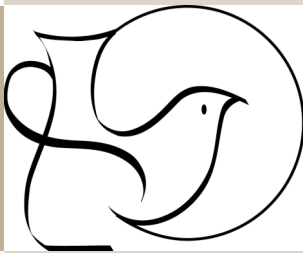




November 16, 2025



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday:

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour;
classes for all ages
3:00 p.m. - Senior Adult event;
Anna Hagen, Harpist

Welcome Team

Greeters: John, Diana, Jeff
Hershberger
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Ken Otto,
LaVon Short
Audiovisuals: Colin Berkey,

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

5:15 p.m. - Kids' Christmas
pageant rehearsal
6:00 p.m. - Haystacks &
Game night / FH

Saturday

8:00 p.m. - Stephen Ministers
Retreat / Rms 28/30;
Fell. Hall

Zoom prayers

Waterford Mennonite Church

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Fellowship Fun on the Horizon

Melissa Chupp, for Fellowship Ministry Team

Below you will find an upcoming calendar of fellowship events planned for this year. If you have an idea for other events, contact one of the members of the fellowship team and let us know how we can help you bring it to fruition. Team members are: Camila Pérez Diener, Jon. Wieand, Rita Herrmann, Melissa Chupp, and Cindy Voth. If you are interested in joining our team, let us know!

Wednesday, November 19 — Game Night

6:00-8:30 p.m. at WMC

This event happens every third Wednesday of the month and is hosted by Mark and Krista Daniels. Bring a favorite table game or come enjoy someone else's. A collaborative haystack meal is served. Meat is provided, bring a topping to share. No sign-up needed.

Sunday, November 23 — Maker's Day

12-5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Krista Daniels and Lacy Stoltzfus are hosting this time of socializing while working on your own project or projects they'll have ready, like painting on canvas, knotting comforters, puzzles, or coloring books. Bread and soup provided for lunch, bring a dessert or drink to share. Sign up at the participation station.

Sunday, December 14 — Children's Christmas Program

This will take place during the Sunday morning service. Donuts will be provided during fellowship time following the service.

Wednesday, December 17 — Game Night

6:00-8:30 p.m. at WMC

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Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 202

Nurture Hour - 207

Finances – November 9, 2025

Operating Fund	\$9,414.00
Mennonite Ed	\$3,142.54
Either Fund	\$4,755.00
<i>Budget Total</i>	<i>\$17,311.54</i>
Four Way Mission	\$600.00
Total	\$17,911.54

Looking Ahead

November 23: Sermon: Nancy Kauffmann; Holistic Health: Healthy Boundaries & Sexuality
(Exodus 1:15-22)

November 30: Sermon: Cindy Voth; Advent: Hope in the Furnace

Pastoral Team

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

Out of Office

Katie Misz - November 17-18
Deron Bergstresser - Nov. 18
Cindy Voth - November 18-20
Janet Shoemaker - Nov. 16-23

Office hours this week

Monday 9-12, 1-2
Friday 9-12
Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday CLOSED

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

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Janet Shoemaker, Editor

December 28 — Christmas Brunch hosted by Seekers class

9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

We will gather for a time of fellowship over a carry-in brunch of egg casseroles, Christmas breads, and fruit.

Sunday, January 5 — Haystack meal hosted by Pathfinders and Seekers

Following nurture hour

This will be a fundraiser for Carlos Ramos

Wednesday, January 21 — Game Night

6:00-8:30 p.m. at WMC

Sunday, January 11 — Open Mic Night

5:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Get ready to share your talents or come and enjoy the talents of others. Watch for a sign up sheet at the participation station if you would like to perform. Popcorn and drinks provided.

Sunday, February 1 — Fellowship Meal

Following nurture hour

This will be a fundraiser for the group heading to Benin in the summer.

Wednesday, February 18 — Game Night

6:00-8:30 p.m. at WMC

Sunday, February 22 — Chili Cook Off

5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Does your chili charm the taste buds of all who partake of it? Find out by participating in a friendly chili cook off. If cooking chili is not your thing, sign up to bring a side dish to share and “Taste and See” which chili you think is worthy of the Golden Ladle.

