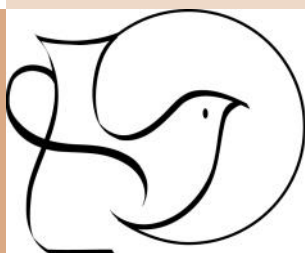


While you were still eating...

Thanks to Isaac Pfahler and MYF helpers for throwing an Easter scavenger hunt for the kids!



April 14, 2024



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship

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

2:00 p.m. - O-Lent-ics / WMC

5:30 p.m. - Guess Who's
Coming to Dinner

Welcome Team

Greeters: Bervalie Lehman,
Brynn Replogle, Zeke Ramer

Ushers: Thomas Voth, Grant
Kauffmann, Gio Molina, Jasper
Method

Audiovisuals: Glen Kauffmann,
Jordan Kauffman

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. - Haystacks &
Games

7:00 p.m. - Worship MT
Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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June Nurture Hour Electives

During the month of June, Everyone is invited to participate in intergenerational electives in place of our regular nurture classes. As we plan for these 10 elective offerings, it is helpful to get a sense of how many might be interested in each of the electives. This information will help us know if there is interest in all of them or not. On the next page, you will find a brief summary of each of the 10 electives. In mailboxes and at the Participation Station you will find a card to fill out to indicate which elective(s) you anticipate participating in. Multiple members of a household may mark the same card. Please return your card to the box at the Participation Station by April 28. Please note that some electives are only available on certain dates.

Help Needed

Did you meet with a draft board?

Pastor Katie Misz

Pastor Katie would like your expertise: In an upcoming class session for our faith exploration class, I'm interested in doing a "mock trial" before a draft board. In this scenario, Waterford youth would embody the experience of articulating their faith and beliefs for religious conscientious objection to war. I am interested in learning what that experience was like for you or your loved ones. What questions were you/they asked? How did you/they prepare? What would you advise that I pay attention to in creating this learning opportunity for youth today? Thank you for the ways you stood for your faith. If you are willing to share your experience, please email katie@waterfordchurch.org

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 191

Nurture hour - 183

Finances – April 7, 2024

Operating Fund \$7,261.05

Mennonite Education \$5,020.00

Either Fund \$4,935.00

Budget total \$17,216.05

GMA Emergency \$10.00

Sharing Fund \$200.00

Two-Way Mission \$1,000.00

Total **\$18,426.05**

Total giving needed to meet

annual budgeted giving target:

\$51,391

Weekly giving needed to meet

annual budgeted giving target:

\$17,130

Looking Ahead

April 21: Receiving New Members

April 28: Sermon: Jerry Landes; Biblical character—Moses (*Exodus 2:21-3:6*)

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

Janet Shoemaker - April 14-19

Office hours this week

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

Friday 9-12

Tuesday - Closed

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Janet Shoemaker,
Editor

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Card Making and Jigsaw Puzzles* *Second and fourth Sundays (June 9 and 23):*

Use your artistic abilities and creative juices to make handmade cards for our friends over at Greencroft. Led by Lacy Stoltzfus *First, third and fifth Sundays (June 2, 16, 30):* Put together jigsaw puzzles to check for missing pieces for the Depot.

Coping with Grief** We will explore different prayer practices as a way to deal with loss. Led by Ursula Hess

Creative Expressions of Faith* Creating faith books and sharing spiritual understandings through a creative approach with mixed media and collage as main elements. Led by Loanne Harms

Crecimiento dinámico de la Iglesia* El propósito es discernir el futuro del ministerio de Waterford Church con los hispanos. Animamos a todos lo que hablan español que se unir al grupo. Led by Angel & Lora Miranda and Katie Misz

Drumming as Prayer** In the drum circle we find that rhythm can help us feel and listen to the heartbeat of God. Drumming together also helps us to practice listening to each other and working together. Rhythm can help us express deep longing, the mystery of worship, and feelings we cannot name with words. This group will include brief and basic instruction on rhythm in music, and a chance to experience the use of rhythm in music for worship. Led by Deron Bergstresser. *Not meeting on June 9*

Fun in the Sun* All ages are invited to join in outdoor play and exploration as we enjoy nature and the open spaces of our property. We will do a little pond dipping, hiking, animal tracking, kickball and slip'n'slide. Led by Krista Daniels and others

Knotting Comforters* After seeing the psychological boost people get when they are given a comforter, MCC Ukraine rep Liz Driver told Waterford people during a recent nurture hour that she understands why MCC doesn't just distribute locally sourced blankets. When people who have lost everything, through no fault of their own, receive a colorful, warm, handmade comforter from MCC workers, they know that someone somewhere cares about them. Come knot comforters for MCC that will bring joy and hope to people in crisis. Led by Karen Hostetler

Salt & Light Bible Study Join others in a Bible Study using the "Salt & Light" curriculum. During June the theme is *Reading Scripture with Discernment*. Each week we will look at how God speaks through the law, prophets, visions, and Psalms.

