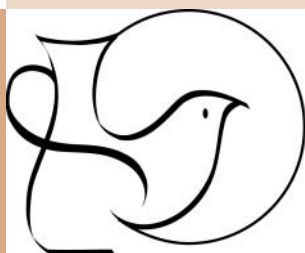


Venture Club

Venture Club, with Pastor Katie Misz, pose in front of the Rec-Fitness Center on the Goshen College campus Sunday.



May 4, 2025



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour
classes for all ages
12:00 p.m. - Fellowship Meal,
Hosts: Open Door class

Welcome Team

Greeters: Esther Farmwald,
Carolyn Chupp
Ushers: Douglas Graber, Ken
Otto, Len Harms
Audiovisuals: Glen Kauffmann,
Jordan Kauffman

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Mentors/Mentees

Thursday

8:30 a.m. - Mennonite Women
MYF Rm

7:00 p.m. - FFMT

Zoom prayers

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

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Spring 2025 Endowment Grants

Doug Yoder, Chair, Endowment Fund Committee

The Endowment Committee has made the following awards for the Spring 2025 distribution:

- Indiana AID (Assistance to Immigrants in Detention): \$1472. Denise Diener has been involved in this work.
- Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN): \$1500. These funds will help rent scooters for MennoCon this year.
- Ecuador Two Way Mission: \$2000. The funds will help form a Nonprofit entity to provide ongoing support for Ecuador.

VBS 2025

Save the Date!



We are joining Silverwood, Berkey, Assembly, and Faith Mennonite Churches for the Vacation Bible School this year. VBS will be at Silverwood Mennonite Church from Tuesday, July 29, to Friday, August 1, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

We need some volunteers! You will find a volunteer sign up sheet in your mail box. Please return to Mariko by June 1.

—Mariko Claassen

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 238

Nurture Hour – 242

Finances – April 27, 2025

Operating Fund \$9,621.00

Mennonite Education \$715.00

Either Fund \$3,060.00

Budget Total \$13,396.00

GMA \$100.00

Total \$13,496.00

Looking Ahead

May 11: Sermon: Phil Habecker;

Graduation Sunday

(2 Sam 14:1-4; Hosea 6:6;

1 John 4:13-21)

May 18: Sermon: Borderland

Tour participants

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team

Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser, Pastor

Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz, Pastor

Monday - Thursday

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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Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful flower from the church and all the cards and messages following my mother's death. Ken Otto

Venture Club



On Sunday, April 27, Venture Club kids visited with our college students at Goshen College and spent time playing on campus.



Grandma's Chew Bread

Submitted by Rachael Hochstedler upon request after serving this at Wednesday game night.

Servings: 18; Yield: 3 dozen

1 pound brown sugar

4 eggs

2 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 cup chopped pecans (may also add shredded coconut or other nuts)

Step 1: Preheat oven to 400°F. Grease a 9x13x2 inch jellyroll pan.

Step 2: In a heavy saucepan combine the sugar and eggs. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until sugar is dissolved. [This scorches easily, so stay with it.] Remove from heat, stir in the flour, salt, vanilla, and pecans.

Step 3: Spoon mixture into the prepared baking pan and bake for 18 minutes in the preheated oven. Cool and cut into squares.

Waterford Announcements

This 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. You are encouraged to bring your own tableware—just remember to take it home with you, along with any serving dishes, spoons and hot pads or towels you brought with you.

Last chance to sign up for:

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, May 18, 5:30 p.m. Fill out a form at the Participation Station and drop it in the marked collection box. 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. 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**.

Mennonite Women will be meeting on Thursday, May 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be an offering taken for the "least coin" fund. Bring a dish you enjoy to share, if you can stay for lunch. We would like to include Mother/Daughter teams of all ages (younger teams are welcome especially after school leaves out). Children are welcome under parent supervision. We currently quilt, knot and string bags. We also encourage those who enjoy knitting or crocheting prayer shawls or Mennonite Relief Sale projects to join us. The fellowship around these projects is rich as each person adds to the enjoyment. There is also material cut out ready to make school bags for this fall's school kit collection. One sewing machine has been serviced or you can bring your own. Please share any new ideas and creative suggestions you may have for additional projects women might be interested in doing. All are welcome.

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**.

Upcoming Events

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.

