

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
Special guest preacher,
Germain Dossou from Benin
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour
Classes for children & youth
Joint adult nurture hour in
Sanctuary for BBI sharing
5:00 p.m. - International potluck
hosted by Koinonia class



September 22, 2024



The Waterford Buzz

Welcome Team

Greeters: Esther Farmwald,
Carolyn Chupp
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Carla
Miller, Ken Otto
Audiovisuals: Bob
Hochstedler, Dominic Ramer

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday

3:00 p.m. - BBI farewell /
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. - JYF / Fidler Park
7:00 p.m. - Venture Club
7:00 p.m. - MYF

Thursday

7:00 p.m. - MLC / FH

Zoom prayers

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

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Announcing New Business Manager



We are pleased to announce the hiring of Gary Shanklin as our new Business Manager. Andrew Hartzler has served us well in this capacity since 2022 but has now chosen to move on to other things. We are very grateful to Andrew for his work in developing our church budgets and in keeping church leaders informed on financial trends in the congregation. He also did valuable work in migrating our accounting software to an online format and cleaning out the list of accounts. Thank you, Andrew.

Gary Shanklin lives in Winona Lake and comes to us by recommendation of Luke Voth, who worked with him at one of Luke's previous jobs. Gary is a retired businessman with a long career in founding and running businesses, in which he served as his own accountant. Although he is newly acquainted with our church, he provides various levels of accounting and bookkeeping for a number of churches and other small organizations and has long been familiar with the accounting software we use. Because of the distance, his work for us and most meetings will be done remotely. Elvina Schmidt will continue as our bookkeeper, handling the routine weekly, monthly and annual transactions. Welcome, Gary!

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 216

Nurture hour - 217

Finances – Sept. 15, 2024

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| Operating Fund | \$7,065.35 |
| Mennonite Education | \$4,140.00 |
| Either Fund | \$5,735.00 |
| Budget Total | \$16,940.35 |
| Least Coin Fund | \$37.00 |
| My Coins Count | \$50.00 |
| Welcome Spaces | \$400.00 |
| 2-Way Mission | \$50.00 |
| Ukraine resettlement | \$1,000.00 |
| Total | \$18,477.35 |

Looking Ahead

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

October 6: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser; Peace Within: Trusting Brings Peace (*Matthew 6:25-34*)

Out of Office

Cindy Voth - Sept. 23, 26

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

The *Waterford Buzz* is published weekly for members of Waterford Mennonite Church. Items for inclusion should be given to the editor by 5 p.m. Tuesday preceding publication.

Janet Shoemaker,
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Small Group Profile

This group formed during class (Agape) when the idea of the men getting together for breakfast once a week came up again, and someone said, “Where and when do we want to meet this week?” We do not have a designated leader. We are all in our 70’s and 80’s. It was formed as a support group for a particular situation.

We like the fact that there is humor about the issues with growing older – forgetfulness, changing mobility, changes in body functions, relating to extended family, etc. We also discuss small challenges with car and house maintenance. We support each other in knowing what we can fix and what we can’t. We also process topics that relate to our lives in the church.

We follow a set pattern when we meet. We have breakfast together, meet for an hour, talk about whatever comes up. If someone has not talked a group member draws them out.

There are eight regulars that come to this group – two are being treated for cancer, one is recovering from knee surgery, one is relating to a wife who lives in a memory care facility because of Alzheimer’s, one is working at repairing a family relationship, one is living with the after-effects of a serious illness, one is dealing with heart issues, one is dealing with limited sight, and one is trying not to get fat.

We are open to men who join the Agape Class or who are already members of the class. If there was a man who needed a small group of men with whom to meet, we would welcome him.

Contact Len Harms or John Kaufman if you want to know more about this group.

—*Len Harms*

Relief Sale weekend, September 27, 28!

Hours are Friday 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m. to early afternoon. Take your whole family for great food, visiting with friends, browsing and purchasing items that will raise funds to support the worldwide relief program of Mennonite Central Committee.

If you are planning to bake for the sale, remember to pick up pie or cake pans, packaging and label materials at the Relief Sale table by the library. There is a sheet with instructions and guidelines on the table.

This is your final opportunity to drop your coins in the **My Coins Count jar!** If you would like to watch our money being counted, plan to be in the MCC booth at the My Coins Count area at 10:00 Saturday morning.

Waterford Announcements

Cars & Coffee, this Saturday, September 21, 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the church parking lot. 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. There will be coffee & donuts, and maybe home baked goods, will be available. Direct questions to Jon. Wieand at jwieand@gmail.com.

There will be an international potluck meal Sunday evening at 5:00, hosted by the Koinonia class. Please bring an international dish to share, labeled with the name of dish and which country it is from. Please also bring your own table service. During the meal we will be invited to share at our table reflections to conversation starters of our own faith journeys. Following the meal Jocelyne and Germain, our guests from BBI, will share their faith testimonies.

Farewell Gathering with our BBI Guests: Everyone is invited to join in a time of sharing from our time together with Germain and Jocelyne. We will gather in the fellowship hall at 3 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon. We will conclude with a time of praying together.

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!

