4fpYd>