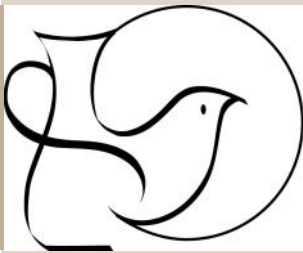


Adventures at the Zoo

The Voth and Gillette kids rode the lion at the Potawatomi Zoo last Saturday.



June 29, 2025



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

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

Welcome Team

Greeters: Elizabeth Stauffer,
Karen Sommers
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken Otto,
Mark King
Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler,
Colin Berkey, Jordan Kauffman

This Week at Waterford

Thursday

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

Zoom prayers

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

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Update on BBI Visit

Cindy Voth and Rod Hollinger-Janzen

It is with very sad hearts that we share with you that Germain and Jocelyne, our delegates from Benin Bible Institute, will not be making the planned trip to North America to participate in the denominational gatherings in Canada and North Carolina.

Last week we learned of an expanded travel ban that the US government is introducing to stop travel to the United States from a group of listed countries, including Benin. While the travel ban is not set to be implemented until August 2025, we know that travelers from Benin will face increased scrutiny, and we are very concerned about how our visitors will be treated when attempting to enter the United States.

Our BBI Planning Group had an emergency planning meeting on June 19, and then several of us were on a group phone call with Germain, Jocelyne, and BBI Director Bonaventure on June 23. We proposed that a small group from WMC could travel to Kitchener, Ontario, to visit with them while they were in Canada. However, after some discernment, BBI decided that the best decision was to cancel the entire trip to North America.

We invite you to join us in praying for our friends at BBI. We also pray for those in power within our own country, asking that God might soften their hearts to see the humanity in all. Along with our prayers, we invite all of us to use our words, actions, decisions, and power within our spheres of influence to extend radical, Christ-like hospitality to all in our community, especially to anyone who is vulnerable right now.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 187

Nurture Hour - 132

Finances – June 22, 2025

Operating Fund \$7,452.00

Mennonite Education \$225.00

Either Fund \$3,825.00

Budget Total \$11,502.00

Jubilee Fund \$60.00

Welcome Spaces \$200.00

Total \$11,762.00

Looking Ahead

July 6: Sermon: Cindy Voth;

Creation: Trees; Communion

(Jeremiah 17:5-8)

July 13: Sermon: Monica Miller;

Esther

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team

Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser, Pastor

Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz, Pastor

Monday - Thursday

Out of Office

Karen Hostetler - July 3-8

Cindy Voth - July 1-2

Office hours this week

Monday, Thursday

9 - 12, 1 - 3

Tuesday,

9 - 12

CLOSED: Wednesday, Friday

Greeter signup: [https://](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fRLd0Ydw_QxRIQUvRhUscNV-)

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Juneteenth Resource List

In honor of Juneteenth:

A Podcast and list of Books by Indigenous folks, people of the Africa diaspora, and other People of the Global Majority and some allies

Compiled by Jeff Miller

Podcast specifically on Juneteenth:

“Juneteenth” aired Jun 19, 2024 from the podcast “Black History for White People” at blackhistoryforwhitepeople.com.

Books in the Waterford Mennonite library

- *Just Mercy*, by Bryan Stevenson
- *The New Jim Crow*, by Michelle Alexander
- *Dear White People*, by Osheta Moore
- *Trouble I've Seen*, by Drew Hart
- *Been in the Struggle*, by Regina Shands Stoltzfus & Tobin Miller Shearer
- *Who will be a Witness*, by Drew Hart
- *White Women, Get Ready*, by Amanda K. Gross
- *Reparations: A Christian Call for Repentance and Repair*, by Duke L. Kwon and Gregory Thompson

Additional great books, both by Jemar Tisby are available at Goshen Public Library or can be ordered through Fables Bookstore:

- *How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey Toward Racial Justice*;
- *The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism*;
- and he has many others.

If you borrow a book from a library—good for you in saving on trees and resources. But also consider looking up the author's address (maybe Google it) and perhaps send them the cost of the book as a donation and recognition of their work in writing it.

Potawatomi Zoo Outing

On Saturday, June 21, the first day of the heat wave, 30 WMcer's, ranging in age from 3-88, braved the weather and met at the Potawatomi Zoo in South Bend.



Enjoying a train ride.

Micah Gillette cools off with a snow cone.



Waterford Announcements

VBS registration is here! Do you know someone who will be in **Kindergarten to 6th grade this fall** who would like to attend VBS? This year, we are teaming with Assembly, Berkey, Faith, and Silverwood for the VBS at Silverwood Mennonite Church from July 29 (Tuesday) to August 1 (Friday), from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Register your child(ren) by July 6** at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfthYpIk_u2uehUGuGMyG2B77JI_PBtWVRIc8fh-4ojvmQ/viewform.

