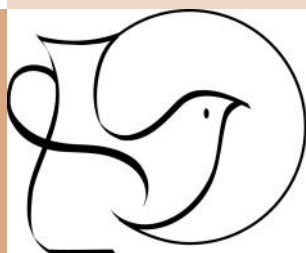


### **This Sunday**

9:00 a.m. - Worship  
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour  
12:00 p.m. - Haystack fundraiser  
meal for Carlos Ramos



January 5, 2025



# *The Waterford Buzz*

### **Welcome Team**

Greeters: Jon. & Mary Ann  
Wieand  
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Wade  
Ramer, Len Harms  
Audiovisuals: Colin Berkey,  
Jordan Kauffman

### **This Week at Waterford**

#### *Wednesday*

7:00 p.m. - Venture Club  
7:00 p.m. - JYF, MYF

#### *Thursday*

8:30 a.m. - Mennonite  
Women / MYF room  
4:45 p.m. - Worship MT  
6:30 p.m. - Stephen Min. Mtg  
MYF room, Rm 15  
7:00 p.m. - MLC / FH

#### *Zoom prayers*

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

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## **Waterford Announcements**

**This Sunday, January 5**, you are invited to a haystack fundraiser meal for Carlos Ramos provided by the Pathfinders and Seekers' classes. The meal will begin after the nurture hour once the tables and chairs are set up.

**This Monday, January 6, the MCC Meat Canner** will be at the Depot and **Waterford is on the list for the afternoon shift, 1:45-8:00 p.m.** They will be canning chicken, so meat knives are not needed. There is an information sheet on the bulletin board with more details, or you may call Loren Stauffer with questions at 574-537-4889. Donations of money are welcome.

**Bowling:** Don't forget to sign up at the Participation Station to join other WMCers for an afternoon of bowling, sponsored by Fellowship Ministry Team! The fun will happen on **January 26 from 2-4 p.m. at Maple City Bowl**. It is \$10 per person for two hours of bowling, including the shoe rental. Sign up by January 12. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

## **Opportunities**

**Hively Avenue Mennonite Church is seeking a half-time Administrative Secretary.** We seek an office manager who will maintain records, supplies and equipment, and be responsible for communication within the congregation and online. This position involves flexible office hours, preferably weekday mornings. Requirements assume familiarity with office software and equipment and the ability to work independently and interact easily with adults and children. For information, see the job description at [hivelymennonite.org/About/staff](http://hivelymennonite.org/About/staff). To apply, send a letter and resume to [Moderator@hivelymennonite.org](mailto:Moderator@hivelymennonite.org)

## Life at Waterford

### Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 231

### Finances – December 29, 2024

Operating Fund	\$4,350.00
Mennonite Education	\$6,106.00
Either Fund	\$5,200.00
<b>Budget Total</b>	<b>\$15,656.00</b>
Carlos Ramos	\$100.00
Gaza family	\$125.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,881.00</b>

### Looking Ahead

January 12: Singing the  
Salvation Story  
January 19: Goshen College  
Parables: Building Bridges

### Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team  
Leader  
Monday - Thursday  
Deron Bergstresser, Pastor  
Tuesday - Friday  
Katie Misz, Pastor  
Monday - Thursday

### Out of Office

Deron Bergstresser - January 5

### 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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## Learning/Travel Opportunities

### MMN Pilgrimages

Indiana-Michigan Conference is partnering with Mennonite Mission Network to provide an opportunity for growing intercultural capacity and racial justice by offering a **United States Civil Rights Tour**. Dates: February 18-25, 2025. Cost: \$300 + travel to/from Tennessee/Georgia. See an itinerary of the trip [HERE](#). **If you'd like to be a part of this, reply to Clayton at [imoffice@im.mennonite.net](mailto:imoffice@im.mennonite.net)**

**March 11-18, 2025:** MMN will host a [United States Civil Rights pilgrimage](#) open to individuals. Click the link above for Information, itinerary and registration (registration deadline is January 15, 2025).

**Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples Pilgrimage**, April 8-12, 2025; Become better acquainted with Indigenous Peoples, their profound connection to the land we inhabit, and the settler colonial history that is antagonistic to their culture, spirituality, and way of life. You and your community are invited to engage with contemporary Indigenous realities, explore the histories of Indigenous Peoples, and examine the complexities of Indigenous-settler relations. What might it mean for your community to stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples and actively contribute to the work of repair? The experience will be hosted by the [Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery](#), led by executive director Sarah Augustine, on the ancestral homeland of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (Yakama Indian Reservation). \$950, plus travel to and from Yakima, Washington. **Registration deadline: February 15, 2025.** Find more information and register [here](#).

**Christ at the Borders** (Calais, France, April 7 – 18, 2025) — Thousands of people migrate to Calais in hopes of crossing the English Channel and entering the United Kingdom to find a better life. Meet those walking alongside the vulnerable who search for a peaceful home and the travelers themselves.

### MCC Peace Camps for Young Adults

[Register to participate](#) in the **Borderlands Peace Camp, January 19-25, 2025!** Explore topics of peace and justice through the lens of migration, including the Biblical mandate of hospitality. Learn about the migration experience, identity and our perception of “strangers,” migration trauma and resilience, the complexity of ethics and law, and the ways in which the church can respond to these challenges. Join us in Ciudad Juarez and El Paso, where we will see the current realities at the Mexico-U.S. border, explore the root causes of migration from a peacebuilding perspective, and learn how community-based organizations and churches are accompanying migrants.

**March 10-15, 2025: [Stones cry out Peace Camp](#) (Akron, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C.)** *If we are silent, then these stones will cry out!* (Luke 19:40) As climate change and other environmental pressures create difficult living conditions, more and more people are forced to leave their homes. The *Stones cry out* Peace Camp will grapple with ways to address the two intersecting issues of climate and migration. Together, participants will delve into alternative visions for a society rooted in hospitality and **share these powerful messages in person** with members of Congress. The *Stones cry out* Peace Camp will take place at the MCC Welcoming Place in Akron, Pennsylvania, a beautiful and restful area that intentionally emphasizes ecological restoration.

## **Mennonite Church USA**

**Registration for Mennonite Church USA's Follow Jesus '25 convention** will open Jan. 6, 2025, for early-bird pricing. The denomination's biennial faith formation gathering will take place at Koury Convention Center, in Greensboro, North Carolina, July 8-12, 2025. Learn more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/registration-jan6](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/registration-jan6) Register here: [convention.mennoniteusa.org/](https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/)

Join MC USA's Climate Justice Coordinator Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler in imagining a sustainable future for ourselves, our children, and our planet by participating in an **online book study** of the compelling and timely book, "**So We and Our Children May Live**" by Sarah Augustine and Sheri Hostetler. Drawing from Scripture, science, Indigenous wisdom, and personal stories, the authors invite us to open our hearts and our culture to deep, Spirit-led transformation. Register here: [mennoniteusa.org/climate-justice-book-study](https://mennoniteusa.org/climate-justice-book-study)

In the wake of the 2024 presidential election, **Michael Danner considers what it means to live and interact with the government as Anabaptist followers of Jesus**. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/every-4-years](https://mennoniteusa.org/every-4-years)

## AMBS

**Online Short Course: Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture:** Jan. 29 – March 11. Study how 16th-century Anabaptists approached Scripture — as compared with Catholics and other Protestants — and consider those similarities and differences in light of today. This six-week Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary online short course will be taught by Laura Brenneman-Fullwood, PhD, and David Cramer, PhD. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Sign up by Jan. 8 to save \$50. [ambs.edu/online-short-courses](https://ambs.edu/online-short-courses)

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