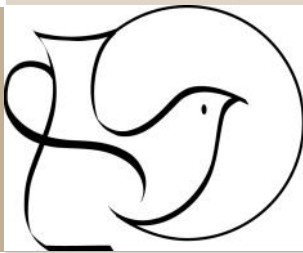


This Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture hour—
With John Fumana, sanctuary;
Adult & children's classes
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. -
Directory photos
11:45 a.m.—Children's cluster
Lunch/Teacher orientation /
FH



August 17, 2025

The Waterford Buzz

Welcome Team

Greeters: Doug & Janette Yoder
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Wade
Ramer, LaVon Short
Audiovisuals: Colin Berkey,
Dom Ramer

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. - Haystacks and
Games / FH

Thursday

7:00 p.m. - BBI Planning Grp

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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Welcome Lamar and Betty (Bechtel) Yoder!

Lamar was born in Goshen and lived his early years near Osceola where his family was part of small Mennonite church plant. As a teenager, his family moved to rural New Paris and was a part of the Salem Mennonite Church.

Betty was born in Arkansas while her parents were in Voluntary Service. As a young child, her family was part of the Yellow Creek Wisler Mennonite church west of Goshen. As an adolescent, her family joined the same Osceola Mennonite Church that Lamar's family had left just a few years earlier. Her father's work took their family to Berks County, PA during her high school years. After graduating from Lancaster Mennonite High School, her family moved back to IN and attended the Salem Mennonite Church where she learned to know Lamar.

Lamar and Betty were married in 1977. In their BC years (before children) Lamar worked as an Ag Equip mechanic and Betty as a nurse's aide. When their first daughter was nine months old (and they were fast approaching 30), they moved to West Lafayette for Lamar to attend Purdue University...and for Betty to support the family by working as a 2nd shift nurse's aide! With a freshly minted engineering degree, Lamar found employment as a product design



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Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 255

Nurture Hour - 198

Finances – August 10, 2025

Operating Fund \$5,145.00

Mennonite Education \$1,937.80

Either Fund \$3,988.00

Budget Total \$11,070.80

Jubilee Fund \$4.49

Four Way Mission \$1,000.00

Total \$12,075.29

Looking Ahead

August 24: Sermon: Luke

Gascho; Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:10)

August 31: Sermon: Cindy

Voth; The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:11)

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team

Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser

Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz

Monday - Thursday

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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engineer with Navistar International in Fort Wayne. A second daughter was born a year after moving to Fort Wayne, which became their home for nearly 40 years. Betty was a homemaker before the girls were in school and after they were school age, she worked as a teacher's aide for students with disabilities in their neighborhood elementary school. Lamar and Betty attended First Mennonite Church—Fort Wayne, later Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren and most recently were not church attenders.

Lamar and Betty have two married daughters. Rebecca (Andy) Relue lives in Fort Wayne and has an 11 year old daughter, Elizabeth, and Rachel (Isaac) Wyse who will be moving to Austin, Texas, and has a 1-year-old daughter, Hazel.

Lamar and Betty moved to Greencroft on Easter weekend in 2024. Betty enjoys card making, labyrinths and being “Nana” to the grandchildren. Lamar enjoys golf, genealogy and car/garage stuff.

School Kits



Joyce Bontrager, Charlotte Weaver and Elvina Schmidt packed the extra donated supplies into school kits on Thursday. All of the kits were delivered to the Depot on Friday. Stay tuned next week to find out how many kits WMC donated this year.

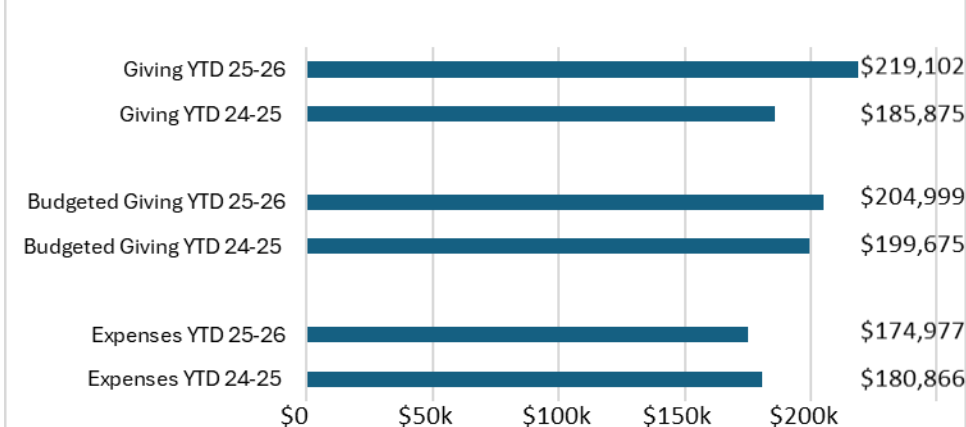
MCUSA

The MC USA Executive Board thanked **four outgoing members** for their service to the denomination at an abbreviated Executive Board meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina, on July 10, 2025. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/thanks-members-service

