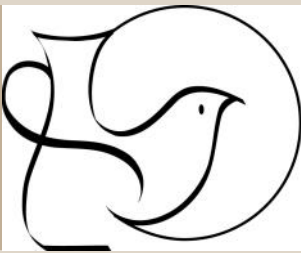




June 1, 2025



# *The Waterford Buzz*

## **This Sunday**

9:00 a.m. - Worship  
10:30 a.m. - Nurture hour  
electives for all ages  
12:00 p.m. - Fellowship meal,  
hosted by Sojourners/Agape

## **Welcome Team**

Greeters: Jerry & Joyce Troyer  
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken Otto,  
Len Harms  
Audiovisuals: Glen Kauffmann,  
Dom Ramer

## **This Week at Waterford**

### **Monday**

7:00 p.m. - MLC

### **Wednesday**

6:30 p.m. - WMT

### **Thursday**

6:30 p.m. - Stephen Ministers  
MYF Rm, Room 15

### **Zoom prayers**

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

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## **Celebrating Pentecost**

Next Sunday, June 8, Waterford will be joining 11 other Mennonite Church USA and 2 Church of the Brethren congregations for a Pentecost service. We will be meeting on the grounds of Goshen College. Here are some things you will want to know:

- We will be meeting on the Yoder/Kratz/Miller lawn as designated on the map on the next page. There will be some chairs available, but please bring your own lawn chairs or blanket if possible. Note: the rain contingency plan is in the College Mennonite Church chapel.
- For those who need assistance to get to the worship area, they should park in the Rec Fitness Center parking lot (accessible from 12th Street) and there will be golf carts to transport you.
- Pre-service music will begin at 9:15. The service will start at 9:30.
- Brightly colored dress to represent the flames of the Spirit at Pentecost is encouraged.
- There will be no formal childcare, but there will be a children's time during the service. Otherwise, restless children are welcome to play in the lawn between the worship space and the Rec Fitness Center.
- It will be a bilingual service.
- There will be an offering taken to be split between the Window, National Immigrant Justice Center in Goshen, and Center for Healing and Hope. Cash or checks are welcome. Checks should be made out to "Central District Conference" with "Pentecost" in the memo line.
- The service will be livestreamed at <https://youtube.com/live/RcQu9QL3tXM?feature=share>

## Life at Waterford

### Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 210

Nurture Hour – 205

### Finances – May 25, 2025

Operating Fund \$5,945.43

Mennonite Education \$3,995.00

Either Fund \$3,710.00

*Budget Total* \$13,650.43

M. Stauffer Memorial \$50.00

**Total \$13,700.43**

### Looking Ahead

June 8: Pentecost service at  
Goshen College

June 15: Europe Anabaptism at  
500 participants; The Courage  
to Love

### 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

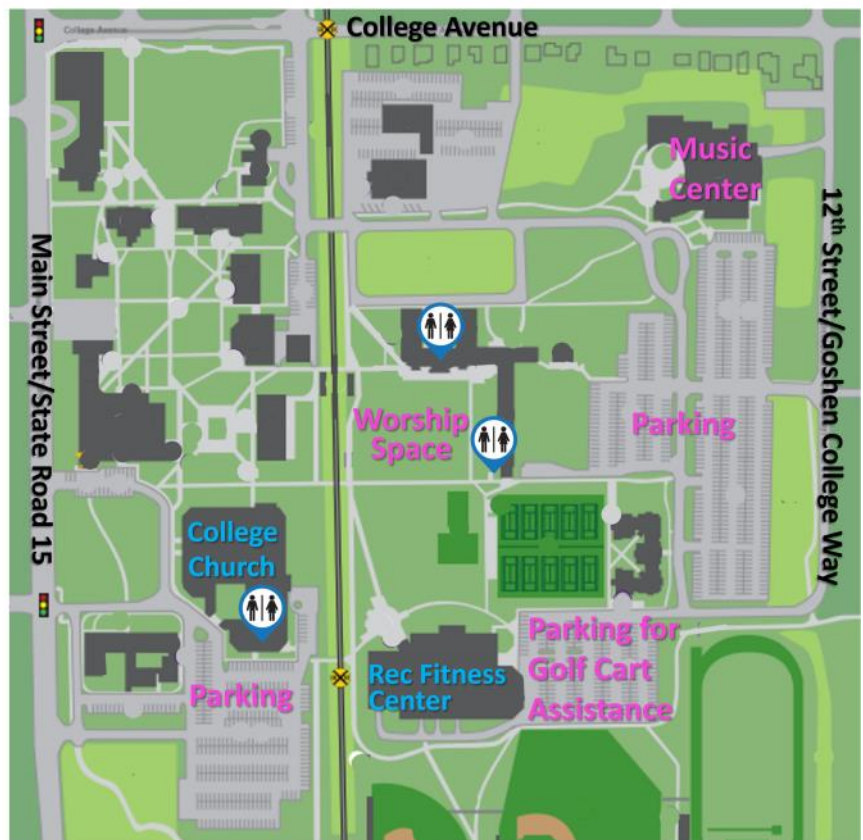
Tuesday, Friday  
9 - 12

**Greeter signup:** [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fRLd0Ydw\\_QxRiQUvRhUscNV-k0HV-oTcPnu61NyBcjM/edit?gid=0#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fRLd0Ydw_QxRiQUvRhUscNV-k0HV-oTcPnu61NyBcjM/edit?gid=0#gid=0)

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## Worship and parking locations at Goshen College.



