

**This Sunday**

9:00 a.m. - Worship  
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour  
4:00 p.m. - Fall Festival



**October 13, 2024**



# The Waterford Buzz

**Welcome Team**

Greeters: Carla Miller, Karen Thompson  
Ushers: Ken Otto, Wade Ramer, Denise Diener  
Audiovisuals: Glen Kauffmann  
Jordan Kauffman

**This Week at Waterford**

*Monday*

6:30 p.m. - Worship MT

*Tuesday*

7:00 p.m. - 2-Way Mission Prayers / Zoom

*Wednesday*

6:00 p.m. - Haystacks & Games / FH

7:00 p.m. - BBI Planning / Meeting Room

*Saturday*

9:00 a.m. - Maker's Day / Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. - FFMT

*Zoom prayers*

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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**Small Group Profiles**

Our small group has been meeting for about a year and consists of three couples and two single persons. We are all grandparents. We take turns hosting in our homes and share a simple meal of a main dish provided by the host(s) and side dishes brought by others. We are currently meeting about once per month depending on individual schedules. Our meetings are primarily for fellowship and to get to know each other better. The host(s) choose a topic or question for discussion or comment. We also have general sharing about what has happened in our lives since we last met, as well as a time to share joys and prayer requests, followed by prayer time. Eight seems to be a good number for a group like this.

—Bob Albrecht

Ours is a Wednesday morning men's group that meets at Cabin Coffee at 7:30. The number is generally between 8-10 people. All are welcome. General discussion occurs and is eclectic — any of a variety of topics that come up.

—John Birkey

These small group summaries are a way to familiarize our church with the different groups that meet on a regular basis as a way to feel more connected, make people more aware of what other groups in the congregation are doing, and sharing ideas to enrich group time. Each group so far is unique in make up and content. We have heard from six groups and would welcome hearing from more!

## Life at Waterford

### Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 202

Nurture hour - 196

### Finances – October 6, 2024

Operating Fund	\$8,217.35
Mennonite Education	\$1,175.00
Either Fund	\$3,797.00
<b>Budget Total</b>	<b>\$13,189.35</b>
Sharing Fund	\$1,314.00
Jubilee Fund	\$100.00
MCC	\$80.00
BBI Pig Pen Roof	\$1,000.00
Gaza relief	\$700.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,383.35</b>

### Looking Ahead

October 20: Sermon: Luke

Gascho; Peace With Others:

Walk Away from Conflict

(Genesis 26:12-33)

October 27: Sermon: Katie Misz

Peace With Others:

Act Creatively

(1 Samuel 25:1-35)

### Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team

Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser, Pastor

Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz, Pastor

Monday - Thursday

### Out of Office

Cindy Voth - October 14

Deron Bergstresser - Oct. 18

### 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](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fRLd0Ydw_QxRiQUvRhUscNV-k0HV-oTcPnu61NyBcjM/edit?gid=0#gid=0)

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Editor

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## An Invitation to Prayer

**A Season of Prayer:** For the next three 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 until 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.

## Waterford Announcements

**This Sunday is the WMC Fall Festival at 7:00 p.m.** Food will be served starting at 4:30 p.m. Don't forget to bring a side dish or dessert to share, your table service, blankets or chairs to sit on, and your favorite lawn games.

**We need more items for College Care Packages.** The send date has been moved back a week to collect more treats. You can still bring items this Sunday to fill their boxes. Please bring fresh baked goods, nuts, granola bars, and healthy snacks (**we will not be including fresh fruit this year**) and place your donations on the table near the library by October 16. 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. Let's show our college students that we care about them!

**Makers Day, 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 for new attenders.** If you have recently begun attending Waterford, the pastoral team would like to officially meet you! Pastors Cindy, Deron, and Katie 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. Grab your coffee or tea and come to the sanctuary.

**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? (See the announcement in the Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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

**First Light Mission’s annual “A Place at the Table”** fundraiser is 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.

Mennonite Education Agency has partnered with **Mennonite Public Educators** to offer an exciting opportunity for all public-school educators to gather virtually for a time of mutual support, encouragement and learning! The next meeting is Thursday, October 17 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. This meeting’s theme is: **How do we, as educators and peacemakers, live out our values in a polarized political environment during an election year?** Registration for this event can be found here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1MD8Ey8yu0Y4Fh7tZVfpuN7y3Jt-OnltF2Pc8JkoboGs/viewform?ts=66f86630&edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1MD8Ey8yu0Y4Fh7tZVfpuN7y3Jt-OnltF2Pc8JkoboGs/viewform?ts=66f86630&edit_requested=true)

**Join Merry Lea this fall for an “enchanted” night hike**, on Oct. 18 & 19 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.! Trail guides will lead groups by lantern-light to meet real “live” animals on our trails. These friendly creatures will tell you about their diets, habits and favorite places. Our costumed staff and volunteers will answer questions about life as a native Indiana animal. End the evening sipping hot cocoa around a campfire! This family-friendly evening is a great alternative to Halloween events that are too scary for young children. \$5/ person, which includes snacks and hot cocoa, extra refreshments available for additional fee. No registration required! Location: Farmstead | 2152 S 425 W, Albion, Ind.