This Sunday is the last week of the June Electives. In July, adult classes are welcome to resume meeting in their usual spaces, but there will be no Sunday School classes for children throughout the month. Children's classes will resume in August.

On Sunday, July 6, we will share in communion. We invite you to prepare your hearts for this sign of God's peace by making peace with God and with your brothers and sisters. As did the early church (Acts 2:43-47), we will also collect offerings for the Sharing Fund. This fund benefits people in need within the congregation.

Please note: There will be no fellowship meal in July.

Pastor Katie's major 4-year review. Please take a few minutes to give feedback to Pastor Katie's ministry among us by completing the online feedback form at docs.google.com/forms. You can also find paper copies of the form by the mailboxes. All forms, both completed online and paper copies, should be returned by Sunday, July 20.

MCUSA

For spiritual director **Ruth Johnston**, who is ordained for ministry in MC USA, contemplation is easier than action. In this blog post, she shares how her friend and spiritual director helped her **put her contemplative writing into action**. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/weakness-into-strength

Upcoming Events

JoinMen for Male Formation: With your participation and your support, Mennonite Men seeks to **develop practical and accessible resources that support rites of passage for boys informed by Anabaptist faith**. Want to join us in this work? We are collecting wider input from parents, pastors, teachers, and mentors of boys using an [online survey](#). Take the survey by June 30 and share this link with others! In July we are leading a workshop at [Follow Jesus 2025](#) in Greensboro, NC, about rites of passage for boys where we will share our survey results. We hope you can join us there—it's not too late to [register](#)!

Please join members of Assembly Mennonite Church's Advocacy and Repair Team in welcoming **George Godfrey, Ph.D.**, a Citizen Potawatomi and President of the Potawatomi Trail of Death Association (TDA), and his wife Pat, to Goshen the weekend of July 19-20. On Saturday, Dr. Godfrey will give a presentation, "Potawatomi Memories: Their Removal and Their Survival" from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. in Goshen College Mennonite Church's Koinonia Room. On Sunday, he will present *The Story of the Trail of Death* through first-person storytelling at the Assembly meetinghouse at 9:30 a.m. For more details, see on the poster on the bulletin board.

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

Seminary scholarships for VSers. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary offers a 75% tuition discount to current Mennonite Voluntary Service or Shalom Project participants and a \$1,500 scholarship to former voluntary service participants for graduate-level coursework. Enrollment must occur within five years of completion of the VS assignment. Sign up for a course, or tap a shoulder! Check eligibility requirements: ambs.edu/vs

Join MCC Great Lakes for the Dismukes Gala on August 16: The third annual Dismukes Gala Fundraiser will spotlight the amazing story of Dr. Henry Dodford Dismukes, an African American physician in Kimball, West Virginia, in the early 1900s. Join us on Saturday, August 16, at 6 p.m. at the Jack Caffery Arts & Cultural Center in Welch, West Virginia, for dinner and live music from The Company Band. Funds raised at the gala will go towards rehabilitating the building that previously was the Henrietta Dismukes Nurses' Home and has fallen into disrepair after decades of vacancy. As proposed by our community steering committee, the Nurses' Home will be **repurposed as a community learning center** with classes on technology and literacy education, canning, gardening, knitting and cooking, along with tutoring opportunities for students in the area. With the recent flooding that occurred in McDowell County, we are also dedicating a portion of funds raised towards flood clean-up through MCC's Appalachia Build program. Purchase gala tickets or become a sponsor at mcc.org/dismukes-gala. Learn more about Dr. Dismukes and the project at mcc.org/dismukes.

Opportunities

The Window is seeking a Programs Director. The position will work directly with clients, creating a welcoming environment with safe boundaries. Conversational Spanish required. To learn more, or send in your resume and cover letter, email executivedirector@thewindowinc.org. Find the full job description at the following link: <https://www.indeed.com/job/programs-director-640995ee7266883a>

Just Peace Pilgrimage: Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples On Navajoland: Engage with contemporary Indigenous realities, explore the histories of Indigenous Peoples, and examine the complexities of Indigenous-settler relations. What might it mean for your community to stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples and actively contribute to the work of truth telling and repair? **Date: October 7-11, 2025; [register by August 1](#).**

Fund a need - Muchas Mochilas (many backpacks). Center for Healing & Hope is gearing up to give away 200 backpacks with school supplies, hygiene items, parent/guardian resource packets, and gift cards to support local families in need. The 6th annual Muchas Mochilas giveaway will once again take place at Festival of Hope on July 26. Visit <https://chhclinics.org/muchas-mochilas/> for complete details.

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