

Mary & Martha

Licensing of Ursula Hess

Waterford Mennonite Church

January 26, 2025

Prelude	Neer Goswami, Anna Schrock, Dom Ramer, Lacy Stoltzfus
Gathering songs	Bob Brenneman, Anne Lehman <i>Oh, for a Thousand Tongues</i> VT 78 <i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i> VT 77
Welcome & Call to Worship	Mary Hochstedler
Lighting the Peace Lamp*	
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i> (Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)
Children's time	Katie Misz <i>God, Give Me Faith like a Child (v.2)</i> VT 519
Congregational prayer	Cindy Voth
Song	<i>Fill Me Anew</i> VT 739
Scripture	Jeremiah 29:11; Luke 10:38-42
Sermon	"Many Hands and 'Good' Ministries" Naomi Yoder-Hess**
Song of Response	<i>Be Still, My Soul</i> VT 664
Litany of Commissioning for Ministerial Leadership	Sharon Yoder, Conference Minister
Benediction	
Sending song	<i>Praise God from Whom</i> VT 70

VT = Voices Together; SJ = *Sing the Journey*; SS = *Sing the Story*

*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world.

**Naomi Yoder-Hess is a pastor at East Goshen Mennonite Church and Ursula Hess' daughter-in-law.

Prayers

For *Lee and Karen Pfahler, Miranda and Isaac* as they mourn the death of Karen's father, Leon McElmurry, who died Tuesday.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the ministry of the *Korea Anabaptist Center*, in Chuncheon, South Korea, as the staff members share Anabaptist-Mennonite resources with those interested in learning about peace theology and restorative justice.

Pray for *Don Miller and his family, Kevin and Lorene Miller and Carla Miller*, as they make decisions about treatment options for his cancer, which has become more aggressive.

Pray for *Fairhaven Mennonite Church* as they move into their 11th year without a pastor, that they would continue to look for new ways to be a supportive, "good news" community that invites and welcomes others to join them.

Pastor Cindy as she participates in a writing workshop, "Creative Worship: 500 Years of Baptism, Worship, and the Arts," January 30-February 3 at Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg.

Welcome Guests

We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. There are sermon boards for children outside the sanctuary doors; please pick one up as you enter. If desired, there is a nursery available in the west end of the foyer for infants and toddlers. Large print copies of the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. We invite you to stay for our nurture hour. Look for the welcome brochure on the front table in the foyer.

Our Mission Statement

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

Welcome everyone to faith and fellowship in Jesus Christ,

Minister to the needs of one another and our neighbors through the Holy Spirit, and

Call out each other's gifts for the joyful work of God's reconciling mission.

We celebrate that everyone is created in God's image, and as followers of Jesus we welcome people of every age, ability, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status, socio-economic situation, gender identity, and citizenship status as full participants in the life of our congregation.

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