**Living that Matters in Retirement.** A retreat for men contemplating retirement or already retired will be held at the Hermitage in Three Rivers, Mich., October 18-19. Leon Bauman will lead participants in examining habits for a healthy retirement and setting goals for this life stage beyond financial matters and “work.” Find more details and registration at [mennonitemen.org/Pages/Living-that-Matters-in-Retirement.aspx](http://mennonitemen.org/Pages/Living-that-Matters-in-Retirement.aspx) or contact Steve Thomas at [SteveT@MennoniteMen.org](mailto:SteveT@MennoniteMen.org).

The **Sherer International Violin & Piano Competition** will take place on Oct. 19 and 20, in the Goshen College Music Center. A performance from the judges will be held on Saturday night at 7 p.m., and after adjudication, the winners’ concert will be held on Sunday at 4 p.m. Both concerts are free for the public.

## Mennonite Church USA

The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and staff responded with disappointment and significant questions about **Mosaic Mennonite Conference’s** announcement recommending withdrawal from the denomination. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/mc-usa-says-better-together](http://mennoniteusa.org/mc-usa-says-better-together)

Season Two of MC USA’s **“Lead/Follow” podcast for pastors and leaders** has begun! Watch new episodes on YouTube or listen on Apple or Spotify! Watch or listen here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/leadfollow/> View the PDF here: [mennoniteusa.org/lead-follow-season-2-pdf](http://mennoniteusa.org/lead-follow-season-2-pdf) View the PowerPoint slide here: [mennoniteusa.org/lead-follow-season-2-slide](http://mennoniteusa.org/lead-follow-season-2-slide)

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## Pathways Retreat

### Pathways Retreat Events:

—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](http://pathwaysretreat.org).

## 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. 16. [ambs.edu/nationalism](https://ambs.edu/nationalism)

**Take a seminary course this spring!** AMBS's distance-friendly options include Apocalypse Against Empire: The Book of Revelation; Doing Theology in the Anabaptist Tradition; Faith Formation and Spirituality: Youth and Young Adults; Human Sexuality and Christian Ethics; Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence; Spiritual Practices: Water of Life; and more. In-person courses are also available. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours. Courses run Jan. 14 – May 2; sign up by Jan. 6. [ambs.edu/upcoming-courses](https://ambs.edu/upcoming-courses)

## MCC

**Responding to the crisis in Lebanon and Gaza:** Up to a million people in Lebanon have been displaced in the last few days due to increasing military attacks. And the grave humanitarian crisis in Gaza continues. You can donate and **provide relief today.** MCC continues to respond to the needs of displaced people in Lebanon and Gaza. MCC is providing relief to recently displaced people in Lebanon with food, hygiene, bedding and psychosocial support. Please pray for an end to the violence and for a just peace in Israel and Palestine. Donate online at [mcc.org/palestine-israel](https://mcc.org/palestine-israel)

Dr. Wendsler Nosie, Sr., will speak at Goshen College's annual **Beechy Peace, Justice and Reconciliation Lecture** on Oct. 24. Nosie is a former chairman of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, which consists of nearly 17,000 tribal members on the San Carlos Apache Reservation. The lecture, free and open to the public, will be held at 7 p.m. in Rieth Recital Hall in the Goshen College Music Center.

Join us for **Center for Healing & Hope's 25th Anniversary Gala**, on Friday, October 25 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at The Spohn Ballroom in downtown Goshen. Gourmet dinner and drinks, stories of impact, special awards, and unforgettable auction items. All funds raised support the people, programs, and services of Center for Healing & Hope. Please be prepared to select the entree choice for each guest at the time of purchase. Options are Tuscan Chicken served with roasted Yukon gold potato and broccolini with red pepper (gluten free, dairy free) OR Vegan Quinoa Red Pepper (vegan, gluten free). Tickets are \$100. Tables of 8 are \$800. Tickets can be purchased at <https://centerforhealingandhope.betterworld.org/events/silver-silver>.

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.

**Pathways Retreat 5th Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser**, November 9-16. Pathways Retreat is seeking items to add to the silent auction fundraiser. The theme this year is "Connections" and the focus is on non-tangible experiences that will bring people together. Accepting items now through November 4. Visit the [silent auction page](#) for more ideas and for information on how to donate.

## Opportunities

**Council on Aging of Elkhart County is hiring Caregivers and Drivers.** To learn more, go to [elkhartcoa.org](https://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](mailto:HR@MennoniteUSA.org) or call 574-343-1310.