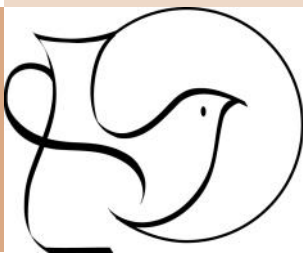




March 31, 2024



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service /
Jackson Cemetery
9:00 a.m. - Easter Brunch
10:00 a.m. - Worship

Welcome Team

Greeters: Sheldon & Velma
Swartz
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Wade
Ramer, Mark King
Audiovisuals: Colin Berkey,
Jordan Kauffman

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Mentors/Mentees

Thursday

7:00 p.m. - BBI Planning

Saturday

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. -
Makers Day / FH

Zoom prayers

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

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Welcoming New Members in April

Cindy Voth for MLC and Pastoral Team

It is with great delight that we look forward to the first three Sundays in April when we will be welcoming 16 new members during our times of worship. Pastoral Team met with the new members to begin to hear and share parts of each of our stories. We also provided an orientation to WMC (leadership structure, financial landscape, opportunities for engagement, etc.).

On April 7, 14, or 21 each new member will share a statement of faith. We, as the congregation, will also listen to a scripture passage that has been significant in the faith formation of the new member. And following their sharing we will sing a song that has accompanied the new member in some way on their journey through life. Together, the statement of faith along with the chosen scripture and song, will gift us with a glimpse into the life and journey of each new member.

We invite you to join us in praying for these individuals as they prepare to share with us during the services. In addition, please join us in warmly welcoming our new members to our faith community.

April 7	April 14	April 21
Karl & Ginny Birky	Laura Dick	Firman & Susan Gingerich
Elizabeth Stauffer	Jeff Hershberger	Garry & Bonita Schrock
Jerry & Joyce Troyer	John & Diana Hershberger	LaVon & Linda Short
Amy Zoller		

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - unknown

Nurture Hour - 246

Finances – March 24, 2024

Operating Fund \$23,160.00

Mennonite Education \$150.00

Either Fund \$3,940.00

Budget total \$27,250.00

Welcome Spaces \$6,002.00

Jubilee Fund \$60.00

Total **\$33,312.00**

Total giving needed to meet

annual budgeted giving target:

\$90,908

Weekly giving needed to meet

annual budgeted giving target:

\$18,181

Looking Ahead

April 7: Receiving New Members

April 14: Receiving New
Members

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

Deron Bergstresser - April 1-3

Cindy Voth - April 1-2

Janet Shoemaker - April 1

Office hours this week

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

Monday, Friday 9-12

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New Attenders

Meet Jerry and Joyce Troyer



Joyce grew up in Archbold, Ohio and was a member of Zion Mennonite Church. She graduated from Goshen College with a degree in Education. She met Jerry at Goshen College and they were married July 19, 1969. She taught in elementary schools in Ind., and Wyo. In 1974 they moved to LaJunta, Col., where, after a year of teaching, Joyce stayed at home to raise their two sons. Upon returning to the Goshen area,

Joyce eventually worked as an administrative assistant at MMA (now Everence), Goshen College, and the Greencroft Foundation. When they returned to Col., she worked at Northern CO Water Conservancy District and then as a part-time companion caregiver. Upon retirement, Joyce volunteered at the Ten Thousand Villages store in Fort Collins. After moving to Ariz. in 2015, she volunteered occasionally at International Rescue Center, an organization that was a service to immigrants seeking asylum. Joyce enjoys reading, riding her bike, playing pickleball, skiing, and going out for coffee/lunch with friends.

Jerry grew up in Lancaster County, Pa., and was a member of the Maple Grove Mennonite Church. He attended Hesston College and graduated from Goshen College with a degree in Business. He also got a law degree from the University of Wyoming (1971-1974). He mostly worked in healthcare administration at Goshen Hospital, LaJunta Medical Center, Huerfano Memorial Hospital in Walsenburg, Col., MMA (now Everence) and Goshen Health System. He was also Director of Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, in Pa. Service organizations he has been involved with are Kiwanis and Rotary. He enjoys outdoor activities: biking, hiking and backpacking, skiing, hunting and fishing. He also enjoys researching many topics on the internet.

