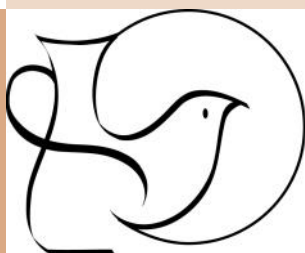


This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour
5:30 p.m. - Stories from Kenya
with Ariana Pérez Diener;
snack supper carry-in



September 29, 2024



The Waterford Buzz

Welcome Team

Greeters: Joyce Troyer,
Mary Ann Wieand
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Wade
Ramer, Mark King
Audiovisuals: Bob
Hochstedler, Colin Berkey

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Mentor / Mentee
meeting

Thursday

6:30 p.m. - Stephen Min. /
MYF Rm & Rm 15

Zoom prayers

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

Small Group Profile

Sheldon Swartz

Our small group consists of four couples in their 70's and very low 80's, all with children long gone from home and with children of their own. We began meeting a number of years ago as support for one of the couples at a stressful time and then just naturally moved into being a group of mutual support with whatever we were encountering in our life journeys.

We meet every four to five weeks, beginning with a meal together, and rotate among meeting at each of our homes. The hosts are responsible for the main dish and perhaps suggesting a topic or question we may want to entertain after the meal. Usually, during the meal together we catch up with each couple, listening to the mix of blessings and challenges faced in the last month and what might lie ahead. The fifth month we go out to eat together at a restaurant someone suggests.

It is important to us that our group foster personal growth and that is one of the purposes of focusing on a topic or a thought-provoking question to respond to. We try to be open to being stretched in our thinking and behavior. We have a high level of trust for each other and seek to be a safe place for us to process how we are dealing with the issues/challenges we are each facing in our lives. At this point we are satisfied with continuing with the present number in our group.

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Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 196

Nurture hour - 142

Finances – Sept. 22, 2024

Operating Fund	\$6,295.00
Mennonite Education	\$250.00
Either Fund	\$3,270.00
<i>Budget Total</i>	<i>\$9,815.00</i>
Jubilee Fund	\$60.00
Total	\$9,875.00

Looking Ahead

October 6: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser; Peace Within: Praying brings peace
World Communion Sunday
(*Philippians 4:4-9*)

October 13: Sermon: Cindy Voth
Peace With Others:
Peacemakers Forgive
(*Genesis 25:19-34; 27; 32:1-12; 33:1-17*)

Out of Office

Cindy Voth - Sept. 30, October 2

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

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Assistance Needed for Gaza Family

Jon. Wieand

You may remember that Tareq Abuhailima from Gaza spoke to the Seekers Sunday School class and other interested parties on September 8. He shared his story of how he came to Bluffton College from Gaza and his history of education and involvement in various non-profit organizations there before coming to the U.S. He introduced us to at least five people who had been influential in his development and who became his friends. He shared his devastation each time he learned that each one of them and also two of his sisters had been killed in the bombings. His family members' homes and properties have been destroyed and they are now living in tents in the last area of Gaza along the beach that had not yet been bombed. (They have since learned that area is the next to be targeted.)

Their immediate need is for money to buy food. Some food is available to buy, but at high prices, and it can only be purchased for cash. Tareq has found intermediaries who can get money to his family, after taking 25% off the top for exchanging it to local currency. He confirms by cell phone that his family received the money he sent.

If you feel led to contribute toward the needs of his mother, his ten surviving siblings, and their children (59 individuals), you can do that by donating through Waterford Mennonite Church and designating it for Gaza Relief Fund. (These contributions would not be tax deductible.)

Note: The Mission Service Ministry Team has approved giving monetary assistance toward this family's needs through their miscellaneous fund.

October Events

Makers Day on October 19

Have a craft project you just haven't had time or space to finish? Looking for other like-minded tinkerers and artists to work alongside? Or just feeling the need for a creative outlet? Well, we have just the thing for you to let your creative juices flow.

