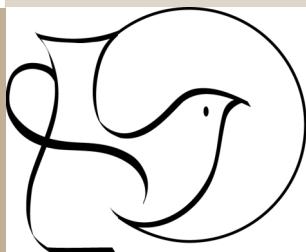


### **This Sunday:**

9:00 a.m. - Worship  
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour;  
classes for all ages  
12:00 p.m. - Benin youth trip  
fundraiser meal



**February 1, 2026**

# *The Waterford Buzz*

### **Welcome Team**

Greeters: Jerry & Joyce Troyer  
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Wade  
Ramer, Len Harms  
Audiovisuals: Glen Kauffmann,  
Jordan Kauffman  
Nursery: Bonnie Miller, Laura  
Dick; Julie Zehr, Neer  
Goswami

### **This Week at Waterford**

#### *Wednesday*

7:00 p.m. - Mentors/Mentees  
7:00 p.m. - FFMT / Fell. Hall  
6:00 p.m. - Four Way Mission  
Board / Fath Home

#### *Thursday*

3:00 p.m. - SAMT  
6:30 p.m. - Stephen Ministers  
MYF Rm, Rm 15

#### *Zoom prayers*

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

### **June Nurture Hour Electives**

*Cindy Voth, pastoral team leader*

Once again during the month of June we will be offering a variety of Nurture Hour Electives for all ages. In the past some of the electives have been creative expressions of faith, Salt & Light Bible Study, singing, grief conversations, wetland walks, knotting comforters, drum circle, jigsaw puzzles, lawn games, etc. **We are looking for individuals or groups that are interested in providing leadership to an elective!** **Please contact a pastor by March 1st if you're interested in leading a June elective... and you are only limited by your imagination for the elective topic or activity!**



Jigsaw Puzzles and Comforter  
Knotting electives in 2025.

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# Life at Waterford

## Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 162  
Nurture Hour - 140

## Finances – January 11, 2026

Operating Fund	\$10,687.50
Mennonite Ed	\$150.00
Either Fund	\$10,905.00
<i>Budget Total</i>	<b>\$21,742.50</b>
Jubilee Fund	\$50.00
Welcome Spaces	\$1250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,042.50</b>

## Looking Ahead

February 8: Panel: Cindy Voth, John Hershberger, Gilberto Pérez, Jr., Brent Beck; Holistic Health: Relational  
February 15: Sermon: Katie Misz; Holistic Health: Weaving It all together Communion

## Pastoral Team

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

## Out of Office

Katie Misz - Feb. 1-2

## Office hours this week

Monday, Wednesday-Thursday  
9-12, 1-3  
Tuesday & Friday  
9-12

**Greeter signup:** [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fRLd0Ydw\\_QxRiQUvRhUscNV-k0HV-oTcPnu61NyBcjM/edit?gid=0#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fRLd0Ydw_QxRiQUvRhUscNV-k0HV-oTcPnu61NyBcjM/edit?gid=0#gid=0)

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## New Books in the Church Library

*A Strange and Gracious Light: How the Story of Jesus Changes the Way We See Everything*, by Andrew Arndt

When we think of the gospels, people may focus solely on the death and resurrection of Jesus, and miss out on the full depth of the gracious good news found in the person of Jesus Christ. This book cracks open the gospel story, modeling what it looks like to “think Jesus” and “speak Jesus” in our daily lives. Amid the meaninglessness of consumerism, mass entertainment and political ideologies, the strange and gracious story of Jesus has the power to shatter our settled realities and resurrect our lives.

*Blessed is the Body: Disability Justice and the Community of Christ (a Lenten devotional)*, by Tatum Tricarico

A daily devotional for the season of Lent. During Lent we often reflect on our limits, from dust we came and to dust we will return. Disability rights activist Tatum Tricarico helps us think of Lent as a time to take a deep breath and say what we have been trying to hide: I am human. I can't do it all, and still I am beloved by God. Disabled people have always known that our bodies and actions don't fit into boxes marked “perfect” or “endless.” This book invites readers to expand their understanding of God, themselves and community, with reflections on practices for considering disability justice, history and culture, alongside stories from the Bible about disabled individuals.