MCUSA

The Mennonite Education Agency board of directors and the MC USA Executive Board recently approved an integration plan to better address the needs of the denomination by **bringing the ministry of MEA into the governance and operational structure of MC USA**. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/mea-integration/

Rachel Ringenberg Miller will be the worship speaker during the opening worship session at MC USA's Follow Jesus '25 convention. Read here for a sneak peek into what "Follow Jesus" means to her: mennoniteusa.org/follow-jesus-expectations

Leah Hoffner, executive assistant for MC USA, shares her experience of choosing to step away from the career she built to rest and live a slower life after becoming a mother. Read more about her experience here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/rest-in-motherhood/

AMBS

Taizé-inspired worship service: Sunday, May 11, 7–8 p.m., at Walnut Hill Mennonite Church, 909 N. Sixth St., Goshen, Indiana. Join us for an Eastertide celebration of resurrection joy amid struggle through meditative worship that includes songs from the Taizé Community, prayer, Scripture, candlelight and stillness. Hosts: Walnut Hill and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Faith Formation Collaborative. To learn more, email formationcollaborative@ambs.edu.

Rooted and Grounded Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship: Sept. 18–20 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. Theme: "Kinship with All Creation: Pursuing Relationship, Justice and Community." Keynote speakers: T. Wilson Dickinson, PhD, of Lexington Theological Seminary; Wendtler Nosie, Sr., PhD, of the Apache Stronghold and the American University of Sovereign Nations; Douglas Day Kaufman, ThM, of the Anabaptist Climate Collaborative. Selected portions of the conference will be livestreamed. Paper and workshop proposals are due June 1. ambs.edu/rootedandgrounded

Take a summer course at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Hybrid courses (combining online work and one week on campus): Ethics and Care: Living and Dying with Purpose; Preaching. **Campus course:** Religion, Violence and Peacebuilding (open to auditors). Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours! Courses run in May, June and July. Register by May 5. ambs.edu/upcoming-courses

[Everence Financial](#)® is hosting a **FREE educational Medicare seminar on Monday, May 5** at 6:30 p.m. at Everence Financial 1110 N Main St., or online webinar; [register here](#). During this workshop, Everence discusses the important details you need to know about retirement income and transitioning to Medicare, including: Enrollment details and deadlines; Budgeting for health care and income in retirement; What are your options if you continue to work?; Social Security—when do I start?; Prescription drug coverage; Plans that supplement Medicare. For additional information and a list of future workshop dates, visit everence.com/medicare-mondays

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!

Check out the **Everence Stewardship Partners** webpage to see our upcoming webinars. May 13: [Money lessons for younger kids](#). May 15: [Teach your teen money moxie](#). Click on the above links to register.

Grab Your Golf Clubs! Register for **Amigo Centre's Golf Scramble** at Klinger Lake on May 31, 8 a.m - 1:30 p.m. Proceeds from this event support Amigo Centre's high-quality summer camp programming, especially providing registration scholarships for low-income youth. Register your team of four by **May 15** at AmigoCentre.org/golf-scramble or call 269-651-2811.

Solidarity and Prayer for the Congo: Join us for a service of learning and prayer on Saturday, May 17, at 7 p.m. at Sunnyside Mennonite Church (23786 Sunnyside Ave., Elkhart.) Come hear stories from Anabaptists on the ground in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where rebel forces have seized cities and killed thousands since January. The conflict is heightened by the mining of rare earth minerals which are valuable for technology production. We will learn, pray, and collect an offering for Mennonite Central Committee and Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission, two organizations involved in relief efforts in Congo. Questions? Contact Sunnyside church office at ssmc.office1@gmail.com.

Opportunities

"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.

Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN) is **seeking a Communications Director**. The Communications Director leads the public communications activities of Anabaptist Disabilities Network, including primary responsibility for all print and electronic communications. This is a half-time, salaried position. Please see the [Communications Director position listing](#) on our website for more information.

MC USA is seeking award nominations for its 2025 [Bring the Peace](#) initiative. The denomination grants the award to a Legacy Peacemaker and a Young Peacemaker each year.

- A Legacy Peacemaker is someone who has devoted their life to peace and justice work.
- A Young Peacemaker is a young adult or teenager who has just begun their peacemaking journey and is positively impacting their communities through their contributions.

[Submit your recommendations](#) for nominees by May 23!