

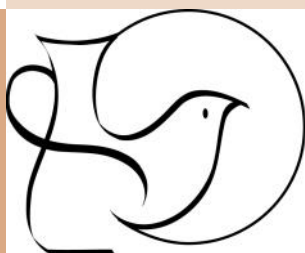
This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship

10:30 a.m. - Nurture classes for all ages



March 10, 2024



The Waterford Buzz

Welcome Team

Greeters: Merle & Mary Hochstedler

Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken Otto, Denise Diener

Audiovisuals: Glen Kauffmann, Jordan Kauffman

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. - Neurodivergent Support Group

7:00 p.m. - Ecuador prayers / Zoom

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - VC, JYF

7:00 p.m. - MYF

Thursday

8:30 a.m. - Mennonite Women / MYF Rm

7:00 p.m. - FFMT / Mtg Rm

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Meet Amy Zoller



Hello, I am Amy Zoller. I was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, but my parents (Glenn and Lyn Zoller) moved to Goshen when I was a couple months old to begin my father's career here as a coach and teacher. My brother, Scott, was born here in Goshen. I graduated from Goshen High School in 1987. I earned my degree in education from Indiana University (Bloomington) in 1991 and returned to Goshen to begin my career as an elementary teacher. I later completed a master's degree from Ball State and a principal's licensure endorsement from

Indiana Wesleyan. I taught for 27 years in Goshen elementary schools and two years in Indianapolis before retiring in 2022.

I was married for many years and I have three children: Zachary (26) and twins, Nathan and Shannon Smoot, who are 24. Zachary is a young adult with high functioning autism. You may see him if you visit the Goshen library as he works there most days. He is an avid reader and also enjoys bicycling with a couple of local groups on rides longer than I could ever fathom finishing (or starting). Nathan is completing his degree in finance from IUSB this semester. He has an internship at Lake City Bank in Mishawaka while also working part time at his father's business. He is beginning the interview process with Lake City and various other banks in Indiana. Shannon graduated in 2022 from IU Bloomington with a degree in animal behavior. She remained employed by the university and lives in Bloomington. She is involved in

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Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 195

Nurture Hour - 196

Finances – March 3, 2024

Operating Fund \$6,331.00

Mennonite Education \$3,825.00

Either Fund \$5,188.00

Budget total \$15,344.00

Welcome Spaces \$100.00

Jubilee Fund \$125.00

Sharing Fund \$272.00

Total \$15,841.00

Looking Ahead

March 17: Sermon: Deron

Bergstresser; Lent 5

(*Jer. 31:31-34, Ps 119:9-16,*

John 12:20-33, Heb. 5:5-10)

March 24: Sermon: Cindy

Voth; Palm Sunday

(*Ps 118:1-2, 19-29; Mark 11:1-*

11 or John 12:12-16, Phil 2:5-

11)

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

Cindy Voth - March 11

Office hours this week

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9-12, 1-3

Tuesday, Friday 9-12

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chemical research and presents findings in the US and Europe. This fall, Shannon will apply for doctoral programs around the US in the neurobiology field. My mother lives in Goshen and we spend time together weekly.

In 2021, I began developing symptoms of ataxia. I have inherited Spinocerebellar Ataxia type 6 (SCA6) from my dad. It is a degenerative disease affecting my balance, eyesight, and speech among other things. I am adjusting to retired life with disabilities. I enjoy spending time with family and friends. I enjoy walking, reading, traveling, and spending time outdoors.

Endowment Fund Reminder

Applications for the Waterford Mennonite Church Endowment Fund will be accepted until April 1, 2024. As a reminder, the fund exists to further the ongoing mission of the church by providing a vehicle for above budget gifts to be invested for the church's work. A complete copy of the Endowment Fund Guidelines can be found under the big bulletin board or at www.waterfordchurch.org. Please feel free to talk to one of the committee members if you have any questions and submit the applications to Lyz Zimmerman, either by paper copy in the church mailbox or via email at lyzkauffman@yahoo.com.

