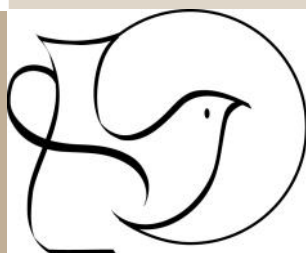




September 14, 2025



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday:

9:00 a.m. - Worship

10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour

Welcome Team

Greeters: Elizabeth Stauffer,
Karen Sommers

Ushers: Dennis Myers, Wade
Ramer, Denise Diener

Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler,
Jordan Kauffman

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. - Haystacks &
Games / Fellowship Hall

Saturday

10:00 a.m. - Bike Ride to
Mooney's / Abshire Park

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Baking for the Relief Sale

Sometimes we need to be reminded of what our baking can do for others. An hour or two can make a big difference in the lives of people around the world!

One batch (3 doz) of **Cookies** can provide winter clothing for a child in Syria,

OR school meals in Burundi,

OR 10 chickens for two families in India,

OR 10 fruit trees for a family in Bangladesh.

One **Pie** will provide an eco-friendly stove in Malawi.

Two **Pies** can start a garden in India.

Three **Pies** can provide emergency food for a family in Sudan.

One pan **Cinnamon Rolls** provides a school uniform for a student in Egypt.

Two pans **Cinnamon Rolls** provides books for a peace library.

Three pans **Cinnamon Rolls** can stock a family pond in Cambodia.

These are only a few possibilities. Just think what you could do on a family night, or a small group project, or a Sunday school class party—or come up with your own ideas.

Baked goods are hot sellers at the relief sale. There are pans, bags, boxes, twist ties and ingredient labels for the different baked goods at the relief sale table by the library. Please be sure to pick up an information sheet on food safety regulations and how to package your items. And remember, gluten free and/or dairy free baked goods can make those with food restrictions very happy!

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 219

Nurture Hour - 212

Finances – September 7, 2025

Operating Fund	\$8,791.00
Mennonite Education	\$865.00
Either Fund	\$2,015.00
Budget Total	\$11,671.00
Gaza Relief	\$1,000.00
Four Way Mission	\$1,500.00
Total	\$14,171.00

Looking Ahead

September 21: Koinonia

Revelation Drama; The Lord's Prayer

September 28: Recitation of the book of James: Deron Bergstresser

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team

Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser

Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz

Monday - Thursday

Out of Office

Pastors - September 16-17

Janet Shoemaker - Sept. 16-17

Office hours this week

Tuesday, Wednesday - CLOSED

Monday, Thursday

9 - 12, 1 - 3

Friday 9 - 12

Greeter signup: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/>

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Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale

The Relief Sale is only two weeks away (September 26-27) and there are lots of opportunities to support Mennonite Central Committee by participating in events, splurging on food and giving of your time. Here are some specific ways you can contribute:

- **WMC is responsible for two booths at the relief sale.** Volunteers are needed for Friday evening and Saturday to serve soft ice cream and sell both popped and unpopped bags of popcorn. Elementary and junior youth (perhaps with your mentor or other adult) are encouraged to sign up to sell popcorn and drinks in the quilt building. Sign up at the Relief Sale table by the library. Contact Kevin or Lorene Miller if you have questions about the popcorn vending (kevin.lorene@gmail.com).
- Last year, Michiana congregations and businesses raised \$43,637.25 through MyCC to support various projects. **This year the My Coins Count funds will be designated to Food projects of MCC.** Due to the wars and conflicts in many places on earth, the [global crisis](#) is getting worse. MCC helps make emergency resources available to families who are fleeing war and conflict, helps farmers deal with changing weather patterns and learn new ways to increase the yields of their crops, offers new ways for gardeners to grow fresh vegetables and shares animals that help families build up their flocks and herds to provide food and extra money for school and other needs. Bring your coins this and next Sunday morning to drop into the MyCoinsCount jug outside the main doors going into the sanctuary.
- Bid on an item at the **Quilt Auction** at the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale. Come and view the comforters and quilts of all sizes, quilted wall-hangings, plus knitted and crocheted afghans on Friday evening, Sept. 26. Then bid either in person or online on Saturday morning beginning at 8:00. See the website for information about how to bid on an item www.mennonitesale.org/quilt-auction. For more information contact Gail Shetler, 574-333-7142.
- Start your Relief Sale Saturday with a little exercise before enjoying the delicious food available! The **5K run/walk and 2K fun walk** will begin at 8:00 a.m. on the track by the grandstand. You can register online or download the form at www.mennonitesale.org/run-for-relief. You can also register Friday evening, Sept. 26 near the quilt auction or Saturday morning at Dairy Barn II near the grandstands. Please join us!
- The **Online Silent Auction** will be ready to view and place your first bids online by midnight Friday, Sept 19, a week before the sale begins. You will see new items, dining and lodging experiences, antiques, gift cards from local businesses, and more. Find the link on the website (www.mennonitesale.org) and bid generously as you are able.
- Check out the **first ever pickleball tournament** at the Relief Sale! Find details on the website at www.mennonitesale.org/pickleball-tournament.

Waterford Announcements

Rejoice! subscriptions are due this Sunday. Fill out the pink form in your mailbox (more on the table below) and return it to the church office mailbox with your check for \$40, payable to WMC.

Pumpkinvine Bike Ride. Saturday, September 20, meet at 10:00 a.m. at Abshire Park and bike the Pumpkinvine trail to Mooney's Ice Cream. If you are not up to biking, plan to meet the group at Mooney's for lunch or an ice cream treat around 11:00. Mooney's opens at 11:00, so if you are a fast biker, you may have time to go on past Mooney's to ride a bit further and come back to Mooney's by 11:00. Sign up at the participation station and indicate whether you will bike or meet at Mooney's. **NOTE:** Mooney's will only accept cash as payment, so plan accordingly.

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. You can also watch and learn from the weekly videos by Naomi Ross Richer. Here is this [week's video](#). Each week we will add the video that corresponds with the sermon topic.

Upcoming Events

All are invited as we resume gathering for prayers inspired by the Taizé Community. On Sunday, September 14, those looking for a harbor where waters are tranquil in these tumultuous times will gather from 7:30–8 p.m. at Walnut Hill Mennonite Church, 909 N. Sixth St., Goshen. We will pray with song, Scripture, candlelight, and stillness. "Within our darkest night, you kindle the fire that never dies away."

How can we be silent?! As people die of starvation in Gaza and the destruction continues, some of us want to do more than pray alone and give money for aid. Join a group of peacebuilders to **pray together in silence**, with spoken words, with scripture, and in song. We will pray not only for Gaza, but also for Ukraine and other places of violence, and for immigrants everywhere. The group will meet in the College Mennonite Church sanctuary on **Tuesday, September 16**, from noon until 1 p.m. All are welcome to come for the hour or for part of the hour.

Beechy Peace, Justice and Reconciliation Lecture: Valarie Kaur with Qais Essar. Goshen College will host civil rights leader, lawyer, and filmmaker **Valarie Kaur** for the annual Beechy Peace, Justice and Reconciliation Lecture on **Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church-Chapel.** Founder of the Revolutionary Love Project, Kaur has led national campaigns on hate crimes, solitary confinement, and immigration detention, and was honored at the White House's first Uniters Ceremony. The evening will also feature Afghan-American composer **Qais Essar**, known for his performances on the rabab, Afghanistan's national instrument. The event is free and open to the public, and will be livestreamed.