Sing from Voices Together* This elective is an opportunity to keep learning and singing songs from *Voices Together*. Led by Nick Stoltzfus, Deanna Beth Chupp, John Zehr

Yoga** All levels are welcome to join us for beginners yoga! It will be a time of breath work, slow flows, and meditative rest. Please bring a mat or let Katie Maust know if you need to borrow one. *June 9 and 23*. Led by Katie Maust

*Denotes electives that are designed to be intergenerational of all ages. We ask that children 5th grade and younger are accompanied by an adult.

**Designed to be intergenerational of all ages 6th grade and older.

Thank You

Several weeks ago, I was honored to preach at Waterford Mennonite on the topic of the upcoming 500th anniversary of Anabaptist beginnings and to share in the second hour about the progress we are making on the *Anabaptist Community Bible*. Now I want to thank the Waterford congregation (and an anonymous WMC donor who offered a matching gift to the \$3,000 received) for your total contribution of \$6,025 to the Anabaptism at 500 project. We at MennoMedia are deeply grateful!

John D. Roth

The family of Joan Walsh is celebrating her 95th birthday and welcomes the Waterford church family to join the party. The open house will be in the fellowship hall from 1:00-2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 14. Joan has been a blessing to many and we are excited to celebrate her! Please join us!

Waterford Announcements

This Sunday night is Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. If you signed up to participate, you should have received a paper in your box with the address of the home you will be going to. If you have questions, contact Pastor Cindy or Rita Herrmann. The fun begins at 5:30 p.m.!

Our **spring congregational meeting** will be Sunday, May 5, at 1:00 p.m., immediately following our potluck meal. This week, you will find in your mailbox a packet of budget materials. Please look over these letters and information in the coming weeks before the meeting.

Opportunities

Assembly Mennonite Church is seeking a **part-time administrative assistant**. This role includes responsibility for the congregation's information management and some program support within 15 hours of work weekly. Required qualifications include computer proficiency and/or aptitude, effective communication, and organizational skills. A full job description can be found [here](#). Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to Scott Coulter (scottc@assemblymennonite.org).

Pathways Retreat is offering a variety of contemplative experiences in the coming months: Transition Journeys, God's Wonderful Creatures (a clay experience for children), Zentangle-inspired Art, and weekly yoga. Stations of the Resurrection are available at Pathways and online until May 19. Daily prayers are offered both online and in-person. Find more information at pathwaysretreat.org. Here is the [link](#) to our monthly newsletter.

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

Mennonite Mission Network is searching for an **Executive Assistant**. The Executive Assistant provides comprehensive administrative support to the Executive Director, acting as the primary liaison for internal and external communications and overseeing special projects and executive outreach efforts. Find out more and/or apply at www.MennoniteMission.net/about/employment

MCUSA

Mennonite Church USA honored seven community elders at its 11th Hope for the Future Conference, Feb. 9-11, 2023, in Dallas, Texas. Read more about the seven honorees here: mennoniteusa.org/news/hftf24-honorees

Join Amy Zimbelman, Conference Minister of Mountain States Mennonite Conference, on April 23, 2024, at 7 p.m. ET for a **panel discussion of pioneering women in ministry**. We will hear from Dianne Garcia, who recently planted a church ministering to asylum-seekers in San Antonio, Texas, and Marilyn Miller, who is the first woman ordained to pastoral ministry in the General Conference Mennonite Church. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/webinar/registration-wil-april23

Nancy Kauffmann, interim denominational minister of Church Safety for Mennonite Church USA's Church Vitality office, tells of **how two churches handled situations of abuse** within their own congregations and how our response can affect the light of life of the person experiencing abuse. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/light-of-life-turned-on

