



June 9, 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, Wade Ramer, Mark King
Audiovisuals: Colin Berkey, Bob Hochstedler, Shawn Stutzman

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. - Prayers for Two-Way Mission / Zoom

Thursday

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

Zoom prayers

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

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The Story of Julia Steiner Leatherman

Barb Landes, with help from Joe Steiner and Joyce Bontrager



Julia was the third of six children, born September 13, 1934, to Rav and Letha (Miller) Steiner, on a 120 acre farm located three miles outside Sterling, Ohio. All six children had a name beginning with J. It is told by brother Joe, the fourth child, that Julia and Joan were bossy when the parents were away from home, often leading to pinching, scratching and hitting. Her mother always made the girls' dresses, however Julia felt hers were made of feed sacks, which was common practice at that time.

If given the choice, Julia would always choose to work outdoors instead of doing house work. Julia had special gifts of making cakes, working outside—especially in flower beds—and loving to sing. The extended Steiner/Miller family lived within a ten mile radius, so the family enjoyed those outings. At Christmas time the kids were expected to say a verse, sing a song or do something for the whole family. The entire family attended Oak Grove Mennonite where the children and youth were valued in church life. Every year the church sang Handel's Messiah without instruments. As a preteen, Julia sat by Aunt Luella to learn the alto part. The childhood experiences that helped her mature were learning a new hymn every month, memory work in Sunday School, parents that played with their children and how well her parents worked together on the farm. Dad's advice was, "whatever is worth doing, is worth doing well."

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 222

Nurture hour - 161

Finances – June 2, 2024

Operating Fund \$4,693.25

Mennonite Education \$860.00

Either Fund \$6,190.00

Budget total \$11,743.25

Two-Way Mission \$75.00

Total \$11,818.25

Looking Ahead

June 16: Sermon: Katie Misz;

Animals;

(Gen 2:18-25; Rev 5:11-14)

June 23: Sermon: Deron

Bergstresser; The Land;

Communion

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

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 - June 9-10

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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Julia played high school basketball when girls were considered too frail to run the whole floor. Surprisingly, girls were only allowed one dribble before passing. The guards and forwards each worked half the floor. The basketballs were standard size not like today's smaller ones. Oak Grove had a baseball field and Dave first noticed Julia as she played ball.

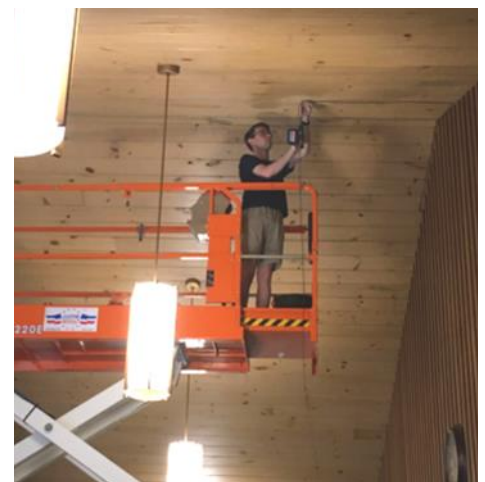
Julia attended Goshen College to obtain a degree in Nursing and that is where she met Dave. Nursing students were not allowed to be married because grades might suffer, but both families told Goshen College they permitted them to marry. Thus their marriage took place on June 26, 1955. Dave and Julia had four children, three sons and one daughter. The eldest son sadly died after being hospitalized for eighteen years from complications of Guillain-Barre syndrome. Their other two sons own their own businesses and their daughter continues the nursing profession.

She used her nursing skills in a variety of situations such as: hospitals and clinics, ADEC, Elkhart County Health Department, First Steps, and Parish Nursing. She received many rewards while teaching Nursing at Bethel and Goshen Colleges. The Rotary in Dunlap sent them several times to India and Kenya to teach Obstetrical Nursing. Julia was also a long-term leader of Bible Study Fellowship. Dave and Julia helped to start Sunnyside Mennonite Church. Their family also gave Sunday evening programs which included singing and scriptures set to background photos of their vacations.

Upgrades

New Lighting System

On Monday, Colin Berkey, Bob Hochstedler, Steve Fath and Shawn Stutzman began work on replacing the partially defunct light system in the sanctuary. The project is expected to take three weeks and be ready in time for the start of Vacation Bible School starts.



Above: Colin attaches new electrical wire to the sanctuary ceiling.

Left: Colin and Steve take a sight-seeing tour of the sanctuary on the rented lift.

Electives

Krista Daniels led the Fun in the Sun elective to the pond last Sunday to see what they could find.

Photos by Rachel Stoltzfus and Merrill Hostetler.



Using nets to collect macro-invertebrates



Will the frog jump out of the tub?



Gaven touching the leopard frog.



Taking a closer look



Javi is steadfast in his search.



Rachel, what did you catch?

MCUSA

Mennonite Church USA is launching **two new podcasts, aimed at encouraging and equipping today's pastors and congregational leaders.** Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/podcasts

Pasadena Mennonite Church helped foster Celeste Sharp's passion for the environment. This interest has led Celeste to pursue an education in agroecology, with hopes of providing people with more sustainable food systems and practices. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/agroecology-food

Mennonite Action

Next mass call: On our next mass call on June 20 at 8:00 p.m. ET we will join [Rabbis for Ceasefire](#) to explore the topic of Christian Zionism. [Sign up here.](#)

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 [info call on June 12](#), and Peace Schools on [June 24](#) and [26](#). Stay tuned for more details.

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. Because of lighting work being done in the sanctuary, the service will be livestreamed into the south Fellowship Hall for those unable to sit outside.
- **June electives.** Choose from nine options this week. This week **Fun in the Sun** will meet in the yard next to the playground. Isaac Pfahler will be leading kickball. The **drumming circle will not meet** this week, and the Evangelism class in Spanish will join the Puerto Rican gathering at Greencroft. There will be a **card-making** option and **beginners' Yoga**. There will be a list on the back of this week's bulletin of the events available and where they are located.
- **Last chance to sign up for the South Bend Cubs game** on Saturday, June 22. Game time is 7:05 p.m. Reserve your ticket (\$14) by signing up at the participation station. We need to have our final numbers confirmed by June 9!

Mennonite Women's Day is coming up next Thursday, June 13. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. Bring a dish to pass if you can stay for lunch.

Upcoming Events

2024 Puerto Rico Menno Reunion, this weekend, June 7-9, will begin with an informal gathering on Friday evening, 7 to 10 p.m.; continue on Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and will include updates about some of the projects started by the Mennonites; a noon potluck lunch (Meat, rice and beans and tableware will be provided; please bring a dish to share.) and folk music from Puerto Rico by Julio Cesar Sanabria; and end on Sunday with a 9:30 to 11 a.m. worship service.

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.

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.

Opportunities

Seeking an Administrative Assistant for the Anabaptist Thriving Congregations Grant. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for this 0.5 to 0.75 FTE position. The person in this role will provide support for a program that will train pastors and lay leaders to lead their congregations in a process of investigating their context, facilitating innovative Bible study and guiding group discernment. The program and position are funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. and will end after five years. See the full job description: ambs.edu/jobs