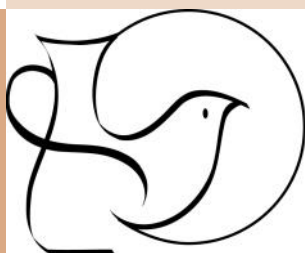


### **This Sunday**

9:00 a.m. - Worship  
10:30 a.m. - Nurture classes for all ages  
1:00 a.m. - Faith Exploration Class



May 19, 2024



# *The Waterford Buzz*

### **Welcome Team**

Greeters: Barbara & Jerry Landes;  
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken Otto, LaVon Short  
Audiovisuals: Glen Kauffmann; Jeff Claassen

### **This Week at Waterford**

#### **Tuesday**

7:00 p.m. - BBI Planning  
7:00 p.m. - MLC / FH

#### **Wednesday**

7:00 p.m. - Children & Youth Clubs

7:00 p.m. - WMT / mtg room

#### **Saturday**

Young Adult Dinner @ Nussbaum/Snyder

#### **Zoom prayers**

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

### **Waterford Mennonite Church**

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## **Thank You**



Thank you for the recent contribution from Waterford Mennonite Church to Mennonite Men's JoinHands program. The gift was applied to making a \$40,000 grant to Omaha Chin Christian Church with Western District

Conference in Nebraska. This congregation is connected to a large population of Chin immigrants in Omaha and has a special ministry of assisting people to navigate a challenging new life in North America and to find a home in MC USA family. Many folks in this population have come from refugee camps and have been marginalized, persecuted, or exiled from Myanmar (formally Burma). As the congregation continues to grow and reach more Chin people in Omaha, the church facility they are acquiring will not only provide a space of their own for worship but will also offer a place for community activities to honor and celebrate their culture. With this grant, made possible with generous donors like Waterford Mennonite Church, Mennonite Men has extended over \$2.5 million to 93 new congregations to assist with building projects.

With deep appreciation for the ongoing support of WMC,

Steve Thomas,  
US Director, Mennonite Men

## Life at Waterford

### Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 142 (+33-Seeker's  
Retreat)  
Nurture hour - 152

### Finances – May 12, 2024

Operating Fund	\$4,185.00
Mennonite Education	\$7,320.00
Either Fund	\$3,983.00
<i>Budget total</i>	<i>\$15,488.00</i>
Jubilee Fund	\$125.00
Two-Way Mission	\$685.72
Least Coin Fund	\$43.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,341.72</b>

### Looking Ahead

May 26: Sermon: Derrick Ramer;  
Biblical Character – Ethiopian  
Eunuch; (*Acts 8:26-40*)  
June 2: Sermon: Deron  
Bergstresser; The Storm;  
(*Romans 8:19-25; Luke 8:22-25*)

### 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.

### 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](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fRLd0Ydw_QxRiQUvRhUscNV-k0HV-oTcPnu61NyBcjm/edit?usp=sharing)

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Janet Shoemaker, Editor  
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# Waterford Announcements

The summer elective, **Creative Expressions of Spirituality**, is looking for **donations of unused craft supplies that you might have:** scrap papers, decorative tapes, stickers, embellishments, paper doilies, alphabet stencils or stickers, old Bibles that are falling apart, magazines, brads, decorative paper clips...and that kind of thing. All unused items will be donated to Thrift at Woodland Crossing or recycled after the June electives are finished. Drop them off in the labeled box beneath the mailboxes or contact Loanne Harms for delivery or questions.

**This is the last Sunday to turn in your subscription to *Anabaptist World*** at the WMC group rate of just \$39. You will receive 16 print issues of *Anabaptist World* delivered to your address, plus email delivery of the PDF digital edition. Make checks payable to WMC and indicate AW on the memo line.

**June 2 will be the first Sunday of our outside worship services.** We will need a few volunteers to roll out a chair rack and piano and help with setting up some chairs in the pavilion. Afterwards, we will need a few people to roll it all back in. If you are a Sunday morning early bird and want some exercise, please contact the office.

## Helpful Hint

Are you not sure how printing internet links to articles or signup sheets (i.e., at left!) in the Buzz is of any use to you without typing in the whole thing into your internet browser? All you need to do is move your cursor over the underlined web address and when the little hand with the pointing finger shows up, just click on it and it should open.

If it doesn't work, there are two other options to try: 1) put the cursor over the address, press control and then click, or 2) instead of typing the whole thing in your browser, you can just copy the entire text of the address and paste it into the address line in in your browser.

