

The Book of James

Envy and Ambition

Waterford Mennonite Church

October 26, 2025

Prelude	John Zehr	
Gathering songs	Lacy Stoltzfus, Neer Goswami	
	<i>You Are Salt for the Earth</i>	VT 297
	<i>God, Be the Love</i>	VT 43
Welcome & Call to Worship	Carla Miller, Katie Misz	
Worship Arts and Moment of Reflection		
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Song	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	VT 716
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Children’s time	Karen Pfahler	
	<i>God, Give Me Faith Like a Child (v.1)</i>	VT 519
Drama	“Negativity to Creativity”	
	Nick & Amanda Stoltzfus	
Scripture	James 3:13-18	
Sermon	“Stopping the Snowball”	Cindy Voth
Moment of Reflection		
Song of Response	<i>Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom</i>	VT 196
Congregational Prayer		
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Seeds</i>	VT 777

VT = Voices Together; SJ = *Sing the Journey*; SS = *Sing the Story*

*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world.

Prayers

For *Denise Diener & Gilberto Pérez* and their family, and *Karen Thompson*, as they celebrate the life of Denise's father and Karen's brother, Dr. Darrel Diener, who died last Saturday.

For our *immigrant neighbors in Goshen* who are facing arrest and detention by ICE, and for their family members as they live with the uncertainty surrounding the disappearance of their loved ones.

We remember this week our 5th grade students *Clara Kauffman, Jeremiah Voth, Lydia Voth* and *Sean Zimmerman*, and their teachers *Jordan Smeltzer, Laurina Graber-Ditzler, Mary Hochstedler* and *Paquita Ditzler*.

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for *JCS International's* leadership at all levels and for Gerlee (many Mongolian people identify with a single name) in her role as interim executive director. May God's Spirit guide this leadership transition.

Pastor Cindy as she participates this week in a conference on the Enneagram.

Thank you to Loanne Harms for the visuals for this worship series on James and to Colin Berkey for providing the reflection music following the sermon.

Welcome Guests

We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. There are sermon boards for children outside the sanctuary doors; please pick one up as you enter. If desired, there is a nursery available in the west end of the foyer for infants and toddlers. Large print copies of the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. We invite you to stay for our Nurture Hour.

Our Mission Statement

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we
***Welcome** everyone to faith and fellowship in Jesus Christ,
Minister to the needs of one another and our neighbors through the
Holy Spirit, and
Call out each other’s gifts for the joyful work of
God’s reconciling mission.*

We celebrate that everyone is created in God’s image, and as followers of Jesus we welcome people of every age, ability, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status, socio-economic situation, gender identity, and citizenship status as full participants in the life of our congregation.

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