



May 26, 2024



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship

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

Welcome Team

Greeters: Doug & Janette Yoder

Ushers: Dennis Myers, Carla Miller, Wade Ramer

Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler, Dominic Ramer

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. - Senior Adult MT / Meeting Room

7:00 p.m. - MYF

Friday

12:00 p.m. - Spiritual Formation MT

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Endowment Grants Announced

Lyz Zimmerman, for the Endowment Fund Committee

The Endowment Fund Committee met recently and has approved distributions for the following projects:

1. Casa Cardo, Tucson, Ariz.: \$3400 — “Casa Cardo works with women and their children who are seeking asylum in the United States. Casa Cardo is a safe space that offers housing and creates a community of solidarity in order to provide support and accompaniment for those seeking not only to rebuild their lives in the United States, but to also heal from the trauma suffered through displacement and migration.”
2. Ecuador Two Way Mission: \$1640 — “Initial start up costs until donor funds are committed and received. We are requesting funds to cover the first semester for three university students from the Cofán Village.”

The committee will meet again in the fall of 2024. We have appreciated the opportunity to distribute monies that the church has set aside to further God’s mission and kingdom.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 227

Nurture hour - 192

Finances – May 19, 2024

Operating Fund	\$13,397.10
Mennonite Education	\$3,275.00
Either Fund	\$7,365.00
<i>Budget total</i>	<i>\$24,037.10</i>
Jubilee Fund	\$60.00
Two-Way Mission	\$550.00
Welcome Spaces	\$300.00
Total	\$24,947.10

Looking Ahead

June 2: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser; The Storm; (Romans 8:19-25; Luke 8:22-25)

June 9: Sermon: Luke Gascho; The Soil

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

Katie Misz - May 30

Office hours this week

Monday - CLOSED

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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WMC Events

Play Ball!

Fellowship Ministries Team is hosting another night at the South Bend Cubs on Saturday, June 22. Game time is 7:05 p.m. Please sign up at the participation station if you are interested in going and pay the church office \$14 per ticket. We need to have our final numbers confirmed and payment turned in to the SB Cubs by June 8 so don't delay! You do not need to pay at the time of sign-up. It is more important that you get your name down on the sign-up sheet and get a ticket reserved. We cannot get tickets with the group after June 8. If you need a ride to the game contact Melissa Chupp at 574-370-1261 and she will make arrangements.

Sign up for VBS 2024

This is the Way: The Underground Church now!

We are excited for another year of VBS! This year's theme is the underground church, and 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. We will meet for 4 days from June 25 to 28, from 9:00 to noon (Children and families are invited for lunch on Friday).

Dates: Tuesday, June 25 to Friday, June 28

Times: 9 a.m. to noon (lunch for children and families on Friday)

Ages: Rising Kindergarten to rising 6th Grade

Sign up at <https://forms.gle/aGMnVW9Ff91GnQ5N8>

SS Class Social Activities



On Wednesday, May 15, the Sojourners class met for breakfast at Angel's House of Pancakes.

Venture Club

Venture Club Tours Goshen College

Tami Schlabach, Venture Club Sponsor

Wednesday, May 8, the Venture Club enjoyed a visit to Goshen College. Pastor Katie arranged the visit and GC students Miranda Pfahler, Camila Pérez Diener and Lindsey Daniels were gracious hosts.

We started the evening with a game called “College Dropout” at the sand volleyball court. Everyone had to be on their toes (dug into the warm sand) to catch the volleyball thrown over the net, because if you missed, you “dropped out” for the rest of that round.

After dusting off our tootsies, we went on a scavenger hunt, which took us to multiple buildings all over the campus.



We got to visit a three-person dorm room in Yoder (Lindsey and Camila’s), distract a student with our exuberant waving,

show off our favorite sports in front of the fitness center, and visit the (hushed) library.

We ended up back in the sun to enjoy a snack.

College is fun!



MYF

Last Sunday, Esther Farmwald hosted the MYF for breakfast pizza and pickles in her back yard.



Some chose to escape the heat and eat inside.



Thank You

Editor's note: Casa Cardo's mission is stated in the endowment disbursement article on page 1.

Dear Waterford Mennonite Church community,

We are very grateful to receive news of \$3,400 from WMC Endowment Fund to flow out to the work of Casa Cardo, here in Tucson.

Casa Cardo is a large historic house in the central part of Tucson made up of five apartments. Mennonite Disaster Service volunteers this past winter did extensive renovations in all the apartments. Two are now filled with mothers and their children, and we are preparing to receive three more moms with their children this summer as the Spirit leads them to us. The money you've given will go to operating this large house and to providing stipends for the women.