Jerry and Joyce lived in Goshen from 1980 to 1999 where they raised their two sons, Ryan and Jeff. The west was calling their names again, so they moved back to CO in 1999 and in 2015 they moved to Sun City, AZ until November of this past year, 2023. For almost all of their 54 years of marriage, they have been members of a Mennonite Church. Staying with the Anabaptist vision and values has always been an important part of their lives.

Ryan, their eldest son, along with his wife, Patti, and their son, Evan, live in London, Ont., Canada. Both Ryan and Patti are assistant professors at Western University in London. Jerry and Joyce's youngest son, Jeff, and his wife, Juliet, live in Crested Butte, Col., most of the year and Morro Bay, Cal. part of the year. They just recently became first-time parents by adopting a newborn baby, Ameo, Spanish name meaning "beloved." Jeff recently started his own business of making and selling surfboards and Juliet is a yoga instructor.

Jerry and Joyce are enjoying being back in Goshen at this stage of their lives and being closer to family and friends. They live at 1417 Hampton Circle in College Green.

Waterford Announcements

Easter Sunday events:

- **7:00 a.m. Gathered outdoor Sunrise Service** at Jackson Cemetery (southeast of Goshen on CR 44, between CR 127 and CR 31). Bring your own blankets and lawn chairs.
- **9:00 a.m. Easter brunch.** Bring breads or breakfast casseroles to share. There will be no Nurture Hour.
- **9:45 a.m. Pre-service singing.** For those who are finished eating.
- **10:00 a.m. Easter worship.** We will worship together through song and word and sharing in Communion. We invite you to prepare your hearts for this sign of God's peace by making peace with God and with your brothers and sisters. We will collect a special offering for the Goshen Ministerial Association's Emergency Fund administered by First Light Mission.

This is the last Sunday to meet the match of \$3000 for the Anabaptism at 500 campaign. So far, we are two thirds of the way there! To help us reach this goal, please make your above-budget contributions to Waterford, designated for Menno Media.

Krista Daniels and Lacy Stoltzfus will be hosting a **Makers Day** next Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you have a craft, art, or tinkering project you are working on and would enjoy spending time with others doing it, you may come for the whole day or just part of it. 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. All are invited!

Opportunities

[Restorative Justice Peace Camp, Chicago, May 26-31](#)

This Peace Camp for young adults ages 18-30 will dive into several creative ways to implement justice in local communities. Learning from experienced practitioners in Chicago, we will witness incredible ways that transformation is possible through restorative justice.

Are you looking for a way to serve while sharing your faith? Menno-Hof, located in Shipshewana, is sharing the Anabaptist story with guests from all over the world and is in need of local volunteers to greet and assist visitors. Schedules are flexible. For more information, contact Betty Lou: 260-768-4117 or blkline@mennohof.org.

Do you or someone you know have skills in communications and administration and a passion for peace and justice? **National Peace & Justice Ministries is hiring a Program and Communications Coordinator** to be based in Washington, D.C. This position is "everything, everywhere, all at once" with a fun, supportive and caring team, providing key support to advocacy campaigns and education initiatives. Applications are due by April 15. [Find out more.](#)

MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) home repair program is seeking summer staff in Kimball, West Virginia or Elkhorn City, Kentucky. These three-month positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators will allow you to explore new cultures, develop skills, build friendships and live out your faith. Applicants should be at least 19 years old. An hourly wage plus room and board are provided. For more information and to apply, visit mcc.org/swap-summer-meals or mcc.org/swap-summer-job-site. Or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 634-4418 or AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org.