Lyz Zimmerman, chair, on behalf of the Endowment Fund Committee

WMC Events

Makers Day on April 6

Have a craft project you just haven't had time or space to finish? Looking for other like-minded tinkerers and artists to work alongside? Or just feeling the need for a creative outlet? Well, we have just the thing for you to let your creative juices flow.

Krista Daniels and Lacy Stoltzfus will be hosting a Makers Day on Saturday, April 6 from 9a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own project or take part in one we'll have ready, like paints and canvas, comforters to knot, puzzles and coloring books.

Breakfast will be provided and we'll have a potluck lunch, so bring a dish to share.

Please sign up at the Participation Station if you plan to join for the entire time or even an hour or two. All are invited!

March Madness Party

Join us on Friday, March 22 from 4:00 p.m. till the last game ends or everyone has gone home! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and utilize the various TVs to enjoy a night of watching basketball and spending time together. Be prepared for some basketball trivia as well. Bring a snack to share and sign up at the Participation Station if you plan to eat pizza served at 6:00. We welcome donations to cover the cost of pizza.

Depot MCC Thrift Shops donates \$1 million to MCC in 2023

Excerpted from an article by Jennifer Steiner, MCC



Holding the check from left to right is Joy Leichy Yoder, MCC Great Lakes Thrift Coordinator; Galen Kauffmann, Depot Manager; and Eric Kurtz, MCC Great Lakes Director.

The Depot hit a milestone in December of this past year when it reached the \$1 million mark of donations to MCC in 2023.

The Depot MCC Thrift Shops in Goshen has been a fixture of the community for over 48 years. . . The first year the thrift shop made a profit was in 1981 when it was able to donate \$6,500 to MCC. . .

The original Goshen MCC thrift shop was located in Peddlers Village. “Over the years the thrift shop grew, now occupying 20,000 square feet of retail space with another 20,000 square feet of warehouse and processing space,” explains Galen Kauffmann, manager of The Depot. “Back in 2018 we were able to give \$500,000 to MCC, and at that point we started dreaming of the possibility of reaching a point where we could give \$1 million. That was the goal that has driven our remarkable growth over the past six years.”

The \$1 million donation makes a huge difference in supporting MCC’s relief, development and peace work in 45 countries, according to Joy Liechty Yoder, thrift shops coordinator for MCC Great Lakes.

“Each of the donated items that sell for 50-cents to \$5 really add up,” said Yoder. “This gift — along with the other \$27 million dollars raised by MCC Thrift Shops in the U.S. and Canada — is an important source of funding for MCC and translates into making a real difference in people’s lives,” said Yoder.

As Kauffmann looks to future, he hopes to some day have a bigger store with more retail space, more processing space and a much bigger parking lot to accommodate all the shoppers.

To read the whole article, go to [Depot MCC Thrift Shops](#)



Happy Birthday, Oliver!



On Wednesday night, February 28, the MYF held a fourth birthday party for Oliver Kauffman, who was born on February 29! The party included a piñata and goodie bags for all the youth.

Reflection on Hope

Editor's Note: Jane wrote this article for Center for Healing and Hope's monthly email, "Glimmer of Hope".

Glimmer of Hope

By Jane Ross Richer

It's often been said that, "it takes a village to raise up a child." Even before I became a mom, I knew kids needed a village to thrive. I have confidence that my kids will find their way because of the villages they grew up in, both in Goshen and Latin America. My family's village has been substantial, and I'm so very thankful, but I'm well aware that not everyone has the same access to so much support.

Through my role as Immigrant Resource Coordinator at Center for Healing and Hope, in just a few short months I've met some of the most astounding people this world has to offer. Sharing their messy, hopeful, painful, and inspiring stories with me has been an unwarranted gift; parents who have made remarkable sacrifices to give their children a future, and children who are growing up here becoming integral members of the village. The presence of immigrants in our schools, businesses, athletic teams, churches, factories and beyond help illuminate some of the questionable nature of dividing up the village between those who deserve support and those who don't, something unfortunately many of us have apparently come to terms with.

I have found that CHH is definitely part of our shared village, a place where people from many walks of life feel welcome and find the support they need. Hope is healing, and when people feel welcome, they can more easily find hope. That is why the first 2024 training for The Natural Helpers program will focus on how to best support newcomers to the village by making them feel welcome. The "Bienvenido" (Welcome) Program will be offered by Gilberto Pérez Jr., MSW, ACSW and supported by The Source.

