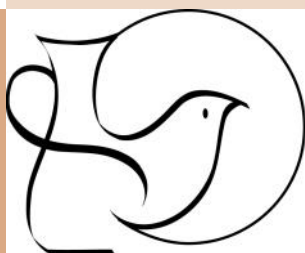


This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
Special guest preacher,
Jocelyne Ahoga from Benin
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour



September 15, 2024

The Waterford Buzz

Welcome Team

Greeters: Krista Daniels,
Lacy Stoltzfus
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Wade
Ramer, LaVon Short
Audiovisuals: Shawn
Stutzman, Jeff Claassen

This Week at Waterford

Monday

6:30 p.m. - WMT / Zoom

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. - 2-Way Prayers

Wednesday

4:00 p.m.-Children's Cluster

6:00 p.m. - Haystacks &
Games / Fellowship Hall

Thursday

7:00 p.m. - Sharing with BBI
Guests / Fellowship Hall

Saturday

8:30 - 11:00 a.m. -
Cars & Coffee / parking lot

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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The White House

JD Smucker, Co-Chair Ministry Leadership Council

How appropriate that we are in an election season where decisions are being made about who lives in the White House. We also need to make a decision about the Waterford White House. Will future people in life transitions have this space to get back on their feet, or a place to live while figuring out some of the questions of life needing answers before moving on? Or might we tear down the house and use the land for something else? Or should we just sell the property and let someone else make decisions?

How does God help us answer these questions? Before Beth and I got married, we asked our Sunday School class if they thought we were a good fit, and if we should get married (not something people normally do these days). The affirmation and wisdom were good to hear from others who knew us, and had advice for us. We were part of a community that cared for us, and wanted the best for us. When we make decisions at church, we are part of a community. When tough decisions are made, sometimes it takes a lot of time to process, because everyone needs the opportunity to be heard.

While considering the future of the White House, we can share our ideas, balance the challenges and opportunities, listen to God while we listen to others, and live into a decision. So let's start with sharing some ideas. If you have an idea of how to repurpose the church house, send it to smucker5@frontier.com. The next article in the Buzz relating to the house will include your responses. If your response is too long for an email, (or you just like writing on paper), then drop off your response in JD and Beth Smucker's mailbox here at church. Over the next two weeks we will compile the ideas and dreams and see how God is at work in our community.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 195

Nurture hour - 189

Finances – September 8, 2024

Operating Fund	\$4,145.00
Mennonite Education	\$2,449.00
Either Fund	\$3,064.00
Budget Total	\$9,658.00
Jubilee Fund	125.00
My Coins Count	\$50.00
Total	\$9,833.00

Looking Ahead

September 22: Sermon: Germain Dossou; Peace Within:
God's Presence Brings Peace
(*Psalm 139:1-18*)

September 29: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser; Peace Within:
Trusting God brings peace
(*Matthew 6:25-34*)

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team
Leader
Monday - Thursday
Deron Bergstresser, Pastor
Tuesday - Friday
Katie Misz, Pastor
Monday - Thursday

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?gid=0#gid=0

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Janet Shoemaker,
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Endowment Fund Reminder: November 1, 2024

Philip Habecker, on behalf of the Endowment Fund Committee

Waterford Mennonite Church has an Endowment Fund that is used for projects and missions that further the aims of the church, but which are outside and above the annual budget. If you have a project in mind that you believe meets those criteria and needs funding, consider filling out an application. Applications can be found on the church website: www.waterfordchurch.org under the “resources” tab, as well as under the big bulletin board. Alternatively, you can ask questions of any committee member—Doug Yoder, Susan Gingerich, or myself—with the understanding that they will answer to the best of their imperfect knowledge. Completed applications should be emailed to Doug Yoder, chair (yoder.ld@gmail.com), or put in his church mailbox. The deadline to submit applications for this round of funding is November 1, 2024.

The committee would also like to acknowledge and thank Lyz Zimmerman for her years of service on the board, and as the board's chair.



8:30 - 11 a.m. **Saturday, September 21, 2024**

Waterford Mennonite Church Parking Lot
65975 State Road 15, Goshen Indiana 46526

Bring your favorite ride (Classic Car, Sports Car, Hybrid, Electric, New, Used, Motorcycle, Restoration Project, etc.)

Or just come to see what others have brought.

You'll enjoy visiting with others having similar interests and hearing their stories.

Coffee & donuts, and maybe home baked goods, will be available.

Direct questions to Jon. Wieand at jwieand@gmail.com.



