

Stewardship Sunday

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Prelude		Ruthie Saunders
Gathering songs		Nick Stoltzfus
	<i>Siyahamba</i>	VT 793
	<i>Hamba nathi</i>	VT 23
	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	VT 436
Welcome & Call to worship		Rose Shetler
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Song	<i>This Is God's Wondrous World</i>	VT 180
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
God's Work Among Us		Patty Gorostieta,** La Posada
Children's time		Ron Weirich
	<i>God, Give Me Faith like a Child (v.3)</i>	VT 519
Scripture	Genesis 2:1-8; Revelation 22:1-3	
Sermon	"You Make Beautiful Things"	Deron Bergstresser
Song of response	<i>Beautiful Things</i>	VT 551
Congregational prayer		Cindy Voth
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>In the Bulb There Is a Flower</i>	VT 670

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.

**Patty Gorostieta is President of La Posada Immigrant Aid

Prayers

For *Phil Ramer*, who was diagnosed with metastatic cancer, and for *Leah and Benji Hurst* as they provide care for *Phil and Rebecca*.

For healing for *Conrad Brenneman*, who has a serious infection in his hand.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for *Laura and Nick Sharp* and their children, Jesse (8) and Brielle (5), as they prepare to begin a year-long assignment in La Mesa, Colombia, where they will serve alongside the Colombia Mennonite Church and its school, Colegio Americano Menno (American Menno School).

Maurice and Carol Lehman, who will celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary on May 6.

Prayers for Greencroft Evergreen residents who are unable to join us for Sunday services: *Cora Askren, Ann Burkholder, and Wilmer Hollinger*.

For *Deron Bergstresser* serving as a mentor to a new pastor participating in the Transition to Leadership program at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

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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