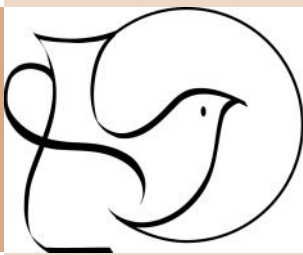




May 12, 2024



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship

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

Welcome Team

Greeters: Esther Farmwald;
Carolyn Chupp

Ushers: Dennis Myers, Wade Ramer, Denise Diener

Audiovisuals: Shawn Stutzman;
Jordan Kauffman

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. - Neuro-divergent Support Group

7:00 p.m. - Ecuador prayers

Wednesday

4:00 p.m. - Children's Cluster

6:00 p.m. - Haystacks & Games / FH

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Waterford Announcements

Tanzania Education Aid is holding another Nelson's fundraiser this Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. until we sell out. This time it's at the Eastlake/Kroger parking lot downtown. Come get your chicken, pit-tatoes, ribs and chops!

Last month, there was a article in the Buzz about our system of changing how **greeters are scheduled**, and it included a link to the signup sheet. In order to make it easier for people to get to that document, the link will be regularly printed at the bottom of the side column on page 2 of the Buzz. Remember, everyone is invited to be a greeter: sign up with your spouse, a friend, one of your children, with your mentor/mentee, etc.

It's time to renew our WMC group subscription to *Anabaptist World* magazine. Anabaptist World is your source for news of the global Anabaptist movement. Through timely news reporting and insightful commentary, Anabaptist World seeks to inform and inspire Mennonites and anyone interested in Anabaptism. Subscribe or renew your subscription today for the Waterford Mennonite Church group rate of just \$39 and receive 16 print issues of Anabaptist World delivered to your home or office, plus email delivery of the PDF digital edition. Simply fill out and return the subscription form in your mailbox to the church office mailbox with \$39 payment (checks payable to WMC) **by May 19, 2024.**

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 210

Nurture hour - 212

Finances – May 5, 2024

Operating Fund	\$8,995.00
Mennonite Education	\$1,885.00
Either Fund	\$6,200.00
<i>Budget total</i>	<i>\$17,080.00</i>
Welcoming Spaces	\$5,000.00
Two-Way Mission	\$650.00
Total	\$22,730.00

Looking Ahead

May 19: Sermon: Brent Beck;

Pentecost / Graduation Sunday

May 26: Sermon: Derrick Ramer;

Biblical Character – Ethiopian Eunuch; (Acts 8:26-40)

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team
Leader

On Sabbatical

Linda Short, Interim Pastor
Tuesday, Thursday

Deron Bergstresser, Pastor
Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz, Pastor
Tuesday, Thursday

Monday & Wednesday p.m.

Out of Office

Linda Short - May 12-14

Office hours this week

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

Tuesday, Friday 9-12

Greeter signup: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fRLd0Ydw_QxRiQUvRhUscNV-k0HV-oTcPnu61NyBcjM/edit?usp=sharing

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Volunteers are still needed for Summer VBS June 25-28. This year we will be traveling back in time to the early church. We will follow the life and work of Paul the apostle, hide from the Roman soldiers, and learn how to walk the Way of Jesus when the path is not easy. The theme of *This is the Way: The Underground Church* invites adult and youth participants to create a reenactment of Bible times. You could act out stories of biblical characters, be a shopkeeper in the marketplace, accompany a group of time travelers, decorate for an ancient Roman world, lead singing, cook international foods, and more. Contact Mariko at Marikomc@gmail.com with questions and turn in the form in your mailbox to the participation station today!

We are **looking for applicants to be Event Hosts** to outside groups renting the Fellowship Hall. This includes opening and closing the building and being present during the event. The events are mostly held on Saturdays, sometimes Fridays, so we are looking for multiple applicants that are interested to be on a call list. The Event Host pay rate is \$15.00 per hour which is paid from the increase in rental fee. The Event Host is allowed to read books, watch Tik-Tok videos, scroll Instagram or Facebook posts, even do homework, as long as they are available to assist the renter and answer any questions they may have. Please contact Jan Oostland at facilities@waterfordchurch.org for a brief job description or to answer any questions.

Thank You

At Mennonite Central Committee we are so grateful for the many ways you support the work of MCC and our partners around the world. Whether it's through gathering one of our kits, volunteering at events and thrift shops, collecting My Coins Count, or offering prayers for this work and the people who are touched, we appreciate your partnership in this important ministry. In particular, thank you to our friends and supporters at Waterford Mennonite Church for your generous donation of \$4,991 during 2023.

Your contributions continue to allow partners in [Honduras](#) to have good harvests. Because of you, [peace](#) is being built in Colombia. Around the world, your support allows [relief, development and peace](#) to happen. Because of your prayers and faithful gifts of support, MCC is able to work with 393 partners on 508 projects in 45 countries around the world. Thank you for sharing love and compassion in the name of Christ to vulnerable people through MCC.

Visit our MCC YouTube channel (youtube.com/mccorg) for videos showing examples of the program and projects you support.

Upcoming Events

Looking for a creative event for children? **God's Wonderful Creatures** is a two-session experience for children in grades K-8 at Pathways Retreat in Goshen on May 11 and 18. Led by John Nafziger and Steve Thomas, children will learn in session 1 about native birds and animals and spend time looking for some animals in the woods. They will then create several creatures out of clay. In session two, children will glaze their animal sculptures and look for animal habitats in the woods as they walk the trails. After May 25, children may pick up their finished sculptures. One sculpture will stay at Pathways to be hidden along the trails and one may be taken home. For more information or to come clay with us, [Register here](#).

