

# Waterford Mennonite Church

## Great Cloud of Witnesses

### Receiving New Members 2

April 14, 2024

Prelude		Elvina Schmidt
Gathering Songs	<i>10,000 Reasons</i>	Vyron Schmidt VT 111
Welcome & Call to worship		Layna Stoltzfus
Lighting the peace lamp*		Lucas Bateman
Offering		Miles Gillette
(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise)		
	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
Drama	“What Is Faith?”	JYF**
Children’s Time		Logan Beck, Elijah Voth
Song	<i>Together (v. 1,2,4)</i>	VT 389
<b>Welcoming New Members</b>		Pastoral Team
Laura Dick		
Numbers 6:24-26		Brynn Replogle
Statement of Faith		
<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>		VT 846
John, Diana and Jeff Hershberger		
1 Corinthians 13:9-13		Miles Gillette
Psalms 23 (KJV)		Susanna Stutzman
Statements of Faith		
Matthew 6:9-13		Recitation by Jeff
<i>We Praise Thee, O God</i>		VT 91
<i>I Sought the Lord</i>		VT 161
<i>Come, Ye Disconsolate</i>		VT 643

Membership questions

Congregational response

VT 961

Congregational prayer

Miles Gillette

Benediction

Layna Stoltzfus

Sending song

*Go, My Friends, in Grace (v.1-3)*

VT 810

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

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

\*\*Drama participants:

Enoch

Mark Daniels

Noah

Bervalie Lehman

Abraham

Miles Gillette

Sarah

Layna Stoltzfus

Isaac & Rebecca

Grant Kauffmann, Krista Daniels

Esau & Jacob

Elijah Voth, Logan Beck

Joseph

Zeke Ramer

Miriam

Layna Stoltzfus

Moses

Jasper Method

Joshua

Thomas Voth

Deborah

Susanna Stutzman

Gideon

Bervalie Lehman

Esther

Brynn Replogle

David

Zeke Ramer

Joanna & Andrew

Revy, Gio Molina

Stage manager

Lucas Bateman

## Prayers

*AnnaMae Graybill*, who celebrates her 92nd birthday on Tuesday the 16th, *Esther Stutzman*, who celebrates her 91st birthday on Tuesday the 16th, and for God's grace and joy to be poured out on them. Join in their celebration by signing a card for each of them at the table in the foyer.

JCS International, a Mennonite Mission Network partner in Mongolia, requests continued *prayer for herder families*, as they struggle to survive this year's *dzud* (winter disaster), which has caused suffering across 90% of the country, with more than two million animal deaths. Pray that transportation routes will open, so aid can be delivered to remote areas.

For those transitioning home from Study Service Term, including Waterford attenders *Kate Bodiker, Lindsey Daniels, Gavin Johnson, and Camila Pérez Diene*.

For *people caught in the midst of war or violence*, especially for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Myanmar, Ethiopia, Ukraine and Palestine. Lord, deliver them and silence the guns and bombs in those countries.

*East Goshen Mennonite Church*, that they can live into this year's focus of "Believing and Becoming," and for Christ's presence and guidance during an anticipated pastoral transition when Merle concludes his time of ministry at EGMC this summer.

## 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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