Sunday, March 1 — Potluck

Following nurture hour

Wednesday, March 18 — Game Night

6:00-8:30 at WMC

Friday, March 20 — March Madness Party

4:00 - 10:00 or later?? at WMC

Take advantage of the TV screens in the fellowship hall and cheer on your favorite college basketball teams. Come and go as you please. We will order pizza and aim to have it ready around 6:00. Bring snacks to share and donations to help cover the cost of the pizza.

Thank You

To the Church at Waterford,

Thank you for the relationships you had with my parents David & Julia Leatherman. They cherished each of you. Thank you for celebrating Dad's life with us recently and for all the parts people helped with from worship leading and helping coordinate, to the wonderful tech help and broadcast, the meal by the SS Class, the meal after the service and other things. You have been the hands and feet of Jesus to us and we are very grateful.

Diane Yoder for the Leatherman Family

Save the Date for Mennonite Action "To Build Our Courage Tour"

Liz Gingrich

Where: Waterford Mennonite Church

When: Saturday December 13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Why: To give us tools for building our courage to live out the teachings of Jesus in compassion, love, truth-telling and justice for all God's children, including through non-violent public action and advocacy.

Background: In spite of a tentative peace agreement, there is no assurance of peace for the people of Gaza who have suffered relentlessly since the Hamas attack on Israel 2 years ago and even long before that since the formation of the State of Israel in 1948. Since its formation as an organization in November 2023, Mennonite Action has united people across the Mennonite Church in lifting up their voices and taking non-violent action to call for the return of the Israeli hostages and for an end to the suffering of the Palestinian people. You may remember that in January 2024 several members from Waterford and other area churches joined a Mennonite Action in Washington DC when 135 people were arrested for taking part in an act of Civil Disobedience by singing hymns in the Capitol Rotunda. Mennonite Action has continued to build public awareness and keep up its pressure on Congress through other actions since then, and many of you have also been participating in the monthly Zoom calls that keep us connected through worship and invitations to actions we can take as individuals and churches.

Current situation: In addition to the ongoing destruction, killing, and mass starvation in Gaza, new challenges now face us here at home through the administration's policy of arrest, detention and deportation of immigrants without regard to human rights. Other vulnerable people are also in need of support. Valarie Kaur, a Sikh activist, who spoke at Goshen College a few weeks ago, challenged us to "Be brave with our love," and to ask ourselves "Who do we want to be in this moment of history?"

Invitation to respond: If you would like to learn more about building courage, and what we can do to protect our neighbors near and far by non-violent action in these violent times, please check the following link which will also take you to a registration form for the December 13 training. <https://www.mennoniteaction.org/tour>

Members of other area churches will be joining us and there will be trainers from the national leadership of Mennonite Action in addition to local leaders. Young adults are especially welcome, as we explore what practical action rooted in Anabaptist theology looks like today.

Other Help Needed: If you feel your calling and gifts are in other areas, we still need you!! As the host church, Waterford has been asked to provide the main course for lunch during the training. In the coming days you will find a sign-up sheet for foods to bring at the participation station. Thank you in advance for your help!

Guess Who?

On Sunday, November 9, 91 people participated in Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. Ten households played host to whoever showed up. Here Doug and Janette Yoder hosted Gary and Melissa Chupp, Brenda Janzen, Jon. and Mary Ann Wieand, Court Chupp, and Steve and Paquita Ditzler.



