

To Hope and Act with Creation



God's Creatures

Waterford Mennonite Church

June 16, 2024

Prelude		John Zehr
Gathering songs		Bob Brenneman
	<i>This Is My Song</i>	VT 710
	<i>We Plow the Fields and Scatter</i>	VT 747
Welcome & Call to worship		Krista Daniels, Lacy Stoltzfus
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Song	<i>God of the Fertile Fields</i>	VT 750
God's Work Among Us		Conference reporting Isaac Pfahler, JE Misz, Katie Misz
Children's time		Zoë Brown
Scripture	Genesis 1:20-31	
Sermon	"Friend or Food"	Katie Misz
Song of Response	<i>Touch the Earth Lightly</i>	VT 145
Congregational prayer		Linda Short
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>All Creatures, Worship God Most High</i>	VT 81

VT = Voices Together; SJ = *Sing the Journey*; SS = *Sing the Story*

*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world

Prayers

Pray for *Derrick Ramer* and *Benton Mennonite Church* as Derrick candidates there this weekend. Saturday evening's meeting was a getting acquainted and fellowship time, and Derrick is preaching this morning.

For a *permanent ceasefire* agreement between Hamas and Netanyahu's government.

Glen Horner, who celebrates his 91st birthday on Saturday the 22nd and *Eloise Schrock*, who celebrates her 97th birthday on Friday the 21st, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on them. Join in their celebration by signing a card for them at the table in the foyer.

Glen Horner took a fall playing ping pong last week and injured his arm. He is home, after being in the hospital, bandaged up and healing. Pray for patience and good recovery.

On this Father's Day, join Mennonite Mission Network personnel in praying for *fathers around the world*, especially those who lack the support needed to provide life's necessities for their children. May we share what God has given us, acknowledging that we are all part of God's one family.

Marvin and Rachel Yoder, who will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary on June 16.

For those around the world experiencing the *challenges of climate change* from extreme storms and flooding, and for *the churches ministering* to their neighbors in the aftermath of these disasters.

Pastor Cindy as she spends two days this week at the Pathways Retreat Center as part of her sabbatical.

Welcome Guests

We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. There are sermon boards for children outside the sanctuary doors; please pick one up as you enter. If desired, there is a nursery available in the west end of the foyer for infants and toddlers. Large print copies of the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. We invite you to stay for our nurture hour. Look for the welcome brochure on the front table in the foyer.

Our Mission Statement

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

Welcome everyone to faith and fellowship in Jesus Christ,

Minister to the needs of one another and our neighbors through the Holy Spirit, and

Call out each other's gifts for the joyful work of God's reconciling mission.

TODAY'S ELECTIVES

Jigsaw puzzles

Rm 34/35 in nurture wing

Coping with Grief

Rm 15 (near kitchen door)

Creative Expressions of Faith

Rm 28/30 in nurture wing

Crecimiento Dinámico de la Iglesia

Rm 37 in nurture wing

Drumming as Prayer

Pavilion

Fun in the Sun

Animal hike; meet at wetlands

Knotting Comforters

Rm 29/31/33 in nurture wing

Salt & Light Bible Study

Rm 22 (Sojourners)

Singing from Voices Together

Sanctuary

We celebrate that everyone is created in God's image, and as followers of Jesus we welcome people of every age, ability, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status, socio-economic situation, gender identity, and citizenship status as full participants in the life of our congregation.

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