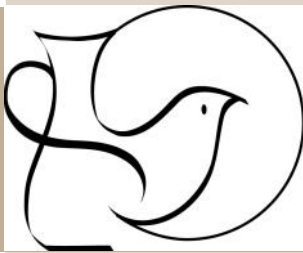


This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture hour—
classes for all ages
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. -
Directory photos



August 10, 2025

The Waterford Buzz

Welcome Team

Greeters: Leroy & Joyce
Bontrager
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken Otto,
Denise Diener
Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler,
Steve Fath

This Week at Waterford

Thursday

8:30 a.m. - Mennonite Women
MYF Rm
7:00 p.m. - Ecuador Advisory
Group / Rm 13

Friday

2:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Directory
Photos

Saturday

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Directory photos

Zoom prayers

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

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Autumn Men's Retreat

Deron Bergstresser

October 25, 2025, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Autumn Men's Retreat: *Let our branches rest, and our roots find water*

Men of all ages, this invitation is for you! Let's give each other the gift of a Saturday morning (coffee, donuts, and lunch included). Some things we will experience together:

- *God's presence and beauty in the Autumn wetlands
- *praying with a drum circle and in silence
- *supportive listening and sharing together in small groups and as a whole group
- *exploring the wisdom and practical knowledge we can learn from the season of Autumn

We hope you will join us! Please feel free to contact Deron Bergstresser or Sheldon Swartz if you have questions or would like more information. This event is sponsored by the Spiritual Formation and Nurture Ministry Team.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 205

Nurture Hour - 198

Finances – August 3, 2025

Operating Fund \$8,548.00

Mennonite Education \$1,675.00

Either Fund \$4,365.00

Budget Total \$14,588.00

Four Way Mission 75.00

Total \$14,663.00

Looking Ahead

August 17: Sermon: John

Fumana; The Lord's Prayer

August 24: Sermon: Luke

Gascho; Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team

Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser

Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz

Monday - Thursday

Out of Office

Cindy Voth - August 13

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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The Band-Aids

The Band-Aids provided the music for Vacation Bible School. From left to right: Cori Chupp, Neer Goswami, vocals; Layna Stoltzfus, ukele, vocals; Lacy Stoltzfus, guitar; Katie Misz, piano, vocals; Aaron Hochstetler (stolen from Assembly MC); drums; Ethan Claassen,



Thank You

Amigo is deeply grateful for the generous support of Waterford in all aspects of camp, and we are especially thankful for your commitment to accessibility; this wheelchair allows people with limited mobility to accompany others on hikes and experience the peace of God's Creation in a more intimate way. Thank you for partnering with us to connect people to God, nature, and each other.

Jessica Weseman, Executive Director

A special thanks to the children and youth for this offering project!

See a poster on the bulletin board for a pictorial thank you.



Waterford Announcements

Sunday morning directory photos will be taken in Room 10--enter through the double doors to the North Fellowship Hall and turn to the immediate left (beside the Pathfinders class.) If you missed this week, you can still sign up for the 15th or 16th, online at <https://booking.appointy.com/StevenFath> or on paper at the participation station.

Don't forget to bring your completed MCC School Kits or leftover supplies this Sunday!

Mennonite Women will meet this coming Thursday, August 14. We meet anytime after 8:30 a.m. Some stay for a few hours while others stay to mid-afternoon. In addition to the quilting, knotting and knitting, some will be putting together the extra school supplies that were given into kits. Extra hands would be helpful. We would enjoy giving new attendees a warm welcome. There will be an offering taken for the "least coin" fund. If you can stay for lunch, bring food to share.

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. Sign up at the participation station.

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).

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.