Makers Day

Makers Day on November 23

Krista Daniels

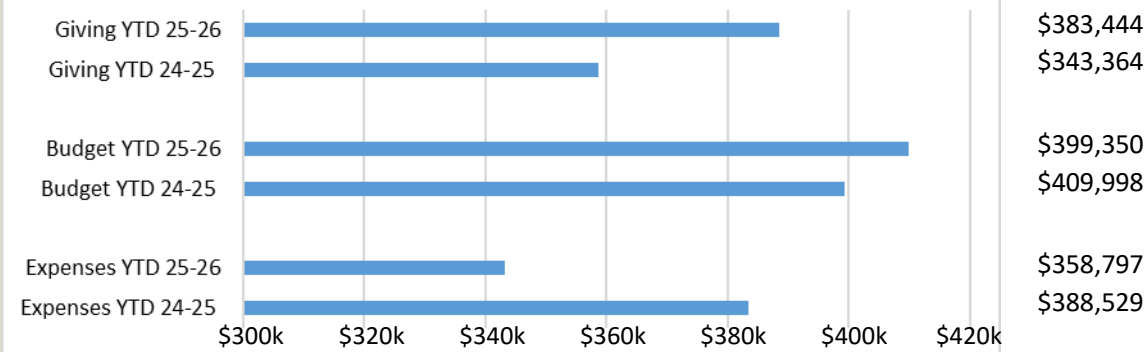
Have a craft project you just haven't had time or space to finish? Looking for other like-minded tinkerers and artists to work alongside? Or just feeling the need for a creative outlet? Well, we have just the thing for you to let your creative juices flow.

Krista Daniels and Lacy Stoltzfus will be hosting a Makers Day on Sunday, November 23 from 12 to 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own project or take part in one we'll have ready, like paints & canvas, comforters to knot, puzzles and coloring books.

Soup and bread will be provided for lunch, right after Sunday School. Bring a dessert or drink to share.

WMC Quarterly Report

WMC Giving Report May 2025 to October 2025



Waterford Announcements

A worship arts item to bring for our collage this Sunday should reflect spiritual health, such as: a copy of a favorite scripture verse, a poem, a song, or writing. There will be baskets at the doors to place these items. (The next Sunday's topic is healthy sexuality. Bring something you find that speaks to your sense of self: perfume, after shave, razor, gym membership card, nail polish, necktie, etc.)

Senior Adult Ministry Team is **inviting all senior adults to an afternoon of fellowship and music** with harpist Anna Hagen this Sunday, November 16, at 3 p.m. at Waterford Mennonite Church. Learn about Anna and her harps at annahagenharpist.com/meet-the-harps/

If you would like a paper copy of the **"Dealing with Death"** folder that Cindy referred to last Sunday, there is a signup sheet at the Participation Station table. Please sign your name and we will get one printed for you.

Court Chupp is looking for a 1 bedroom apartment in the Goshen area. Or if you are aware of anyone with an extra spare room or basement room, please contact him at 574-536-9625.

Please visit the display table outside the library for ways you can help Waterford Mennonite Women provide much needed Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) **Relief Kit supplies** again this year:

- Purchase items for a complete kit
- Purchase individual items
- Make an online donation at mcc.org Just click GIVE in the homepage banner.

Add your donations to the boxes under the display table by Sunday, December 21.

Please look at the table in the foyer to see if anything on or beside that table belongs to you or someone in your household and take it home with you.

Upcoming Events

MCC's Immigration Network invites you to a special **two-hour virtual training** designed to help your church understand immigration enforcement, know your legal rights as a faith community, and develop a plan of action in case immigration agents show up at or near your church community. [Register and more information](#). **English sessions:** November 17, 25, December 2; **Spanish sessions:** November 11 and 18.

Mennonite Action Prayers at College Mennonite Church on November 18, noon to 1 p.m. in the sanctuary, will focus on immigrants and the ongoing war in Gaza. We will also pray for Ukraine and Sudan and people in other places around the world facing conflicts, acknowledging that God frees both captives and captors! This is open to all in the community. We will include times for songs, scripture reading, spoken prayers, and silence. Come for the hour or come and go as your schedule permits.