Endowment Fund applications are now being accepted until November 1. Application forms can be found on the church website at www.waterfordchurch.org under the "resources" tab, and there are hard copies in the literature rack under the big bulletin board. Completed applications should be emailed to Doug Yoder, chair (yoder.ld@gmail.com), or put in his church mailbox. Contact Doug Yoder, Phil Habecker or Susan Gingerich with any questions.

Upcoming Community Events

A Season of Prayer Over the next seven weeks, Silverwood Mennonite Church will be providing a time for prayer on Tuesday evenings leading up to and including Election Day in the United States. These gatherings will take place from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary from September 24 to November 5. We will begin with a focused time of praying together using the book *Take Our Moments and Our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book*. We will be using the section on the Beatitudes to focus our prayers, reorienting us toward God's Kingdom. This focused time will use about 15 minutes of the hour. During the remainder of the hour, you may pray quietly, leaving whenever you are ready within that hour. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

Everence Financial[®] is hosting a **FREE educational Medicare seminar** on Monday, Sept. 23, at 6:30 p.m. **for those approaching retirement** with questions about moving to Medicare and Social Security. During this workshop, Everence discusses the important details you need to know about retirement income and transitioning to Medicare, including: Enrollment details and deadlines; Budgeting for health care and income in retirement; what are your options if you continue to work; when to start Social Security; prescription drug coverage; and plans that supplement Medicare. **Register at** everence.com/michiana

Mennonite Church USA

Call for blogs! Members of MC USA who were not raised in a Mennonite tradition or people who grew up in MC USA but feel that they have actively chosen to remain Mennonite as they grew into their faith are invited to submit a 500-900 word "Menno by Choice" blog about why they have actively chosen to be a Mennonite. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/form-choice-request View the PDF here: mennoniteusa.org/choice-slide View the PowerPoint slide here: mennoniteusa.org/choice-blog-slide

The board of directors of **Iglesia Menonita Hispana** (IMH, translated Hispanic Mennonite Church), a constituency group of Mennonite Church USA, appointed **Rev. Dr. Juan Montes** as executive director during the IMH annual meeting, in Chicago, Illinois. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/juan-montes

Russell De Young established the **Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund** in memory of his wife, to help Mennonite churches install solar panels and move toward net-zero fossil fuel usage. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/remembering-wife-net-zero-grants

AMBS

Online Short Course: Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology: Oct. 23 – Dec. 10. Join Jamie Pitts, PhD, to explore the birth and development of the Anabaptist movements in the 16th century in this six-week online Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary short course. You'll be challenged to draw connections between the 16th century and your own life or ministry. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 2 to save \$50; final registration deadline is Oct. 16. ambs.edu/online-short-courses

Grow in leadership and faith at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Join our vibrant learning community — on campus or at a distance, full time or part time — and focus on areas such as pastoral ministry, chaplaincy, faith formation, theology, peace studies, global Anabaptism or environmental sustainability leadership. We offer generous need-based financial aid and scholarships. Start your application today! ambs.edu/degrees-and-programs

MDS

Our **September edition of On the Level** is now available. In this edition: Executive Director Kevin King shares the power of prayer; learn how volunteers are keeping our fleet rolling; and volunteers look back on a year of MDS service. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3ZtD4Pd>

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>.

The Goshen office of the National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) warmly invites you to participate in our **sixth annual 5K for Immigrant Justice** on October 12, 2024, on the Millrace Trail in Goshen. Registration is here: <https://immigrantjustice.org/5k>

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.

Living that Matters in Retirement. Come and experience a company of brothers seeking a meaningful life that matters in retirement October 18-19. Mennonite Men is hosting a retreat for men contemplating retirement, recently starting retirement, or have been retired for significant periods of time. Led by Leon Bauman, participants will examine habits for a healthy retirement, define "doing" and "being," set goals for this life stage beyond financial matters and find purpose in and beyond "work." Gatherings will include focused conversations, meaningful rituals, and delicious meals together. There will also be time for solitude in the rolling hills, meadows, and woods of The Hermitage in Three Rivers, MI. Find more details and registration at mennonitemen.org/Pages/Living-that-Matters-in-Retirement.aspx or contact Steve Thomas at SteveT@MennoniteMen.org.

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.

Northern Indiana MCC Comforter Bash: Join us on November 8 (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) and 9 (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Comforter Bash in Goshen. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Church (58529 County Road 23). For more information about the event visit mcc.org/northern-in-comforter-bash or contact LaVera Schlabach (574.538.9629) or Nadine Zook Miller (NadineZookMiller@mcc.org or 574.534.4071). *Volunteers are especially needed on Saturday! Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day on Saturday. Must be present to win.*

Opportunities

The Depot MCC Thrift Shop in Goshen is seeking a full-time executive director: This position oversees all shop operations for this thriving community thrift shop, which donated \$1 million to MCC last year. The executive director will provide leadership to management of receiving and processing donations, retail and online sales. The role also includes overseeing staff, financial management and promoting the mission of Depot Thrift. Learn more about this exciting opportunity and apply online by October 17 at indeed.com/cmp/Depot-Mcc-Thrift-Shop/jobs