

This Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. - Worship
- 10:30 a.m. - Nurture classes for all ages
- 12:00 p.m. - Fellowship Meal
- 1:00 p.m. - Congregational Meeting / FH
- 1:00 p.m. - Faith Exploration Class / MYF Room



May 5, 2024



The Waterford Buzz

Welcome Team

Greeters: Dan & Diane Bodiker
 Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken Otto, Len Harms
 Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler
 Steve Fath

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

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

Thursday

8:30 a.m. - Mennonite Women / MYF Rm

7:00 p.m. - FFMT

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

Mentor/Mentee Night



WMC Mentor-Mentee pairs went to Church Community Services in Elkhart for two nights this spring. This last Wednesday, they transplanted new vegetable plants into their greenhouse beds.



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Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 225

Nurture hour - 217

Finances – April 28, 2024

Operating Fund	\$2,536.50
Mennonite Education	\$165.00
Either Fund	\$4,727.00
<i>Budget total</i>	<i>\$7,428.50</i>
Sharing Fund	\$125.00
Two-Way Mission	\$1,550.00
Total	\$9,103.50

Looking Ahead

May 12: Sermon: Lyle Miller;
Biblical Character – Job

May 19: Sermon: Brent Beck;
Graduation Sunday

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 9-14

Office hours this week

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

Tuesday, Friday 9-12

The *Waterford Buzz* is published weekly for members of Waterford Mennonite Church. Items for inclusion should be given to the editor by 5 p.m. Tuesday preceding publication.

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SOS Appreciation Lunch

Kay Miller, SOS Coordinator

Waterford Church is an SOS partner that supports Prairie View Elementary School. We have an opportunity for you to participate in a meaningful and concrete way to say thank you to the teachers and staff for all the hard work and thoughtful care they put into teaching children in our community. On May 10, we are providing lunch for the staff as part of teacher appreciation week. There is a sign-up sheet at the participation station for food donations that are needed. If you have questions, talk to Kay Miller, our contact person for this event. Food donations need to be delivered to Prairie View Elementary School at 4710 Regent St. by 9:30 a.m. on May 10, 2024.

Waterford Announcements

This Sunday will be our **May potluck meal, hosted by the Bridgebuilders, followed by a congregational meeting.** Please bring a dish or two to share, your own tableware (to expedite the washing up for those wanting to attend the meeting), and your packet of budget materials, meeting agenda and ballot that were in your mailbox. Absentee ballots must be placed in the basket outside the office door by noon on Sunday. The meeting will be zoomed: <https://goshen-edu.zoom.us/j/91654191561?pwd=WG1TY3Z5TXdKLzYwbDJXZmdMTXFuQT09>.

Due to a shortage of elective choice cards last week, you will have one more chance this Sunday to place your selection of **June elective(s)** in the box at the Participation Station. There is a new stack of cards there this week.

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!

Event Host job opening: We are looking for applicants that are interested in being an **Event Host** to outside groups renting the Fellowship Hall. This includes opening and closing of 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.

Upcoming Events

The **Goshen College Community School of the Arts (CSA) Choral Showcase** featuring three youth choirs will take place this coming Sunday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. All are warmly invited to attend! You are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance following this link: <https://goshen.universitytickets.com/w/event.aspx?id=1767> or by calling the Box Office at 574-535-7566 during our regular hours on Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The CSA is also **accepting new members in each of our choirs**. If your child is in rising grades 3 through 12, loves to sing, would like the opportunity to meet and sing challenging music with other area children, and perform in the world class Sauder Concert Hall, please have them come for a short and simple audition: Monday, May 6 at the Goshen College Music Center, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. [walk in]. No preparation is needed!

Goshen Public Library will partner with Kerry Ann Sandsmark, the Homestead Adult Day Center Manager at Greencroft Communities, to present **“Five Empowerment Tools for Memory Care at Home”** on Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the GPL Auditorium and home setup can help, using unexpected things to help keep a routine, and meaningful sensory activities. **This event is free and open to the public.**

Everence Financial® is hosting a **FREE educational Medicare seminar** on Monday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Everence, 1110 N. Main St., Goshen. **As you approach retirement, you may have some questions about moving to Medicare and Social Security.** During this workshop, Everence discusses the important details you need to know about retirement income and transitioning to Medicare, including:

- Enrollment details and deadlines.
- Budgeting for health care and income in retirement.
- What are your options if you continue to work?
- Social Security - when do I start?
- Prescription drug coverage.
- Plans that supplement Medicare.

Opportunities

New Resource

The Anabaptist Community Bible is now available for preorders!

Celebrate 500 years of Anabaptism with the *Anabaptist Community Bible*. This study Bible features commentary from 60 Anabaptist scholars, biblical insights from 16th-century Anabaptists, and marginal notes from nearly 600 study groups from Anabaptists around the globe. The *Anabaptist Community Bible* uses the Common English Bible (CEB) translation.

For more information on contents, options, pricing and to order, go to <https://mailchi.mp/mennomedia/this-only-happens-once?e=7e5701795d>

MCUSA

For the months of April and May, Mennonite Church USA will focus on addressing climate justice concerns, through its Learn, Pray, Join initiative, **“Climate Justice: Seeking Shalom.”** Learn more here:

mennoniteusa.org/lpj/climate-shalom aq

MC USA’s **Climate Justice Ministry is hosting a webinar titled, “Faith, Food, Soil and Climate,”** on Monday, May 13, 2024, 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

Pastor Suzette Shreffler, White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church, Busby, Montana, and Pastor Sandy Drescher-Lehman, Wild Church gatherer, **share a prayer and a blessing, respectively, crying out for better stewardship of God’s creation.** These resources are part of MC USA’s Learn, Pray, Join initiative, Climate Justice: Seeking Shalom series. Read it here: mennoniteusa.org/cries-for-better-stewardship

Jenny Gehman, spiritual director and east coast representative for Mennonite Women USA, reflects on her own **journey to spiritual direction and the holy hospitality** she has experienced. Read her Menno Snapshots blog here: mennoniteusa.org/spiritual-holy-hospitality

AMBS

AMBS Trinity House available for retreat use. A distinctive cloverleaf-shaped house nestled among trees on the edge of the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary campus in Elkhart, Indiana, is available for daytime retreat use by individuals and small groups. The house contains two small rooms for one-on-one conversations, a larger room for gatherings of five to 10 people, a dining/meeting room with seating for 10, a kitchenette and two bathrooms. Rates are \$50 for half-day use and \$85 for full-day use. ambs.edu/trinity

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

Volunteer

IMMC 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!

Mennonite Disaster Service will be working in **Westside Chicago neighborhoods** beginning May 3 in homes affected by flooding in July, 2023. Volunteers will be needed to remove damaged belongings and fixtures, such as drywall and flooring, and perform mold remediation. The work will be conducted on Fridays and Saturdays, as well as Memorial Day, recruiting daily volunteers within driving distance of Chicago. This will be a cooperative effort with a number of disaster response organizations. The work involves energy but not advanced skills or construction knowledge. Youth who are 14 years or older and accompanied by parents/adults are welcomed. Volunteers should plan to get dirty, bring their own lunch for the day. Water and snacks will be provided. The days currently being scheduled are: May 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 23-25, 27, 31-June 1. If interested and available, please contact George Kalopis at cookcounty@mds.org.

Employment

You can make a difference in the world! **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.

Requirements:

- Ready to serve in the name of Christ
- Mechanical aptitude
- 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](#).