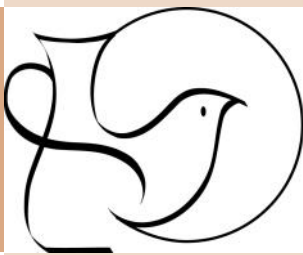




April 27, 2025



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:030 a.m. - Nurture Hour
classes for all ages

Welcome Team

Greeters: Maurice Lehman,
Carol Lehman
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Carla
Miller, Wade Ramer
Audiovisuals: Shawn Stutzman,
Jeff Classen

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday

2:30 p.m. - New Attenders
class

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - JYF
7:00 p.m. - MYF

Thursday

6:30 p.m. - Stephen Ministers
MYF Rm, Rm 15

Zoom prayers

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

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Meet Willie and Charleen Kanagy



Charleen grew up in Bedford, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. She began to attend Friendship Mennonite Church when she was in high school. She became actively involved with Friendship's MYF. With the encouragement of the church leadership, she attended EMC (now EMU) for one year. Charleen earned her college degree in History Education by attending Urbana College

and taking several summer classes whenever possible. As history teaching jobs were hard to come by (unless you could coach), she also completed a degree in Special Education. She made a career out of teaching reading, Special Education, and American History to Middle School students. Her latest teaching job was at Grissom Middle School in the Penn Harris Madison district. Charleen retired in May, 2015.

Willie grew up on a small farm near West Liberty, Ohio. He attended Oak Grove Mennonite Church. His interest in production agriculture took him to Ohio State University where he earned a degree in Agricultural Education. The next twenty years were a combination of farming and teaching Vocational Agriculture to students, grades 9-12. In the Spring of 1989, Willie was offered the position of Assistant Principal at Bethany Christian Schools, so that summer the family moved to Indiana to begin a new chapter (or maybe a new book) of life. After nine years at Bethany, Willie joined the pastoral team at College Mennonite Church as the pastor of Finance and Administration. Willie retired in April, 2015. In 2017 Willie was diagnosed with Parkinson Disease. Progression has been relatively slow, for which we are grateful. Every six months Willie meets with a Parkinson Specialist at Rush Hospital in

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 286

Finances – April 20, 2025

Operating Fund	\$15,152.90
Mennonite Education	\$1,000.00
Either Fund	\$6,920.00
Budget Total	\$23,072.90
GMA	\$860.00
Welcome Spaces	\$200.00
Two-Way Mission	\$150.00
Sharing Fund	\$150.00
Jubilee Fund	\$60.00
Total	\$24,492.90

Looking Ahead

May 4: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser; Stewardship Sunday
May 11: Graduation Sunday

Out of Office

Cindy Voth - April 27-28, 30

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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Chicago. Exercise and medication have been important to help keep the disease under control.

Willie and Charleen met in 1969 as counselors at Camp Luz, Kidron, Ohio. They were married in December, 1970. They have three children: Joshua, Beth and Sarah. Joshua and his wife, Ellen, and their son, Quin, live on Long Island, NY. Josh is an Executive Vice President for High Tower, a software company. Their oldest son, Julian, lives in Chicago and works at Northwestern University. Beth lives in Syracuse, Ind., with her husband, Jeff Miller, and their daughter. Beth is the assistant director of nursing at Goshen College. They have two children, Mara, who graduates from Bethany this year, and Tyson, who will graduate from Goshen College this year. Sarah lives in Goshen with her husband, Fred Gingerich, and their two children, Sam and Frances. Sarah is a veterinarian and practices in Granger.

Willie and Charleen spend a lot of time with their children and grandchildren. Willie enjoys reading and watching sports. Charleen spends her free time reading and being with friends. They both enjoy going to Beacon Health and Aquatic center in Elkhart.

Spring Cleaning

If you have items that you need to dispose of as you spring clean, here are two options that may be helpful:

<https://goshenindiana.org/beautify-goshen-week-first-week-of-may/>
May 3-10, 2025, is the annual Beautify Goshen Week. Check this website for information on large item disposal at the Goshen Street Department during Beautify Goshen Week. You must be a Goshen city resident and will need to show ID.

<https://www.elkcoswcd.org/homeowners/household-hazardous-waste/>
The first Saturday of every month, the Elkhart County Landfill accepts household hazardous waste. Check this website for times and lists of acceptable items.

If you have questions about other items not listed on these sites, let us know. We'll see what we can find out!

—Melissa Chupp, for Fellowship Ministry Team

Items of Interest

An **interview with WMC's Eleanor Habecker** was published in the last issue of *ADN Connections*. Read the whole interview at: [ADN-optic-nerves-and-community/](https://adn-optic-nerves-and-community/)

Center for Healing and Hope's **April "Story of Hope" was written by WMC's Fernando Daza**. Read his story at <https://chhclinics.org/stories-of-hope/>

Laura Sharp, who grew up at WMC, and her family are planning to move to Colombia to serve for a year with Mennonite Mission Network. You can read their fund-raising letter attached to Friday's all-church email, or a printed copy on the mission bulletin board.

Waterford Announcements

We still need 7 salads and 5 desserts for the **lunch at Prairie View Elementary School** for the 95 teachers and staff on Monday, May 5. **Please sign up at the Participation Station this Sunday** to bring salads or desserts to serve a minimum of 10-12 people. Items may be brought to the church on Sunday, May 4, or dropped off at the church between 8:45-9:15 a.m. on May 5.

