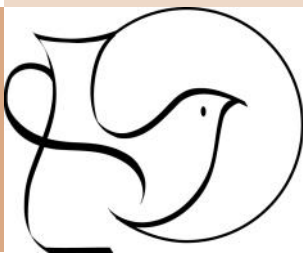




June 16, 2024



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Outside Worship
10:30 a.m. - Elective classes for all ages

Welcome Team

Ushers: LaVon Short, Ken Otto
Audiovisuals: Colin Berkey, Bob Hochstedler, Jeff Claassen

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. - MLC / FH

Wednesday

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

Thursday

7:00 p.m. - WMT

Saturday

7:05 p.m. - South Bend Cubs
Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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June Elective - Knotting Comforters

On Thursday, Mennonite Women worked on knotting comforters unfinished from Sunday's elective. In the first two Sundays of the elective, six comforters were completed and four more started.



Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 186

Nurture hour - 144

Finances – June 9, 2024

Operating Fund	\$3,645.00
Mennonite Education	\$2,729.00
Either Fund	\$3,248.00
<i>Budget total</i>	<i>\$9,622.00</i>
Two-Way Mission	\$500.00
Jubilee Fund	\$100.00
Sharing Fund	\$125.00
Total	\$10,347.00

Looking Ahead

June 23: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser; The Land; Communion

(Gen. 3:14-19; Rom. 5:12-18)

June 30: Sermon: Rachel Miller Jacobs; Early Church; VBS (Acts)

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

Elvina Schmidt - June 17-26

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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Waterford Announcements

This Sunday:

- **Worship outside in and around the pavilion.** Bring your lawn chair (there will be some chairs set up inside the pavilion) or blanket to sit on, sun protection and water bottle. The service will be livestreamed into the south Fellowship Hall for those unable to sit outside.
- **June electives.** Choose from nine options this week. The drumming circle is back! This week **Fun in the Sun** will meet at the wetlands for an animal hike. There will be a list on the back of this week's bulletin of the events available and where they are located.

Next Sunday, June 23, we will share in communion. We invite you to prepare your hearts for this sign of God's peace by making peace with God and with your brothers and sisters. And, as did the early church (Acts 2:43-47), we will also collect offerings for the Sharing Fund. This fund benefits people in need within the congregation.

VBS 2024 registration is closing soon! 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 - 28, from 9 a.m. 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>

Upcoming Events

Help MCC knot comforters on June 17-21: Join us from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on 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.

Juneteenth Reparations Conversation and book Signing. Join Cyneatha Millsaps and Sarah Augustine on Wednesday, June 19 at 7 p.m. at Fables Books, 215 S Main St, Goshen. This event is FREE and open to everyone. Audience members will be able to participate in a Q&A session with both Sarah Augustine and Cyneatha Millsaps. Sarah will also be available to sign copies of her books “So We & Our Children May Live” and “The Land is Not Empty.” Books will also be available for purchase at the event. Learn more about this event and others at www.fablesbooks.com/events.

Mennonite Action Events

- **Next mass call:** On our next mass call on June 20 at 8:00 p.m., we will join [Rabbis for Ceasefire](#) to **explore the topic of Christian Zionism.** [Sign up here.](#)
- **Join Mennonite Action Michiana for a potluck and evening of community-building and planning** on Wednesday, June 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Waltner Hall Lounge on the AMBS (Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary) campus in Elkhart (3003 Benham Ave). Activities for children provided. The evening will include updates on upcoming DC actions. Bring a dish to share as well as your own table service. Park in the Main Entrance parking lot and enter via the Library Entrance. Here is a [map of the AMBS campus](#).
- **We are marching in the light of God.** July 18-28, Mennonite Action calls for Mennonites, Christians, and friends of Mennonites to march from Harrisonburg, VA to Washington, DC across a 10 day, 140 mile march. Together, we will use our bodies and voices to bring our message of peace through the hills of Virginia and to the halls of power. [Learn how to join and support in our march toolkit.](#)
- **Peace Schools:** We will host a peace march informational call and two virtual Peace Schools to provide you with all the details you need to prepare to march. Save the date for the Peace Schools on [June 24](#) and [26](#), Stay tuned for more details.