Small Group Profile

Our small group of eight is a mix of married and single seniors. The whole group meets in the evening once a month and the women in the group meet once a month for lunch. We appreciate our growing friendships, sharing what is going on in our lives, and the support of the group. We rotate meeting in members' homes with the hosts suggesting a topic for discussion followed by other sharing and a light snack. We occasionally go out to eat together. Our present group seems to be the right size for comfortable conversation and space in our homes.

—Jon. Wieand

Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale

The 2024 Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale will be held September 27–28 at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds. The sale is made possible with the help of hundreds of volunteers.

Waterford has had an integral part in making the Relief Sale a success. Our congregation is currently in charge of two different areas:

Dairy Bar: Aaron Lehman organizes this booth. Menno tea, pop, water and soft ice cream are sold. Approximately 20 to 24 volunteers, working two-hour shifts, are used throughout the weekend.

Popcorn: Kevin and Lorene Miller provide leadership for this booth which sells various Yoder Popcorn products to take home as well as freshly popped for eating at the sale. Additionally, children and parents roam the Saturday auctions, selling popcorn and drinks. Approximately 12 adults and 8 to 10 children are needed to work in two-hour shifts throughout the weekend.

Waterford members have also taken the initiative to run booths or find volunteers for larger projects:

Ten Thousand Villages: Tami Schlabach helps with finding volunteers for the TTV booth. People are needed to unpack all of the items before the sale and repack what's left at the end of the sale. cashiers and people who can wrap and bag purchases are also needed.

Plant Sale: Len and Loanne Harms have taken responsibility for the Plant booth. If you would like to help with selling, setup or cleanup, contact Len at 574-238-5918 or lenharms.lh@gmail.com.

Children's Activities: This year, Kay Miller is helping organize the fun activities for kids and is looking for volunteers, ages 12 and older, to help.

If you would like to volunteer for one of these five options, sign-up sheets are available on the table near the library.

And, of course, you can give your coins to MyCoinsCount. There are two Sundays left to bring them to the church.

There are many other ways to contribute your time, objects and/or money to the relief sale. See the following list for other ways you can help make the sale a success.

Recycling and Composting – Volunteers work one to two-hour shifts during the sale. The work includes lifting bags of recyclables, compost or waste. Everyone can help us run a low-waste event by bringing a water bottle, taking care to sort the items you are throwing out into the correct bins and helping your friends and family do the same. Contact Jennifer Schrock, jhschrock9@gmail.com, to volunteer.

Plants – The Plant Committee is looking forward to receiving your plant donations on Friday, Sept. 27, at the north door of the Elkhart County Community Center at the fairgrounds (the craft, plant, and Ten Thousand Villages building.) In the past, supporters of the Relief Sale have donated hundreds of healthy, well-cared for plants. House plants are big sellers, but we accept starts of perennials and spring-flowering bulbs as they can be planted this fall. Large cactus plants are dangerous at the sale as children may not be wary of them; small ones are fine. Please also consider ease in handling as one they have to be moved several times during the sale, and the purchaser must deliver them to their vehicle. A maximum weight of 40-45 pounds is a good measure. Plant questions can be directed to Len Harms (574-238-5918).

Crafts – The Crafter's Marketplace is looking forward to seeing what crafts have been created this year for donation to the Relief Sale. Have your arts and crafts dropped off at the Elkhart County Community Center at the fairgrounds Friday morning, Sept. 27.

Quilt Auction Support – The quilt auction tech team is looking for some more people to help run the registration and payment processes. We are using new software this year and want to have extra people to make sure everything goes smoothly. If you are able and have the ability to help on Friday and/or Saturday, please contact Marshall King, hungrymarshall@gmail.com/574-238-3307 or Dan Adcock 574-612-9790/danielpadcock+MCC@gmail.com.

Children's Activities – Are you energized by the laughter and smiles of children enjoying good fun with their friends and family? You can bring on the joy at the kids' carnival activities at the MCC Relief Sale Sept. 27 and 28. Anyone 12 years or older can sign up to run a game booth. Even better, get a group of friends, small group,

Sunday School class, sports team, or youth group and sign up together to make it even more fun! Kids under the age of 12 are welcome to run a game with the help of an adult. Your gift of time will make amazing memories while also helping kids learn about the work MCC does around the world. Sign up at [Signup Genius 2024 Relief Sale Children's Activities](#) or use this QR code to access the site. (See flyer on relief sale table.)

Quilt Auction – More than 240 quilts have been donated to the Quilt Auction at the Relief Sale. Now it's your turn to bless Mennonite Central Committee by placing your bids! If you are unable to be at the fairgrounds for the Sale, please check the mennonitesale.org website for information on how to bid online. Come view the quilts at the Relief Sale open house on Friday, September 27. The quilt sale begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 28, at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds. We look forward to seeing you there!

