**This Sunday**
9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour
4:00 p.m. - Senior Adult Ice Cream Social & Hymn Sing / FH

**March 16, 2025**

# The Waterford Buzz

**Welcome Team**
Greeters: Joyce & Jerry Troyer
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Wade Ramer, LaVon Short
Audiovisuals: Colin Berkey, Dominic Ramer

**This Week at Waterford**
*Monday*
6:30 p.m. - Worship MT / Rm4
7:15 p.m. - MLC / FH
*Wednesday*
6:00 p.m. - Haystacks & Games
6:30 p.m. - GDMT / Arby's
*Thursday*
7:00 p.m. - Reparative Justice Group / Rm 22
Friday
4:00 p.m. - March Madness / Fellowship Hall
*Zoom prayers*
Monday - 8:30 a.m.
Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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## Recently Donated Books to the Church Library

*Compiled by Barb Westerbeek*

*Lewis and Clark Through Indian Eyes: Nine Indian Writers on the Legacy of the Expedition,* by Alvin M. Josephy. At the heart of this collection of essays rests a single question: What impact, good or bad, immediate or long range, did Lewis and Clark's journey have on the Indians whose homelands they traversed?

*White Women, Get Ready: How Healing Post-Traumatic Mistress Syndrome Leads to Anti-Racist Change,* by Amanda K. Gross. The story of how white women have been groomed to uphold overlapping systems of oppression, and how we can use our unique positioning to help upend these violent structures.

*Eight Dates: Essential Conversations For a Lifetime of Love,* by John Gottman Ph.D., Julie Schwartz Gottman Ph.D. Navigating the challenges of long-term commitment takes effort. This empowering step-by-step guide to communicating about the things that matter most to you and your partner can help motivate you to stay open, curious, and most of all stay talking to each other.

*A More Perfect Union: A New Vision for Building the Beloved Community,* by Adam Russell Taylor. Taylor reimagines a contemporary version of the Beloved Community. America is at a pivotal crossroads, and the soul of our nation is at stake and in peril. A new public narrative is needed to unite Americans around common values, and to counter the increasing discord in our politics and culture.

*Anabaptist Community Bible*

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## Life at Waterford

**Last Sunday Attendance**
Worship – 229
Nurture Hour - 210

**Finances – March 9, 2025**

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| Operating Fund | $3,625.00 |
| Mennonite Education | $6,388.48 |
| Either Fund | $3,597.00 |
| *Budget Total* | *$13,610.48* |
| Sharing Fund | $200.00 |
| Two-Way Mission | $100.00 |
| Jubilee Fund | $205.00 |
| MYF Auction | $18,553.85 |
| **Total** | **$32,669.33** |

**Looking Ahead**
March 23: Sermon: Lyle Miller; Lent 3: Christ Collides with our Priorities *(Luke 15:1-32)*
March 30: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser; Lent 4: Christ collides with our selfishness *(Luke 16:19-33)*

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

**Out of Office**
Cindy Voth - March 20-27
Katie Misz - March 21-31

**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?

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*Confessions of a Grieving Christian, by* Zig Ziglar. Ziglar uses his experience of his daughter's death to encourage his readers to deal with the reality of loss and learn to take up the threads of life again as they find consolation and inspiration in the Giver of all Peace.

## MCC's Peace and Justice Work in the U.S.

*Tammy Alexander, Director of National Peace & Justice Ministries*

*Editor's Note: On March 2, Tammy Alexander presented a God's Work Among Us time in our Sunday service about the work of the National Peace and Justice Ministries of Mennonite Central Committee. Below is a list of different types of resources for individuals and group action and study.*

***Advocacy***

- Sign up for the **monthly E-Memo newsletter and action alerts:** npjm.mcc.org
- Find **current advocacy campaigns and events:** npjm.mcc.org
- **How to be an advocate** toolkit: mcc.org/resources/advocacy-toolkit-us

