This Sunday:
9:00 a.m. - Worship;
Communion
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour;
classes for all ages
12:00 p.m. - Fellowship meal
hosted by Pathfinders class

October 5, 2025

The Waterford Buzz

Welcome Team
Greeters: Esther Farmwald, Kathy Miller
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken Otto, Len Harms
Audiovisuals: Glen Kauffmann, Colin Berkey

This Week at Waterford
Wednesday
7:00 p.m. - Venture Club
7:00 p.m. - JYF, MYF
Thursday
8:30 a.m. - Mennonite Women / MYF Rm
Saturday
8:45 a.m. - MLC/LMP Retreat Fellowship Hall
Zoom prayers
Monday - 8:30 a.m.
Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

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Meet New Attender Brenda Janzen

I am the oldest of five children born to Archie Janzen and Erma (Hershberger) Janzen in 1949 in Hesston, Kan. My father was an elementary school teacher for 35 years and Mom worked to manage home and family. We moved several times throughout my younger years, first from Kansas to California, then to Colorado where my Uncle Sam Janzen was the pastor who baptized me at age 12. Finally, my parents relocated us to Nampa, Idaho, where we had some extended family. That is still homebase for my mother and three of my siblings. I continued to move after leaving home for college. First to Hesston College 1967-69 and then transferring to Goshen College where I completed my BA in Social Work in 1971. Following graduation, my college roommate and I found an apartment and employment in Chicago. After working for a year, we traveled in Europe for the summer of 1972 and worked as au pairs for families in Paris.

After that summer, I settled in Goshen and used my degree as a social worker for the Welfare Dept. During that time, I met Ralph Lind, who had just returned from a two-year PAX assignment in Zaire, Africa. We married within a year and moved to Evanston, Ill., where we joined Reba Place Fellowship. We became fully engaged in the communal life and church of Reba Place for nine years and both our daughters were born there. That was a formative time for my faith and sense of church being something deeper than I had experienced previously. Intentional

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Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance
Worship - 218
Nurture Hour - 211

Finances – Sept. 28, 2025

Operating Fund	$4,747.00
Mennonite Education	$2,640.00
Either Fund	$2,705.00
Budget Total	***$10,092.00***

Looking Ahead
October 12: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser: Words and Silence
(James 3:1-12)
October 19: Sermon: Monica Miller: Less Power, More Respect
(James 2:1-17)

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

Out of Office
Elvina Schmidt - October 4-13
Deron Bergstresser - Oct. 7-9

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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communal living is not without challenges, but I am grateful for those years of choosing to live a life not rooted in capitalism and acquisition. Eventually, Ralph felt the desire to attend seminary, so we left Reba Place and took on leadership of the Voluntary Service Unit in Elkhart from 1983 to 1985 while Ralph attended AMBS. Upon his graduation we accepted the invitation to serve Portland Mennonite Church in Portland, Ore. We remained from 1986-99, enjoying that community very much, as well as loving what Oregon has to offer. Once our daughters both graduated from high school, Ralph began a pastorate at Albuquerque Mennonite Church in New Mexico.

Both our daughters attended Goshen College. Kate attended two years and then finished her degree at Univ. of New Mexico. Amanda completed all four years at GC, meeting her future husband, Andrew Clouse, during that time. Kate now lives in Portland, Ore. Amanda, Andrew and their son Sam moved back to Goshen last summer.

After our daughters left home, Ralph and I eventually decided to end our marriage. We had struggled for some time to make our relationship work for both of us. It was a painful decision but still seems like the best one for us.

During my children's high school years, I continued my education, completing an MA in Counseling Psychology in 1996. I have since worked primarily as a therapist, and as a care coordinator of behavioral health services for Medicaid clients. I retired in 2018 when I moved to Boise, Idaho, to be near my family and serve as primary support for my mother. She is doing surprisingly well at 99, enjoying her assisted living setting. It was very difficult to leave her and move to Goshen last Fall, but she was my biggest advocate. She knew it was time for me to be near one of my daughters at this time of life. Two of my siblings live near her and are her local support.

I have lived in Goshen for 10 months, after buying a condo in Waterford Crossing Retirement Community. I am enjoying my community of retirees and also the people at Waterford Mennonite Church. You have been a very welcoming and inspiring church family. I look forward to learning to know you better.

Endowment Fund

Endowment Fund Reminder

Doug Yoder, for the Endowment Fund Committee

Waterford Mennonite Church has an Endowment Fund that is used for projects and missions that further the aims of the church, but which are separate from the annual budget. The committee is accepting applications for the Fall 2025 distribution this month. 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.

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!

Waterford Announcements

This Sunday, October 5:

- **We will share in communion**. Let's prepare ourselves in our relationships with others, with ourselves, and with God in anticipation of sharing the bread and the cup. As did the early church (Acts 2:43-47), we will collect offerings for the Sharing Fund. This fund benefits people in need within the congregation.
- We will share a **fellowship meal**, hosted by Pathfinders. Bring a dish or two to share. You may also bring your own tableware.
- The **new elective** especially designed for adults of differing abilities, will begin this week in Room 30 in the Nurture Wing.

