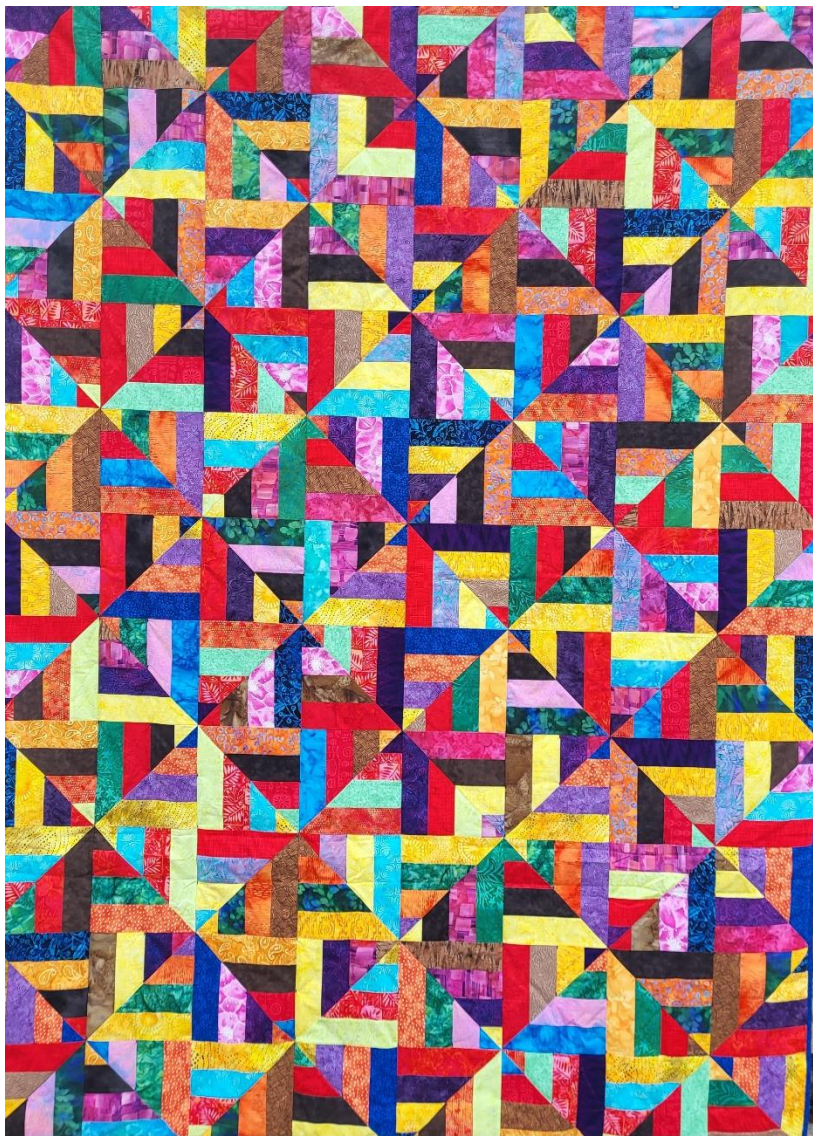


Borderlands



Children of the Marketplace, quilt & photo by Karen Hostettler

MCC Learning Tour

Waterford Mennonite Church

May 18, 2025

Prelude	Elvina Schmidt
Gathering songs	Vyron Schmidt
	<i>You Are Salt for the Earth</i> (v. 1,3-4) VT 297
	<i>Beyond a Dying Sun</i> VT 416
Welcome & Call to worship	Cindy Voth
God's Work Among Us	Jim Dreier, Downtown Ministries
Song	<i>Jesus Christ Is Waiting</i> (1,2,5) VT 287
Offering and Firstfruits Giving	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)
	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>
Scripture	Deuteronomy 24:17-22; Micah 6:6-8
Children's time	Cindy Voth
	<i>God, Give Me Faith like a Child</i> (v.3) VT 519
Reflections from MCC Borderlands Tour	
	The Border, "The River" JE Misz
	Lighting the peace lamp*
	The Wall Jerrell Ross Richer
	La Posada Providencia Karen Hostetler
	South Texas Human Rights Center Katie Misz
	Prayer of Lament
	My Learnings and My Work Jane Ross Richer
Song of response	<i>You're Not Alone</i> VT 779
Congregational prayer	Deron Bergstresser
Benediction	
Sending song	<i>God, Be the Love</i> (v. 1,4) VT 43

VT = Voices Together; SJ = *Sing the Journey*; SS = *Sing the Story*

*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world.

Prayers

Prayers for those grieving the loss of loved ones:

Rachel Brenneman , whose brother, Harold E. Cross, professor emeritus from University of Arizona, Tucson, died on Monday.

Carol Shetler, whose father, David P. McBeth, died last Saturday.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the *Brethren in Christ Church in the United Kingdom*, which is experiencing growth, due to an influx of members who have immigrated from Zimbabwe. Pray for this church as it recovers its Anabaptist heritage, gains new vitality through the faithfulness of immigrants and learns how to become a multicultural people of God.

For our *congregational meeting* this morning.

Thank you to Karen Hostetler for the worship visual this morning.

Children of the Marketplace

by Karen Hostetler

March 2025

Pattern: “Strip Mirage Quilt” by sewyeahquilting.com

In the midst of the colors and the busyness of the Nuevo Progreso Marketplace are the children (depicted in the quilt with the varying shades of brown), pleading with their eyes for visitors to purchase their peanuts and gummy bears, trying their best to help provide for themselves and their families.

Welcome Guests

We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. There are sermon boards for children outside the sanctuary doors; please pick one up as you enter. If desired, there is a nursery available in the west end of the foyer for infants and toddlers. Large print copies of the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. We invite you to stay for our nurture hour.

Our Mission Statement

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we
Welcome everyone to faith and fellowship in Jesus Christ,
Minister to the needs of one another and our neighbors through the
Holy Spirit, and
Call out each other’s gifts for the joyful work of
God’s reconciling mission.

We celebrate that everyone is created in God’s image, and as followers of Jesus we welcome people of every age, ability, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status, socio-economic situation, gender identity, and citizenship status as full participants in the life of our congregation.

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