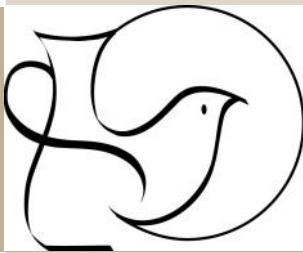




July 27, 2025



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

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

Welcome Team

Greeters: Jerry & Joyce Troyer
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Carla
Miller, Ken Otto
Audiovisuals: Shawn Stutzman,
Jeff Claassen

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday-Friday
VBS at Silverwood
Zoom prayers
Monday - 8:30 a.m.
Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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MC USA Youth Delegate Report

Cori Chupp

My name is Cori Chupp and I was a youth delegate representing Waterford this past week in Greensboro, North Carolina. It felt very rewarding to me to be able to see behind the scenes of the church, one that I had never seen before. I really felt like my voice was being heard throughout my table group, and that my ballot mattered.

I enjoyed being able to creatively reimagine the church without any boundaries. Diving into Mark 8:34-36, I learned that love is stronger than fear. We took time to talk about the challenges and joys of discipleship, and the reassurance that we have power behind us. A phrase that deeply impacted me was “We all have citizenship in the common body of Christ.” In Mark 14:53-54 I learned that we are too satisfied, we live in a devastated and devastating world. My hope for the future church is that we continue to celebrate the joy of fellowship.

I appreciated the opportunity to represent our congregation. I want to thank all of you for letting me do so, and supporting me through it. It was a great eye-opening experience for me.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 217

Nurture Hour - 124

Finances – July 20, 2025

Operating Fund	\$11,307.75
Mennonite Education	\$1,075.00
Either Fund	\$5,795.00
Budget Total	\$18,177.75
Jubilee Fund	\$60.00
Welcome Spaces	\$200.00
Two Way Mission	\$50.00
Gaza Relief	\$200.00
Total	\$18,687.75

Looking Ahead

August 3: Sermon: Katie Misz;
VBS: Compassion Camp
(Job 37:2-6; 42:7-9)

August 10: Scripture & Song:
Water within scripture

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team
Leader
Monday - Thursday
Deron Bergstresser
Tuesday - Friday
Katie Misz
Monday - Thursday

Out of Office

Cindy Voth - July 27 - August 4
Deron Bergstresser -
July 30 - August 7

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

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John Fumana, AIMM Executive Coordinator, to Visit WMC

Rod Hollinger-Janzen

On Sunday, August 17, our church will be welcoming special guest John Fumana, the Executive Coordinator for Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM).

John, who lives and works in Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo, will preach during worship. During the nurture hour, Pathfinders Sunday School class has invited John to further share about AIMM's work.

Pathfinders invites other interested Sunday school classes to join us in learning about this ministry. This sharing will take place in the sanctuary.

AIMM, as its name indicates, is an inter-Mennonite, intercultural mission agency which groups together a number of different Mennonite denominations across three continents. In Africa, members include three Mennonite denominations in the Democratic Republic of Congo, three Mennonite groups in Angola, one in Burkina Faso, one in Sierra Leone, and the Anabaptist Network in South Africa. In Europe, the French Mennonite Church is a member. In North America, two members include MC USA (via Mennonite Mission Network), MC Canada, the Evangelical Mennonite Conference and the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches.

Each member church contributes at least one person to AIMM's International Central Council, or governing board. The International Central Council structure, since its inception in 2003, has significantly shifted decision-making power to the African member churches. Add to that John Fumana's executive leadership, and the recent hiring of Pamela Obonde, a Kenyan native who now lives in Canada, as Church and Donor Relations Coordinator. AIMM has taken significant steps toward the decolonization of mission!

THE FUMANA FAMILY

Back Row: Lucie and John
Front Row: Emmanuella, Jenovie,
Jessica and Exaucé.



Save the Dates

Ice Cream Social

Join us at the church on Sunday, August 24, at 6:30 p.m. for an ice cream social. Ice cream will be provided. There will be a dairy free option. Bring a topping to share and lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on.

