



April 6, 2025



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour

Welcome Team

Greeters: Leroy & Joyce
Bontrager
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken
Otto, Len Harms
Audiovisuals: Glen Kauffmann,
Jordan Kauffman

This Week at Waterford

Thursday

8:30 a.m. - Mennonite Women
MYF Rm
7:30 p.m. - Hillcrest Academy
Choir Concert

Saturday

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

Zoom prayers

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

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Ecuador Two Way Mission Update

Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Waterford Mennonite Church.

Mark your calendars for a new presentation by Jerrell Ross Richer and Steve Fath featuring 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 about the impact of your contributions in the following areas:

1. Student scholarships — As of this semester there are now five Cofán students from the rainforest community of Zábalo enrolled in classes, two in nursing, two in teachers training and one in pastoral theology.
2. Leadership Training Mobile Institute — Julian Guamán is preparing materials to lead the next installment of the leadership formation program. He will gather the university students and the church leaders from Zábalo in a four-day training event that includes Biblical study, worship and pastoral formation from an Anabaptist perspective.
3. Development of a new structure to support Cofán students and church leaders based on suggestions from our indigenous partners. — Our Ecuadorian brothers and sisters are proposing new ways to collaborate and we are excited to share their ideas and seek your help discerning how to move forward.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 222

Nurture Hour - 221

Finances – March 30, 2025

Operating Fund	\$7,840.00
Mennonite Education	\$3,931.50
Either Fund	\$4,738.00
Budget Total	\$16,509.50
Sharing Fund	\$125.00
Two-Way Mission	\$25.00
M Stauffer memorial	\$25.00
Total	\$16,684.50

Looking Ahead

April 13: Sermon: Katie Misz;
Palm Sunday: Christ collides
with our expectations
(Luke 19:29-44)

April 20: Sermon: Cindy Voth;
Easter: Christ collides with
Death
(Luke 24:1-12)

Out of Office

Deron Bergstresser - April 6-10
Elvina Schmidt - April 7
Janet Shoemaker - April 7-11
Cindy Voth - April 7-13

Office hours this week

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
9 - 12, 1 - 3
Friday
9 - 12

Greeter signup: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fRLd0Ydw_QxRiQUvRhUscNV-k0HV-oTcPnu61NyBcjM/edit?gid=0#gid=0

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Student Families photo taken at La Casa de Espiritualidad the night before our visit to Ruminahui University (from left): Segundo, Kendra and their daughter Lisbet, Milena and her husband Tomas, and Jerrell Ross Richer.



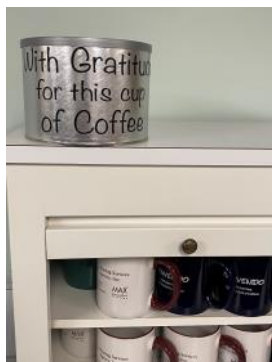
Klever Guevara and Jerrell Ross Richer near Casa Goshen in Quito, Ecuador

Betty Criollo and her niece, Kendra Yiyoguaje, standing at the doorway of Betty's apartment after our visit to the university in Sangolqui. Kendra and her family are moving into this same building on the last day of March! Both are students in nursing school.



Klever Guevara and Julian Guaman standing in the gateway of the Kichwa Caliata Church in the town of Caliata, province of Chimborazo, high in the Andes Mountains. This is the first evangelical (Protestant) church in Ecuador, founded by American missionaries in 1902. Jerrell, Klever and Julian visited the church after spending the morning in Basquitay, Julian's hometown

Appreciation for the Coffee



There's a lot happening behind the scenes to provide the steaming cups of coffee we enjoy on Sunday morning. Steve Landes and Vance Weaver have been brewing coffee and washing up our cups for a long time.

Steve picks up locally roasted and ground fair-trade coffee in 10 lb bags from the Electric Brew, 118 E Washington St, Goshen, and also shops the grocery stores for our flavored coffee creamers.

We're grateful to these guys behind-the-scenes as we enjoy our Sunday cup of steaming Java!!

Coffee drinkers are welcome to donate their coins—as they feel so led—to the Gratitude can on the coffee cart.

Update

Housing Need for Prykhodko Family

Kevin Miller

The Prykhodko family, sponsored by the Pathfinder's Sunday school class, continues to live with Marge and David Gingerich.

Pavlo has now started working at Wieland Design across from Goshen High School and Nastya continues to work as a teacher's aide for Goshen Schools. They have purchased a second vehicle at an auto auction and had it repaired. Yuniia, age 2, is currently in private daycare, but will begin at Walnut Hill Daycare in mid-April after she turns 3. Timofii continues at Goshen Intermediate School and Artem is finishing up his senior year of High School. We are now actively searching for housing in Goshen—specifically a larger two- (or three-) bedroom apartment for this family of five. If you have any leads, contact David Gingerich or John Birkey.