MCUSA

Learn how rest strengthens our capacity to resist oppression, inequity and despair in this Menno Snapshots blog by Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, MC USA's denominational minister for Peace & Justice, featuring reflections from attendees of the Women's Summit in Greensboro, North Carolina. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/reflections-womens-summit/>

Big changes are coming to the health coverage market in 2026. Are you ready? Watch MC USA's recorded webinar, "Navigating Change: Health Coverage in 2026," about what's ahead and how it could affect your premiums. The first half is a broad overview of market shifts in 2026 and the second half focuses on The Corinthian Plan, MC USA's healthcare plan for pastors and church workers. View it here: <http://bit.ly/4qv8jV5>

MMN

Support hope for migrating people. Mennonite Mission Network invites prayer and urgently needed financial support for Joseph and Rachel Givens, who serve with the Maria Skobtsova Housing Association in Calais, France. Their ministry offers vital shelter and care to migrating people seeking refuge as they journey to England. Visit MennoniteMission.net/Givens and click "Give Now." For more information about their immigration ministry, contact Elizabeth Eby, ElizabethE@MMNWorld.net.

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. Non-admitted students get 50% off their first two courses for credit. Courses run Jan. 13 – May 1; sign up by Jan. 5. ambs.edu/upcoming-courses

Mennonite Action's next Mass Call is on November 20 at 8 p.m. EST. **This one marks a milestone**—two years ago, congregations across the U.S. and Canada rallied together in response to the escalated violence against Palestinians. This call is an opportunity to **reflect, mourn, celebrate, and recommit** to the work of justice. We're reorienting ourselves to Palestinian liberation and the struggle against fascism's dehumanization at home in North America. Make plans to attend! [RSVP today for The Anniversary Call, on Zoom](#).

Bethany high school play this fall is **Gathering Blue**, based on the book by Lois Lowry and dramatized by Eric Coble. In this companion story to *The Giver*, we find a society in which children are treated as commodities, the weak are discarded, false narratives are used to control the people, and artists are manipulated by the powerful. Three gifted children discover the hidden truths and unite to create for a better future. Shows will be Friday & Saturday, November 21 & 22, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, November 23, 3 p.m. with tickets at \$10 for adults, \$8 for students. [Tickets Sales begin Monday!](#)

Plant trees for justice. Join Anabaptist Climate Collaborative, the City of Goshen and other congregations to **plant trees on Saturday, November 22, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Oakridge Park, 715 N 1st St, in northern Goshen.** These trees are part of a federal grant to plant trees in neighborhoods that are overburdened by pollution and have received a lack of investment. Trees sequester carbon, moderate and clean the air, and bring beauty and peace to neighborhoods. Bring gloves and shovels if you have them. Minors should be accompanied by an adult chaperone. Please register ahead of time, and ask any questions, by contacting Doug Kaufman at 574.536.6151 or director@anabaptistclimate.org.

Ten Thousand Villages is now going completely online. The Goshen store (206 S Main St) is being renamed **"One Village Fair Trade"** and is having an Open House celebration on **Saturday, November 29, from 12 to 2 p.m.** They will still carry TTV products, but items from other fair trade companies as well. Ribbon cutting is November 26 at 12:00 p.m.

Join MCC on December 2 to learn about the **Dismukes Project and Black history in West Virginia.** Tylah Cline and Kristin Overstreet, MCC Appalachia staff, will share the story of Dr. Henry Dodford Dismukes, a Black doctor who started a hospital in the 1930s that faced injustice and was forced to close. MCC is working to tell Dr. Dismukes' story and creating a learning center to support the community. Join this free public event Tuesday, December 2 at 2:00 p.m. at Jennings Auditorium, Greencroft (1225 Greencroft Drive). Learn about the Dismukes Project at mcc.org/dismukes

Goshen College is pleased to announce the **22nd annual musical celebration of Christmas, A Festival of Carols**, taking place on Friday, Dec. 5 and Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. in the Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets are now available for the event, which will bring together four choirs and an orchestra in a festive celebration of the holiday season.

Picket and Pray: Join Mennonite Action, Christians for a Free Palestine, Kirkridge Retreat and Study Center, and our partners each Wednesday from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. for a weekly 30 minute Zoom call for shared action for a Free Palestine and spiritual practice rooted in the Christian tradition. It is more important than ever that we not lose momentum in our struggle for justice and peace. We can do so much more together than we can do alone. Each "Picket and Pray" call includes 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. [Register here](#)