Krista Daniels and Lacy Stoltzfus will be hosting another Makers Day on Saturday, October 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own craft or art project or take part in one we'll have ready—like paints and canvas, comforters to knot, puzzles and coloring books.

Breakfast will be provided and we'll have a potluck lunch, so bring a dish to share. Please sign up at the Participation Station if you plan to join for the entire time or even an hour or two. All are invited!

Meet & Greet with the Pastors

Cindy Voth for Pastoral Team

We are delighted and grateful for the arrival of new faces in our faith community! We, the pastoral team, would like to officially meet you! Pastors Deron, Katie, and I will be available during the nurture hour on Sunday, October 20, to meet you and to answer any questions you might have about Waterford. This time would also allow you to meet other recent new attenders at Waterford. You can grab your coffee or tea and join us in the sanctuary. We are excited that you are here and look forward to learning to know you and receiving the gift of hearing your stories!

Waterford Announcements

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!

WMC Fall Festival, October 13, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Come join WMC to celebrate the fall season! Food will be served starting at 4:30 p.m. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please plan to bring a side dish or dessert to share, along with your table service. You are also invited to bring blankets or chairs to sit on and your favorite lawn games. Please sign up at the Participation Station if you plan on attending.

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.

Endowment Fund applications are 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.id@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.

Mennonite Church USA

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

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♥ It's **College Care** ♥
♥ **Package** time again! ♥
♥ You are invited to ♥
♥ contribute items for care ♥
♥ packages to send to 32 ♥
♥ college students. Please ♥
♥ bring items such as fresh ♥
♥ baked goods, nuts, ♥
♥ granola bars, and ♥
♥ healthy snacks. (We will ♥
♥ not be including fresh ♥
♥ fruit this year.) Please ♥
♥ place your donations in ♥
♥ the box on the table near ♥
♥ the library by October 9. ♥
♥ You are also invited to ♥
♥ write a note to individual ♥
♥ students to go into the ♥
♥ packages. Paper and ♥
♥ pens will be provided at ♥
♥ the table. ♥
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AMBS

Online Short Course: Resisting Christian Nationalism with the Gospel of Peace: Oct. 23 – Dec. 10. Join Drew Strait, PhD, in this six-week online Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary short course to deepen your understanding of White Christian nationalism and explore practical and effective nonviolent strategies for resisting it — drawing insights from how Jesus countered oppression. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 2 to save \$50; final registration deadline is Oct. 16. ambs.edu/nationalism

Fully online seminary degree. Check out Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's fully online **Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism!** The 46-credit-hour academic degree program can be completed in four years of part-time study and offers a global approach to Anabaptist theological education. Learn more: ambs.edu/matga

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>

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>

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

Council on Aging of Elkhart County is hiring Caregivers and Drivers. To learn more, go to elkhartcoa.org.

Mennonite Church USA is seeking a full-time Executive Office Manager for the Elkhart office to provide administrative assistance to the associate executive directors and administrative support to the Executive Board, Constituency Leaders Council and the Delegate Assembly. This role also includes serving as the Elkhart building coordinator (approximately 10% of time). Extensive experience in the Microsoft Office suite and Zoom is preferred. Must be self-motivated and organized. Prefer at least 5 years experience in an administrative role. View the job description [here](#). We are committed to diversity among staff and welcome people of diverse backgrounds and abilities to apply. To request an application form, contact HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call 574-343-1310.

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

Thank you

From Steve and Debbie Fath

Debbie was taken to the ER last weekend where CT scans showed multiple clots that were forming on her lungs. She was released from the hospital on Monday afternoon and is convalescing well and able to gain strength after a difficult weekend. We are grateful for the congregational calls, texts, visits and, most of all, your prayers.

From Prairie View Elementary School

Thank you for the donation of one hundred headphones. Many families send headphones with their children, but those who don't have any feel "different." Your gift allows all to feel included. Many blessings, Marge Gingerich