Bienvenido is a program that supports the mental health of immigrants as they adapt to life in a new country. Natural Helpers will receive training on how to promote and support the well-being of immigrants who find their way through the welcoming doors of CHH.

I cannot imagine working with a kinder, more thoughtful group of colleagues, many of whom are immigrants themselves, nor can I imagine welcoming new immigrants to the village without the wise, thoughtful and good-humored team of volunteer Natural Helpers. Together we have chosen to engage the narrative of God's story of abundant love and hope knowing that at times that narrative gets interrupted.

So, just as "peace building" must begin in the midst of war, "building hope" often begins in the midst of despair. Patients come to CHH seeking healing when they are physically not well. In a similar way, immigrants, new and old, come to the Immigrant Resource office when they are seeking hope. It takes a village. Center for Healing and Hope – employees, volunteers, Natural Helpers, patients, clients and supporters – are all part of the village. We'll continue to do our part and we thank you for doing your part too.

And, in some unexplainable mystery of God, I often leave work with more hope than when I arrived.

Thank You

Firman Gingerich had back surgery on Wednesday. He anticipates coming home on the weekend for further months of healing. He and Susan are grateful for the thoughts and prayers offered.

Waterford Announcements

Mennonite Women will meet on Thursday from 8:30 to mid-afternoon. We will return to eating a shared meal, so if you plan to stay for lunch, bring a dish to share with the group.

Maundy Wednesday, March 27, all are invited to share in a simple meal together in our fellowship hall at 6 p.m., followed by a service of footwashing. At the Participation Station you may sign up to bring food (soup, bread, or fruit to serve 8), as well as to help with set up or clean up from the meal.

Salt & Light additional resource for [March 10](#).

MCUSA

In honor of Women's History Month, the MC USA Archives has compiled a **Mennonite Women's History timeline**. Explore the rich history with this engaging resource:

mennoniteusa.org/women's-history-timeline

The **Women in Leadership ministry of MC USA** is releasing **season three of its popular podcast, "Holding It (,) Together."** Bonita Rockingham of the Women in Leadership steering committee hosts the podcast, which is created by women for women. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/wil-podcast-season

As part of MC USA's **"I choose to be Mennonite because ..."** series, **Marlene Kropf**, a spiritual director, and retreat leader, shares that she was born and raised a Mennonite, but after moving to an area without any Mennonite churches, she had to be creative in how she continued to worship. Read her story here: mennoniteusa.org/why-mennonite-kropf

Laura Pauls-Thomas, communications director of Mennonite Central Committee's East Coast region and member of the Creation Care Committee at East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church, shares about the successful **Bike Bus program** at her church. Read her Menno Snapshots blog here: mennoniteusa.org/creation-care-commuting

Opportunities

MCC is seeking a full-time Thrift Coordinator for the Great Lakes region. This position provides support and services to the 14 MCC Thrift shops within the region who annually contribute upwards of \$3 million to the ministries of MCC. Working from Goshen, Indiana, the Thrift Coordinator works with shops to encourage growth, assist with problem solving, support board development, nurture manager skill development and connect with the MCC Thrift Shop Network. Apply by March 25 at mcc.org/gl-thrift-coordinator.

MCC is hiring an administrative assistant to help with a variety of tasks right here in Goshen! This job will provide the opportunity for someone with flexible hours to support the relief, development and peace efforts of MCC. Apply by April 1 at: mcc.org/administrative-assistant-GL

Employment openings at AMBS. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for a Caterer in Residence; a Development Associate; a Program Administrator for Anabaptist Thriving Congregations; and an Administrative Assistant for Anabaptist Thriving Congregations. See job descriptions: ambs.edu/jobs

Pathways Retreat is offering a variety of contemplative experiences in the coming months: God's Wonderful Creatures (a clay experience for children), Embracing Joy, Transition Journeys, Zentangle-inspired Art, and weekly yoga. Stations of the Cross will be available at Pathways and online March 24-30 and a Good Friday service will be held on March 29 at noon. Daily prayers are offered both online and in-person. Find more information at pathwaysretreat.org.

