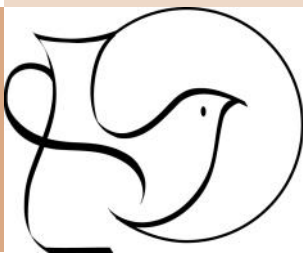




January 26, 2025



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour
2:00 p.m. - Maple City Bowl

Welcome Team

Greeters: Jon. & Mary Ann
Wieand
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Carla
Miller, Ken Otto
Audiovisuals: Glen Kauffmann,
Jeff Claassen

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. - MYF

Friday

6:00 p.m. - MYF/JYF Winter
Retreat at Amigo

Zoom prayers

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

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Anabaptism at 500: Worship Services of Renewal

Cindy Voth, for Worship Ministry Team

“On January 21, 1525, a small group of Christians secretly gathered in Zurich for a worship service. They renounced their baptism as infants and experienced voluntary baptism as adults, now in the full understanding that this decision implied a transformation of life in the way of Jesus. For many, this decision led to imprisonment, torture, and even death. But this gathering also marked the beginning of the Anabaptist movement that continues today in the form of the Amish, Hutterites, Mennonites, Brethren, and many other related groups” (Anabaptism at 500 Tool Kit).

MennoMedia has created resources for congregations to use as we join in the 500th anniversary celebration of the Anabaptist movement.

During the month of February our worship services will focus on a different aspect of our Anabaptist story.

- February 2 – Renewal through Story
- February 9 – Renewal through Repentance
- February 16 – Renewal through Trust and Yieldedness
- February 23 – Renewal at the Lord’s Table

I am excited to welcome Gerald Mast as our guest preacher on February 16. Gerald is Professor of Communication at Bluffton University and was a member of the advisory committee for the Anabaptist Community Bible in addition to being responsible for overseeing the compilation of the Early Anabaptist witness notes. Gerald was also one of my undergraduate professors and played a significant role in my journey toward joining Mennonite Church USA.

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Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 210

Nurture Hour - 208

Finances – January 19, 2025

Operating Fund	\$13,086.00
Mennonite Education	\$4,605.00
Either Fund	\$8,278.00
Budget Total	\$25,969.00
Wheelchair	\$300.00
Two-Way Mission	150.00
Jubilee Fund	185.00
Welcome Spaces	200.00
Total	26,804.00

Looking Ahead

February 2: Sermon: Deron

Bergstresser; Renewal through Story

February 9: Sermon: Cindy Voth; Renewal through Repentance

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser, Pastor
Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz, Pastor
Monday - Thursday

Out of Office

Cindy Voth - Jan. 30-Feb. 4

Katie Misz - February 3-4

Office hours this week

Wednesday, Thursday
9 - 12, 1 - 3

Monday, 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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New Children's Books in the WMC Library

Compiled by Barb Westerbeek

I Am One: A Book of Action, by Susan Verde. Discover the power of activism, how you can make a difference. It seems impossible for one person, especially a child, but beautiful things start with just one. A person plants a seed and starts a garden, one note starts a melody. This book encourages children to raise their voice, extend a hand, and take that one first step to make a difference.

I Am Peace: A Book of Mindfulness, by Susan Verde. Mindfulness means being fully in the present moment. Children can learn how to manage their emotions, make good choices, and balance their busy lives by learning to be mindful, express emotions through speech, find empathy through imagination, and wonder at the beauty of the natural world.

Happy Dreamer, by Peter H. Reynolds. When the world tells us to follow the rules and to color inside the lines, this book celebrates the times when the mind and spirit soar, and we are free to become our own true dreamer. Reynolds encourages readers to stay true to who they are and to never forget to dream big!

Enough is..., by Jessica Whipple. For kids encountering the pressure to fit in with peers.

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands, by Kadir Nelson. A well known spiritual appears here as a picture book by award winning artist Kadir Nelson. Inspired by the song's simple message, the author sought to capture the joy of living in and engaging with the world through a child's eyes.

What Would You Do With a Problem? by Kobi Yamada. This is the story of a persistent problem, and the child who isn't so sure what to make of it. The longer the problem is avoided, the bigger it seems to get. When the child finally finds the courage to face it, the problem turns out to be something quite different than it appeared. This story is for anyone, at any age, who has ever had a problem that they wished would go away! It's a story to inspire a person to look closely at the problem, and to find out why it's here!

God's Dream, by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Archbishop Tutu shares his vision of God's dream, which he shares with the youngest of listeners. It involves people who reach out and hold each other's hands, but who sometimes get angry and hurt each other, and say they're sorry and forgive. It's a wish that everyone will see they are brothers and sisters, no matter the shade of their skin, size of their nose, or their way of speaking to God.

Enemy Pie, by Derek Munson. A book about friendship, judgment and bullying. This book serves up a sweet lesson as one little boy learns an effective recipe for turning a best enemy into a best friend.

Worship (continued from page 1)

On the 23rd, our worship service will focus on the Lord's Table and our Anabaptist understandings of Communion. We will then join each other at the table and share in Communion together.

As we enter this celebration, may we hear the voices from the sacred texts of scripture, the voices of Anabaptists from 500 years ago, the voices of contemporary Anabaptists, and the voices of each other at WMC.

Waterford Announcements

Bowling Update: If you have signed up for bowling, don't forget that it is this Sunday, January 26 at Maple City Bowl (1300 W Pike Street) in Goshen from 2-4 p.m. Please cross your name off of the sign up list if you can no longer make it. And if you missed signing up, you may still do so on Sunday! A couple of things to note:

- 1. You will pay Melissa Chupp at the door when you arrive at the bowling alley. It is **\$10 per person**. Please try to have exact change and pay in cash if possible. If you need to pay by card, you will have to step off to the side and wait until they can assist you at the counter.
- 2. Since there is wintery weather and we may be tracking water in on the bottom of our shoes, **the bowling alley is asking that we do not cross the orange tape line on the floor with our street shoes on**. They don't want the floor or the bowling shoes to get wet or people may fall and get injured.

