



October 12, 2025

The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday:

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour;
classes for all ages
5:00 p.m. - Congregational
meeting / Fellowship Hall

Welcome Team

Greeters: Jim & Lila Gascho
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Wade
Ramer, Denise Diener
Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler,
Steve Fath

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. - Ecuador Prayers /
Rm 13

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. - Fall themed
Haystacks & Games/FH

7:45 p.m. - BBI Youth
Informational Meeting

Zoom prayers

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

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"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"

Melissa Chupp, Lay Ministry Partner Fellowship Ministry Team

The Fellowship Ministry Team (FMT) invites everyone to another evening of food and fellowship with others from Waterford! Instead of meeting at the church, we will be gathering in various homes of WMCers for dinner. The twist is that who you will be dining with will remain a mystery until everyone shows up that night!

This fun evening will be happening on **Sunday, November 9, at 5:30 p.m.** This week you will find a form in your mailbox (extras at the Participation Station) where you can sign up to HOST the dinner or to be a GUEST in someone else's home for the meal. Hosts will choose how many guests to host in their homes and provide the main dish and drinks. Guests, on the other hand, will travel to someone else's house and will provide either a salad or dessert.

Completed forms can be returned to the collection box at the Participation Station no later than Sunday, October 26. Hosts and guests will be paired by FMT and all will be notified by November 2. Hosts will only be given the number of guests that they will have in their home that evening, as well as any dietary restrictions (if any). Guests will be provided only with the address of their host, the number of guests, dietary restrictions (if any), and whether they should bring a salad or a dessert.

Come and join others for a delight-filled evening of "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 238

Nurture Hour - 214

Finances – October 5, 2025

Operating Fund	\$7,395.00
Mennonite Education	\$1,250.00
Either Fund	\$3,885.00
Budget Total	\$12,530.00
Sharing Fund	\$1,332.00
Jubilee Fund	\$100.00
Four Way Mission	\$75.00
Total	\$14,037.00

Looking Ahead

October 19: Sermon: Monica
Miller: Less Power, More
Respect
(James 2:1-17)

October 26: Sermon: Cindy Voth:
Envy and Ambition
(James 3:13-4:3, 7-8)

Pastoral Team

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

Out of Office

Cindy Voth - October 13-14
Katie Misz - October 13
Elvina Schmidt - October 12-13

Office hours this week

Monday - Thursday
9 - 12, 1 - 3
Friday 9 - 12

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

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Donated Books in the Church Library

Compiled by Barb Westerbeek

Die Wise: A Manifesto for Sanity and Soul, by Stephen Jenkinson
Dying well is a right and responsibility of everyone, the author writes. Wisdom and stories from his two decades of working with dying people and their families, Jenkinson places death at the center of the page, and asks us to behold it in all its painful beauty. *Die Wise* is for those who will fail to live forever.

The Inner Work of Age: Shifting from Role to Soul, by Connie Zweig
A guide to working through the obstacles of late life and embracing the spiritual gifts of aging.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated items, baked goodies, and packed care packages for college students.



The packages were delightfully stuffed full with goodness.



As First-year Eleanor Habecker responded, "I just got the care package!! Tell everyone thank you for me! Also, I thought it was funny that Mark had REVVY sign the card!"

A special thank you to Karen Hostetler and Bonita Shrock for coordinating the efforts.

It is such a gift to be in fellowship with young adults near and far.

—Pastor Katie

Thank you, Waterford Mennonite Church, for the beautiful mum, the many cards and kind expressions of care following my mother's death. I am so grateful to be part of a church community that cares for each other.

Janet Shoemaker

Nurture Hour Option

New Sunday School elective schedule change

The new storytelling Sunday School elective for adults with differing abilities is off and running! Class shepherd, Helen Bowman, describes the first Sunday: "It was so fun to experience the story of 'The Good Shepherd' together. And the response time of jigsaw puzzles and water coloring was so gentle and rich. We came back together, said Psalm 23, sang the Lord's Prayer, and gave each other the blessing of 'Go Now in Peace.'" The group discovered the original plan for scheduling had conflicts. The new schedule is: October 12, 26, November 2, 9, and December: TBD. All are welcome!

Waterford Announcements

Due to the funeral arrangements for Karla Minter's father, the WMC **Women's Retreat** that was to be held on Saturday, October 11, **has been postponed until November 15**. Karla will guide us in looking at our place in God's world. From 9:00 a.m. to noon, followed by lunch together. **Sign up at the participation station** if you would like to attend. For more information contact Ursula Hess or Judy Snyder.

Congregational meeting is this 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. If you are unable to attend, you may place your signed absentee ballot in the basket by the office before then. There are extra ballots by the basket. **Please remember to bring the materials that were in your box with you to the meeting.** The meeting will not be zoomed.