## Upcoming Events

**Join Mennonite Action's next mass meeting** on May 23. The theme for this month's gathering is Land, Palestine, and Indigenous Solidarity. We will hear from Sarah Augustine, Director of Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery, as well as hear exciting updates about upcoming events with Mennonite Action. The mass meeting will take place on May 23 at 8:00 p.m. ET. [Mark your calendar and register here.](#)

Assembly Mennonite Church is hosting a presentation on Wednesday, May 29 at 7:00 p.m. on **the asylum process and how national immigration issues play out in our community**. The presenter is Lisa Koop, director of legal services at the National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC). Lisa leads NIJC's work in the areas of asylum and deportation defense and contributes to NIJC's federal litigation efforts. Through its office in Goshen, NIJC provides immigration legal services to immigrants and asylum seekers in Indiana. The presentation is free and open to the public.

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](https://mennoniteusa.org/webinar/registration-climate-may30)

[Register now](#) for the annual **Amigo Centre Golf Scramble on June 1** at the Klinger Lake Country Club, Sturgis, Mich. The Golf Scramble focuses on raising money to support summer camp at Amigo, particularly for our camper scholarship program. These needs-based scholarships are given to selected children from Northern Indiana and St. Joseph Co., Mich. who would not otherwise be able to attend camp. Registration fee: \$125/person; \$500/team. Find more information [here](#).

Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference **Summer Fest 2024**. This year's annual conference sessions are planned to be an event that will embody our desire to be a community of congregations that worships, fellowships, and has fun together. Summer Fest will take place at Mara Christian Church of America, Indiana (415 W Smith Valley Rd, Greenwood, IN) on Friday and Saturday, June 7-8. Find information [here](#), and register [here](#). The **deadline for registration is May 30**.

Sunnyside Mennonite Church will host an **authentic Venezuelan meal** from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on June 8 to **raise funds for La Posada Immigrant Aid** whose offices are located in Sunnyside Church (23786 Sunnyside Ave, Elkhart). La Posada's mission is to provide "immigration resources through written materials, legal counsel, and referrals in a faith-based context that is experienced as welcoming and safe and focused on serving our vulnerable neighbors." Come enjoy a delicious meal on a donation basis (by cash or check) and tour the La Posada offices! Please invite your friends to join you and click [here](#) to make reservations, or email Sandi Hostetler at [hostetlersj@gmail.com](mailto:hostetlersj@gmail.com).

## MCUSA

Mennonite Church USA's **Safe Church ministry** is strengthening its commitment to ensuring safe spaces for all members by offering background checks for church employees and volunteers through an agreement with Safe Hiring Solutions. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/background-checks](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/background-checks)

Mennonite Church USA's Climate Justice Ministry is receiving applications for the **Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund grant**, from now through June 15, 2024. The Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund provides funds to MC USA congregations seeking to install solar panels, car charging stations or other forms of renewable energy. The term, "net zero energy," describes buildings or communities that generate enough energy to meet their own needs. Learn more here: [mennoniteusa.org/green-energy-grants](https://mennoniteusa.org/green-energy-grants)

Using concepts from the Supernatural television series, **Sarah Augustine**, co-founder and executive director of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery, considers **how we can imagine systems for ecological and racial justice** that will create a better future for our world, even if we don't see the return on investment in our lifetimes. Her Menno Snapshots blog is part of MC USA's Learn, Pray, Join initiative, "Climate Justice: Seeking Shalom." Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/fix-the-sun](https://mennoniteusa.org/fix-the-sun)

## AMBS

**Take a seminary course this fall!** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's distance-friendly options include Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture; Christian Ethics and Peace Theology; Spiritual Practices: Prayer and Scripture; Psalms; Reading Cultural Contexts; Understanding Trauma in Ministry and Peacebuilding; and more. In-person courses are also available. Some courses may be audited. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours! Classes run Sept. 3 – Dec. 13; sign up by Aug. 26. [ambs.edu/upcoming-courses](https://ambs.edu/upcoming-courses)

## MDS

The May edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King introduces you to some of our national partners, learn how MDS is helping those who help the homeless in Selma, Alabama, and take a look at the volunteer opportunities for this summer and fall. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/4akQLBQ>

## Opportunities

**Spanish Peace Camp, South Florida, July 21-26, for young adults, 18-30.** Every year, Mennonite Central Committee offers a Peace Camp in Spanish, and this one will explore topics of peace and justice through the lens of migration, including the Biblical mandate of hospitality. Join us in Florida to experience this rich week of learning with other young adults, while also witnessing transformative work happening locally. This experience will be facilitated entirely in Spanish, so all participants need to have a minimum level of proficiency to be able to understand and engage fully. For more information and to register, go to <https://mcc.org/es/events/spanish-peace-camp>

**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](mailto: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.!)

### 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, Mississippi** 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.