MCUSA

Janet Szabo, a member of Mountain View Mennonite Church, shares how after a period of declining attendance, **Mountain View Mennonite Church is experiencing a spring new life**, through active church participation from adults and children alike. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/spring-garden-creation

Amid the climate crisis, **Douglas Day Kaufman**, executive director of Anabaptist Climate Collaborative, **finds wild, grounded hope in the gospel of all creatures** — in the tiny Caddisfly larva and in the body of Christ. Read his reflection here: mennoniteusa.org/gospel-all-creatures

Sara Gurulé, constituent engagement representative for Mennonite Mission Network, MC USA’s mission agency, **shares her grief about climate change** and how the systems of greed and power have affected the places she calls home. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/complex-grief-climate

Expand your leadership capacity through AMBS's Practical Leadership Training modules! Four-session online workshops beginning in September include Moving through Congregational Changes; Living Outside the "Man Box"; and Leadership Practices for Spiritual Vitality. CEUs available. Check out our full list of modules for the fall: ambs.edu/plt

Anabaptist Witness 11.1, "Mission and Peace in Ethiopia." The articles in this issue of *Anabaptist Witness* — guest edited by Henok T. Mekonin, MA, and James R. Krabill, PhD, Interim Managing Editor — are organized in two sections. The first focuses on mission and peace efforts in the broader context of the Ethiopian nation, and the second focuses more specifically on Meserete Kristos Church (MKC) history and perspectives. Proceeds from the print edition — available for purchase on Amazon — will support MKC programs. The free online version will be available in November 2024. Learn more and buy a print copy: anabaptistwitness.org

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>

MCC is seeking a full-time Peace and Justice Coordinator for the Great Lakes region. This position is responsible for programming in Indiana, Michigan and northwest Ohio, while providing leadership on partnership, peace and justice, and church engagement. This includes connecting with churches and accompanying grant partners, as well as responsibilities in MCC's focus areas of gun violence prevention, racial justice, restorative justice, immigration and dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery. The position will be located in Goshen, Indiana or remote/hybrid in central/northern Indiana or northwest Ohio. **Apply by June 24 at mcc.org/gl-peace-justice-coordinator**

HR Recruiter and Great Lakes HR Generalist for Mennonite Central Committee: As HR Recruiter, this position supports general recruitment and selection processes for openings across the organization. As a regional HR Generalist, this individual is the front-line HR contact for all local employees, assisting with a range of HR tasks, and connecting to specialist colleagues as appropriate. **Apply online by July 7 at mcc.org/hr-recruiter-gl**

Pathways Retreat offers Stations of the Trees in the Pathways woods during the month of June. Pathways Rhythm of Prayer is paused for the summer sabbatical and will resume August 20. A Prayer Community Regathering Event is scheduled for August 28. Find more information at pathwaysretreat.org.

Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale Announcements:

- **Volunteers Needed:** Do you love seeing happy children? We need your help to host a carnival for kiddos at the Relief Sale! Anyone 12 years or older can sign up to run a game booth. Kids under 12 are welcome to run a game with the help of an adult. Have fun in a carnival atmosphere while helping kids learn about the work MCC does around the world. Sign up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA9A829A2FBC61-49943832-2024>. If you have questions, contact Sonya Overman at preschoolsonya@gmail.org.
- **Quilt Auction:** Bless others and the work of MCC with your donation to the 2024 Quilt Auction. Items are needed now so that pictures can be taken for the online portion of the quilt sale. Please see the website for how to register your item (mennonitesale.org). Registration ends August 25. For more information contact Gail Shetler, 574-333-7142.
- **Crafters Marketplace:** We hope to have lots of items donated to the Relief Sale from MCC supporters who are working on crafts and projects for the sale. Woodworkers are building birdhouses, Christmas decor, and toys. Sewing ideas include baby items (bibs, blankets, quilts, flannel lovies, and toys), kitchen items (hot pads, aprons, cloth napkins, un-paper towels), and travel items (makeup pouches, drawstring pouches, fold up tote bags). Paper craft ideas include cards and journals. Also, the next work day is August 17; more details coming.
- **Banquet:** Mark your calendar for the Relief Sale Banquet, Tuesday, August 20. Watch for more details coming soon.