Pumpkinvine Trail Ride to Mooey's

Saturday, September 20, at 10:00 a.m. meet at Abshire Park and bike the trail to Mooey's. If you're not up to biking, plan to meet the group at Mooey's for an ice cream treat or lunch around 11:00.

Sign up for both events at the participation station.

Waterford Announcements

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 this Sunday, July 27, and place them in the basket on the table outside the office for children going to VBS to pick up. MCC asks that soap bars are new, left in wrapper, and three 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!

Next Sunday, August 3, will be our monthly fellowship meal, hosted by Gelassenheit class. You are invited to bring a dish or two to share and your own table service.

We will be taking photos for a new directory on the weekends of August 8-10 and 15-17. Please take a moment to sign up your household for a photo shoot at the participation station or online at <https://booking.appointy.com/StevenFath>. There are options for 20-minute sessions Fridays and Saturdays or 10-minute sessions Saturdays and Sundays.

MCC School Kits: With the increase in war, displacement and increasing poverty, the need for school kits is also increasing. This year's school kit challenge is for 25,000 kits! In 2024, our congregation contributed 201 kits! Let's see if we can repeat that this year. You can pick up a cloth bag and the content list on the table near the library. There is also a box for extra supplies you would like to donate. Please have completed kits returned by August 10.

It's time to begin saving your coins for MyCoins Count. The relief sale is September 26-27 and we will be collecting coins at church beginning in August. This year, the coins will be used to support MCC food projects.

Fall Elective: *The Way to Love*. There is a signup sheet at the participation station to indicate that you are interested in joining this elective based on Anthony de Mello's book (copy attached to the clipboard).

MCUSA

Last year, **MC USA awarded Justice Fund grants to nine congregations** involved in dismantling racism, addressing police brutality, reimagining policing and combating poverty. Read their inspiring stories and learn more about how your congregation can apply for the grant. Applicants planning to use the funds for **immigration or climate justice** will receive priority in 2025. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/justice-fund-2025

Watch the **Church Vitality webinar**, discussing changes to MC USA abuse prevention and accountability policies here: mennoniteusa.org/webinar/prevention-accountability

After her uncle died, **Linda Lehman Thomas**, a spiritual director for the Mennonite Spiritual Directors Network, sought out a spiritual director to heal childhood trauma, but it affected her life even more deeply than she expected. Read more about her experience in her Menno Snapshots blog here: mennoniteusa.org/meeting-spiritual-director

Beryl Jantzi, Everence director of stewardship education, shares three tips on how people can **enhance their act of giving** deeper. Read his Menno Snapshots blog here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/spiritual-worship-includes-finance

Mennonite Mission Network

Just Peace Pilgrimages:

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](#).**

Civil Rights Pilgrimage — This special pilgrimage, **tailored specifically for young adults**, will be led by MC USA executive director Glen Guyton. Join for a unique multiracial pilgrimage through the southern United States with opportunities for shared learning and deep understanding of the racial divides that our society perpetuates. **Date: October 28 - November 2, 2025; register by September 15.**

Upcoming Events

Writers Night: Granola Mennonite and Midlife Calculus, 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.

Center for Healing and Hope's **Festival of Hope** will be **this Saturday** 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**.

[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**. 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, AMBS, MMN, 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 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 cost of the meal is **\$20 per person** to be paid at the door. Additional donations can be made by 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

Opportunities

Volunteer teachers are needed for teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) to adults once or twice a week, September 2-November 20, at Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart. Materials are provided. You do not need to be a trained teacher. If desired, you may start as an assistant-in-training working with a veteran teacher. You do not need to be able to speak Spanish. Substitutes are available for illness and vacations. An informational meeting, How to Teach ESL Adults, will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 6:30 at Prairie Street. Please contact Sueann VonGunten, vonalter2@gmail.com or 574-612-3108, with your interest or questions.