Save the Date: June 21, 2025. **Let's go to the zoo!** Meet at Potawatomi Zoo at 10:00 a.m. and spend as little or as much time there as you like. (weather permitting). Transportation will be provided if needed.

Sunday, May 4, there will be a fellowship meal, hosted by the Open Door class. Everyone is invited to come and bring a dish or two to share.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, May 18, 5:30 p.m. The Fellowship Ministry Team (FMT) invites everyone to another evening of food and fellowship with others from Waterford! Fill out the form that was in your box (extras at the Participation Station) and return to the collection box at the Participation Station no later than Sunday, May 4. You can sign up to HOST the dinner or to be a GUEST in someone else's home for the meal. Hosts will provide the main dish and drinks. Guests will provide either a salad or dessert.

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 eight elective offerings, it is helpful to get a sense of how many might be interested in each of the electives. You will find information on the electives and a card to fill out indicating which elective(s) you anticipate participating in at the Participation Station where you may **return your card to the basket by May 4.**

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 known and loved.

The WMC group subscription to Anabaptist World magazine is \$44 for 16 print issues delivered to your home, plus email delivery of the PDF digital edition. To subscribe or renew, fill out the subscription form that was in your mailbox and return it to the church office mailbox with payment (checks payable to WMC) **by May 19, 2025.**

MCUSA

The refrain, "We have been here before," echoed throughout the **Hope for the Future Conference** at Goshen College, held Feb. 28–Mar. 2, 2025. This annual gathering for Black, Indigenous and other People of Color (BIPOC) leaders within MC USA celebrated resilience, honored the past and envisioned a future grounded in justice and hope. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/hfft25-30-years-anti-racism

MC USA honored seven community elders during a gala at its 12th Hope for the Future Conference, Feb. 28-Mar. 2, 2025, in Goshen, Indiana. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/elders-honored/

Michael Danner, associate executive director for Church Vitality in MC USA, discusses the theological rationale for why Mennonite Church USA joined the **"sensitive locations" lawsuit** as part of a broad faith coalition. Read his reflections here: mennoniteusa.org/free-exercise-of-faith

Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, an ordained minister and former pastor in Central Plains Mennonite Conference, kicks off the **"Learn, Pray, Join: Undoing Patriarchy" series** by sharing a prayer for women. Read the prayer here: mennoniteusa.org/prayer-for-women

Upcoming Events

"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

AMBS

Hymn sing: Tuesday, June 3, 7–8:30 p.m., at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 3003 Benham Avenue, Elkhart, Indiana. Join us to **celebrate the 60th anniversary of AMBS's Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount!** The event will include songs sung at the chapel dedication on June 3, 1965; songs marking the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism; songs composed by AMBS alumni; and other favorites — accompanied by organ, piano and other instruments. All are invited to join in raising the rafters with our praise!

Save the date! The seventh Rooted and Grounded Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship will be held Sept. 18–20 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. Theme: "Kinship with All Creation: Pursuing Relationship, Justice and Community." Watch for the call for paper and workshop proposals to come. Contact: rootedandgrounded@ambs.edu

Do you want to grow in intercultural competence? Through customized workshops and strategic planning sessions, Nekeisha Alayna Alexis, MA, Intercultural Competence and Undoing Racism Consultant, can provide the resources, tools and support you need to increase your ability to interact across cultural differences; take tangible steps toward your antiracism goals; and transform the culture and practices of your congregation, educational institution or workplace. Contact Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary to request a consultation today! ambs.edu/invite

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 Gingerich Recreation-Fitness Center. Tickets are required for the event, and have been distributed to graduates. The event will be streamed at goshen.edu/livestream.

Bethany Christian's middle school play this spring is *The Odyssey: By Thespis and the Peloponnesian Midwest Regional Third Place Chorus*. Shows will be May 2 and 3 at 7 p.m. with tickets at \$8 for adults, \$5 for students. [Read more and purchase your tickets online.](#)

The **Goshen College Community School of the Arts Choral Showcase** featuring three youth choirs will take place on **Sunday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m.** at Sauder Concert Hall. All are warmly invited to attend! You are encouraged to **purchase tickets** in advance following this link: <https://goshen.universitytickets.com/w/event.aspx?id=1917> or by calling the **Box Office** at 574-535-7566 during our regular hours on Mon-Fri from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The **Community School of the Arts is accepting new members in each of our youth choirs.** If your child is in rising grades 3 through 12, loves to sing, would like the opportunity to sing challenging music with other area children who are passionate about singing, and perform in the world class Sauder Concert Hall, please have them come for a short and simple audition: Monday, May 5 at the Goshen College Music Center; 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. [walk in]. No preparation is needed!

Opportunities

[Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College](#) is hosting a **weeklong summer camp for upcoming high school juniors and seniors** to learn about the broad world of conservation during **Conservation Leadership School (CLS)!** Students will camp overnight and explore Merry Lea's 1,189-acre nature preserve from June 2 - 6, 2025. Interested students need to fill out an application online and have a teacher or mentor submit a short letter of recommendation **by April 28** at merrylea.goshen.edu/cls.

The Depot MCC Thrift Shop in Goshen needs volunteers in the Electronics Department!! Located at 1013 Division Street in Goshen, The Depot is seeking persons with good manual skills and some computer knowledge to process the computers and tablets that are donated. You don't have to be a genius, just be willing to work collaboratively, ask questions, and solve problems. Some previous computer experience is helpful, but not critical. It's a great environment, and lots of fun! For more information contact Bill Swartzendruber at church or call 574-350-9840.

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