

Anabaptist Distinctives

Waterford Mennonite Church

February 4, 2024

Prelude Ruthie Saunders

Gathering songs Nick Stoltzfus

Over My Head VT 94
Akekho ofana VT 68
God Is Here among Us VT 62

Welcome & Call to worship

Luke Gascho

Lighting the peace lamp*

Children's time Mitch Stutzman[†]

Offering Please pass the friendship pads

(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)

Song What a Fellowship VT 160

Scripture Acts 2:1-8, 37-47

Sermon "Looking Back, Living Forward" John D. Roth[‡]

Song of Response The Water Is Ready VT 458

Congregational prayer Cindy Voth

Benediction

Sending song Just A Closer Walk with Thee VT 743

VT = Voices Together; SJ = Sing the Journey; SS = Sing the Story

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^{*}We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world

Prayers

Ruth Hollinger moved to Greencroft Healthcare this past week. She is at the Knoll, room #320. Please pray for Ruth and Wilmer as they experience this transition, and for their families as they continue to walk with them.

Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for *Matthew and Toni Krabill*'s four years of ministry at the Paris Mennonite Center in France. Pray for them as they move to Ghana this month, where Matthew will supervise research and develop curricula at The Sanneh Institute, and Toni will discern what God is calling her to next.

Our mentors and mentees meeting this Wednesday evening.

For the delegation from *Walnut Hill Mennonite Church* visiting the US Mexico border this summer, that God would transform their hearts and minds.

For *Bonaventure Akowanou and the board* of Benin Bible Institute as they continue to discern their next director upon Bonaventure's retirement.

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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