***Immigration***

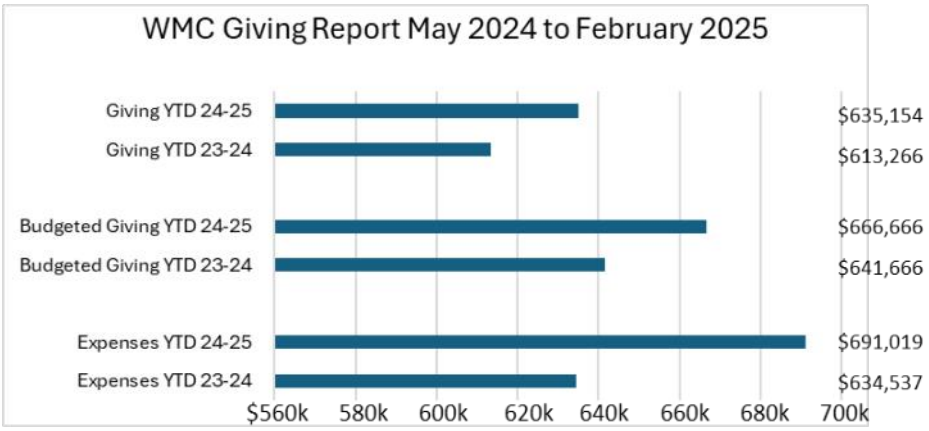
- **Webinar:** "Hospitality and solidarity with immigrant communities": recording
- **Resources** for allies and immigrants: mcc.org/immigrant-neighbors
- Immigration law training (April 28 - May 2): mcc.org/events/immigration-law-training

***Peace camps***

- **Young adult Peace Camps:** mcc.org/peace-camps

***Small group curricula***

- Peaceful Practices: healthy dialogue: English | Spanish
- Peaceful Practices conversation guides
- Fear Not: responding to violence: English
- Embracing Beloved Community: Racial equity 101
- Coming soon: Hospitality, Empire.



# Service Update

## Andrew Smucker MCC SALT in Bolivia

Greetings everybody,

I have been in Bolivia for the past six months, with the MCC SALT program, a year long cross-cultural service experience. Here are a few highlights along the way; an update on what has gone on so far.

Following a first week of orientation in Akron Pennsylvania, I was nervous at not knowing what lies ahead. During this time, people who were serving in SALT and IVEP met together. I learned to know others from around the world. In my second week I learned to know others involved in the MCC team in Bolivia. This time was good to connect more with others while transitioning into a new normal in Santa Cruz. After this week I met my host family.

The first week with my host family was great. I was pleasantly surprised on a trip to market with my family to see all the fruit. My service assignment is with Talita Cumi. This is a Hogar (home) for orphans, abused, and abandoned children of Santa Cruz. I help in the kitchen, with homework, and playing soccer. At times it has its challenges, but overall I am grateful for the opportunity to grow.

During Christmas and New Years my family had large family meals together, with group sharing and food going late into the night. Cousins, aunts and uncles all were part of the celebration.

MCC has taken the SALT participants on various field trips and retreats. One location was Cochabamba, where we learned about the Andean world view, as well as Quechua, a native language of South America. In January I traveled to Sucre with a family member visiting relatives and doing some hiking. Another trip with the MCC group was to Peru where we joined the Anabaptism at 500 celebration. It was a great event to learn more about churches in Latin America while making more connections with other pastors from all over. There were discussions about what Anabaptism is for churches, and what the church should be like moving forward. This was a four day event in Cusco with speakers and discussions about the vision of churches and Anabaptism. A few of us extended our visit to include climbing Machu Picchu.

Overall I have much to be grateful for. If you want to know more, you can check out my instagram (@andyrew_explores)

Chao, hasta la proxima newsletter,

Andrew S.

Note: Beth and JD are visiting Andrew on April 5-13. If you would like to send a card or letter to him, please place it in their mailbox at church by March 29. Thanks for supporting him in his year of service.

### MYF Service Auction

Thank you so much, Waterford, for the incredible support at the Youth Auction, raising over $20,000!

The Cooks

&

The Auctioneer

# Waterford Announcements

**This Sunday:**

- **Sign the banner in the foyer** with a note of encouragement and appreciation to the teachers and staff at Prairie View School. We will take the banner along with the food on Monday morning.
- **All Senior Adults** are invited to a **Hymn Sing and Sundae Social** at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Senior Adult Ministry Team will provide ice cream, toppings, snacks, coffee and tea to warm us up for a hymn sing, led by several of our Waterford song leaders.
- **Women of Waterford:** The spiritual Formation/Nurture Ministry Team invites you to an experience of lament during Lent. We will study Biblical laments, write our individual and corporate laments, and experience lectio divina as we enter into God's presence. We are offering two Saturdays at 9:00 a.m., 60 to 90 minutes per session on April 12 and 19. **Please RSVP to Ursula Hess or Judy Snyder by this Sunday.** We look forward to hearing from you.
- **March Madness Party,** Friday, March 21, begins at 4:00 p.m. Pizza will be served at 6:00. **Remember to sign up at the participation station today if you plan to eat pizza.** Bring snacks to share and donations to help cover the cost of the pizza.