Bowl on!

This is the last week to bring your donated relief kit contents. Please remember to bring your complete kits in a large garbage bag and place them under the table by the library. Extra items can be placed on the table. We will also need people to help load up the kits onto a truck after this week's service.

Film night, Wednesday, February 5, at 7:00 p.m. Join the mentor/mentee pairs to watch **"Inhabitants,"** a film about five Native American tribes that are restoring their traditional land management practices. All are invited to come learn from and celebrate these stories.

Upcoming Community Events

You're invited to join MCC for the Loss of Turtle Island learning experience on Monday, January 27: The Loss of Turtle Island is a participatory learning experience that depicts the historic relationship between European settlers — including Mennonites — and the Indigenous nations, the original inhabitants, of the land we now call the United States of America. Join us for this free learning experience on Monday, January 27 from 9-11:30 a.m. at Pleasant View Church (58529 County Rd. 23) in Goshen. No registration required. More information at mcc.org/goshen-turtle-island or KristaDutt@mcc.org.

Goshen College adjunct flute instructor **Rebecca Hovan** and pianist **Christine Larson Seitz** will perform a recital on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. in Rieth Recital Hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students. <https://goshen.universitytickets.com/>

Mennonite Church USA

Enjoy this exclusive glimpse into the inspiring work of the **MC USA Archives**. Watch the video here: mennoniteusa.org/welcome-to-archives-video

MMN

Special Youth Venture Trip Anabaptism at 500: Looking Back to See the Future.

Dates: May 23 – June 1, 2025

Ages: 18-30 years old

Cost: \$2,900

Application deadline: February 15, 2025

Discover the history of the Anabaptist movement as we commemorate its 500th anniversary with a Youth Venture excursion to Germany and Switzerland.

Visit key historical sites of the 16th-century Anabaptist movement and take part in Mennonite World Conference's Anabaptism at 500 events.

See more information and a tentative itinerary at the link above.

AMBS

Take a summer course at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Hybrid courses (combining online work and one week on campus) include “Ethics and Care: Living and Dying with Purpose” and “Preaching.” In-person courses (also open to auditors) include “Religion, Violence and Peacebuilding” and “The Spirit World and the Global Church” (also available via videoconference). Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours! Register by May 5. ambs.edu/upcoming-courses

Scholarships available! Ready to pursue seminary studies? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, offers generous need-based financial aid, church matching grants and scholarships for students learning on campus or at a distance, full time or part time. Complete your Admissions Application now so you can be eligible to apply for merit-based scholarships by March 15 and ministry scholarships by April 1. ambs.edu/affordability

After We’re Gone: Protecting Those with Special Needs Through Estate Planning. Families who have loved ones with disabilities have extra concerns when estate planning. On Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 8 p.m. EST, Anabaptist Disabilities Network will partner with Everence to host a webinar covering these unique aspects of estate planning: special needs trusts, ABLE accounts, and changes under the SECURE Act and SECURE Act 2.0 that affect special needs planning with retirement accounts. Jennifer Lile and Lyle Miller, presenters. Learn more and register [here](#).

Join Mennonite Action Michiana, Michiana Friends of Palestine and the Palestine Justice Network of the Presbyterian Church for a potluck meal and discussion with Baha Hilo, Palestinian educator, social activist, and human rights advocate from Bethlehem; and Rev. Marietta Macy, MDiv, co-moderator of the Palestine Justice Network of the Presbyterian Church, at Kern Road Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, (18211 Kern Road, South Bend, IN) **Thursday, January 30 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** They will speak on **“Israeli and Christian Zionism: Impact and Connections to Christian Nationalism.”** Join us for food and engaging conversation. Bring your own table service and a dish to share.

Walnut Hill Mennonite Church is partnering with Rosemite Larose, a Goshen Haitian immigrant and member of the Goshen Haitian Church, to serve **Haitian food at The Window’s First Friday meal** on February 7 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. (or until the food runs out).

Opportunities

Loving Our Neighbors: Some churches in Elkhart are again organizing English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for adults. Approximately 20 **volunteer teachers are needed** for the next session of classes, March 4 - May 15, 2025, meeting at Prairie Street Mennonite Church. Sessions are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Volunteering once or twice a week is your choice. Materials are provided. You do not need to be a trained teacher or be able to speak Spanish. If desired, you may start as an assistant-in-training working with a veteran teacher. Substitutes are available for illness and vacations. Please contact Sueann VonGunten, vonalter2@gmail.com or 574-612-3108 with your interest or questions.

Center for Healing & Hope is hiring multiple positions for bilingual clinical support staff (MA, LPN, RN) to support the staff and volunteer providers serving our uninsured patients. Full-time and part-time positions are available. Experience in a medical office setting is required. To learn more about the position, email Ruth Hartzler at rhartzler@chhclinics.org for a job description or to nominate someone for her to contact.

Anabaptist Disabilities Network is searching for an Office Administrator. We are looking for a detail-minded, tech-savvy person to keep our office efficient and our staff organized. This position undergirds our organizational mission to provide education, resources and support to congregations, so that they grow in their capacity to include people with disabilities. It includes independent responsibilities as well as support for other staff. This is a half-time, in-person position in our Elkhart, Indiana office. Experience with numeric information required. Bookkeeping and database management experience preferred. **See full position description.** Apply by submitting resume to ADN@AnabaptistDisabilities.net.