



July 28, 2024



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour

Welcome Team

Greeters: Jerry & Joyce Troyer
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Carla Miller, Ken Otto
Audiovisuals: Shawn Stutzman, Colin Berkey

This Week at Waterford

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

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Assisting Ukrainian Refugees

by Kevin Miller

Two weeks ago the Buzz shared information on the need for sponsoring Ukrainian refugees. The Pathfinders Sunday school class responded to this appeal, and David Gingerich has submitted a sponsorship application. Mel and Lorna Claassen have also submitted an application for another family. The process will take several weeks, and if all goes well, we hope the families will arrive by September 1.

Both the Pathfinders class and the Claassens have committed to providing financial support as well as assisting in finding housing, jobs, transportation, and schooling for the children. However, we welcome others in the church who have interest to join us in the support of these families—or perhaps consider helping another refugee family.

For those wanting to contribute towards the financial support of the families, we will provide more information once the applications have been approved and plans become more concrete. Note that any donations will not be tax deductible. In the meantime, you can join us in prayer—for the families and for those providing support as we venture into this partnership. Contact Kevin Miller or Mel Claassen if you have questions or interest in supporting this venture.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 140

Nurture Hour – 114

Finances – July 21, 2024

Operating Fund	\$5,491.25
Mennonite Education	\$2,750.00
Either Fund	\$2,735.00
<i>Budget Total</i>	<i>\$10,976.25</i>
Jubilee Fund	\$60.00
Two-Way Mission	\$400.00
Welcoming Spaces	\$200.00
Total	\$11,636.25

Looking Ahead

August 4: Sermon: Katie Misz;
The Sacrificial Lamb
Fellowship Meal
Congregational Meeting

August 11: Sermon: Marty
Lehman; Martha

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team
Leader

Deron Bergstresser, Pastor
Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz, Pastor
Tuesday, Thursday
Monday & Wednesday p.m.

Out of Office

Cindy Voth - July 28 - August 3

Office hours this week

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

Tuesday, Friday
9 - 12

Greeter signup: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fRLd0Ydw_QxRiQUvRhUscNVk0HV-oTcPnu61NyBcjM/edit?usp=sharing

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Adult Nurture Class

Sojourners

by Esther Farmwald

The Sojourners class consists of couples and singles, mostly 80 and older who have many life and spiritual experiences to share with each other, and that sharing is a real strength of this class. A committee of (usually) three takes responsibility to find teachers, shepherds, and to plan activities outside of class time every couple of months.

We use the Salt and Light materials for our class times. One of the challenges for our class is that it is getting more difficult to find someone to serve as class shepherd.

We are very open to new persons joining our class. Until the new year begins, the persons to contact for more information about our class are Carolyn Chupp, Esther Farmwald, and Fancheon Resler.

Books New to the Library

Donated used books recently added to the church library

Benson, Robert. *The Body Broken: Answering God's Call To Love One Another.*

Benson, Robert. *Living Prayer.*

Brehm, Ward. *White Man Walking: An American Businessman's Spiritual Adventure in Africa.*

Buechner, Frederick. *The Eyes of the Heart: A Memoir of the Lost and Found.*

Buechner, Frederick. *The Longing For Home: Recollections and Reflections.*

Frost, Michael. *The Shaping of Things to Come: Innovation and Mission for the 21st Century Church.*

Hurston, Zora Neale. *Their Eyes Were Watching God.*

Lamott, Anne. *Grace (Eventually): Thoughts on Faith.*

MacDonald, Gordon. *Who Stole My Church? What to Do When the Church You Love Tries to Enter the 21st Century.*

Martin, Wendell. *Go Now! From the Innermost Parts of the Heart to the Uttermost Parts of the World Plus Forty Stories of Faith.*

Michener, James A. *Creatures of the Kingdom: Stories of Animals and Nature.*

Norris, Kathleen. *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith.*

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Waterford Announcements

Next Sunday, August 4:

- There will be a **Fellowship Meal**, hosted by the Seekers class. It will be **Pastor Cindy's first Sunday back** following her sabbatical. As a welcome-back gesture, please bring more gluten-free foods, if you can, and label them. Also, add your **welcome-back message and signature to the banner in the foyer** which was prepared by our young adult group.
- **Congregational Meeting** at approximately 12:30 immediately following the Fellowship Meal. It will also be Zoomed. The agenda and ballot were in your mailbox last Sunday. If you cannot attend, you may place your completed ballot in the basket by the main office door by 12:00 p.m. on the 4th. There are extra ballots on the table.

MCC School Kits: This year's school kit challenge is 24,000. In 2023, our congregation contributed 201 kits! There are bags and content lists on a table near the library, and metal pencil sharpeners that you may use. The school supply sales will soon begin. Thank you!