*Making It Plain: Why We Need Anabaptism and the Black Church*, by Drew G.I. Hart

Making it Plain offers a novel pathway for Christians to live out a decolonial and antiracist faith in the aftermath of Christendom. In the witness of Black and Anabaptist Christian communities across time, we find a faith that takes the life and teachings of Jesus seriously. Despite oppression and persecution at the hands of mainstream Christianity, these traditions salvaged a liberating and peacemaking vision of Jesus right under the nose of empire and white supremacy.

*All That is Made: the Comfort of Contemplative Prayer*, by Karen Dibbons-Wyatt

Inspired by a vision from God, Julian of Norwich wrote “Revelations of Divine Love”. Julian was living in a time of pandemic, persecution, war, and seismic change, and she prayed for reassurance from God. She received a vision of a hand gently holding a tiny round thing, and she received that as a promise that God was holding everything. The author found parallels to her own life as a person housebound by chronic illness, and discovered a great source of comfort in reading Julian’s writing. Many of us feel small and helpless in the face of global issues, wondering where God is in these turbulent times. Julian’s vision is a reminder that we are cradled in the love and safety of God.

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*Come, Walk With Us! Songs of Justice for all Ages*, by Adam Tice and Anneli Loepf

*And We Walk: A Poetry Collection of Confessions on Faith, Hope and Love*, by J.E. Misz

### **Donated**

*Seven Women and the Secret of Their Greatness*, by Eric Metaxas

Be inspired as you explore the captivating stories of seven Christian women of faith who changed the course of history. Included are stories of a teen-aged Joan of Arc, Susanna Wesley, Hannah More, Sister Maria of Paris, Corrie ten Boom, Rosa Parks and Mother Teresa.

### **MCUSA**

Mennonite Church USA is requesting prayer for the hearing for injunctive relief in the “sensitive locations” lawsuit,

*Mennonite Church USA et al., v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security, et al.*

Oral arguments will be heard on Feb. 5, 2026, in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in Washington, D.C. Representatives from MC USA leadership will attend the hearing. Please note that no further action is requested at this time. Read the opening brief here: <https://bit.ly/3M0LtVN>

## **Waterford Announcements**

**Holistic Health:** This week, you are invited to **bring something** that represents **relational health** such as: photo of friends or family, social media post, address book page, thank you card, etc. There will be baskets at the doors to place these items.

This Sunday, in place of our regular first Sunday potluck, an African ground nut stew meal will be provided to **raise funds for the youth trip to Benin** this coming summer. This trip will serve as WMC's biennial visit exchange with Benin Bible Institute. Come with an empty belly and an open wallet. Write checks to Waterford Mennonite Church with "Benin Trip" in the memo line.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Cook Off: Sunday, February 22, 5:30 at WMC.** 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. Sign up by February 15 at the Participation Station!

Have you recently **decided to make Waterford your new church home**, or have you been attending Waterford for a period of time but have not yet become a member? The Pastoral Team will be holding a **New Members Class**, meeting on **March 5 and 12** from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the church. During the sessions, time will be spent getting to know each other, sharing the leadership structure of WMC, visiting with and learning about the areas of ministry of each of the pastors, and asking questions. It is anticipated that new members will be received in April. Please RSVP to Pastors Cindy, Deron, or Katie by February 22. If you are interested in being part of the class but have a schedule conflict for the proposed meeting dates/times, please let a pastor know that as well.