Michiana MEDA Event, Sept 19, 5:15 p.m. in the Spohn Ballroom in Goshen. Please join us for our annual banquet, *Mission in the Marketplace*, an inspiring evening that affirms our shared belief in business as a calling and explores how MEDA is creating business solutions to poverty around the world. Enjoy networking, a buffet dinner, and engaging stories from Guatemala from our featured speakers Maria Pacheco and Ben Sywulka. Tickets: \$35; Table of 8: \$250. All are welcome! Buy tickets at <https://engage.meda.org/page/175683/event/1>

MCC

Nekeisha Alayna Alexis, speaker/consultant for Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, shares her hope and provides an opportunity for others to share that **hope amid a world that seems to be full of despair.** Read more in her Menno Snapshot's blog here: mennoniteusa.org/opportunity-from-panic

SAVE THE DATE!

Our next congregational meeting will be on Sunday, October 12, at 5:00 p.m. Bring finger foods to share as we meet at round tables for discussion in the Fellowship Hall.

AMBS

New Anabaptist Witness issue on “Latino Anabaptism and Global Mission” available for free online.

The articles in this issue depict the new reality of Latin American Anabaptism, in which “mission and migration” are practiced not only by northern Anabaptists but also by Latino/a Anabaptists, in collaboration with one another and with other global partners. Latino/a Anabaptists are creating the future of Anabaptism in the Americas and beyond.

anabaptistwitness.org

Online Short Course: Challenging Christian

Nationalism: Oct. 22 – Dec. 9.

Join Drew Strait, PhD, in this six-week online short course of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary 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

The Courage to Love: Anabaptism@500. [Hear César García, General Secretary of Mennonite World Conference](#) at Greencroft on Friday, September 19 at 10:30 a.m. When we meet together as Anabaptists from around the world, and with leaders of other Christian traditions, it is a time of learning from each other and building a common mind for being the church together in the world. César García will give a public presentation about the 500th commemoration of Anabaptism in Zurich in May, as well as the 100th celebration of Mennonite World Conference. The public is invited.

Evergreen Singers will hold their **fall concert** on September 21 at 2:30 p.m. in the Goshen Greencroft Community Center. Ten of the 40+ singers are from our Waterford Family. All are welcome!

Join Goshen Public Library for a free **documentary screening of “Alice’s Ordinary People”** and discussion with the film’s director, Craig Dudnick, on **Monday, September 22 at 6 p.m.** This film is a powerful profile of Alice Tegy, an ordinary woman who became a fearless force for civil rights in Chicago. Encompassing five decades, from the marches of Martin Luther King, Jr. to the election of Barack Obama, the film highlights her extraordinary impact on political change and the ongoing fight for justice. Held in the Goshen Public Library Auditorium.

Looking forward to seeing what craft items people have been making for the Relief Sale this year. **Marketplace will be ready to accept your donations** in the Community Building on Thursday, September 25 from noon to 5 p.m. If other arrangements are needed, please email crafting.mmrs@gmail.com.

Are you energized by the laughter and smiles of children enjoying good fun with their friends and family? **You can help bring on the joy at the kids’ carnival activities at the Relief Sale!** Anyone 12 years or older can sign up to run a game booth. Kids under the age of 12 are welcome to run a game with the help of an adult. Your gift of time will make amazing memories while also helping kids learn about the work MCC does around the world. Contact Sonya Overman at preschoolsonya@gmail.com or text 574-849-2969 with your name and preference for Friday, Sept 26 (5:30-8:00 p.m.) or Saturday, Sept. 27 (9:00-11:30 a.m.)

Ten Thousand Villages needs volunteers to help during the Relief Sale to ring up purchases on Friday, Sept. 26, and Saturday, Sept. 27. Email the store at Goshen@Tenthousandvillages.com or call us at (574) 533-8491 to volunteer.

Opportunities

Seeking an Executive Assistant to the President and Vice President/ Academic Dean: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for this full-time position. The person in this key executive-level position plays a central role in the leadership infrastructure of the seminary, supporting and extending the work of the President and Academic Dean through high-level administrative coordination, strategic alignment and institutional representation. This is a highly relational and detail-oriented role, ideal for someone who can manage complexity with grace, think strategically, act diplomatically, maintain confidentiality and communicate effectively. See the [full job description](#).