In our current political climate walls continue to be built, protections for asylum seekers are eroding, and migrants are getting dehumanized. Jesus, alternatively, invites us to welcome the stranger and to discover that guests become our hosts for our own spiritual growth. Thank you, thank you, for partnering with us to provide housing and accompaniment for some of the most vulnerable among us. We are so very grateful.

In Christ's love,

Tina Schlabach, for the Casa Cardo leadership group



Order Your Anabaptist Community Bible

Save \$15-\$20 dollars by preordering your Anabaptist Community Bible(s) and an additional savings of \$4 on shipping charges when participating in a group order through Waterford. The group rate for shipping will be \$3 per Bible. Return the order form with your payment to the church office by Sunday, June 16. For more information on the Bible, **including seeing samples of the three bindings available**, see the display in the church lobby on Sundays, May 26 and June 2 and/or online [HERE](#).



MCUSA

The MC USA Constituency Leaders Council reflected on the question, “**What does it mean to do church together?**” at its biannual meeting at College Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, on March 21-23, 2024. Read more here:

mennoniteusa.org/news/clc-stories

Ingrid Friesen Moser, wellness coordinator for MC USA’s The Corinthian Plan, uses controlled breath to help her worship when she is troubled by anxious thoughts. Read her Menno Snapshots reflection here:

mennoniteusa.org/breath

In February, **Chialis Thuan Santoso** attended MC USA’s Hope for the Future 2024 conference. In her Menno Snapshots blog, she reflects on what she learned and how it applies to her life as a sojourner in Christ. Read her reflections here: mennoniteusa.org/sojourner-in-christ

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.

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.

Opportunities

For the first time, **Goshen Montessori Preschool** is offering two summer preschool weeks for children ages 4-5 yrs, June 11-19. See more details and how to register on the bulletin board, or the preschool’s website: goshenmontessori.org/summer-smiles/.

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>

AMBS

Spiritual Direction:

Foundations. Strengthen your skills in offering spiritual direction through the first level of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's supervised spiritual direction program. This course, which consists of weekly Zoom meetings and additional work done online, will help you grow in confidence and competence as a spiritual director. The seminar begins Sept. 3; apply by July 15 to save \$200. ambs.edu/seminars

Anabaptist Short Course

Bundle. Deepen your understanding of Anabaptist history, thought, witness and practice through discussion-based online short courses from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Take four noncredit online courses in 2024–25 for only \$995 total and save more than \$400. (The regular price is \$350/course.) No grades, no papers! Each course lasts six weeks. CEUs available. ambs.edu/bundle

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>

Upcoming Events

Lisa Koop, director of legal services at the National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC), will give a presentation on **the asylum process and how national immigration issues play out in our community** on Wednesday, May 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Assembly Mennonite Church. Through its office in Goshen, NIJC provides immigration legal services to immigrants and asylum seekers in Indiana. 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

[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 for 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.**

Mennonite Action Michiana is excited to invite you to a series of upcoming summer events!

- Join us on June 5, 5-7:30 p.m. at the South Bend Francis library branch ([52655 N Ironwood Rd](#)) for a jointly-held **teach-in with Michiana Voices for Middle East Peace, Michiana Friends of Palestine, and Occupation Free ND.** We will learn together about the history, strategy and tactics of the movement for boycott, divestment, and sanctions of the Israeli occupation of Palestine.
- Join us for a **potluck and organizing gathering** on June 26 from 5-7 p.m. at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary [in Elkhart \(3003 Benham Ave\)](#). Watch for more info coming soon!

Sunnyside Mennonite Church will host an **authentic Venezuelan meal**, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. on June 8 to **raise funds for La Posada Immigrant Aid.** La Posada's mission is to provide "immigration resources through written materials, legal counsel, and referrals in a welcoming and safe faith-based context." Come enjoy a delicious meal on a donation basis (by cash or check) and tour the La Posada offices! Click [here](#) to make reservations, or email Sandi Hostetler at hostetlersj@gmail.com.

Come Knot! Help MCC knot comforters on June 17-21: Thanks to the diligent work of many creative people, MCC has an abundance of comforter tops that are ready to be knotted and made into blankets. We are inviting volunteers to join us from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. June 17-21 at The Depot Material Resources Center in Goshen, 1013 Division Street (Door #2). Space is limited, so **please register for a 3-hour time slot** (or all day!) by visiting mcc.org/come-knot or calling 574-534-4071. Please bring a sack lunch if you are staying over lunch time. Thank you for sharing warmth and comfort with our neighbors around the world!