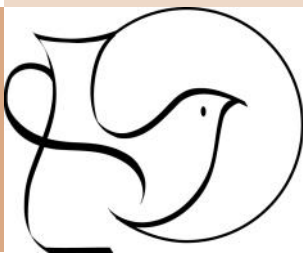




August 4, 2024



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour
11:45 a.m. - Fellowship Meal
12:30 p.m. - Congregational Meeting

Welcome Team

Greeters: Esther Farmwald,
Carolyn Chupp
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Wade
Ramer, Len Harms
Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler,
Steve Fath

This Week at Waterford

Thursday

8:30 a.m. - Mennonite
Women - MYF Rm
6:30 p.m. - Stephen Min. -
MYF Rm, 15
7:00 p.m. - FFMT
Zoom prayers
Monday - 8:30 a.m.
Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Bridgebuilders CLASS

by Chrissy Kauffman

Our class is made up of all married couples. We are presently all in our 40s and early 50s. Our families have children ranging from college age down to fifth grade. Many of us have been in this class before we had children and we have raised our kids together. We cover many occupations and job vocations. We do have several teachers in the class.

Our class values learning about God together, but we also like to eat and have a good time! We value the balance of work and family life and keeping time to relax and have fun. We try to keep each other accountable to that and support each other in whatever way we can. Our children are similar ages so we support one another in the challenges we face at each life stage and of raising children into adults. We support one another as we try to grow and make changes in our jobs and professions.

When it comes to organizing our times together, usually that is shared by different persons at different times—we don't have just one organizer. We usually have an annual camping trip in September. In years past the men and women would have separate 24-hour retreats. In summer months we take turns hosting a potluck at one another's house and talk and play outdoor games. Pickle ball has become a trend we have joined. There are impromptu gatherings for one reason or another. No one person is the leader. Anyone can feel free to jump in!

In Sunday morning class times we tend to study Salt & Light for one quarter and then we will share in a book study, alternating between the two. We take turns leading the class discussion, some of us feeling more

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 185

Nurture Hour – 129

Finances – July 28, 2024

Operating Fund \$4,376.00

Mennonite Education \$365.00

Either Fund \$3,005.00

Budget Total \$7,746.00

Total **\$7,746.00**

Looking Ahead

August 11: Sermon: Marty
Lehman; Martha

August 18: Sermon: Cindy Voth;
Sabbatical Sharing
(Psalm 23)

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team
Leader

Monday - Friday

Deron Bergstresser, Pastor

Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz, Pastor

Tuesday, Thursday

Monday & Wednesday p.m.

Out of Office

Pastoral Team - Tuesday

Katie Misz - August 8-17

Office hours this week

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

Friday

9 - 12

Closed Tuesday

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

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prepared than others. We have had guests lead our book discussions too.

A class challenge has been finding times to be together as a group and as individuals and couples. Our children are so busy in school activities and sports that we put them first and work around their schedules. We are also facing the reality that our parents are aging and facing more health issues and we have had to provide guidance and care for them.

Our class is open to any new persons joining, recognizing that many of our discussions revolve around family and children.

Any members of the class could be contacted for more information but our coordinators are Shawn Stutzman and Chrissy Kauffmann and our shepherds are Mark Daniels and Amanda Stoltzfus.

Thank You

To the congregation of Waterford Mennonite Church,

Thank you so much for your support of the ministry of the Paris Mennonite Center! We are so excited to participate in this Anabaptist witness of hospitality, peace, and discipleship. We look forward to sharing more as we meet Christ in Paris.

Ben and Laurel Woodward-Breckbill and children

From the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery:

Thank you for your donation to the Coalition for the Maple Scholars Fund for Arleth Martinez. Your support of young people researching ecological stewardship is much appreciated! Thank you as well for your continued support as a Repair Network congregation. Together we are living into a hopeful future!

Waterford Announcements

This 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.
- **Congregational Meeting** at approximately 12:30 immediately following the Fellowship Meal. It will also be Zoomed. See the email sent Thursday for the Zoom link and copies of the agenda and ballot. 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.
- **GWCtD forms due:** If you are planning on joining the **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** fun on August 18, be sure to **return your completed form this Sunday, August 4**, to the box at the participation station table.