**The WMC Endowment Committee will accept applications for the Spring 2025 funds until April 1.** We have had around $5,000 to disperse semi-annually in the recent past. Please review the guidelines as you complete the application on the WMC website for your submissions. Applications may be placed in our mailbox at Church or emailed to yoder.ld@gmail.com. —Doug Yoder, Chair

### Join the Evergreen Singers

If you are over 50 and love to sing, then consider joining: **Evergreen Singers!**

In this choir, you will learn a wide variety of choral works (sacred, secular, pop, and folk), including music from many different lands. Rehearsals begin April 8 and continue each Tuesday 9-11 a.m. at Greencroft Community Center, Goshen, with 8-10 concerts performed per year, ending mid-December. Choir directed by Diane Hertzler.

You do not need to be a Greencroft Resident to sing with us. We even have members from out of state.

If interested, call Dave Janzen (574-370-6310)

# Upcoming Events

**Get ready to be transported to the magical world of Brigadoon!** Goshen High School is bringing this classic Broadway musical to life this weekend. Tickets are on sale now—grab yours at https://buff.ly/3C83uGT! Come support Waterford's own: David Stutzman on stage, assistant director Monica Stutzman, and pit director Steve Snyder.

Students in the Goshen College International Student Club (ISC) will celebrate the culture of their home countries with a potluck dinner and a show during the **annual ISC Coffeehouse** at 6 p.m. this Saturday, March 15, in the Church-Chapel Fellowship Hall. **Please bring a dish to share if you attend the event.** Tickets are available at goshen.edu/tickets.

Goshen College Professor of Violin Solomia Soroka and pianist Arthur Greene will present a **Rieth Recital Series concert** in Rieth Recital Hall on Sunday, March 16, at 4 p.m**.** Soroka and Greene, a husband-and-wife duo, will present a program of sonatas by Johannes Brahms. Tickets are available at goshen.edu/tickets.

Join us for a **fun day of crafting and sewing** at East Goshen Mennonite Church on Saturday, March 22 from 10 to 2. Bring a sack lunch. No skills required. All supplies provided and projects made will be sold at the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale in Sept. **Please rsvp to crafting.mmrs@gmail.com by March 18.**

# Upcoming Events

Goshen College will host 1994 graduate **Sofia Samatar**, a writer of fiction and nonfiction, to speak at the **2025 S. A. Yoder Memorial Lecture** on Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. in Rieth Recital Hall. Samatar lives in Virginia and teaches African literature, Arabic literature, and speculative fiction at James Madison University, where she is Roop Distinguished Professor of English.

The Goshen College education department will host a **Careers in Education Open House**, open to all aspiring teachers, on Wednesday, March 19 beginning at 10 a.m. This is a chance to meet faculty, explore the GC community, and see what the track to becoming an educator holds!

High school students and parents are encouraged to attend **Explore Goshen Day** at the Union Building Welcome Center at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 21. This is a great opportunity for high school students and their parents to join other families for an exciting campus visit day and explore the opportunities at Goshen College. More information is available at goshen.edu/visit.

**Goshen College's spring mainstage, Rent,** runs March 21-23 and March 29-30. Directed and produced by Amy Budd, Rent is a story about falling in love, finding your voice and living for today. The March 21 performance will feature ASL interpretation. Go to https://goshen.universitytickets.com/ for times and tickets. Come support Waterford's own: Lief Billings on stage, and Deron Bergstresser on drums in the pit.

**Prominent Palestinian Christian pastor, Rev. Munther Isaac**, will speak at Carey Auditorium, Hesberg Library, Notre Dame, Tuesday, March 25, 5:00 p.m. on **"Christian Complicity and the Destruction of Gaza."** Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac serves as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church in Bethlehem and the Lutheran Church in Beit Sahour. He also directs the Bethlehem Institute of Peace and Justice. Note: Bags and backpacks will not be allowed inside the venue.

**Join Mennonite Action Michiana**, in collaboration with several other community organizations, as we take action Wednesday, March 26 at Morris Performing Arts Center Plaza, in South Bend from 5 to 6:30 p.m. We take public action to show undocumented immigrants, and Palestinians in Gaza, the West Bank, and all of occupied Palestine that Christians stand with them, and to "change the weather" of public opinion. We join other Mennonite Action communities planning public actions during March. There will be storytelling, singing, a children's craft table and children's story. Bring your hymnals.

**The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain** will come to Goshen College's Sauder Concert Hall in the next installment of the school's Performing Arts Series! This original ensemble, featuring only ukuleles and voices, will perform on Friday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. buy tickets at https://goshen.universitytickets.com/

**Journeying Together with Grief: a grief retreat at Amigo Centre, April 11-13.** We invite you to experience the healing balm of the natural setting of Amigo Centre, while connecting with others who are on a similar life-path. David and Naomi Wenger, together with other skilled leaders, will facilitate sessions and activities that expand our toolboxes for grieving well and for accepting grief as a part of life. We offer a kind and flexible space to reflect in groups and individually. Learn more and register at bit.ly/AmigoGriefRetreat.

