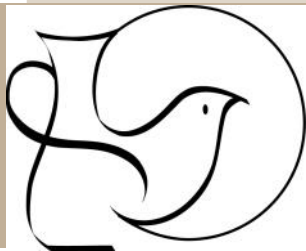




July 20, 2025



# The Waterford Buzz

## **This Sunday**

9:00 a.m. - Worship  
10:30 a.m. - Nurture hour—  
classes for adults

## **Welcome Team**

Greeters: Gio Molina, Noah  
Sanchez  
Ushers: Lucas Bateman, Sage  
Rios, Garrett Stoltzfus, Oliver  
Kauffman  
Audiovisuals: Colin Berkey,  
Jordan Kauffman

## **This Week at Waterford**

### **Tuesday**

7:00 p.m. MLC /  
Fellowship Hall

### **Zoom prayers**

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

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## **Time for a new photo directory!**

*Janet Shoemaker, Coordinator of Administrative Ministries*

It's been three years—and lots of new people—since we last did photo shoots for a church directory. It is time to do it again.

This year, we will be taking photos on the second and third weekends of August. We will begin on Friday and go through Sunday both weekends. Because of the number of new attenders and members who are learning who people are in our congregation, we encourage everyone to make an effort to schedule a time to come to the church and have a current photo taken this year.

On Saturdays, we will have two photographers shooting in two rooms at the same time: Steve Fath will hold mostly 15-20 minute sessions for those who would like to have a number of options to choose from and who would possibly want to order photos to print; and Jordan Kauffman will hold 10 minute sessions for those who are just there to do their duty and go. There will only be one photographer available on Fridays and Sundays.

There will be a Google signup sheet as well as paper sheets on the participation station. To help prevent double booking, please do not sign up online on Sunday mornings when there will be other people signing up on the paper copies.

So get your face washed, hair cut, beard shaved—or grown out, your suit (or plaid flannel shirt) cleaned and pressed, and your new frock (or that great Depot find) free of the price tags and find a time that suits you to get your picture taken. Note: You can dress formally or informally, it's up to you. We just want your picture!

## Life at Waterford

### Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 166

Nurture Hour - 143

### Finances – July 13, 2025

Operating Fund	\$8,070.00
Mennonite Education	\$5,802.00
Either Fund	\$4,245.00
<b>Budget Total</b>	<b>\$18,117.00</b>
Sharing Fund	\$125.00
Least Coin Fund	\$40.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,282.61</b>

### Looking Ahead

July 27: Sermon: Deron

Bergstresser; Don't be Afraid  
(Matthew 17:1-8)

August 3: Sermon: Katie Misz;  
VBS: Compassion Camp  
(Psalm 63:1-4)

### Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team

Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser

Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz

Monday - Thursday

### Out of Office

Cindy Voth - July 26 - August 4

### Office hours this week

Monday - Thursday

9 - 12, 1 - 3

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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## MCC School Kits

*Joyce Bontrager*

This time of year many families are starting to gather the school supplies needed for their children's coming school year. It is a good reminder that many in our world do not have this opportunity because of being displaced through no fault of their own. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) shared that the need for school kits has increased, therefore they hope to double the amount collected last year.

**YOU CAN HELP!!** This Sunday you will find bags ready to be filled located on a table by the library. Please pick up one (or more) bags and bring it/them back full of the items requested. There are also orange notes you can pick up listing what is needed in each bag. Mennonite Women will be providing and adding the pencil sharpeners this year so they are the correct size MCC wants. Pencil sharpeners will not be on your supply list.

Maybe you can make this a family event and even encourage others to participate. If you do not feel you can fill a complete bag, bring as many of the items listed below as you wish. There will be a box for these extra supplies you want to donate on the table the next three Sundays. It would be helpful to have everything returned by Sunday morning, August 10.

### **School Kit Items (New items only)**

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks
- (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens

Each school kit provides a student with tools needed to learn as well as knowing there are caring persons who provided these supplies.

*Right: Lena Claassen and her friend, Jo, put together sewing kits at Mennonite Women on July 10.*



# Waterford Announcements

**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](https://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 this Sunday, July 20!**

**Help the Bible School Kids Collect Soap!** Want to help the Bible School kids collect soap for MCC? Bible School will be July 29 to August 1. For a fun way to show support and make a connection, bring your bars of soap to church Sundays, July 20 and 27. Give the soap to one of the children to bring to Bible school! MCC asks that soap bars are new, in wrapper, and 3 ounces or larger (no hotel soap). Laundry soap bars are also needed in brands Fels Naptha, Sunlight, or Zote, also left in wrapper. Thanks for contributing!

## Upcoming Events

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 the poster on the bulletin board.

**Writers Night: Granola Mennonite and Midlife Calculus.** You are warmly invited to a writers night with [Kirsten Eve Beachy](#) (*Martyrs and Chickens: Confessions of a Granola Mennonite*, memoir, 2025) and [Britt Kaufmann](#) (*Midlife Calculus*, poems, 2024), **7:00 p.m., Friday, July 25** at Sunnyside Mennonite Church, 23786 Sunnyside Avenue, Elkhart. Kirsten was raised on martyr stories and the *More-with-Less* cookbook; Britt learned calculus at age 47, and her poems blend teaching and learning, math and poetry, aging and new adventure. Clarinetist/composer [Rachel Yoder](#) will open the event with her new jazz improv piece, "Paper Woman" and join the conversation on the mysteries, mathematics, and messiness of midlife, and of teaching, caregiving, and creating. Fables bookstore will sell the authors' books at the event, and the music will also be available for purchase. Q & A and signing to follow. Please be aware of local construction—follow signs and allow a little extra time.

