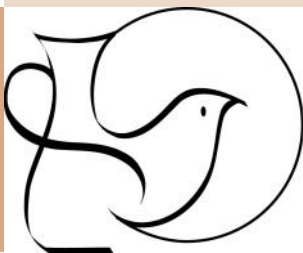




February 11, 2024



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture classes for all ages
5:30 p.m. - Ecuador Prayers

Welcome Team

Greeters: Jerry & Barb Landes
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken Otto, Denise Diener
Audiovisuals: Shawn Stutzman, Jordan Kauffman

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. - Neuro-divergent Support Group

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Venture Club
7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.
Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Senior Profile: Lenora Coyle

By Ursula Hess



Lenora grew up in Middlebury. Her parents were farmers. They had eight children—four daughters and four sons. Lenora was the second daughter. They all attended First Mennonite Church in Middlebury, where Lenora was baptized and married.

Lenora worked in a factory and her husband worked the farm. Together, they had three daughters, Pat, Rhonda, and Carol. When Pat was 12 years old, their father, Lenora's husband died of a heart attack. For about three years, Lenora worked to support her children on her own. She then married Jim Coyle and they both became active attenders, participating in Sunday School and Wednesday evening activities. Jim was a self-employed "Jack of all trades," as he called himself, and Lenora worked at Miles Laboratory for 30 years before she retired.

Lenora remembers the many good travels they have done together as a family. In later years, she and Jim would spend each winter in a rental in Texas. She is now enjoying many grandchildren who come to see her as they are able. She lives in a small apartment at Waterford Crossing Assisted Living, where she feels well cared for. She loves to hear from WMC and receive the weekly mail. She is not able to watch the church service, but watches other services on TV. She is looking forward to the time when she will be reunited with her husbands.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 199

Nurture Hour - 171

Finances – February 4, 2024

Operating Fund \$7,399.00

Mennonite Education \$1,855.00

Either Fund \$5,024.00

Budget total \$14,278.00

Welcome Spaces \$1,350.00

Anabaptism @ 500 \$100.00

Total **\$15,728.00**

Looking Ahead

February 18: Sermon: Deron

Bergstresser; Lent 1

(Gen. 9:8-17, Ps 25:1-10, Mark

1:9-15, 1 Peter 3:18-22)

February 25: Sermon: Cindy

Voth; Lent 2

(Gen. 17:1-17, 15-16; Ps 22:23

-31, Mark 8:31-38, Romans

4:13-25)

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

Elvina Schmidt - February 12-16

Office hours this week

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9-12, 1-3

Tuesday, Friday 9-12

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WMC Library

New Books in the Library

Diane Bodiker

Tessa Afshar is the Publisher's Weekly bestselling author of biblical and inspirational historical fiction. She was born in the Middle East and lived there for the first fourteen years of her life. Her conversion to Christianity in her twenties changed the course of her life forever. Three of her books have been added to WMC library.

- *Thief of Corinth*. When Ariadne and her father befriend a Jewish rabbi named Paul, they realize that his radical message challenges everything they've fought to build, yet offers something neither dared hope for.
- *Bread of Angels*. With only her father's secret formulas left, Lydia flees to Philippi and struggles to establish her business on her own. Determination, along with her father's precious dye, help her become one of the cities preeminent merchants. But fear lingers in every shadow until Lydia meets the apostle Paul and hears his message of hope, becoming his first European convert.
- *The Hidden Prince*. Babylonian captivity forces Jewish daughter Keren into servitude in Daniel's house. She learns swordsmanship alongside Daniel's sons and best friend Jared—until a tragic accident forces her into a foreign country where she must train a shepherd boy to become a lord. Upon discovering his true identity, can Karen and Jared protect him from the bloodthirsty king?

Walter Brueggemann's Prophetic Imagination: A theological biography, by Conrad Kanagy. Conrad Kanagy's theological biography is so needed. Kanagy, in rich and critical detail, documents what Brueggemann has seen and heard, studied and learned, reflected upon and then preached and written. This book reveals what it looks like to speak the Word of God's truth to power in the face of all our ideological manifestations of falsehood. As with the prophets, justice is his measure and the marginalized are his focus. Yet, Walter is a kind man who walks humbly with his God.

Thank You

Dear Waterford Family,

Thank you for the poinsettia at Christmas and the beautiful orchid in memory of mother. Your love and prayers are sustaining us through this unexpected journey. God bless you all!

Dwight and Carolyn Kauffman

Waterford Announcements

This Sunday:

- **New Attenders:** Pastors Deron, Katie, and Cindy will be available from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. for a **Meet & Greet this Sunday**. They would like to meet you and answer any questions you might have about Waterford. Grab your coffee or tea and join us in Room 10 of the fellowship hall—enter through the north FH doors and make a left.
- **This Sunday is Volunteer Appreciation Sunday.** Waterford is a congregation that showers support and affirmation to our children and youth. As a token of our appreciation, come enjoy a cup of hot chocolate during the coffee time after worship. Be sure to say thank you to a sponsor, teach or mentor.
- **Baptism Exploration class:** There will be a meeting this Sunday after church from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. in the MYF Room for those interested in the faith exploration class towards baptism. Youth should bring a parent or mentor.
- **New Members Class Reminder:** The Pastoral Team will be holding a classes for anyone interested in becoming a member at Waterford Mennonite Church. The class will meet for two sessions, Tuesday, February 20 and Wednesday, the 28th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the church. Sessions will focus on getting to know each other and learning about WMC's structure and ministries. We anticipate receiving new members within a worship service in April. **Please RSVP** to Pastors Cindy, Deron, or Katie **by this Sunday**.

