



Benin Bible Institute Trip Reporting

Waterford Mennonite Church

January 28, 2024

Prelude		John Zehr
Gathering songs		Colleen Stoltzfus
	<i>This is the Day</i>	
	<i>Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord</i>	VT 131
	<i>Could It Be That God Is Singing</i>	VT 42
Welcome & Call to worship		Rod Hollinger-Janzen
Lighting the peace lamp*		Jeremiah Voth
Children's time		Luke, Elijah, Thomas Voth
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Song	<i>We Will Follow</i>	VT 566
Scripture	2 Corinthians 5:11-21	Lydia Voth
Sermon	"Touching the Elephant"	Cindy Voth
Song of Response	<i>We Are People of God's Peace</i>	VT 797
Congregational prayer		Deron Bergstresser
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Masithi Amen</i>	VT 90

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

Prayers

For the *family of June Yordy*, who died Wednesday morning at Greencroft.

Sunnyside Mennonite Church's new pastors, *Maria Hosler Byler and Osée Tshiwape*, and the congregation as they learn to know one another and begin to work together.

Ed and Sharon Swartzendruber as they serve with Rio Grand Bible Institute in Texas this winter.

Praise God for the fruit that has grown from Mennonite Mission Network's five-year commitment to partner with Holy Trinity Brussels' peace and conflict transformation program in Belgium. Pray for *Jean-Bosco Turahirwa*, who developed the program for his congregation, which has members from more than 45 countries.

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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