Safe Spaces training Aug 20 & Aug 21:

If you volunteer at Waterford with youth or children, or if you have never done safe spaces training at Waterford, we would like you to attend an upcoming workshop. This safe church workshop is a collaboration with local MCUSA congregations to help us be sanctuaries for the most vulnerable to know how to respond when things go awry. The gatherings will include presentations from MC USA Safe Church as well as CAPS. *All volunteers with children and youth are encouraged to attend or watch the recorded sessions if you are unable to attend in person.* There will be two different meetings, one located in Goshen and one in Elkhart:

August 20 from 6-7:30 @ Silverwood Mennonite Church

August 21 from 6-7:30 @ Belmont Mennonite Church

RSVP to Katie@waterfordchurch.org by August 10. Let Katie know which night you plan to attend and if you need childcare.

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

MC USA responded to the July 13 assassination attempt with a statement that called for prayer. Read the statement here mennoniteusa.org/prayer-assassination

Season One of **MC USA's "Lead/Follow"** podcast for **pastors and leaders** is now complete! Watch all 10 episodes on YouTube or listen on Apple or Spotify! Watch or listen here: mennoniteusa.org/lead-follow

In 2018, **Ardean Friesen, a member of Silverwood Mennonite Church**, asked his church to begin the process of discerning whether the congregation would become open and affirming. The two-year inclusion process let him know that he has a seat at the table. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/journey-inclusion

Upcoming Community Events

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.mMrs@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!

MEDA Dessert Banquet (August 17, 6:30 p.m.) The Michiana Hub of Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) is hosting a dessert banquet at Maple City Chapel on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at 6:30 pm. Werner Franz, from MEDA Paraguay, will share MEDA's origin story—the story of how Anabaptists in North America joined together to support international business development—and what that has meant for the dairy industry in Paraguay. Dr. Dorothy Nyambi, MEDA President & CEO, also will share about MEDA's vision and mission through stories of personal change. Please come for this opportunity to explore the relationship of faith, entrepreneurship, and creativity to reduce poverty around the world! [Follow this link for more information or to register as a table sponsor or individual.](#)

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.

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

Opportunities

MCC Central States will be hosting an immigration-focused learning tour in South Texas, Sunday, August 18, 2024, to Friday, August 23, 2024. 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
- **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>

Online Registration is Open for 2024 Fall Spanish Language Program:

Goshen College will offer evening beginner to advanced conversational **Spanish classes for adults** in the fall semester. These classes, will be held in person on Tuesdays (beginning Aug. 20) and Thursdays (ending Dec. 19) from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for 16 weeks. No classes will take place on October 22 & 24, and November 26 & 28. The cost is \$300. The Spanish classes will take place at the same time as classes offered for adults who are learning English. **Shared conversation sessions** will allow students from both Spanish and English classes to advance their language skills in real-life and natural settings as they build relationships with one another. For more information, please contact Rocio Diaz at srociod@goshen.edu. To register go to: goshen.edu/spanishclass

Seeking a Caterer in Residence: AMBS is accepting applications for this part-time position. The person in this role will be the primary point person for all special dining events at AMBS — planning menus, purchasing groceries and supplies, and preparing and serving meals. Responsibilities include training and supervising kitchen aides and servers, maintaining compliance with Health Department codes, keeping track of inventory, and working with individuals and groups requesting catering. Application review begins immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

Some churches in Elkhart are again organizing English as a Second (ESL) classes for adults. **Volunteer teachers are needed** for the next session of classes, September 3-November 21, 2024, meeting at Prairie Street Mennonite Church. Sessions are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00 p.m. Volunteering once or twice a week is your choice. Materials are provided. You do not need to be a trained teacher. If desired, you may start as an assistant-in-training working with a veteran teacher. You do not need to be able to speak Spanish. Substitutes are available for illness and vacations. Please contact Sueann VonGunten, vonalter2@gmail.com or 574-612-3108 with your interest or questions. Approximately 20 teachers are needed to teach all of the classes. If you have friends who might be interested encourage them to call or write. Please consider helping your neighbors learn English.