Ash Wednesday service on February 14 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. This short service will help us remember who we are and who God is. Pastors will offer to place ashes on foreheads or hands as a sign, not only of our mortality, but also of forgiveness and new life.

The Chili Cook-Off is in two weeks: Sunday, February 25. If you plan to come, please sign up at the participation station and indicate what food you plan to bring.

We are looking for **someone to take care of the potted plants** in the church. If you are interested in plants and know how to keep them alive, please contact Jan Oostland at facilities@waterfordchurch.org or give him a call.

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!

Reminder: 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/>

Salt & Light additional resource for [February 11](#).

MCUSA

When sorting through a donation to the MC USA Archives last summer, Olivia Krall, archives coordinator for MC USA, came across the story of **WWI conscientious objector Guy O. Graber**. She shares some of her findings here: mennoniteusa.org/graber-objector

MCC

Are you a youth who attends a Mennonite high school or an Anabaptist church? This is your opportunity to **express your views in essay format on critical issues facing U.S. society**. Submissions are due Feb. 23, 2024, and may be in English or Spanish. The grand prize is \$1000! [Find out more about the high school essay contest](#).

Pathways Retreat

Pathways Retreat is excited to announce a **Capital Campaign raising funds for a pavilion and land restoration**. Pathways is offering a variety of contemplative experiences in the coming months: Embracing Joy, Transition Journeys, Meditative Zentangle-inspired Art, and weekly yoga. The annual Ash Wednesday Noon Service will be held February 14. Daily prayers are offered both online and in-person. Find more information at pathwaysretreat.org.

AMBS

“Heart for Wood”: Eco-art wooden book exhibit at AMBS. A collection of books carved out of discarded wood by artist Christine Langerhorst of Utrecht, Netherlands, has found a home in the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary Library. The seminary community will celebrate the gift of the collection at a **reception in the AMBS lounge on Thursday, March 14, 9:45 to 10:15 a.m.** The books, which represent Langerhorst’s work over several decades, will be displayed on a rotating basis in the library; an online exhibit is also being developed. **The reception is free; registration is required as space is limited.** ambs.edu/langerhorst

MMN

[Registration open for Youth Venture - Benin](#). This July 2024 Youth Venture team will become a part of the *La Casa Grande Benin* family participating in vibrant worship, dancing, teaching English, sports and art projects. **Applicaton deadline: April 15.**

[Registration open for Youth Venture - South Korea](#) June 20 - July 1. Participants will visit Seoul, tour Jeju Island and visit Korean Mennonite churches and farming communities to experience a broad spectrum of South Korean life and culture. **Applicaton deadline: April 15.**

[Racial Justice Pilgrimage: South Africa](#). Church groups, friends and family are invited to join in exploring South Africa’s beauty and culture as we learn the country’s history and its ongoing struggles while pursuing peace and reconciliation. October 15-28. **Applicaton deadline: April 15.**

Upcoming Events

Upcoming events at Goshen College: Tickets for concerts available at goshen.edu/tickets. Lectures are free.

- **Winter Choral Concert**, February 10, 7:30 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall. 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.
- Faculty recital featuring **The Sherer Trio**, Feb. 11, at 4 p.m., Rieth Recital Hall The trio is composed of Goshen College faculty members Solomia Soroka, violin; Matthew Hill, piano; and Dato Machavariani, cello.
- **Explore Goshen Day** for high school students and parents, Union Building Welcome Center at 9 a.m. on Feb. 16. This is a great opportunity for high school students and their parents to join other families for an exciting campus visit day and explore the opportunities at Goshen College. More information available at goshen.edu/visit.
- **64th Annual Concerto-Aria Concert**, February 17, at 7:30 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall. The student winners of the 2023 Goshen College Concerto-Aria Competition will perform arias and individual concerto movements with the Goshen College Symphony Orchestra.
- **C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest**, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m., Umble Center. Five GC students will compete by delivering an 8- to 10-minute speech on themes of peace and justice. Speakers include Mariela Esparza, senior English and secondary education double major, Sarah Lopez Ramirez, senior film production major, Annika Fisher, senior sociology and art double major, Tyson Miller, junior journalism and English double major and Cassidy (Cassi) Cwiernia, senior American Sign Language interpretation major.
- Goshen College invites high school seniors and current college students to attend **College Goal Sunday** at the Union Building Welcome Center at 1 p.m. on Feb. 25. Financial aid professionals will help college-bound Indiana students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Spanish interpretation will be available.

The **10th Annual Run/March for Oak Flat** is happening from February 15- to 18 in Arizona. The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery is asking Repair Network congregations to pray in solidarity with Apache Stronghold and those running for Oak Flat. In response, **One Circle, an affinity group at Goshen College is hosting a Run/March on February 18 at 2 p.m.** The event will begin at the start of the Millrace by the Goshen Dam Pond with a prayer, and plan to end at the courthouse downtown. You can also join in along the way, at Shanklin Park or GBCO, or join at the courthouse where we will gather with snacks, drinks, prayer, and song.

Youth Venture/Service Adventure information nights for youth and parents will be held [Wednesday, February 21, 8 p.m. Eastern](#). Register to meet via Zoom with Mission Network staff to find out about all the enriching growth experiences awaiting volunteers ages 15-22. From international learning trips to domestic service terms, [Youth Venture](#) and [Service Adventure](#) have options for you! **See options for 2024 in the MMN sidebar**

A revamped **Crafter’s Marketplace** is in the works for the 2024 Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale and we need your help. Come to a **sewing and crafting workshop** at East Goshen Mennonite Church, on **Saturday, February 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** All items made will be sold at the Relief Sale on Sept. 27-28, 2024. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Main course, coffee, water and table service will be provided. Please [RSVP](#) to crafting.mmrs@gmail.com by February 16. Hope to meet you!