Does anyone have extra cording we can use as draw string for the school bags?? A BIG thanks to Russ Hochstetler for crafting four extra tools to make stringing the school bags easier. Several bags have been sewn and turned in, ready for the draw strings to be inserted. You are welcome to join others in attending **Mennonite Women on Thursday**, October 9. Plan to stay for the carry in lunch or just a few hours. Whatever suits your schedule best. An offering will be taken. All are welcome.

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 atttend. For more information contact Ursula Hess or Judy Snyder.

Plan to attend the congregational meeting next 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. Please note that the meeting will not be zoomed.

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.

Upcoming Events

Refractions, **an exhibit from GC art professor Tiffany Wyse-Fisher**, explores a relationship between illumination, reflection, refraction, and perception. By merging photography and ceramics, she invites the contemplation of light and shadow as both the subject and medium. The **reception** for this exhibit is on **Saturday, October 4, beginning at 5:30 p.m., with an artist talk at 6 p.m.** In the Hershberger Art Gallery, Goshen College Music Center, from September 14 to November 9, 2025.

MCUSA

"**Conflict happens** ... but it doesn't have to be destructive and can, in fact, be a catalyst for growth, healing and deeper faith," writes Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, MC USA denominational minister for Peace and Justice, in her Menno Snapshots blog. Read it and find resources for addressing conflict here: https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/conflict-transformation

Eastern Mennonite Seminary and MC USA are hosting an **on-location training event** at Village Church, Beaverton, Oregon, November 6-8, titled **"Practicing Conflict Transformation in Community."** This interactive workshop provides conflict resolution tools and restorative practices for community leaders, educators, faith leaders or anyone striving for healthier relationships. Facilitators include MC USA's Sue Park Hur, director of Racial/Ethnic Engagement, and Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, denominational minister for Peace & Justice. Learn more and register here: https://emu.edu/seminary/shalom/conflict-transformation

MMN

Live your faith through action! Join Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) for a **transformative one-year volunteer experience** for ages 20+ starting August 2026, with an option to extend your placement. Serve with organizations addressing critical community needs, like health, education and immigration. By living with peers in a unit house and growing with a local faith community, MVSers join in a global movement for peace and a more just world. Ready to make a difference? MennoniteMission.net/MVS

AMBS

Online Short Course: Anxiety and Depression in Church Ministry: Tuesdays, Oct. 21 – Nov. 25, 7–8:30 p.m. ET. In this online short course of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary led by Deborah Byler, DMin, we'll learn about anxiety and depression and identify both helpful and unhelpful ways of addressing the difficulties people experience. We'll explore how people with anxiety and/or depression (including pastors and church leaders) can work at addressing their problems, and how to support them. CEUs available. Register by Oct. 14. ambs.edu/plt

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. 15. ambs.edu/nationalism

Goshen College will present its annual **Homecoming Music Gala** in **Sauder Concert Hall on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m.** The concert will feature performances by Voices of the Earth, Vox Profundi, the GC Chamber Choir, and the Goshen College Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are $10 ($8 for seniors and students) and are available at goshen.edu/tickets. The event will be livestreamed. https://www.goshen.edu/news/live-stream/

Vox Profundi, Goshen College's low voice choral ensemble, will be joined by low voice ensembles from area schools and the community for a day of rehearsals and workshops, culminating in an evening festival concert in **Sauder Concert Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m.** Free and open to the public.

When ICE Comes to Your Town: Know Your Rights. Wednesday, October 8, 6-7:30 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Elkhart, 1732 Garden St, Elkhart. Lisa Koop, Director of Legal Services at National Immigrant Justice Center, will speak on **immigrant protection and discuss strategies community members may consider in response to ICE activities**. This presentation is intended to help all local community members understand what ICE is and is not permitted to do and what legalities they must follow (ID themselves, show faces, show warrants, etc.). Her advice will help local community members learn how to deal with this difficult problem and support our neighbors in their time of need. You can also watch the presentation on zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89642260747?pwd=b8fqmuKBd6nh0QuRz8cXM8ZclAAuQ2.1

Join us Thursday, October 9, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at **Center for Healing & Hope for a "Blessing of the Bricks"** Open House to celebrate the installation of the tribute terrace. Enjoy light refreshments, special guest remarks, and a chance to explore the clinic and all it offers. We will have order forms and QR codes available if you'd like to purchase your very own brick to be installed next Spring, or you can do that any time by visiting: www.fundraisingbrick.com/online-orders/cfhh/

Wisdom of the Wilderness: Turning to Out Wild Teachers. Join Mennonite Men October 10-12 for a weekend retreat for men at Pilgrim Park in northern Illinois. View and share the promotional video for the weekend: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0EhXpS67u9Y. Details and registration at https://www.illumanillinois.org/events-gallery/wisdom-of-wilderness

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

Opportunities

Employment Opportunity: Mennonite Church USA is seeking an **Executive Director for The Corinthian Plan** to lead, manage, and grow The Corinthian Plan, the health coverage plan sponsored by MC USA covering pastors and other church workers, according to the strategic direction of the Church Benefits Board and consistent with MC USA vision. Pastoral/leadership experience is preferred. Must have strong writing and communication skills and the ability to creatively adapt to a changing industry and church environment. FTE: 1; Location: Dispersed. MC USA is committed to diversity among staff and welcomes people of diverse backgrounds and abilities to apply. To request an application form, contact HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call (574)523-3027. The application deadline is November 1, 2025. View the job description here: http://bit.ly/4o4Mda3