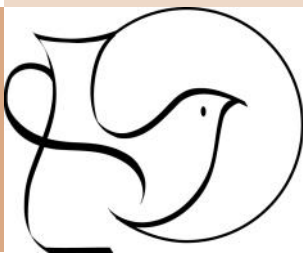




January 28, 2024



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship

10:30 a.m. - Joint Nurture hour
in the Sanctuary

Welcome Team

Greeters: Jon. & Mary Ann
Wieand

Ushers: Dennis Myers, Carla
Miller, Glenn Reinford

Audiovisuals: Derrick Ramer,
Dominic Ramer

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - MYF

Thursday

6:30 p.m. - GDMT / Zoom

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Small Groups at Waterford

Ursula Hess, for Spiritual Formation Ministry Team

WMC Spiritual Formation Ministry Team invites you to think about small groups and their importance for a church's spiritual life. Small groups are an important part of how we do church. We are an assembly of small groups, nurturing each other by the 'water ford'.

Outside of our regular Sunday School classes, we currently have 27 groups that meet in various forms—playing games, singing, doing crafts and needlework, serving, doing Bible study, having conversation and fellowship, sharing, mentoring and studying together—at least once per month. Small groups are a place where we share about our lives, build community, provide and receive support, grow spiritually, maybe share a meal. Each group establishes its own format, rhythm, and ritual.

Small groups can be one way of pastoral care, where group members give some of their time to one another to strengthen the body of Christ. Each of you are important in WMC congregational life. We appreciate the long-standing commitment of many members to their groups, whether these members belong or do not belong to WMC, and are grateful for the four groups that started up recently. We want to be of support to all of you and are open to hearing your concerns and suggestions.

Pastor Deron is planning to visit the newly formed groups in the near future. In addition, we would like to help anyone who is interested in a small group to find one that meets your needs. This can happen in two ways: 1. ask Ursula Hess, Pastor Deron, Sheldon Swartz or Aaron Lehman for suggestions, or 2. joinwith 2-3 others interested in forming a new group and inviting others to join you.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 197

Nurture Hour - 172

Finances – January 21, 2024

Operating Fund \$8,631.93

Mennonite Education \$1,765.00

Either Fund \$3,355.00

Budget total \$13,751.93

Sharing Fund \$70.00

Welcome Spaces \$1,200.00

Total **\$15,021.93**

Looking Ahead

February 4: Sermon: John Roth;
Anabaptist Distinctives
(Acts 2:1-8, 37-47)

February 11: Sermon: JE Misz;
Poetry
(2 Kings 6:8-23)

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

Katie Misz – Jan 28 - Feb 5

Office hours this week

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

Tuesday, Friday 9-12

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Fellowship Fun on the Horizon

Melissa Chupp, Lay Ministry Partner for Fellowship Ministry Team

Below you will find an upcoming calendar of a few fellowship events planned for this year. If you have an idea for other events, contact one of the members of the fellowship team and let us know how we can help you bring it to fruition. Team members are: Camila Pérez Diener (currently in Indonesia for SST), Mariko Claassen, Jon. Wieand, Rita Herrmann, Melissa Chupp, and Cindy Voth. Let us know if you are interested in joining the team as well.

- **Sunday, February 4 – Potluck**
Following Nurture Hour, hosted by Koinonia Class
- **Wednesday, February 21 – Game Night**
6:00-8:30 p.m. at WMC
This event happens **every third Wednesday of the month** and is hosted by Mark and Krista Daniels. Bring a favorite table game or come enjoy someone else's. A collaborative haystack meal is served. Meat is provided, bring a topping to share. No sign-up needed.
- **Sunday, February 25 – Chili Cook Off**
5:30 p.m. at WMC
Does your chili charm the taste buds of all who partake of it? Find out by participating in a friendly chili cook off. If cooking chili is not your thing, sign up to bring a side dish to share and "Taste and See" which chili you think is worthy of the Golden Ladle.
- **Sunday, March 3 – Potluck**
Following Nurture Hour, host to be determined
- **Wednesday, March 20 – Game Night**
6:00-8:30 p.m. at WMC
- **Friday, March 22 – March Madness Party**
4:00 - 10:00 p.m. or later?? at WMC
Take advantage of the new TV screens in the fellowship hall and cheer on your favorite college basketball teams. Come and go as you please. We will order pizza and aim to have it ready around 6:00. Bring snacks to share and donations to help cover the cost of the pizza.
- **Sunday March 31 – Easter Brunch**
host to be determined
- **Sunday, April 14 – Guess Who's Coming to Dinner**
5:30-8:00 p.m. at Mystery Locations
Look for forms to be in your church mailbox on March 10 for the next round of Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. Sign up to be a mystery host or a mystery guest.
- **Wednesday, April 17 – Game Night**
6:00-8:30 p.m. at WMC

New Members Class

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team Leader

Have you recently decided to make Waterford your new church home? Or have you been attending Waterford for a period of time (months, years, decades) but have not yet become a member? Our Pastoral Team will be holding a class in February for anyone who is interested in becoming a member at Waterford Mennonite Church. The class will meet for two sessions on February 20 (Tuesday) and 28 (Wednesday) from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the church. During our sessions we will spend time getting to know each other, share the leadership structure of WMC, visit with each of the pastors and learn about our areas of ministry, and have time for any questions you might have. We anticipate receiving new members within a worship service in April.

We would love to have you join us! Please RSVP to Pastors Cindy, Deron, or Katie by February 11.

Waterford Announcements

We are still looking for a new Greeter Coordinator. Since early last fall, Mary Ann Wieand has scheduled our weekly greeters. Her commitment ends in April, so we are looking for someone new to carry on with this ministry among us. Please contact Cindy Voth if you would be interested in learning more about this position!

