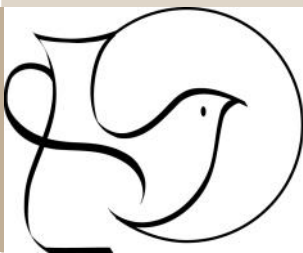




May 25, 2025



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture hour:
Classes for all ages

Welcome Team

Greeters: Esther Farmwald,
Kathy Miller
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Douglas
Graber, Wade Ramer
Audiovisuals: Shawn Stutzman,
Jeff Claassen

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Venture Club

7:00 p.m. - MYF, JYF

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Meet Bob and Sue Troyer



Bob was born in Geneva, Nebraska, and lived in Shickley until he was seven years old. His family moved to Spartansburg, Pennsylvania, in 1956 to a dairy farm. He attended Valley View Mennonite Church in Spartansburg. His family enjoyed singing together and would occasionally sing at area churches. In 1967 he graduated from

high school and was drafted, so he elected to join 1-W service and was sent to Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart, Indiana.

In 1967, after Sue graduated from Middlebury High School in Middlebury, Ind., she enrolled in the School of Radiologic Technology at Elkhart General Hospital. Bob and Sue met in Elkhart and the rest is history—it was love at first sight. They were married in 1970.

Bob has worked in the asphalt business for 40 years. He started with Arco Construction and ended with Brooks Construction out of Fort Wayne for the last 35 years. He retired in 2013. Sue started working in X-ray at the Elkhart Clinic for 3 years, then, Middlebury Family Physicians for 10 years and Goshen Hospital for 33 years. She retired in 2015.

Sue was Methodist when she met Bob, but when they moved to Middlebury in 1976, they were looking for a church with a good Sunday school for Tim. They chose Pleasant Oaks Mennonite and raised their family in that church. They moved to Goshen from Middlebury in 1997 and joined College Mennonite in 2000.

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Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 196

Nurture Hour – 175

Finances – May 18, 2025

Operating Fund \$15,705.94

Mennonite Education \$4,450.00

Either Fund \$5,640.00

Budget Total \$25,795.94

M. Stauffer Memorial \$50.00

Two Way Mission \$50.00

Welcome Spaces \$200.00

Jubilee Fund \$130.00

Total \$26,225.94

Looking Ahead

June 1: Sermon: Cindy Voth;
Anabaptist History
(*Philippians 3:7-21*)

June 8: Pentecost service at
Goshen College

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team
Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser, Pastor
Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz, Pastor
Monday - Thursday

Out of Office

Katie Misz - May 25-31

Elvina Schmidt - May 25-29

Office hours this week

CLOSED Monday

Wednesday, Thursday

9 - 12, 1 - 3

Tuesday, Friday

9 - 12

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They have three sons. Their oldest, Timothy, is married to Krista Vogt from Hesston, Kansas, and they live in Goshen. Tim works for DJ Construction and Krista is principal at Model Elementary School. They have two sons. William is married to Gabriella Klopfenstein and they live in Indianapolis. Their second son is James who is a senior at IUSB.

Bob and Sue's second son is Matthew. Matt is having a milestone this year. He will be turning 50 years old! He lives in Middlebury and is mentally disabled. They call him their gentle giant. He has lived in a group home since he was 20 years old.

Their third son, Douglas, is married to Kristi Miller from Sturgis, Michigan, and they live in Middlebury. Doug works for DJ Construction and Kristi is a nurse practitioner/midwife who works for Beacon Health. They have three children. Hayden is a freshman at Grand Valley State College and Hadley and Noah are juniors at Northridge High School.

Bob has been involved with the Elkhart County Fair for 28 years. He was president in 2008 and continues to volunteer there regularly. Sue enjoys playing in New Horizons Band and stays active playing pickleball, golfing, and biking. They also enjoy spending time with their family and following their grandchildren's activities.

Look Who Came to Dinner!

Sunday evening, May 18, 126 people gathered in 13 homes for supper and fellowship. Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for the bulletin board at the participation station to see photos of all the groups.



Waterford Announcements

We still need some volunteers to help with this year's **Vacation Bible School** at Silverwood Mennonite Church. Please return the volunteer signup sheets that were in your box to Mariko **by June 1** (next Sunday).

June 1 will be our **monthly fellowship meal**, hosted by the Agape and Sojourners' classes, after the nurture hour. All are invited to come and bring a dish to share.

June 8 is Pentecost, and we will be meeting with other Mennonite churches in Goshen for the Sunday morning worship on the Goshen College campus. Look for more details in next week's Buzz about the event (apparel, offering, location, parking, etc.).