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

The big dove is here! MC USA has launched an online storefront featuring hats, sweatshirts, mugs and more. Check out the selection of merch that displays Follow Jesus, the MC USA dove and a retro line of gear from past conventions. Every sale helps support MC USA ministries! bonfire.com/store/mc-usa-gear/

Catch up on all the happenings at Follow Jesus '25, MC USA's national convention, July 8-12! Read Grits & Bits, the daily convention newsletter here: mennoniteusa.org/gritsandbits

Upcoming Events

There is so much we are holding in these times. Do you feel like you are collapsing in grief and can't imagine taking action? Are you too numb to take action? Or are you taking action, feeling grief welling up inside but don't feel like there is time or space to grieve? Action and grief are not separate. We can hold both and they can support each other. If you are wondering how, come join us for this **community grief-tending space for folks who have been organizing for Palestinian freedom on Wednesday, August 13, 7-9 pm at Prairie Street Mennonite Church, Elkhart**. Registration is required as space is limited. [Please fill out this short RSVP form to reserve your spot](#). You may also email nicoleocbauman@gmail.com for registration information. Co-sponsored by Mennonite Action Michiana and Michiana Voices for Middle East Peace and facilitated by Nicole Cober Bauman, a trained community grief ritual facilitator. MCC covers all costs of travel, lodging and meals beyond the \$250 registration fee.

AMBS

Book release celebration:

Tuesday, Aug. 19, 6:30–8 p.m., at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Library Gallery (tower entrance), 3003 Benham Avenue, Elkhart, Indiana. Join us at this free event to celebrate the release of the new book, ***What Happened at Benham West: African American Stories of Community, Displacement and Hope*** (Wolfson Press, 2025). This collection of elders' stories about Elkhart's predominantly African American Benham West neighborhood and the city's eventual clearing of the neighborhood will be available for sale. The event includes a storytelling activity and ice cream social. ambs.edu/benham-west-project

Pathways Retreat is offering a variety of programs and workshops, including a weekly Dream Weavers Reflection Group, Transitions Journey Retreat, Enneagram Introductory Workshop, Attuning to the Season, Contemplative Practices in Four Traditions, and Weekly Yoga. Transitions Inner Soul, Clergy Inner Soul, and Group Spiritual Direction groups are forming to meet monthly September - May. Learn more at pathwaysretreat.org.

We're excited to announce the launch of [A Dangerous Faith](#), an online and printed **zine for youth and young adults** with content written by them and for them. This seasonal zine will launch in **Fall 2025 with the theme "Responding in Faith,"** drawing inspiration from Matthew 4:18-22 (Jesus calls the first disciples). **We want contributions from you!** We are looking for young people of faith who are passionate about justice and advocacy. We are interested in reflections, poems, songs, and visual art pieces. For more details, click on the link above.

The **Goshen College Community School of the Arts children and youth choirs** are accepting new members. Students in grades 3 through 12 who love to sing are encouraged to check out our program and come to audition! **Rejoice** (3rd through 5th), **Shout for Joy** (6th through 8th), and **Sommo Voci** (9th through 12th) rehearse **once** per week on Monday, Thursday, or Sunday (depending on the choir) and will begin rehearsing the week of August 24. **Auditions** will take place on **Wednesday, August 20 and Thursday, August 21 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** (walk in any time) at the Goshen College Music Center. No preparation is needed, and auditions are short and simple! Please contact CSA Choral Program Director **Marcia Yost** with additional questions at myost@goshen.edu.

Do you enjoy walking/running? Consider registering for the **2025 Run for Relief** which will take place on Saturday, September 27 at 8:00 am. It's a great way to start your day at the Relief Sale. To register, go to the relief sale website at [Run for Relief — Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale](#) and download the registration form or sign up on-line at <https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Goshen/MCCRunforRelief> Hope to see you there! Email or text/call Roger Nafziger at rogeran@goshen.edu or (574) 536-6248 if you have any questions.

Opportunities

MCC Peace Camp, September 21-27, 2025, Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, Divide, Colorado. For young adults ages 18-30. This camp will work on building a deeper understanding of trauma healing, restorative justice, identity and power, among other topics that impact our communities. We will explore these ideas from a Jesus-centered lens and consider how they can be applied in our world to build God's Kingdom here on Earth. All learning will be collective and participatory, building off the experiences and insight that each participant brings to the camp. Register [here](#) by August 31

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.**