Business Manager Needed: Ministry Leadership Council is in search of our next Business Manager. If you are interested or if you want more information before you decide that you are interested, please get in touch with Rose Shetler at roseshetler2@gmail.com. A job description and more details including compensation will be shared. This is a paid position that averages 2-5 hours per week.

Mennonite Church USA

The management board of the **Global Anabaptist Mennonite Encyclopedia Online (GAMEO)** held its annual meeting both in person, in Goshen and Elkhart, Indiana, and by Zoom, on May 24, 2024. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/gameo

Olivia Krall, archives coordinator for Mennonite Church USA, writes about the **MC USA Archives' MEDA collection** and a new donation of archival materials from Dan Sauder, grandson of MEDA founder, Erie Sauder. Read her blog here: mennoniteusa.org/archives/meda

What is deep listening?

Spiritual director Ruth Johnston discusses the benefits of having a spiritual director who really listens. Read her blog here: mennoniteusa.org/deep-listening-essential

Upcoming Community Events

Celebrate our community at the 4th annual Festival of Hope, July 27, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Goshen Brewing Company. Live music, taco truck, ice cream truck, Makers Market, local nonprofits, children's activities, and more! FREE to attend and all are welcome. Donate online or onsite to help Center for Healing & Hope raise \$25,000 for 25 years of service! All donations support the affordable healthcare and immigrant advocacy programs of CHH. Sponsorships available. Email Daniel at dtackett@chhclinics.org to become a sponsor of this great community event!

Craft Event for the Relief Sale: Come join us for a fun time creating items to be sold at this year's Relief Sale. The event is Saturday, Aug 10, at East Goshen Mennonite Church from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or come and go as you please. **RSVP** to crafting.mrms@gmail.com **by Aug 5**. Coffee, iced tea and water will be available so bring a sack lunch. All supplies and ideas will be provided but we could use portable sewing machines, batting scraps, Post-it notes, any color. Or bring your own project to work on. Hope to see you and feel free to bring a friend!

MCC Bike Michiana: Join bicycle enthusiasts of all skill levels on September 13-15 to cycle through the beautiful lake and farmland region of southern Michigan and northern Indiana to support MCC's water projects in Bolivia. Hosted by Amigo Centre, registration includes cabin lodging and meals. For more information and to register by August 30, visit mcc.org/bike-michiana.

AMBS

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.) Each course lasts six weeks. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. ambs.edu/bundle

Church matching grants for seminary. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary offers grants of up to \$2,000 per academic year to match contributions that congregations, conferences and regional churches make toward a full-time graduate student's tuition costs. Part-time students may be eligible for matching grants as well. We're committed to making theological education affordable and accessible for students across the church — tap a shoulder! ambs.edu/church-matching-grants

MDS

Our **July Edition of On the Level** is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares a letter of gratitude from Arcadia, Florida, volunteers install our 100th bridge allowing residents to travel home again, and homeowners are on the road to recovery thanks to volunteers working in Lytton, British Columbia. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3WnPGFw>

Opportunities

MCC Central States will be hosting an immigration-focused learning tour in South Texas: MCC learning tours present a unique opportunity to engage directly with the work done by MCC and partner organizations. This learning tour will give the opportunity for participants to have the chance to meet with law enforcement officials from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), gain insights into the complexity of immigration enforcement, including deportation and apprehensions, and visiting migrant response shelters. Additionally, the tour will shed light on the challenges faced by migrants on their journey and raise awareness about the asylum process, and conditions faced by displaced and uprooted individuals. For additional questions, please contact Abraham Diaz Alonso, MCC Central States - Immigration Program Coordinator via email at abrahamdiazalonso@mcc.org

Registration Period: May 1, 2024, to August 09, 2024

Learning Tour Dates: Sunday, August 18, 2024, to Friday, August 23, 2024

Locations: McAllen and Brownsville, Texas, USA; Matamoros and Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico

Registration Fee: \$750 USD - Covers lodging, meals, honorariums and transportation in the region. *does not include airfare*

Link: <https://mcc.org/events/immigration-learning-tour-south-texas>

Documentary: ***What Happened at Benham West: African American Stories of Community, Displacement and Hope.*** Your church or organization can host a screening of this 80-minute documentary about the exclusion of African Americans in the city of Elkhart, Indiana, as told through the stories of local elders. The film can be a helpful introduction to the lasting economic and social impacts of White supremacy and structural racism, and you can opt to include a presentation after the film for additional context. Schedule a screening through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary: ambs.edu/benham-west-project

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Nouwen, Henri J.M. *The Inner Voice of Love: A Journey Through Anguish to Freedom*

Nouwen, Henri J.M. *Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World*

Tolle, Eckhart. *A New Earth : Awakening to Your Life's Purpose*

Wallis, Jim. *On God's Side: What Religion Forgets and Politics Hasn't Learned About Serving the Common Good*

Zahnd, Brian. *What to Do on the Worst Day of Your Life*