Upcoming Events

Potawatomi-Miami Trail Sign Installation at The Depot on May 30: MCC Great Lakes is holding a short ceremony to recognize the installation of a Potawatomi-Miami Trail marker at The Depot (1013 Division Street) in Goshen on Friday, May 30, at 10 a.m. The Potawatomi-Miami Trail was an Indigenous trade route that traversed the Maumee River Watershed in Fort Wayne to Lake Michigan in Chicago. The trail would have passed on land close to The Depot. The 20-minute ceremony will bring awareness not only to the trail, but to those present in this land before us. For more information contact Alicia McLeod at AliciaMcLeod@mcc.org or 574-534-4133.

Hymn sing: Tuesday, June 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m., at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 3003 Benham Avenue, Elkhart. 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! The event will be livestreamed at ambs.edu/live.

Funding Futures: Impacts and Implications for Public Health Research. Join Mennonite Health Fellowship on Thursday, June 5, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom for a talk and interactive session with Cassidy Claassen (an infectious disease and public health physician) and Rebecca Heidkamp (Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health) centered on the current impact of funding restrictions on public health research. Register [here](#).

MCUSA

The Big Dove is here! MC USA has launched an online storefront featuring hats, sweatshirts, mugs and more. Check out the selection of merch that displays Follow Jesus, The MC USA dove and a retro line of gear from past conventions. Every sale helps support MC USA ministries! bonfire.com/store/mc-usa-gear/

Olivia Krall, archives coordinator for MC USA, shares how the **stories of Mennonite women** included in the Mennonite Church USA Archives have inspired her to push for a better future. This blog is part of MC USA's "Learn, Pray, Join: Undoing Patriarchy" educational campaign. Read more about Krall's findings here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/women-of-the-archives/

Chris Hoover, panelist for the July 8 MC USA Women's Summit, **reflects on the divine feminine voice** and how it seems to be missing from the world today. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/the-wild-feminine-voice/

AMBS

Expand your leadership capacity through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Practical Leadership Training modules! Four-session online workshops beginning in September include Leadership Practices for Spiritual Vitality; Cultivating Vital and Faithful Congregations; and Strengthening the Pastor-Congregation Relationship. Check out our full list of modules! ambs.edu/plt

Anabaptist Short Course Bundle. Deepen your understanding of Anabaptist history, thought, witness and practice through discussion-based online short courses from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Take four noncredit online courses in 2025-26 for only \$995 USD total and save more than \$400. (The regular price is \$350/course.) Each course lasts six weeks. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. ambs.edu/bundle

2025 Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale:

The Relief Sale will be held Sept. 26-27 at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds. You can begin supporting the sale now:

- The Online Silent Auction welcomes new or gently used articles with a value of \$50 or more; also handcrafted wooden, ceramic and other visual art works. Additional desired items include gift certificates; offers of experiences, e.g., vacation timeshares, B&B stays, themed meals in homes and tickets to events. We are able to accept donations until August 15. Contact 574-849-0053 or kauffman.mmrs@gmail.com.

Follow the Relief Sale on Facebook, Instagram and X/Twitter, and check out the website for more information.

Opportunities

Service Adventure (ages 17-20) is seeking passionate participants for the 2025-2026 term (August to July). One placement, [RAWtools](#) in Colorado Springs, Colorado, brings the idea of turning swords into plowshares to our current context. As a participant, you'll dive into hands-on blacksmithing and woodworking, designing and creating garden tools, art, and jewelry from destroyed guns. Experience valued, but not required.

Support Peace and Justice in Palestine. Want to do something to support Palestinians and learn God's way of peace in the Holy Land? Join MennoPIN (Mennonite Palestine Israel Network) and Mennonite Men as we travel to Palestine and Israel to plant olive trees, meet Palestinian peacemakers, and connect the land to Jesus' way of peace. **Help raise \$50,000 to replace up to 3,000 olive trees** lost to ongoing conflict—restoring livelihoods and helping Palestinian families remain on their land. Then, **travel with us to Palestine and Israel**, February 4-19, 2026, to plant trees, meet Palestinian peacemakers, and visit sacred sites. This transformative journey connects faith, justice, and action as we follow Jesus' call to peace. Find more information at bit.ly/PalestineCoverLetter and bit.ly/PalestineFlyer

"The promise we dream" Peace Camp, June 16-21, at Camp Deerpark, Westbrookville, New York. What does it mean to live into God's promise? As God's Spirit is poured out onto us, we are called to go forth searching for and proclaiming justice and love for all. For young adults aged 18-30. [Register](#) by May 30.

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