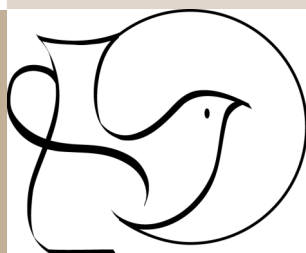


This Sunday:

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour;
classes for all ages
12:00 p.m. - Fellowship Meal
hosted by MYF/Bridgebuilders
1:00 p.m. - Youth Hymn sing at
College Mennonite Church



November 2, 2025

The Waterford Buzz

Welcome Team

Greeters: Barb & Jerry Landes
Ushers: Douglas Graber, Ken
Otto, Len Harms
Audiovisuals: Glen Kauffmann,
Jordan Kauffman

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Mentor/Mentee
Night

7:00 p.m. - Four Way Mission
Advisory Board / Rm 13

Thursday

6:30 p.m. - Stephen Ministers
MYF Rm, Rm 15

Zoom prayers

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

Waterford Mennonite Church

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Hollinger-Janzen retires after nearly five decades of mission

Jane Morrow, Mennonite Mission Network

Lynda Hollinger-Janzen's 47-year journey with Mennonite mission agencies concludes with her retirement from Mennonite Mission Network (MMN) in October 2025. After 24 years as a writer and decades of global service, her legacy spans continents, roles, and a commitment to holistic ministry.

From childhood, Lynda had a passion for mission, but that shifted during her college years as she learned how mission and colonization marched hand in hand, devastating peoples and their cultures. She fell in love with Haiti during her 1976 Study-Service Term, while a student at Goshen College, and wanted to return to help pay back a debt that she felt her culture owed the Haitian people and their land.

After graduating with double majors in French and physical education, Lynda was recruited by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) to serve in Zaïre (now the Democratic Republic of Congo—DRC), as no openings were available in Haiti.

Lynda's journey—from frontline health worker in Zaïre to storyteller with Mission Network—mirrors the evolution of mission work itself. Building on the legacy of past missionaries, she embraced a model of accompaniment, adapting to today's global needs with humility, cultural sensitivity and a focus on mutual partnership.

Read the entire article about Lynda's lifetime of ministry in Zaire, the US, Benin and other parts of the world at [Hollinger-Janzen retirement](#).

Congratulations Lynda!

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 216

Nurture Hour - 224

Finances – October 26, 2025

Operating Fund \$3,116.00

Mennonite Ed \$165.00

Either Fund \$4,355.00

Budget Total \$7,636.00

Safe Church grant \$300.00

Total \$7,936.00

Looking Ahead

November 9: Sermon: Cindy

Voth;

(John 11:1-46)

All Saints Ritual

November 16: Led by Spiritual

Formation & Nurture Ministry

Team; Holistic Health: Spiritual

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team

Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser

Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz

Monday - Thursday

Out of Office

Cindy Voth - November 2 - 3

Karen Hostetler - November 2 - 9

Office hours this week

Office Closed

Greeter signup: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fRLd0Ydw_QxRiQUvRhUscNV-k0HV-oTcPnu61NyBcjM/edit?gid=0#gid=0

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Help a Mentee or Mentor

Bonita Schrock, Mentor/Mentee Coordinator

In light of the discontinuation of SNAP benefits and softening of the job market in some sectors, mentor pairs will be conducting a food drive on Wednesday evening, November 5. They will go to people's home to pick up food to be taken to the Window. The Window will accept a broad range of foods while also suggesting soups, breakfast cereals, canned fruits and vegetables, pastas (keep the bag size smallish) and boxed scalloped potatoes. As the holidays are approaching, they are also asking for frozen pie crusts and pie fillings for people to be able to have a special treat. If congregational members would like to contribute in this way (and have a mentor pair pick it up at your home), just tap the shoulder of a middle or high school student, or someone you know is a mentor or let Bonita Schrock know that you would like to be on the list. We really appreciate your contributions to this community need.

This Sunday is our **November Fellowship Meal**, hosted by the MYF and Bridgebuilders class. Please bring a dish or two to share.

Bethany Fall Fish Fry, 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!

Let's bless and support **Prairie View Elementary School** by providing a **special breakfast treat** for the 95 staff members on Monday, November 10. Stop by the Participation Station to sign up to contribute food items for the breakfast there are still a few more items needed.

Kittens for Adoption: Landon Kauffman is in the veterinary school program through Fairfield High School. They have three kittens being spayed in November who need homes. If you would like to adopt a kitten, contact Landon at landonkauffman4@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

If You Knew Me, You'd Love Me: FINDING COMMON GROUND THROUGH STORY AND SONG. November 2, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the **Little Theatre at Moreau Center for the Arts, Saint Mary's College** (18 St. Mary's College, South Bend). \$20 suggested donation. rippleeffectchoir.org

Join us on November 7 and 8 for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) **Northern Indiana MCC Comforter Bash**. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Church (58529 County Road 23). For more information about the event visit mcc.org/northern-in-comforter-bash or contact LaVera Schlabach (574.538.9629) or Donna Stoltzfus (tdstoltz48@gmail.com). A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. Times: Friday the 7th, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday the 8th, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are especially needed on Saturday! Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day on Saturday. Must be present to win.

Please join us for **Taize-inspired worship** on 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

AMBS Alumni Recognition Reception: Monday, Nov. 10, 8–9 p.m. The recipients of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's 2025 Alumni Ministry and Service Recognition, Michele Hershberger (MA 2000) and Robert (Jack) Suderman (MRE 1975), will be honored during this Zoom reception. All are welcome! Registration is required to receive the link: ambs.edu/alumni.

Goshen Call To Action. Join a respectful, bipartisan discussion with local leaders on the new Indiana state tax law and its impact on Goshen. Wednesday, November 12, 5:30 p.m. Goshen Theater, 216 S. Main Street. Doors open at 4:45 for concessions and conversation. Invited speakers: Mayor Gina Leichty, County Councilor Steve Clark, Rep. Joanna King, Sen. Blake Doriot. Free and open to the public.

The **Regional Repair Network Consortium** is hosting a **Reparations Summit** on Saturday, November 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Assembly Mennonite Church in Goshen (727 New York Street). This Summit features keynote speaker **Drew Hart**, Professor of Theology at Messiah University, author, and racial justice activist. Join people of faith who are drawn to the work of racial and economic justice to explore the biblical and historical call for reparations, and learn about the new **Reparations-Inspired Fund of Elkhart County**. Collectively committing to reparations is a move toward repair in a time of despair. This is a FREE event; lunch provided. Use this [link](#) to view the Summit schedule and register for this gathering.

Pathways Retreat is offering a variety of programs and workshops: Attuning to the Seasons, Contemplative Practices in Four Traditions, Honoring our Pain for The World, Intro to Reiki, Advent Night Visions, and Weekly Yoga. Learn more at pathwaysretreat.org.

MCUSA

The latest issue of ***Equipping***, MC USA's quarterly resource newsletter created for pastors and leaders, is now live. This issue brings fresh tools, inspiration and opportunities to deepen your leadership, enrich your ministry and build resilient congregational life. Read and subscribe here: <https://bit.ly/4qsyGLr>

Opportunities

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

Leadership Clinics at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary: Monday, Feb. 23. These daylong in-person clinics include Caring for Immigrants and Congregations in Times of Crisis; Faith Formation for Families in Anxious Times; Healthy Boundaries 101; Reflections on Blackness and Teaching Peace; and Your Voice in Worship. CEUs available. Sign up by Jan. 26 to save \$15. View clinic descriptions and register: ambs.edu/clinics