MC USA's **Climate Justice Ministry is hosting a webinar titled, "Faith, Food, Soil and Climate,"** on Monday, May 13, at 2 p.m. ET. Five panelists will explore how growing and sharing food can provide nourishment for mind, body and spirit, while building healthy soils, lowering greenhouse gas emissions and creating more just and resilient communities. The webinar is part of MC USA's current Learn, Pray, Join initiative, Climate Justice: Seeking Shalom. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/webinar/registration-climate-may13

Pathways Retreat will offer several contemplative events in the coming weeks: God's Wonderful Creatures (a clay experience for children), Zentangle-inspired Art, and weekly meditative 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.

Save the Date! Please plan to attend an authentic Venezuelan fundraising dinner for La Posada Immigrant Aid at Sunnyside Mennonite Church on June 8, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

MCUSA

Mennonite Church USA, along with more than 140 Christian leaders, signed a letter calling for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza and a halt in arms sales to Israel. Read the letter here: mennoniteusa.org/news/call-for-ceasefire

On Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 2 p.m. ET, MC USA's Climate Justice Ministry will host a webinar titled, "**Energy Efficiency and Faithful Action.**" Join three panelists, Amy Huser, Eric Sauder and Nelson Kilmer, who have led their congregations and communities on a journey toward energy efficiency, with a goal of "Net Zero" energy. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/webinar/registration-climate-may30 View the PowerPoint slide here: mennoniteusa.org/slide/lpj-climate4 View the PDF here: mennoniteusa.org/pdf/lpj-climate4

Janet Elaine Guthrie, spiritual director and member of First Mennonite Church of Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, shares about the **influences that led her to engage in the reparative action** of donating her portion of the family farm, with the intent toward education and supporting Indigenous peoples. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/fruits-of-repair

Opportunities

Employment

MCC is seeking applicants for two-year Canner Operators: Since 1946, MCC's mobile meat cannery has preserved hundreds of thousands of cans of meat for communities in need around the world. But this is only possible with the assistance of MCC canner operators and volunteers. Applicants must have mechanical aptitude and be 21 years or older, single and male preferred. To learn more, visit mcc.org/canner-operator or call Joe Miller at 717-808-2417.

Mennonite Mission Network is searching for a Divisional Coordinator for Advancement (Full time – Hybrid or In-Office in Elkhart, Indiana or Newton, Kansas). The Divisional Coordinator for Advancement involves supporting the Senior Executive of Advancement by coordinating workflows, facilitating team communication, assisting with fundraising campaigns, and managing administrative tasks within the Advancement division. Find out more and/or apply at www.MennoniteMission.net/about/Employment

Mennonite Mission Network is searching for a Development Representative (Full-time – In office, Hybrid or Remote in Elkhart, Indiana or East Coast area). The **Development Representative** provides a role in developing, maintaining, and growing relationships with Mennonite Mission Network's financial supporters, donors, and churches to ensure that organization continues to thrive and fulfill its goals. Find out more and/or apply at www.MennoniteMission.net/about/Employment

Mennonite Education Agency lists openings throughout Mennonite-affiliated schools on their [employment page](#).

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

Volunteer

Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference is Looking for Volunteers. Are you looking for a way to use your time to benefit the work of God in our conference? From time-to-time we have simple but time-consuming tasks that we could use some help with. This might include preparing handouts for an event, assembling mailings, organizing items, or other tasks like these. With limited staff time, it would be a blessing to know of those in the Elkhart County area willing to be on an on-call volunteer list. There would be no set hours or required times to work, just a willingness to receive requests and respond with your availability. If you are willing or are looking to learn more, please contact **Clayton at the Conference Office**. Thanks for considering!

Thrift at Woodland Crossing is in need of a lot more donated goods, shoppers, and most of all volunteers. 138 W. Hively Ave., Elkhart, IN 46517 - 574-326-3674 - elkhartthrift@gmail.com. Mon-Fri. 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (starting June 1, our Saturday hours will be 10:00-5:00 p.m.!)

2024 Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale will be held Sept. 27-28 at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds. You can begin supporting the sale now:

- Bless others and the work of MCC with your donation to the 2024 Quilt Auction at the Relief Sale. Comforters and quilts of all sizes, quilted wall-hangings, plus knitted or crocheted afghans are all needed. Please see the website for how to register your item <https://www.mennonitesale.org>. Registration ends August 25. For more information contact Gail Shetler, 574-333-7142.
- The Relief Sale's Online Silent Auction is accepting donations of works of art, tickets/certificates for services and experiences, wooden toys, new, antique or gently used items in excellent condition, with a value of \$50 or more. Please contact Bob/Deb Kauffman at Kauffman.mMrs@gmail.com or call/text 574-849-0053.
- Plant enthusiasts, share your plants at the Relief Sale. Now is the time to nurture your indoor plants or pot up your perennials as you divide them. A good plant sale depends on healthy established plants. Consider what you could contribute to the sale. If you specialize in violets or succulents, they are always popular.

Follow the Relief Sale on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, and check out the website: www.mennonitesale.org for more information.

Mennonite Disaster Service Summer Opportunities:

- **Sakanaga Camp in South Carolina and Fraser Lake Camp, Ontario** have opportunities for family groups, church groups, any groups, to participate in our 2024 Family Project! See the calendar [here](#) to schedule your family for the South Carolina project and see the calendar [here](#) to schedule for the Ontario project.
- **MDS warehouse in Columbus, MS** is where MDS stores a lot of equipment that serves the southern states after disasters. Equipment and tools are always coming and going! We have opportunities on the calendar [here](#) to help MDS organize and maintenance equipment from this past season and to prepare for the upcoming seasons.