## Congratulations, Cori!

### Chupp Wins Award in MCC Essay Contest

*Excerpted from MCC's [student essay contest news bulletin](#)*

Cori Chupp, a junior at Bethany Christian Schools, was one of three high school students who received an honorable mention for her essay addressing climate change in the annual MCC U.S. National Peace & Justice Ministries (NPJM) public policy essay contest.

Chupp writes in her essay, "Beyond Warming," about the harms of fossil fuels, as well as the need for alternatives like wind, solar and water energy. "As Christians, we are called to be in stewardship of the environment around us. God created this beautiful green Earth and created us with the purpose of taking care of it."

The NPJM public policy essay contest, which is in its 26th year, encourages youth to explore and understand federal government policy issues while reflecting on how their faith engages with advocacy. The contest is open to Mennonite, Brethren in Christ and other Anabaptist youth of high school age and to all youth who attend Mennonite-related high schools within the U.S. and Puerto Rico.





## Additions to the Wetlands

Thank you to Elijah Voth, who, for his Eagle Scout project, completed the construction of three benches for our wetland area. The benches were paid for with money donated to the Miriam Stauffer memorial fund for the continuing development of the WMC Wetlands.

Jan Oostland, Facilities Manager



## Waterford Announcements

**June Electives begin this Sunday.** Look for a list of options with locations for each one on the insert in this week's bulletin.

This Sunday 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 or two to share. You are welcome to bring your own tableware.

**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 this Sunday**.

On June 13-14, WMC will host the annual **Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference Summerfest and delegate sessions**. The worship services are open to everyone without registering. Schedule with [worship times](#) here.

**Let's go to the zoo!** Meet at Potawatomi Zoo in South Bend at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 21, and spend as little or as much time there as you like. Admission is: \$14 - ages 15-61, \$12 - ages 3-14 and adults 62+, and children under 2 are free. There is a sign up at the Participation Station.

## MCUSA

Join Michael Danner, associate executive director for Church Vitality, and Nancy Kauffmann, interim denominational minister of Church Safety, for a webinar, June 2 at 7 p.m., as they orient participants to the **updated abuse prevention and accountability policies of Mennonite Church USA**. These policies have been revised from the 2016 Ministerial Sexual Misconduct Policy and Procedures. They will also discuss the updated misconduct process, including a new administrative structure and key additions to the policy. Register here: [mennoniteusa.org/safe-church-june-webinar](https://mennoniteusa.org/safe-church-june-webinar)

The MC USA Delegate Assembly is Friday, July 11, at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina.

**Delegate resources**, including the agenda, bylaws, proposed bylaw changes, previous minutes and proposed resolutions, will be posted on MC USA's Delegate Assembly website, as they are available. See the web page here: [mennoniteusa.org/2025-delegate-assembly-resources/](https://mennoniteusa.org/2025-delegate-assembly-resources/)

Follow Jesus '25 attendees will have the opportunity to participate in **MC USA's inaugural Menno Makers Market** in the Follow Jesus '25 exhibit hall. This new area will feature handmade items produced by Anabaptist artisans that are available for purchase. Vendors are invited to apply here by June 1: [mennoniteusa.org/form/menno-maker](https://mennoniteusa.org/form/menno-maker)

**Cyneatha Millsaps**, executive director of Mennonite Women USA, looks forward to the 2025 Mennonite Church USA Women's Summit by pondering **how women can better stand up for themselves and their sisters**. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/set-forth-mothers](https://mennoniteusa.org/set-forth-mothers)

## AMBS

**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: Wendsler Nosie, Sr., PhD, of the Apache Stronghold and the American University of Sovereign Nations; T. Wilson Dickinson, PhD, of Lexington Theological Seminary; and 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](https://ambs.edu/rootedandgrounded)

**Taizé-inspired worship service: Sunday, June 8, 7–8 p.m., at Walnut Hill Mennonite Church**, 909 N. Sixth St., Goshen. Pentecost is the perfect time to gather as a community for prayer and celebration of the global church. With songs from the Taizé Community, Scripture, candlelight and stillness, we will pray for the church in all places, that we may be one. Hosts: Walnut Hill and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s Faith Formation Collaborative. To learn more, email [formationcollaborative@ambs.edu](mailto:formationcollaborative@ambs.edu).

## Upcoming Events

**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](https://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](#).

The Council on Aging of Elkhart County’s second **Library Social** for older adults is June 11, **10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.** at the Goshen Public Library. This month’s topic is “From Gardening to Gathering: Fresh Salads & Summer Safety,” with Nicky Foust, Chefs for Seniors. Come meet new people and enjoy coffee and conversation.

**Elkhart County ranks among the top five counties in Indiana for Hispanic infant mortality.** These are preventable tragedies. And it will take all of us working together to change the story. The Northern Indiana Hispanic Health Coalition (NIHHC) is holding a symposium, **From Infant Mortality to Infant Vitality** on June 13, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Elkhart Health & Aquatics (200 E Jackson Blvd). Hear from Indiana’s top health voices, learn evidence-based strategies, and discover how you can help shift the numbers from heartbreak to hope. Register now or support the cause at: <https://nihhc.com/infant-mortality>

## 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.

**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.

**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.

For more information, to sign up, or to inquire about scheduling a trip for you and your group, visit [MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace](https://MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace) or contact Stephanie Weaver at [StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net). Registration deadline is June 15, 2025.