



April 13, 2025



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour
6:00 p.m. - Two Way Mission
Update / Sanctuary

Welcome Team

Greeters: Esther Farmwald,
Carolyn Chupp
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Wade
Ramer, Denise Diener
Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler,
Jeff Claassen

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

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

Thursday

6:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday
Supper / FH

Saturday

9:00 a.m. - Women's Lament
& Lectio / Rm 37

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Lunch for Prairie View Staff

SOS Coordinators - Luke & Cindy Voth

Thank you to all who helped provide a special morning snack for the teachers and staff at Prairie View Elementary School on March 17th! Our next opportunity as a "Supporting Our Schools" (SOS) partner is to provide lunch for the 95 teachers and staff on Monday, May 5th.

At the Participation Station you will find a sign-up sheet for food and paper plates. We will be offering a smorgasbord of salads and desserts. Salads can be anything under the salad umbrella – lettuce, jello, potato, fruit, pasta, etc. Desserts can be anything dessert-ish – cookies, pies, sweet breads, bars, etc. Salads and desserts should serve a minimum of 10-12 people. Items may be brought to the church on Sunday, May 4th, or dropped off at the church between 8:45-9:15 am on May 5th.

We're grateful for the ways we can bless and encourage those involved in educating some of the children in our local community.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 209

Nurture Hour - 193

Finances – April 6, 2025

Operating Fund \$6,620.93

Mennonite Education \$1,775.00

Either Fund \$4,575.00

Budget Total \$12,970.93

Sharing Fund \$80.00

M Stauffer memorial \$200.00

Total **\$13,250.93**

Looking Ahead

April 20: Sermon: Cindy Voth;

Easter: Christ collides with
Death

(Luke 24:1-12)

April 27: Just Peace Pilgrimage:

Lynda Hollinger-Janzen, Janet
Shoemaker

Out of Office

Cindy Voth - April 13

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

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"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"

Melissa Chupp, Lay Ministry Partner Fellowship Ministry Team

Back by popular demand!! The Fellowship Ministry Team (FMT) invites everyone to another evening of food and fellowship with others from Waterford! Instead of meeting at the church, we will be gathering in various homes of WMCers for dinner. The twist is that who you will be dining with will remain a mystery until everyone shows up that night!

This fun evening will be happening on Sunday, May 18th, at 5:30 pm. This week you will find a form in your mailbox (extras at the Participation Station) where you can sign up to HOST the dinner or to be a GUEST in someone else's home for the meal. Hosts will choose how many guests to host in their homes (or backyards) and provide the main dish and drinks. Guests, on the other hand, will travel to someone else's house and will provide either a salad or dessert.

Completed forms can be returned to the collection box at the Participation Station no later than Sunday, May 4th. Hosts and guests will be paired by FMT and all will be notified by May 11th. Hosts will only be given the number of guests that they will have in their home that evening, as well as any dietary restrictions (if any). Guests will be provided only with the address of their host, the number of guests, dietary restrictions (if any), and whether they should bring a salad or a dessert.

We have a new option we are offering this time! Do you have food allergies or food needs that prevent you from participating in this event? This time we are planning a "Bring your own dinner gathering" for those who want to fellowship with others without the stress of figuring out food options that work. You check this option on the sign-up sheet.

Come and join others for a delight-filled evening of "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"

Waterford Announcements

Ecuador Two Way Mission Update, Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Waterford Mennonite Church. Jerrell Ross Richer and Steve Fath will talk about exciting new developments in the village of Zábalo and beyond. Jerrell will describe his most recent visit to Ecuador and a new vision for collaboration he developed with our partners while visiting an indigenous village high in the Andes Mountains. Steve will explain how the Ecuador Advisory Group here at Waterford has worked with our Ecuadorian partners over the past two months to begin developing a new structure aligned with their vision. Come learn of the impacts of your contributions.

3rd Wednesday game nights (with Haystacks) this Wednesday, April 16, for all ages, from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Bring your friends, your favorite board games, and a haystack topping to share (chips, crackers, cheese, lettuce, tomato, beans, salsa, etc.). Meat and rice will be provided.

On **Maundy Thursday**, April 17, all are invited to share in a simple meal together in our fellowship hall at 6 p.m., followed by a service of footwashing. If you intend to come, please stop by the Participation Station to sign up to bring food (soup, bread, or fruit to serve 8). There are also sign-ups for helping with hosting or clean up after the meal.

June Nurture Hour Electives: During the month of June everyone is invited to participate in intergenerational electives in place of our regular nurture classes. As we plan for 8 elective offerings, it is helpful to get a sense of how many might be interested in each of the electives. This week, in your mailbox, you will find information on the electives and a card to fill out indicating which elective(s) you anticipate participating in. Multiple members of a household may mark the same card. Please return your card to the basket at the Participation Station by May 4.

Upcoming Events

Yoder Public Affairs presentation at Goshen College, Tuesday, April 15. **Martin Doblmeier**, an award-winning documentary filmmaker whose portraits of religious leaders have aired nationally on public television, will speak at 7:30 p.m. in the Umble Center. Doblmeier, the founder of Journey Films, will speak about his film series "Prophetic Voices," which chronicles the legacy of five faith leaders: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Dorothy Day, Abraham Joshua Heschel, Reinhold Niebuhr and Howard Thurman. The presentation is free and open to the public and will be followed by a Q&A session. Refreshments will be served after the presentation, providing an opportunity to visit with Doblmeier.

Come join the fun at a **sewing crafting day** at East Goshen Mennonite Church from 10-2 on April 19. No skills required. All supplies provided and projects made will be sold at the Relief Sale in Sept. RSVP by April 17 to crafting.mmrs@gmail.com. Bring a sack lunch.