Center for Healing and Hope's **Festival of Hope** will be July 26 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Goshen Brewing Company. There will be food trucks, live music, children's activities, Tropicana ice cream and vendors. So come on out and help CHH reach their **\$35,000 Day of Giving goal**

## MCUSA

The **Church Planting Grant** nurtures MC USA-affiliated missional peace churches. New church plants — churches that are less than three years old — can apply for the \$5,000 grant each year from May 1 to July 31. Learn more and apply here: [mennoniteusa.org/thrive-grant](https://mennoniteusa.org/thrive-grant).

As part of MC USA's Learn, Pray, Join: Undoing Patriarchy blog series, **Daniela Lázaro-Manalo** reflects on the myth of moon goddess, Coyolxauhqui, and how this myth relates to her own story and the **invitation to divine love** that she sees through it. Read her thoughts here: [mennoniteusa.org/lessons-from-moon](https://mennoniteusa.org/lessons-from-moon)

**Stanley W. Green**, executive conference minister of Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference, in consultation with the Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference Board, **addresses the immigration raids and protests in Los Angeles** and around the country. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/los-angeles-letter](https://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/los-angeles-letter)

When **Rebeka Moeljono** moved from a small midwestern town to the big city, she experienced a deep shift in how she approached her spiritual life, as well as her spiritual direction. Read more about her experience in her Menno Snapshots blog here: [mennoniteusa.org/finding-god-city](https://mennoniteusa.org/finding-god-city)



## AMBS

**Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible: Sept. 10 – Oct. 21.** Join Drew Strait, PhD, and Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, PhD, to study pertinent Scripture passages and reflect on how these texts contribute to a robust and biblically based practice of peace and justice today. This online short course of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary lasts six weeks. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Aug. 20 to save \$50. [ambs.edu/online-short-courses](https://ambs.edu/online-short-courses)

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## Pathways Retreat

**Pathways Retreat** will be offering a variety of programs and workshops this fall, including a weekly Dream Weavers Reflection Group, Transitions Journey Retreat, Enneagram Introductory Workshop, and Attuning to the Season. Transition Inner Soul, Clergy Inner Soul, and Group Spiritual Direction groups are forming to meet monthly September - May. Learn more at [pathwaysretreat.org](https://pathwaysretreat.org).

**Mennonite-Muslim Engagement and the Way of the Gospel in Java, Indonesia.** Join Indonesian Mennonite pastors and scholars Teguh Karyanto and Danang Kristiawan for a morning of learning and fellowship, **Saturday, July 26, 9:00-10:30 a.m. at College Mennonite Church in the Koinonia Room.** Indonesia, the largest Muslim-majority nation in the world, is also home to a thriving Christian population, including the Gereja Injili di Tanah Jawa (GITJ), the oldest Mennonite church outside of Europe and North America. We will learn how the Mennonite community emerged in Java and how Javanese Mennonites live out their faith among their Muslim neighbors today. Light refreshments provided. Jointly hosted by the Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Mennonite Mission Network, and Anabaptist Climate Collaborative.

**Hans Hut Happy Hour**, informal discussion with Danang Kristiawan on **mysticism and ecology in the interfaith context in Java, Indonesia**, hosted in the backyard of Douglas Kaufman, executive director of Anabaptist Climate Collaborative, 509 S 3rd St, Goshen, from 3 to 5 p.m. Parking near River Race Dr north of the Millrace Cohousing. Drinks will be provided and there will be an opportunity for donations. For more information contact Doug at 574.536.6151 or [director@anabaptistclimate.org](mailto:director@anabaptistclimate.org)

The Indiana Friends of Meserete Kristos Seminary invite you to **enjoy an Ethiopian meal** at Pleasant View Church, 58529 C.R. 23, Goshen on Thursday, July 31, at 6:00 p.m. The Seminary is the only Bible college operated by the Ethiopian Mennonite Church (Meserete Kristos Church). The MKC continues to grow at phenomenal rates, creating great need for teaching and training pastors and church workers. The cost of the meal is **\$20 per person** to be paid at the door. Any donations beyond that can be made by writing a check to MK College Link. You will hear from the Academic Dean, Dr. Yimenu Adimass, MK Church leader, Pastor Kebede Bekere, and Joe Sawatsky, short-term instructor at MKSeminary. **Please RSVP to Ruth Sellers by Monday, July 28.** Phone 574-238-5822, Email: [rb sellers@yahoo.com](mailto:rb sellers@yahoo.com)

## Opportunities

People across **southern Bangladesh** are dealing with **the largest mass poisoning in human history** (according to the World Health Organization). There are high levels of naturally occurring arsenic in large numbers of the drinking water wells throughout this area. Tens of millions of Bangladeshis are being slowly poisoned, leading to debilitating health problems, children with depressed mental development (similar in action to lead), and early deaths. Bill & Carole Schumacher (Bill previously worked in Bangladesh with MCC), along with a number of other MCC alum, are concerned to raise awareness and help address this problem. MCC no longer works in the part of the country affected by arsenic, but staff are well aware of the crisis and encouraged us to find another organization working to address it. When we learned another former MCC alum later went back to Bangladesh with large mission SIM (Society for International Ministries) and started an arsenic mitigation project to help people access safe water and medical care, we visited to check it out, and started partnering with them to expand their project. You can learn more about the crisis and project at [arsenicbangladesh.com](https://arsenicbangladesh.com), or contact Bill (614-638-4218) or Carole (614-638-3021), email [bcschumacher@msn.com](mailto:bcschumacher@msn.com).