MCUSA

MC USA Administration has awarded Mennonite Action an unrestricted \$10,000 grant from the Church Peace Tax Fund. Mennonite Action is an independent, grass roots movement of Mennonites taking public action to stop war and end the occupation of Palestine. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/mennonite-action-peace-tax-fund

Peaceful Options for Training and Careers, an independent initiative formed by MC USA and Mennonite Central Committee, has begun training volunteer counselors to help young adults find non-military career, service, and training opportunities. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/potc-mobilizes

Abby Endashaw, Mennonite Central Committee young adult program coordinator, reflects on the **life-giving aspects of the Hope for the Future conference**. This blog is part of MC USA's Hope for the Future series. Read more about her experience here: mennoniteusa.org/community-connection-longevity

MDS

The **March edition of On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King explores where we would see Jesus in disaster responses, get the latest on the damage left by the Midwest tornadoes, and learn how a remote electrician is adding a spark to an MDS project. Plus, check out the volunteer opportunities for this summer and fall. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/4adqxsS>

AMBS

AMBS Trees of Life Retreat: May 31 – June 1

(Friday at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary; Saturday at Camp Friedenswald). This retreat led by Janeen Bertsche Johnson, MDiv, and Steve Thomas, MDiv, will weave together study of biblical texts about trees; understanding of trees as organisms and within ecosystems; ecological issues; and spiritual practices. The retreat can be taken for one hour of academic credit (\$596 total) or as a noncredit retreat (\$130 total). Both costs include lunch on Friday and Saturday and use of the camp. (Lodging is not included.) Register by May 24. ambs.edu/trees

Do you want to take concrete steps toward doing justice?

Through customized workshops and strategic planning sessions, Nekeisha Alayna Alexis, MA, Intercultural Competence and Undoing Racism Consultant, can provide the resources, tools and support you need to increase your ability to interact across cultural differences; take tangible steps toward your antiracism goals; and transform the culture and practices of your congregation, educational institution or workplace. Contact Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary to request a consultation today! ambs.edu/invite

MCC

Climate Action for Peace: Take the challenge:

Sign up to get your free calendar with a different climate action you can take each day in April. From learning to praying to advocating, this month of activities will help you take action to address climate change. Join the challenge as an individual, family, church or small group.

Take action: [A Month of Climate Actions for Peace](https://ambs.edu/invite)

Upcoming Events

Join MC USA Climate Justice Coordinator Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler on April 2 at 2 p.m. ET for the first of four webinars in MC USA's "Learn, Pray, Join: Climate Justice II" initiative. The first webinar will focus on **Indigenous Justice and Climate Justice** and will feature the testimony of Indigenous leaders, Manuel May Castillo and Mark Charles, and the prophetic voices of Sarah Augustine and Sheri Hostetler, co-founders of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery and authors of the book "So We and Our Children May Live." Register here: mennoniteusa.org/registraiton-climate-april2 View the slide here: mennoniteusa.org/climate-justice-indigenous-justice-webinar

Bethany Christian Schools is pleased to host the **Mennonite Schools Council Choir Festival 2024**. Nine participating schools from across the United States will present a concert for the community at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 7, 2024**, in Sauder Concert Hall on the Goshen College campus. This concert is free and open to the public—no tickets required. A free will offering opportunity will be provided at the end of the performance.

Thanks to the diligent work of many creative people, our comforter bash committee has been overwhelmed with comforter tops that need to be made into blankets to be shipped around the world. Our committee is putting together **comforter "packets"** which will include a top, a back, batting and thread to knot it. These are available to pick up at The Depot Material Resources Center in Goshen, 1013 Division Street (Door #2), on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or by appointment (please call Nadine at 574-534-4071). Packets available while supplies last.

Spend the day getting to know future classmates and current Goshen College students at the [Spring Explore Goshen Day](#) on **April 5 at 9 a.m.** in the Union Building Welcome Center. Sit in on a class or meet with a faculty member in an academic area of your interest, take a campus tour, have lunch in our dining hall and talk with GC admissions counselors. You won't want to miss it!

Save the Date: Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale **Crafter's Marketplace work day!** It will be held Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at East Goshen Mennonite Church. RSVP to crafting.mmrs@gmail.com by April 29 or email if you have questions.

Join MCC Great Lakes for the Dismukes Project Learning Tour on August 14-17: This learning tour provides a unique experience to learn more about Black history and experiences in the coalfields of Appalachia, while also learning the incredible story of Dr. Henry Dodford Dismukes, an African American physician in the early 1900's. Participants will visit various sites connected with Dr. Dismukes, hear from local speakers, learn about MCC's work to preserve Black history in the area and attend a gala on Dr. Dismukes Day. Learn more and register at mcc.org/dismukes-learning-tour