No Other Land" Documentary: On **Friday, April 25, 7:30 p.m.**, the Academy Award-Winning Documentary "**No Other Land**" will be shown in the Goshen Theater. It was produced by two men—one Palestinian and one Israeli—about the tragic conflict and its impact on the residents with long-standing attachment to their homeland. A suggested \$5 contribution is encouraged. Please direct questions to ana@michianavoices.org

Mennonite Church USA

MC USA has launched the newest **Learn, Pray, Join, initiative**, titled **Undoing Patriarchy**. This educational initiative provides an opportunity for churches to deepen understanding around a common topic and to come together in prayer and support. Learn more about Undoing Patriarchy here: mennoniteusa.org/lpj/undoing-patriarchy

Abby Endashaw, a member of the MC USA Women in Leadership steering committee, shares how our uncertainty because of the many **fears we face today can be quelled by offering ourselves compassion**, as an access point to God. Read her reflections here: mennoniteusa.org/uncertainty-calls-compassion

A look at how the (Old) Mennonite Church addressed **the crisis of decreasing youth involvement** with innovative solutions and an emphasis on the value that young ideas offered. Read the article, written by Olivia Krall, archives coordinator for MC USA, here: mennoniteusa.org/rise-of-youth

College Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, received a surprise grant to spread kindness and learned about the needs of their community in return. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/college-mennonite-kindness

MCC

Volunteer with MCC Appalachia Build: We have had some spots open in our volunteer schedule for the summer. Consider bringing your group for a life-changing week of serving and learning with MCC Appalachia Build (formerly SWAP), a home repair ministry in eastern Kentucky and West Virginia. Volunteers help families make their homes safe, warm and dry, while building relationships and learning about Appalachia. Learn more and register your group at mcc.org/appalachia-build

AMBS

Online Short Course: Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication: April 23 – June 3. Join Betty Pries, PhD, CMed, to explore the possibilities and pitfalls of courageously engaging differences within congregational life in this six-week online short course of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by April 16. ambs.edu/online-short-courses

Earn a Master of Divinity on campus! Do you want to grow in faith and leadership in a vibrant, supportive community? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's MDiv Campus program offers you in-depth biblical and theological study, personal/spiritual formation and mentoring on our campus in Elkhart, Indiana. Focus on pastoral ministry, chaplaincy, Christian formation, theology, peace studies or environmental sustainability leadership, among other majors. Generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and matching grants are available. ambs.edu/mdiv

On **Good Friday, April 18, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.**, Mennonites from across Goshen and Elkhart County will gather for a **Stations of the Cross Walk**, a time of prayer, reflection, and public witness to Christ's suffering and the suffering of the most vulnerable in our community. Beginning and ending at the **Elkhart County Courthouse in Goshen**, participants will walk through the city, stopping at locations that represent issues of justice, food insecurity, healthcare access, criminal justice reform, housing, and racial equity. Organized jointly by Indiana-Michigan Mennonite and Central District Conference congregations, this walk offers an opportunity to move from lament to hope, bearing witness to Christ's call to justice and transformation. All are welcome to participate. For more information, contact: Julia Gingrich (jgingrich@8thstmennonite.org), Moriah Hurst (moriahj@assemblymennonite.org), or Mark Schloneger (mark@berkeyavenue.org).

"Sarah Augustine, the executive director and co-founder of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery, will be the keynote **speaker at Goshen College's 127th commencement** ceremony on Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 3 p.m. in the Roman Gingrich Recreation-Fitness Center. Tickets are required for the event, and have been distributed to graduates. The event will be streamed at goshen.edu/livestream.

[Registration and sponsorships](#) are now live for **Nuway Construction's 4th annual charity golf outing, benefitting Center for Healing & Hope**. Space is limited to 25 teams and will fill up quickly. Wednesday, June 4, at Maplecrest Country Club in Goshen.

Opportunities

Is International travel on your bucket list? You could join a group exploring a place of "Ancient Rocks and Living Stones." Merle and Mary Hochstedler are leading a tour to Türkiye, (formerly Turkey,) where they lived for most of their adult lives. The tour is scheduled for this fall - from October 2 - 16. For more information, contact Merle at merlehochstedler@usa.net or call 574-238-9096. They would be thrilled to introduce friends to this picturesque, historic land and its people they have know and loved.

The Depot MCC Thrift Shop in Goshen is hiring! Located at 1013 Division Street in Goshen, The Depot is seeking qualified candidates for three full-time positions: Retail Manager, Workroom Manager and Warehouse Manager. Attached are the job descriptions for each position. Apply online before April 14 by submitting your application and resume at depotthriftshop.com/careers. For more information contact 574-534-1828 or RexH@depotthriftshop.com.

Just Peace Pilgrimages:

- **South Africa Racial Justice Pilgrimage**, September 16-28, 2025 — This pilgrimage will explore the long history and legacy of settler colonialism and apartheid, and will focus on the social constructs created around race, land dispossession and how they so thoroughly defined, and continue to define, South African society.
- **Underground Railroad Racial Justice Pilgrimage**, July 13-20, 2025 — Explore the role of faith and faith communities that helped enslaved people escape their bonds. This chapter of the Racial Justice pilgrimage series delves deeper into the struggle for freedom, exploring the ways—both literal and figurative—people took in search of their emancipation. For more information on the Just Peace Pilgrimages, to sign up, or to inquire about scheduling a trip for you and your group, visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace or contact Stephanie Weaver at