

# Biblical Characters



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## Martha

# Waterford Mennonite Church

August 11, 2024

Prelude		Lorraine Reinford
Gathering Songs		Nick Stoltzfus
	<i>Every Time I Feel the Spirit</i>	VT 681
	<i>My Love Colors Outside the Lines</i>	VT 582
Welcome		Loanne Harms, Gretchen Bateman
God's Work Among Us		Steve Fath, BBI <sup>‡</sup> Planning Group
Call to worship		
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise)	
Song	<i>Bless the Arms That Comfort</i>	VT 527
Children's time		Fancheon Resler
Sermon	"Martha"	Marty Lehman**
Scripture	Luke 10:38-42	
Song of response	<i>Teach Me Thy Truth</i>	VT 776
Congregational Prayer		Cindy Voth
Benediction		
Sending Song	<i>May the Face of God Shine on You</i>	VT 844

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

\*\*Marty Lehman is Congregational Coach for Waterford Mennonite Church.

<sup>‡</sup>Benin Bible Institute

## Prayers

We celebrate with *Karsten Hess*, son of Ursula, and *Naomi Yoder* as they were married yesterday in Tennessee, and we offer thanksgiving for Pastor Katie and JE Misz who officiated the ceremony.

Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for the surge of interest in Christian service programs that has led to all openings for the coming year being filled. Pray for the *new participants in Mennonite Voluntary Service and Service Adventure units* as they begin their time together.

Please pray for *Andrew Smucker* who is leaving this week for SALT training in Akron, PA, for his year in Bolivia.

Mennonite World Conference requests prayer for the aging *Puerto Rico churches* as they struggle to keep their young leaders “at home” when they are inspired by better opportunities on the US mainland.

We pray for *teachers, staff, students and families* beginning a new year of school in the coming weeks.

## 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.*

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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