On behalf of **Mennonite Church Canada, Executive Minister Doug Klassen** extended a warm welcome to the MC USA Delegate Assembly gathered in Greensboro, North Carolina, on July 11, 2025. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/greeting-at-convention

Sally Weaver Glick, a spiritual director, writer, photographer and a graduate of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, and some of her spiritual directees find it difficult to pray during these troubled times, but **she finds hope in the idea of the river of prayer**. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/river-of-prayer/

WMC Giving Report May 2025 to July 2025



Waterford Announcements

This Sunday:

- **Directory photo locations this weekend: Friday**—north Fellowship Hall; **Saturday**—north Fellowship Hall (20 min.) and room 30 in the nurture wing (10 min.) **Sunday morning**—Room 10 in the south Fellowship Hall. **Enter through the double doors to the North Fellowship Hall** and turn to the immediate left. There will also be a walk-in option in Room 30 in the nurture wing if you didn't sign up.
- The **fall Gifts Discernment ballot** will be in your box this week. We will be collecting them in the basket on the table outside the church office in the next two weeks. Look for extra ballots on the table under the mailboxes or on the table by the kiosk in the front foyer. **All ballots are due by Sunday, August 24.**
- **If you forgot to bring your materials for MCC School Kits** last week, you can still bring them this Sunday and someone will take them to the Depot.

If you are **interested in learning the Lord's Prayer in American Sign Language** during our Dwelling in the Word series, here is a good tutorial created by a local Presbyterian pastor: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQo_p7Zu2nc&t=628s.

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 **today**.

Fall Elective. This elective will use Anthony de Mello's book, **The Way to Love**. De Mello seeks to break through illusions which he believes are the greatest obstacle to love and insists that seeing others as they really are is what frees us to love. There is a copy of the book attached to the signup sheet at the participation station. If you are interested in joining this elective, sign up by August 24. We will need a minimum of 6 people. For more information, see the July 13 Buzz.

It's time to begin saving your coins for MyCoins Count. The relief sale is September 26-27 and we are collecting coins on Sunday mornings. Look for the plastic jug outside the main doors going into the sanctuary. This year, the coins will be used to support MCC food projects.

AMBS

Online Short Course: Challenging Christian

Nationalism: Oct. 22 – Dec. 9.

Join Drew Strait, PhD, in this six-week online Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary short course to deepen your understanding of White Christian nationalism and how faith communities can mobilize to disrupt it. Drawing on biblical studies, theology and peace studies, we'll explore how nonviolent resistance in the way of Jesus can counter extremist narratives that are radicalizing Christians. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 1 to save \$50! ambs.edu/nationalism

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.

Upcoming Events

HOW CAN IT BE?! People are starving in Gaza, and yet the war goes on! Join a group at College Mennonite Church to pray in various ways on Tuesday, August 19, from noon until 1 p.m. in rooms 141 and 142. We will lament, crying out to God, and asking our questions. We will join millions of others in praying for peace with song, scripture, silence, and spoken prayers. Join us for the hour or part of the hour.

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.

Fall events at Amigo

- **Amigo Park Carry-in and Auction, August 30.** Celebrate the community and rich history of tent and RV camping at Amigo Park! Bring a dish to share and place your bid on baked goods, quilts, home decor, and other auction items! Proceeds from the auction support on-going maintenance needs at Amigo Park.
- **Amigo Bike Michiana, September 12-14.** Join bikers of all ages and abilities for a weekend of biking through the beautiful lake and farmland of southern Michigan and northern Indiana. Choose shorter routes and enjoy afternoons of family-oriented activities at main camp, or choose longer routes while children are cared for by Amigo staff. Find more information at AmigoCentre.org/bike. Register by August 29.
- **Amigo Scrapbooking, Quilting, and Crafting Retreat, September 26 -28.** Treat yourself to a weekend of intentional time spent on creative projects, and let Amigo take care of the finer details! Extend the weekend; arrive early and stay late. Register by September 12 at bit.ly/AmigoRegistration.

Plant Coordinator for Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale: If you are someone who loves working with plants, volunteers, and customers, this position is just for you! Consider becoming the volunteer coordinator for the Plant section of the Relief Sale, Sept. 26-27. It will be fun and provide an opportunity to work with plants for a good cause! Any interest or questions contact Chris at chris.holsopple.kauffman@gmail.com

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