Haystack meal and fall-themed game night. Join us Wednesday, October 15, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Sign up at the participation station if you plan to attend and note if you would like to paint a pumpkin so we can order the right amount. Bring a haystack topping (meat and rice provided) and fall dessert to share!

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 are invited to join this retreat of listening, sharing and learning from the season of Autumn. **Sign up** at the participation station **by October 19**. See more detail in the August 10 Buzz.

Bethany Fall Fish Fry on November 7 at Bethany Christian Schools. Dine-in will be from 4:30 to 8 p.m., and carryout (Adult Tickets Only) from 4 to 8 p.m. There's an online website where you can also purchase tickets or make a donation. Be sure to select Anna Schrock, Ethan Claassen, or Neer Goswami as the recipient. We'll be at church this week to sell in person, at a table by the library. Be sure to come and find us!

MCUSA

MC USA has awarded the **2025 Bring the Peace award** to Legacy Peacemaker Joe Roos and Young Peacemaker Ciela Acosta. The award, sponsored by MC USA's Church Peace Tax Fund, highlights the peace and justice work of people within MC USA. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/btp/>

MMN

Ready for a life-changing gap year? Dive into **Service Adventure**, a 10-month volunteer journey for people ages 17-20. We are **now accepting applications for the term starting August 2026**. Live in community with peers and unit leaders, serve with local nonprofits and deepen in your faith alongside a supportive church congregation. Embrace adventure, grow in purpose and make a difference. Apply at MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure.

AMBS

Take a seminary course this spring! Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's distance-friendly options include Biblical Foundations for Peace and Justice; Faith Formation and Spirituality: Adults and Seniors; Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations; Numbers: Encountering Wilderness; Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence; Spiritual Practices: Play and Rest; and more. In-person courses are also available. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first six credit hours. Courses run Jan. 13 – May 1; sign up by Jan. 5. ambs.edu/upcoming-courses

MCC

Chichil Bildagoteel (Oak Flat), a sacred site for the Apache people in Arizona, is in grave danger of being transferred from the U.S. Forest Service to Resolution Copper, a private mining company. Copper mining in Oak Flat will destroy the sacred land, deplete and pollute water, and contribute to air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. **Please join the Western Apache and multi-denominational faith leaders on October 13, at 4:00 p.m. EDT, for a prayer vigil that will be livestreamed directly from Oak Flat.** [Register for the vigil here.](#)

Endowment Fund Reminder: Applications are now being accepted for the Fall 2025 Endowment Fund distribution. These funds are granted for projects and missions that further the aims of the church, but which are separate from the annual budget. Guidelines and applications can be found on the church website: www.waterfordchurch.org. Completed applications may be emailed to Doug Yoder, chair, at yoder.ld@gmail.com, or placed in his mailbox **by October 26, 2025.**

Upcoming Events

Please join us for **Taize-inspired worship** on Sunday, October 12 and Sunday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Walnut Hill Mennonite Church. These community-wide services of contemplative song, Scripture, and prayer are generally on the second Sunday of the month at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to be on the email list for the Taize worship, please contact Carmen Horst at cshorst@gmail.com

Join us for Picket and Pray: Weekly Spiritual Practice and Action for Palestine. Wednesdays on Zoom 12-12:30 p.m. ET. Mennonite Action is joining our friends at Christians for a Free Palestine and Kirkridge Retreat and Study Center for a **weekly 30 minute Zoom call for shared spiritual practice.** We will be rooted in the Christian tradition and action to end the genocide and for a Free Palestine. Our time together will include a short program of check-in, prayer, and a collective digital action. **We invite you to join us and invite your friends and loved ones.**

You are invited to join Mennonite Action Michiana for a night of fellowship and learning on **October 21 at 7 p.m.** Dr. Anna Johnson will give a report about her experience leading **Mennonite Action's Palestine Solidarity Delegation in June.** Listen to Anna share about both the suffering and resilience of the Palestinian people the group encountered in the West Bank. Come for dessert (Texas sheet cake!) and coffee in the fellowship hall of **Kern Road Mennonite Church** (18211 Kern Rd, South Bend, IN). For questions, contact mennoniteactionmichiana@gmail.com. *We hope you will join us!*

Opportunities

The board of Dove's Nest [MCC] Thrift Shop of Fort Wayne, Indiana, is looking for a **full-time manager to assume managerial responsibilities for Dove's Nest** on March 1, 2026. The candidate must actively support MCC's mission, have retail management or thrift shop experience, the ability to lead and manage paid staff and volunteers, have an understanding of accounting software and be proficient in using Microsoft Office Suite. Duties will include the day to day running of the store, making bank deposits, overseeing customer service, overseeing the effective receiving, processing and merchandising of Dove's Nest donation flow. The manager is directly responsible to the Dove's Nest board and is responsible for hiring employees. Request a more detailed job description and an application form by emailing doves.nest.search.committee@dovesnestthrift.onmicrosoft.com. Or find a [downloadable job description and application](#) here.