Waterford Announcements

New Members Class. Our Pastoral Team will be holding a class in April for anyone who is interested in becoming a member at Waterford Mennonite Church. The class will meet for two Tuesday sessions on April 15 and 29 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the church. We anticipate receiving new members within worship services in May and June. If interested, **please RSVP to Pastors Cindy, Deron, or Katie by this Sunday.**

Mennonite Women will be meeting this Thursday. Come when you can from 9 to 2. Several persons quilt or knot, but there are also bags to string. Feel free to share what other interests you might have and we will be glad to consider adding tables somewhere. An offering is taken for the "least coin" fund. If you plan to be here for lunch, bring something to share. This is a great time to try new recipes and the fellowship is a plus as well.

Waterford will be hosting the Touring Choir from Hillcrest Academy (formerly Iowa Mennonite School) for a concert on Thursday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m., as they travel to the Mennonite Schools Network Choir Festival in Kidron, Ohio. In addition, we are still looking for overnight hosts for groups of two or three students. If you are interested in hosting students, please RSVP to Lyle Miller (lylegmiller@gmail.com). You would take the students home after the concert and return them to the church after breakfast. No sack lunch is needed for them as they travel on Friday.

Women of Waterford: If you're interested in psalms of lament and lectio divina, **there is still time to sign up** for two sessions on April 12 and 19. You may sign up at the participation station. We will study Biblical laments, write our own individual and corporate laments, and experience lectio divina. Sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to 10 or 10:30 a.m.

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.

This Easter we will again be **taking lilies to our senior adults** who are unable to attend church. If you would like to deliver a plant to a particular person, sign up at the participation station.

Mennonite Church USA

MC USA invites women from across the denomination to reclaim rest as resistance at the **MC USA Women's Summit** on July 8, 2025, a transformative one-day event immediately preceding the Follow Jesus '25 national convention in Greensboro, North Carolina. Read the news release here: mennoniteusa.org/news/womens-summit/ Register and learn more here: convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/womens-summit/

MCC

Myanmar earthquake response from MCC: In the wake of the magnitude 7.7 earthquake that struck Myanmar, MCC will be responding with local partners to provide cash assistance for immediate medical needs, food and water. The situation is made even more challenging by ongoing conflict and civil war. Donate today to provide emergency relief to families in need: mcc.org/Myanmar

Pathways Retreat

Pathways Retreat offers a variety of programs and workshops, including a two-week art and nature experience for children; weekly yoga; and Contemplative Circle. Stations of the Cross and Stations of the Resurrection will be available along the trail at Pathways. Daily prayers happen in-person and online. Learn more at pathwaysretreat.org.

AMBS

Taizé-inspired worship service: Sunday, April 13, 7–8 p.m., at Walnut Hill Mennonite Church, 909 N. Sixth St., Goshen, Indiana. Together we will journey with Jesus into Holy Week, seeking to remain by his side. Join us for an evening of meditative worship that includes songs from the Taizé Community, prayer, Scripture, candlelight and stillness. All ages are welcome! Hosts: Walnut Hill and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Faith Formation Collaborative. To learn more, email formationcollaborative@ambs.edu.

Orienting With the Word: Congregations can now apply! Ready to read Scripture "as if your life depends on it"? This free five-month program of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Faith Formation Collaborative builds community and biblical literacy through Bible study. Each participating congregation designates a small group to join with others in Confessional Bible Study. This practice helps communities make the Bible an indispensable tool for navigating daily living. Cohort One runs Aug. 1 – Dec. 21; apply by May 1. ambs.edu/orienting-with-the-word

Peace Theology in Movement: A Lunchtime Colloquium: Wednesdays, Jan. 15 – April 30, 12–1 p.m., via Zoom. This free weekly online colloquium series focuses on the Mennonite Action movement as an expression of Mennonite peace theology. Instructors: Janna Hunter-Bowman of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Jonathan Smucker of Mennonite Action. Participants can attend any or all sessions, starting anytime. There is no charge, but registration is required to receive the link. View the schedule and register: ambs.edu/peace-colloquium

Upcoming Events

All are invited to hear **Palestinian activist Issa Amro** speak on Friday, April 11, 7 p.m. in the Goshen College Newcomer Center. He is a leading voice in the non-violent movement resisting Israel's genocidal ethnic cleansing agenda. Founder of **Youth Against Settlements** and **Friends of Hebron**, he has been harassed, arrested, beaten, and tortured on many occasions.

Journeying Together with Grief: a grief retreat at Amigo Centre, April 11-13. 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 will facilitate sessions and activities that expand our toolboxes for grieving well and for accepting grief as a part of life. There will be space to reflect in groups and individually. Register at bit.ly/AmigoGriefRetreat.

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.

Come join the fun at a **sewing crafting day** at East Goshen Mennonite Church from 10 to 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.

On **Good Friday, April 18, 2025, at 12:00 PM**, 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.

Opportunities

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. See job descriptions on the bulletin board. 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.

The LifeLong Learning Institute of Elkhart County Board of Directors is seeking a director for the program beginning this summer. This is a one quarter time position that includes program development, strategic planning, working with community partnerships (Goshen College and Greencroft Communities) and operational oversight. If you are interested, contact board member Janette Yoder for a complete job description. This is a great opportunity for someone wanting a creative part time position.