Save the date for VBS 2024: *This is the way!* Our VBS this year will be from June 25 (Tuesday) to 28 (Friday), from 9 a.m. to noon. We will go to the early church and we will learn about the lives of Christians by hearing stories and through some activities.

If you were involved with the VBS 2023, we would like to hear from you! Please join us for a debriefing meeting on February 21 at 6:45 p.m. (you can join us after enjoying the haystack meal! Bring your favorite topping to share). If you can't make it to the meeting, please email your thoughts and ideas with Mariko at marikomc@gmail.com.

Meet & Greet for New Attenders: Pastors Deron, Katie, and Cindy will be available from 10:15-11:30 a.m. on **Sunday, February 11**, to meet you and answer any questions you might have about Waterford. Grab your coffee or tea and join us (most likely in one of the new fellowship hall classrooms).

Mennonite Education Fund applications for current and prospective Mennonite college students, and parents of current and prospective grades 3-12 Bethany students are due by February 28, 2024. The application can be found at <https://waterfordchurch.org/resources/>

Our next Potluck is on **February 4**, hosted by Koinonia Class

Salt & Light additional resource for [January 28](#).

MCUSA

Eric Massanari, executive conference minister for the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference, reflects on his time at the 2023 conference ministers retreat in Banff, Alberta, Canada, learning about **what nurtures healthy ministry leaders**. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/healthy-ministry-community

Meghan Larissa Good, faculty of record for teaching leadership at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, shares about how **many churches began to view God in a transformational way during the COVID-19 pandemic**. Read her Menno Snapshots blog here: mennoniteusa.org/god-looks-like-jesus

After researching the **experiences of women in ministry**, Amy Zimbelman, conference minister of Mountain States Mennonite Conference, shares how women have used sass as a means to deal with inequality in ministry. Read her Menno Snapshots blog here: mennoniteusa.org/sass-claim-equality

MDS

The January edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King shares inspiration from the dentist's chair; learn about a huge boost coming to Crisfield, Maryland; and don't miss the February 8 deadline to register for our Annual Celebration in Fresno in February. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3u2BztK>

AMBS

New Anabaptist Communities, a new issue of Anabaptist Witness — edited by Jamie Pitts, PhD — contains articles from Britain, Canada, India and the United States. Many of the articles reflect on denominational, conference and para-church efforts to start new communities, while some of them narrate grassroots efforts to found congregations outside of any institutional prompting. [Read the issue for free online](#) or [purchase a print issue in paperback](#).

Scholarships available! Ready to pursue seminary studies? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, offers generous need-based financial aid, church matching grants and scholarships for students learning on campus or at a distance, full time or part time. Complete your Admissions Application now so you can be eligible to apply for merit-based scholarships by March 15 and ministry scholarships by April 1. ams.edu/affordability

MCC

Peace Camps coming this year! Peace Camps offer young adults (18-30) unique opportunities for connection and learning. This year, there will be FOUR Peace Camps offered, each with its own flavor and draw. These are opportunities for young adults to learn and explore dynamics of social change; experience personal transformation; and apply Anabaptist, Biblical foundations of peace and justice to real world issues. Find out more about MCC Peace Camps 2024 at <https://mcc.org/get-involved/peace-camps>

Upcoming Events

Goshen College **Umble Master Class: “Learning to Use Your Voice Well” by Dr. Allan Rudy-Froese**, 7 p.m., Feb. 6 in the Umble Center. Dr. Rudy-Froese is a seminary professor of preaching and a voice coach certified through the Linklater Centre in Scotland. He serves as an associate professor at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, and has been studying voice (for actors, storytellers and speakers of all kinds) for 20 years.

Goshen College **Atlee and Winifred Beechy Peace Lectureship: “Tech and Social Transformation: The Best and Worst Impacts of Technology on Peace and Democracy in 2024” by Dr. Lisa Schirch**, 7 p.m., Feb. 8 in the Umble Center. A political scientist by training, Schirch earned her Ph.D. in 1989 from George Mason University’s Carter Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution and currently directs the Peacetech and Polarization Lab at the University of Notre Dame.

Goshen College’s **Winter Choral Concert** will take place on Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Sauder Concert Hall in the Music Center. The GC Chamber Choir and Vox Profundi are directed by Scott Hochstetler, professor of music, and Voices of the Earth is directed by H. Roz Woll, assistant professor of music. More information and tickets available at goshen.edu/tickets.

Peacebuilders Training, Colorado, March 10-15 (Registration is OPEN NOW!) This Peacebuilders Training is a learning experience for young adults hungry to connect with other young adults; root themselves in intentional, theological reflection; and apply that to real-world work of peace and justice in their communities.

Lacasa’s annual luncheon, March 13, 2024. Find information and register at <https://lacasainc.net/annual-luncheon/>.

A free 8-week class for **family members of people with mental illnesses** can help you understand and support, while maintaining your own well-being. Offered by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), class begins March 16. Covers brain research, meds, crisis response, stigma, self-care and more. Colleen Prough 574-349-1746 or namielkhartcounty@gmail.com for more info.

Opportunities

Everence® FreedUp is a new stewardship training program for everyone to get their finances in order at any economic level and gain 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 led by Everence facilitators. See the poster on the bulletin board for dates and times. **To register**, go to everence.com/national. Everence has a discount code to get the sessions for \$19 instead of the regular price of \$99.

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. You can see the job description on the bulletin board.

AMBS currently has a job opening for a **part-time Caterer in Residence**. Anyone interested in applying for the position should visit the website at www.AMBS.edu for the complete job description and how to apply.