Mary Oyer hymn sing audio recordings available online. "Wade in the Water: Singing our Faith" — a community hymn sing organized and led by Mary K. Oyer and Kent Dutchersmith with musicians from Faith Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana — is now available as a YouTube playlist in honor of Mary, a longtime music professor who died Jan. 11, 2024. The hymn sing was held June 15, 2007, at Goshen College's Sauder Hall as part of Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference's Annual Sessions, and the recordings are shared by Faith Mennonite Church with the permission and blessing of the conference. The recordings illuminate Mary's warm, open and gracious way of leading people in creating music together and of introducing music from across the world. ambs.edu/in-mi-hymn-sing

AMBS

Online Short Course: Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication: April 10 – May 21. Join Betty Pries, PhD, CMed, to explore the possibilities and pitfalls of courageously engaging differences within congregational life in this six-week online AMBS short course. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by March 20 to save \$50. ambs.edu/online-short-courses

MDS

The **February edition of On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King shares his insights on Jesus passion for sharing meals, learn how MDS volunteers are finding additional work along the Texas border, and find out why one woman says MDS is the light of Canada. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/49pNHoc>

Upcoming Events

Northern Indiana Mennonite Action Team will host Nick Martin, from the national Mennonite Action, who will give **organizing and training sessions** in envisioning how we can build a coalition to organize local actions calling for a just peace for all Palestinians and Israelis. Saturday, March 9, 1:00-6:00 p.m. at Assembly Mennonite Church, Sunday, March 10, at 1:30 p.m., at Hively Avenue Mennonite Church in Elkhart. Click here for more details about the weekend sessions. [MA Schedule](#). Click here to let us know you hope to attend! [RSVP](#)

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

“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 been donated to the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary Library. On Thursday, March 14, 9-11 a.m., view the books on display in the AMBS Library; and at 9:45-10:15 a.m., join a reception with snacks and an artist talk in the AMBS Lounge. The reception is free; **advance registration is required as space is limited.** ambs.edu/langerhorst

Goshen High School presents Rogers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella* March 14-17. Come support students and staff connected to Waterford: David Stutzman, Sophia Kauffman, Monica Stutzman, and Steve Snyder. Tickets on sale at goshenhighschool.ludus.com

The **Bethany Christian Schools Concert Choir** will be performing at Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship for a concert on Sunday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m. Come for an evening of worship and fellowship through beautiful choral music. Come also for this opportunity to support the choir as Bethany prepares to host the Mennonite Schools Council (MSC) Choir Festival in April.

The **First Light Mission/Clay Artist Guild Empty Bowl Event** is taking place on Saturday, March 23. It is a drive thru event. You can pre-purchase bowls by going to <https://firstlightmission.org/donate/>, then press the Donate Now button, and then choose the Empty Bowl as the purpose for the donation (\$20 per bowl)

Upcoming Events at Goshen College:

- **2024 Goshen College International Student Club Coffeehouse Potluck Dinner and Show**, March 16, College Mennonite Church Fellowship Halls. The dinner will start at 6 p.m., with the show to follow in the Fellowship Halls. Attendees are asked to bring a (preferably international) dish to share. This is the major annual fundraiser for the International Student Club. Get tickets at <http://tinyurl.com/3a7fmdax>.
- **Seasons of Amish Life:** In photographs by Danny Graber, Goshen College Library Gallery, March 10 to July 18. Scenes from the Old Order Amish community of LaGrange County where Graber was raised. Public reception is Sunday, March 17, 2 to 4 p.m., with comment by photographer at 2:20 p.m. Free and open to the public.
- Spring musical, **“Resistance, Revolution, Reconciliation!”** on March 22 at 7:30 p.m. and March 23 & 24 at 2:30 p.m. in Umble Center. Variety theater forms around the world have lifted audience spirits for thousands of years while posing vital questions. We join that tradition with a selection of songs, spoken word, dances and sketches that drive us forward in the face of strife, oppression and disaster. The performance may include adult themes and language, so it is suitable for ages 13+. Tickets are available at goshen.edu/tickets.