Online Silent Auction – Donations of works of art, tickets/certificates for services and experiences, wooden toys, new, antique or gently used items in excellent condition, with a value of \$50 or more are accepted. Contact Bob/Deb Kauffman at Kauffman.mMrs@gmail.com or call/text 574-849-0053. You can look at the auction catalog at <https://event.auctria.com/c79a4522-8a55-4e27-84ac-28d492e513a1/>. The bidding starts this Friday, the 20th.

Run for Relief – Do you enjoy walking/running? Consider registering for the 2024 MCC Run for Relief which will take place on Saturday, September 28, at 8:00 a.m. To register, go to the relief sale website at <http://www.mennonitesale.org/run-for-relief> and download the registration form or sign up on-line at <https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Goshen/MCCRunforRelief>. Hope to see you there! Email or text/call Roger Nafziger at rogeran@goshen.edu or (574) 536-6248 if you have any questions.

Thank you!

The Mentee and Mentor pairs did cleanup work on the church grounds on September 4 for their first meeting this fall. Activities also included mulching beds and power washing entryways and the Remembering Life Garden tiles. Thank you to everyone for your hard work. The reward: Watermelon, as modeled by Poppy, below.



Weed pulling:
Left: Lacy & Krista;
Right: Brynn & Lindsey



Left: Stump removal:
Jason & Thomas,
Oliver & his mentor



Right: pavilion
cleaning:
Emily & Susanna

Waterford Announcements

On Thursday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m., there will be an **intercultural panel discussion on women's roles in the church and society**. The panel will include both of our Beninese guests, Jocelyne and Germain, with Rose Shetler and Katie Misz. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Meal hosting for BBI guests. There are still a few meals open to host Jocelyne and Germain next week. There is a signup sheet at the Participation station on which can choose a date and time to provide a meal. You may also sign up at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1w9s6skF90udkXHR6zxl6Ak6LIQdPQp3EPuhR1o8AXZY/edit?usp=sharing>. Contact Denise Diener with questions.

A reminder to WMC men! Do you have the mini-men's retreat with Steve Thomas on your calendar yet for Saturday, Nov 2, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.? Do you know of a man you think would benefit from this? Ask him (but look in the mirror first) (See the announcement in the Aug 25th Buzz) The sub-title of Steve's book is "Honest Conversations for Men of Faith." We all know it is difficult to be honest at times, but the rewards are worth it! Sign-up at the participation table or you can email me sheldonws@yahoo.com and I'll get you signed up.

Stories from Kenya with Ariana Pérez Diener. Sunday, September 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall, Ariana will share stories from the past two years living in Kenya. Come with curiosity, joy, and finger foods to share potluck style!

Mennonite Church USA

Save the date! MC USA is pleased to announce that the **2025 biennial national gathering** and leading faith formation event, Follow Jesus '25, will take place July 8-12, 2025, at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/convention
View the PDF here: mennoniteusa.org/fj25_ad View the PowerPoint slide here: mennoniteusa.org/follow-jesus-25-slide

Spiritual director **Reuben Chupp** shares a poem about finding silence as a means to prepare for meetings with his spiritual directees. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/i-need-silence

Jon Carlson, moderator for Mennonite Church USA, shares his story of how he came to call the Mennonite church home the family-like belonging that has felt since joining this church. Read his story here: mennoniteusa.org/finding-home-mennonite-church

Upcoming Community Events

All are invited to join an ecumenical group for a **weekly witness for peace in Gaza and Israel** from 12 noon-12:30 p.m. every Wednesday. at the corner of Lincoln and Main St in Goshen. This group has been gathering since the Iraq war 20 years ago calling for peace in a quiet, respectful presence. Call 574-370-6310 with any questions.

Goshen's 4th Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival will be held on Saturday, September 14, at PowerHouse Park at W. Washington St. (behind the Hawks building next to the Millrace) from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Come and enjoy food from Mexico, Central America, and South America. Two folkloric dance groups will perform their dances and Goshen College's very own mariachi group will perform. There will be opportunities to learn about Hispanic culture through various cultural activities. For more information, contact Gilberto Perez, Jr. at bvdonetwork@gmail.com.

The **Good Library Gallery at Goshen College** will host "**God's Eye**," an exhibit of paintings by **Chad Friesen**, running from Sept. 8 through Nov. 17, 2024. The exhibit features the vibrant and deeply personal works of Friesen (1967-2013), a self-taught artist who overcame physical disabilities to produce a prolific body of work that includes over 1,000 paintings. The Gallery will hold a public reception at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 15, to celebrate the opening of the exhibit.