SCN

Join **BMC's Supportive Communities Network**, Wednesday, April 17, 1:30 p.m., for a 90-minute meeting with [Pink Haven Coalition](#) coordinator Heather Vickery. Heather will offer an info session on grassroots efforts to support trans individuals and families who need to relocate to safer states due to anti-lgbtq laws and violence. Regional break-out groups will follow Heather's portion, to deepen connections and organize locally. [Register for Zoom link here.](#)

AMBS

New *Vision* issue on “Commemorating Anabaptism’s 500 years” available for free online. The Spring 2024 issue of *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology* considers Anabaptism’s quincentenary, inviting further reflection on what it means to be Anabaptist today and suggesting potentially fruitful pathways forward. The publication also marks the 25th anniversary of the *Vision* journal! ambs.edu/vision

Expand your leadership capacity through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s Practical Leadership Training modules! Upcoming offerings include Practicing Resilience in Response to Trauma (webinar); Beyond Boring Bible Studies (online short course); Moving through Congregational Changes (online workshop); Living Outside the “Man Box” (online workshop); and more. CEUs available. Register for one or more modules! ambs.edu/plt

Do you sense a call to ministry? Nurture your leadership abilities, grow in spiritual practices, and deepen your understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s **Journey Missional Leadership Development Program**. The distance-friendly undergraduate-level program offers mentor-mentee partnerships and community support. The Fall 2024 cohort begins Sept. 6; apply by July 11 to save \$100! ambs.edu/journey

Upcoming Events

The **Goshen College Symphony Orchestra**, conducted by Brian Mast, will present its spring concert on April 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Center’s Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets are available at goshen.edu/tickets.

On April 15, 2024, at 2 p.m. ET, join Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, MC USA’s climate justice coordinator, for the second of four webinars in MC USA’s “**Learn, Pray, Join: Climate Justice: Seeking Shalom**” initiative. This webinar will explore how we can live in resistance to a culture that spoils our home and causes disproportionate suffering for people of color, while also living in hope-filled engagement that nurtures life for all people and all of creation. Panelists will include Andrew Hudson, pastoral intern at Covenant Mennonite Fellowship; Sibonokuhle Ncube, co-regional director for Africa and Europe at Mennonite Mission Network; and Sarah Werner, communications coordinator for Central District Conference. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/webinar/registration-climate-april15

Goshen College’s **Low Voice Festival Choral Concert**, 7:30 p.m., April 16, in Sauder Concert Hall. Vox Profundi will welcome invited low voice ensembles from area high schools and the community for a day of rehearsals, culminating in an evening concert in Sauder Concert Hall. Vox Profundi is directed by Scott Hochstetler, professor of music. The event is free and open to the public.

Goshen College Choirs present their annual spring concert of world choral music, **EARTHTONES — Songs from Many Cultures**, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. in Sauder Concert Hall. The choirs are conducted by Scott Hochstetler, professor of music, and H. Roz Woll, assistant professor of music. Tickets are available at goshen.edu/tickets.

Interested in a family event for Earth Day? Consider coming to Southside Fellowship (3003 Benham Ave, Elkhart), on April 21, at 2:30 p.m. to **watch the documentary, [All that Breathes](#)**. This award-winning film highlights two brothers from Delhi, India who run a wildlife hospital and specialize in saving birds. You’ll also learn a bit about [Anabaptist Climate Collaborative](#) and have a chance to purchase items from The Green Bee.

Want to help plant trees along the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail? As part of their JoinTrees campaign to plant one million trees for climate action, Mennonite Men is planning to plant native shrubs and trees 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 27. This is for kids and adults of any gender. If you can help with adding beauty, shade, and habitat along this nature trail, contact Steve Thomas at 574-202-0048 or SteveT@Mennonites.org.

Goshen College worship ensemble **Parables** will host its final presentation in the Music Center’s Rieth Recital Hall at 7 p.m. on April 21. The theme for this year’s presentation is “Walk in the Light.” Through music, scripture and parables, the theme of looking for the light and being the light of the world are explored.

Goshen College’s **Combined Senior Art Exhibit** will run from April 27-29 in the Music Center’s Hershberger Art Gallery. The combined senior art exhibit will feature senior art majors Sarah Corbitt (paintings), Anna Myers (ceramics), Jackelyn Resendiz Palos (pattern designs), Shayne Wassell (graphic design), Saige Lind (ceramics), Anna Kauffman (drawings) and Annika Alderfer Fisher (drawings).

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.**