



July 6, 2025



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday

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

Welcome Team

Greeters: Elizabeth Stauffer,
Karen Sommers
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Wade
Ramer, Len Harms
Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler,
Colin Berkey, Jordan Kauffman

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. - Ecuador Prayers

Thursday

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

Zoom prayers

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

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Welcome Anne to Stephen Ministry at WMC

Lorna Claassen



We are delighted to announce that Anne Lehman has completed training to become a Stephen Leader. She joins Bill Minter, Kenneth Blount, Karl Birky and Mel and Lorna Claassen as Stephen Leaders.

Stephen “Leaders” fulfill several roles to oversee the program of Stephen Ministry. With Anne and Karl Birky’s recent additions, the team will be evaluating the tasks and dividing the responsibilities according to the

interests and gifts each person brings. Stephen “Leaders” will soon be involved in recruiting new Stephen “Ministers” for training expected to begin this fall.

Stephen “Ministers” meet weekly, one on one with people who are experiencing challenges or difficulties in their life. They are an extension of Waterford’s concept of caring about and ministering to people in the congregation and beyond.

We look forward to Anne’s input and are grateful for her willingness to participate and give leadership to this caring ministry.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 200

Nurture Hour - 144

Finances – June 29, 2025

Operating Fund	\$3,200.00
Mennonite Education	\$1,967.05
Either Fund	\$18,665.00
Budget Total	\$23,832.05
Joan Walsh Memorial	\$25.00
Two Way Mission	\$1,525.00
Welcome Spaces	\$1,348.31
Total	\$26,730.36

Looking Ahead

July 13: Sermon: Monica Miller;
Esther

(Esther 4:5-5:1)

July 20: MC USA Convention
Sharing
(Luke 4:14-21)

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team
Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser, Pastor
Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz, Pastor
Monday - Thursday

Out of Office

Katie Misz - July 6-15

Deron Bergstresser - July 7-12

Cindy Voth - July 7-13

Karen Hostetler - July 6-8

Office hours this week

Monday - Thursday

9 - 12, 1 - 3

Friday 9 - 12

Greeter signup: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fRLd0Ydw_QxRIQUvRhUscNV-

The *Waterford Buzz* is published weekly for members of Waterford Mennonite Church. Items for inclusion should be given to the editor by 5 p.m. Tuesday preceding publication.

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Stephen Minister Transition

Thank you, Rachel!

Lorna Claassen



Rachel Brenneman has completed her service as a Stephen Minister. Over the past eight and a half years, Rachel met with and cared for seven different persons. We are grateful for Rachel's sincere interest in people's lives, her good listening skills, and her way of allowing God's love to flow to others. In the words of one of the persons who Rachel cared for, "I have a deep appreciation for her time and understanding in walking through a dark time in my life. Her presence helped me find peace when I questioned how life could go on."

Stephen Ministry is one of the ways WMC cares for persons who are experiencing a difficult time in their life. Thank you Rachel for using your gifts to care for others as a Stephen Minister.

Thank You

Old Hymnals Find a New Home

Editor's note: After some discussion about donating our good copies of the former hymnal some years back, the issue was dropped and we stored them in boxes in the pastors' hallway since then. Former WMC pastor Neil Amstutz recently found a home for them! We are glad for someone to put them to use again.

On behalf of Greencroft Goshen chaplains, I want to say Thank You to Waterford Mennonite Church for the donation of nearly 50 copies of the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book* in the spring. They are in use in Evergreen Place's The Gathering Place, where worship and chapel services happen. This donation allows us to have enough copies for Sunday morning worship use. It also provides greater musical and theological variety for our gathered singing. It warms my heart to know whose hands previously held these! Thanks for this generosity and expression of stewardship, which benefits dozens of Assisted Living residents every week.

In Christ,
Chaplain Neil Amstutz



Thank you for the many kind expressions of sympathy, care, and prayers you have sent to Gary and me after my father died on May 10 and Gary's mother died on June 8. We really felt cared for by you. Thank you, also, for the bouquet of beautiful cut flowers and the potted miniature rose plant that was a gift from our congregation (delivered by Ursula Hess) in this time of us each losing a parent.

Carol and Gary Shetler.

Koinonia Class

The Koinonia class spent Saturday, June 28, picnicking and swimming at a lake near Warsaw.



Waterford Announcements

VBS registration deadline is this Sunday, July 6: for children going into **Kindergarten to 6th grade**, at Silverwood Mennonite Church, Tuesday, July 29 to Friday, August 1, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Register [here](#).

This Sunday, adult classes will 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.

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

Mennonite Women: Summer is here...a great time to learn to know your neighbors. Are there ladies in your neighborhood who would benefit from Christian fellowship? Or maybe a friend?? Or maybe you would like to connect with a friendly group of women who are serving others through Mennonite Women projects?? We would enjoy giving new attendees a warm welcome. We will next meet on **Thursday, July 10**, anytime after 8:30 a.m. Some stay for a few hours while others stay to mid-afternoon. There will be an offering taken for the "least coin" fund. If you can stay for lunch, bring food to share.

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.



Left: The adults take advantage of the shade.

Top: The kids take advantage of the water and an inflatable unicorn.

Bottom: Jesse Maust hones his juggling skills.



MCUSA

MC USA lives into its **Accessibility Resolution** by removing barriers and providing resources to make the Follow Jesus '25 convention accessible to all. Learn more here:

mennoniteusa.org/news/accessibility-fj25

As part of MC USA's Learn, Pray, Join: Undoing Patriarchy blog series, **Sheri Hostetler** shares how a dream about her deceased mother reminded her about **our need to care for Earth**, just as her mother took care of the household. Read her thoughts here:

mennoniteusa.org/planetary-homemakers

In her blog for MC USA's Learn, Pray, Join: Undoing Patriarchy series, **Hannah Geiser** shares that as a child, she felt the need to hide the feminine side of herself, so she could excel at soccer, but as she grew, she realized that she was hiding part of herself. Read more about her experience here:

mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/finding-my-femininity

Upcoming Events

July Library Social for older adults at the Goshen Public Library is Wednesday, July 9, 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. We welcome local artist, Linda Pieri, to instruct us on **mosaic stone painting**! Everyone receives two stones and all supplies - choose from several colorful bird and flower designs! Space is limited, registration is required.

Homerun for Homeless—First Light Mission Benefit. Come out and enjoy a family friendly day. We will have food trucks, dunk tank and a first responder (Goshen and Elkhart police and fire departments) baseball tournament. Entry is free and if you want to give to help the mission you can give in a bucket of your favorite teams. See more on the poster on the bulletin board

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.

Opportunities

Seeking an Administrative Assistant for the Church Leadership Center (CLC): Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for this three-quarter-time position. The person in this role will handle logistical details for CLC educational programs and events—creating and managing processes for event setup, registration, communication, payments, financial recordkeeping and database management, among other responsibilities.

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>

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.