**Save the Date: 4th Annual Charity Fundraiser Golf Tournament**. In support of the Center for Healing and Hope, Wednesday, June 4, 2025. Maplecrest Country Club, Goshen, IN. More information to come.

## Mennonite Church USA

The **MC USA Executive Board** celebrated organizational milestones, financial growth, and the latest plans for the denomination's largest faith formation gathering, Follow Jesus '25, at its Feb. 8 meeting via Zoom. Read more here: https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/board/

**MC USA's Women in Leadership ministry** will be hosting a **one-day summit** during this summer's Follow Jesus '25 convention. On March 20 at 2 p.m., join host Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, denominational minister for Peace and Justice for MC USA; and panelists Sue Park-Hur, director of racial/ethnic engagement for MC USA; and Women in Leadership steering committee members Shannon Dycus and Abby Endashaw, for a webinar as they discuss Women in Leadership and envision the Women's Summit. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/WIL-summit-webinar

## AMBS

**Build leadership skills through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Practical Leadership Training modules!** Modules beginning in May include Design to Reach Desired Outcomes; Effective HR Practices; and Beyond Boring Bible Studies. Check out our full list of modules: ambs.edu/plt

**Grow in leadership and faith at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary!** Join our vibrant learning community — on campus or at a distance, full time or part time — and focus on areas such as pastoral ministry, chaplaincy, faith formation, theology, peace studies, global Anabaptism and environmental sustainability leadership. We offer generous need-based financial aid and scholarships. Start your application today! ambs.edu/degrees-and-programs

## Pathways Retreat

**Pathways Retreat** offers a variety of programs and workshops, including a two-week art and nature experience for children; Zentangle-inspired Art classes; weekly yoga; Contemplative Circle; and Soul Collage. Daily prayers happen in-person and online. Learn more at pathwaysretreat.org.

# Opportunities

## Employment

**Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference** (IMMC) has an employment opportunity for an **Administrative Coordinator at 0.50 FTE.** Applicants must have a belief in Christ's transforming power for all people, an appreciation for the local church, and an understanding of administration as pastoral care. The qualified candidate is proficient in using oral and written communication, writing and editing publications. They are competent with planning and managing multiple projects and meeting deadlines and using technology in its various and changing forms (MS Office, MS Access, WordPress and social media, etc.). They will relate with diverse cultures with strong intercultural competence, managing and making decisions consistent with IMMC's stated mission and vision. Underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply. Contact **imoffice@im.mennonite.net** or call 574-534-4006 for a job description. To apply, send resume to **sharon@im.mennonite.net**.

**Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission** is seeking a *Church and Donor Relations Coordinator* to deepen relationships with churches and donors, grow the community of AIMM supporters, communicate what God is doing among AIMM African members, and strengthen relationships between North American and African Anabaptists. For more information, please visit **https://www.aimmint.org/employment-opportunities.html**

## Volunteer

**Church Community Services is seeking volunteers** for spring and summer Wednesday mornings, 9-noon. Help us with seeding starts, building projects, spring garden prep, planting, community gardening and more! We are also looking for volunteers interested in working cash crop fields, or helping with tilling and tractor projects. We have fun opportunities for GROUPS—school, corporate, and youth volunteers. We love to host groups in the garden! If you are interested in getting your hands dirty, please check out our website churchcommunityservices.org/vol to fill out the application and get started

## Education

**Anabaptism at 500 Essay Contest Offers College Scholarship Opportunities.** Want to earn a scholarship for college? The **Living Forward: Anabaptism at 500 Essay Contest** is your chance to showcase your writing skills and win financial support for your education. Eligible students are invited to submit an essay to compete for a scholarship for the 2025-2026 academic year. The student with the best essay will receive a scholarship of $1,000 and the first runner-up will receive a scholarship of $500. **Submission deadline is April 19, 2025.** Find more details and application information at https://www.mennomedia.org/living-forward-essay-contest/

## Donate

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: The help provided by Mennonite churches for food and other supplies for the **people in Gaza sheltering in two churches** has been greatly appreciated. With the Israeli government's recent cut-off of food to Gaza, the need has greatly increased. A description written March 6 from one of our contacts in Gaza gives a clear picture of the struggle the residents continue to face. (See the letter on the mission bulletin board by the library.) Please consider sending a donation to Fellowship of Hope, 1614 S. 6th St, Elkhart IN 46516 with the memo line "Gaza relief" or use the church's Givelify app with the memo line to designate your gift. We continue to use a reliable path to get the donations into responsible hands.
May God bless you and all who long for peace in Gaza.
David Janzen, Fellowship of Hope