AMBS

Cancellation Notice:

Due to the passing of Shirley Yoder King, the Sept. 15 **Mary Oyer Tribute Organ Recital and Hymn Sing** at AMBS has been canceled.

Do you sense a call to ministry?

Nurture your leadership abilities, grow in spiritual practices, and deepen your understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's **Journey Missional Leadership Development Program**. The distance-friendly undergraduate-level program offers mentor-mentee partnerships and community support. The Spring 2025 cohort begins Jan. 24; apply by Dec. 4 to save \$100! ambs.edu/journey

Seminary scholarships for VSers.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary offers a 75% tuition discount to current Mennonite Voluntary Service or Shalom Project participants and a \$1,500 scholarship to former voluntary service participants for graduate-level coursework. Enrollment must occur within five years of completion of the VS assignment. Sign up for a course, or tap a shoulder! Check eligibility requirements: ambs.edu/vs

Pathways Retreat

Pathways Retreat has two reflection walks up in the woods in September and October: Stations of the Trees and a Hidden creature Trail. Registration is open for a variety of programs and reflection groups, including Zentangle meditative practice, an Enneagram Practice group, a climate change reflection group, and weekly yoga. Daily prayers are offered in-person and online. Learn more information at pathwaysretreat.org.

Jared Nally, Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma will give a presentation on Sunday, September 15, 2024, at 1:15 p.m. at Eighth Street Mennonite Church. Presentation topics will include Miami history, the impact of European settlement, the forced removal to Oklahoma, contemporary Miami life, the work of culture and language recovery. There will be time for discussing roles for white settlers who are committed to seeking healing and repair. Contact Eileen Saner with questions and to register. eksaner@gmail.com 574-206-5752.

Mennonite Action Prayers at CMC on Tuesday, September 17, will include prayer in song, spoken prayer, silence, scripture, and candle lighting. We are peacefully calling for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza, a release of all hostages, and an end to Israeli occupation. This time of prayer will take place in the CMC gathering rooms (141–142) on Tuesday from 12 noon to 1 p.m. The space is open for people to stop in briefly or stay for longer times, and is open to the congregation, the campus, and the community.

On Thursday, September 19, there will be a **zoom “mass call” with leaders of Mennonite Action** who will address the concern about **“Racial Capitalism and Palestine.”** See <https://www.mennoniteaction.org/> to sign up for the call, for more about Mennonite Action, and for information about joining in its peaceful witness.

Goshen College's **Eric Yake Kenagy Visiting Artist**, Wednesday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m., in Reith Recital Hall, will be **Maria Tomasula**, professor emerita and faculty fellow, University of Notre Dame. Tomasula is a LatinX studio artist who makes a variety of paintings, drawings and prints. Her art has been featured in numerous museums, such as the National Museum of Mexican Art, Forum Gallery and Zolla/Lieberman Gallery, as well as in publications such as the New York Times, the New Yorker and elsewhere.

Goshen College Performing Arts Series, Friday, Sept. 20 12 p.m., Reith Recital Hall. Las Guaracheras, an all-women salsa sextet from Cali, Colombia, will hold a **“female empowerment event” before their evening concert** in the Performing Arts Series. They plan to highlight female strength and creativity in the context of Latin music.

Amigo Centre Scrapbooking, Quilting, & Crafting Retreat, September 27-29. Whether you scrapbook, quilt, or have another craft that you love, Amigo invites you to join us for a weekend to enjoy crafting and good fellowship. See the details at <https://www.amigocentre.org/scrap-quilt--craft-retreat.html>.

It is that time of year for **First Light Mission's annual “A Place at the Table”** fundraiser, Thursday, October 17. You're invited to purchase a ticket or a table and come out for a night of stories, a great dinner, and a silent auction with Vince Turner as our MC. This is our main fundraiser and helps us grow and serve. With record numbers of people in need (over 400 initial calls in 2 months and a full shelter) we need this year to be our best year yet. See poster on bulletin board for details.

Waterford Mennonite, you are warmly welcomed to join us at Camp Friedenswald for our **Restoration Retreat with Sarah Augustine**. From November 1-3 we'll “connect with the land and life through... restoring healthy relationships with all of creation.” This retreat is open to all ages. Interested individuals, families, youth groups, green teams, repair network teams, and small groups are all welcome. Please consider coming for the full weekend, or commute and get a discount.