If you are a Mennonite working or teaching in a public-school setting, you are invited to join the upcoming Mennonite Public Educators Zoom meeting on Monday, Feb. 2 at 4 p.m. PT/7 p.m. ET. The topic will be student behavior, discipline and restorative justice within your classroom and your school as a whole. Register here: <https://forms.gle/CdbeMF1kKfroTfft8>

This Black History Month, explore "Black History in the Mennonite Church" — MC USA's timeline of remarkable firsts, leaders and milestones in African American Mennonite history. Visit the timeline online and deepen your understanding of our shared story: <https://bit.ly/4r8ZLCP>

## **Upcoming Events**

The **Goshen College Choirs** will present their annual **Winter Choral Concert** in Sauder Concert Hall, Saturday, February 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sauder Concert Hall. Performing are the Goshen College Chamber Choir and Voices of the Earth, conducted by H. Roz Woll, and Vox Profundi, conducted by Jeshua Franklin. Tickets at [goshen.universitytickets.com/](https://goshen.universitytickets.com/)

**Student winners of the annual Goshen College Concerto-Aria Competition** will perform their works with the GC Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Jimin Seo. Saturday, February 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sauder Concert Hall. Tickets at [goshen.universitytickets.com/](https://goshen.universitytickets.com/)

## MMN

**Mennonite Mission Network is hiring!** We are seeking passionate people to join our team in two full-time roles:

- **Development Representative** — Remote, hybrid, or in-office in Elkhart or Northern Indiana, Southern Michigan or NW Ohio areas.
- **Care Specialist** — Remote, hybrid, or in-office in Elkhart or Newton

You can find all Mission Network's job openings on our website at [MennoniteMission.net/Employment](http://MennoniteMission.net/Employment).

## AMBS

**Monthly Taizé-inspired gathering for prayer: "Keep your lamps trimmed and burning":** Sunday, Feb. 8, 7:30–8:30 p.m. ET, at Walnut Hill Mennonite Church, 909 N. Sixth St., Goshen, Indiana. We will pray together with songs from the Taizé Community, Scripture, candlelight and stillness. Hosts: Walnut Hill and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Faith Formation Collaborative. Contact: [formationcollaborative@amb.edu](mailto:formationcollaborative@amb.edu)

**Earn a Master of Divinity at a distance!** Develop your leadership abilities from an Anabaptist perspective while staying in your current vocation. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's MDiv Connect program offers you in-depth biblical and theological study, spiritual formation and vocational internships — right where you live. Generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and matching grants are available. [amb.edu/mdiv-connect](http://amb.edu/mdiv-connect)

## MCC Workshop: Prepared Churches - Solidarity with Immigrants:

Our churches are called to be places of peace, welcome, and safety for all. Yet, with recent changes to immigration enforcement policies, faith communities are facing new challenges in protecting and accompanying immigrant neighbors. You're invited to participate in a free workshop on

**Sunday, February 22 from 2-4 p.m. at Waterford Mennonite Church** (65975 IN-15, Goshen, IN 46526). Join Abraham Diaz Alonso (MCC Central States Immigrant Program Coordinator) and Galen Fitzkee (MCC U.S. Legislative Associate) in this workshop to help your church understand immigration enforcement, know your legal rights as a faith community, develop a plan of action in case immigration agents show up at or near your church community, and learn how faith communities can advocate for policy change. We will cover a variety of topics that affect our congregations and the most vulnerable among us. More information at [mcc.org/goshen-prepared-churches](http://mcc.org/goshen-prepared-churches)

## Global Voices Tour - MCC Friends & Alumni Gathering in Goshen on

**Feb. 19:** All are invited to join MCC on Thursday, February 19 at 7 p.m. at Yellow Creek Mennonite Church (64901 County Road 11, Goshen, IN 46526 - please enter at the west end) for a unique opportunity to hear firsthand stories on the intersection of climate and peace. MCC speakers from South Asia and the Sahel will share how communities are navigating unpredictable weather patterns, drought, flood, and heat, through climate adaptation and peacebuilding. Be a prayerful witness to our global neighbors and learn how your own commitment to peace can make a difference. Learn more about this free event at [mcc.org/global-voices-goshen](http://mcc.org/global-voices-goshen)

Feeling the press of life's distractions and divisions? Join spiritual director Debra Burrsma and artist Jo-Ann VanReeuwyk for one or more **retreats exploring wholeness and integration of heart, mind, and body** in the soulful context of **The Hermitage** in Three Rivers, Michigan. Spiritual awakening will be nurtured and deepened through contemplative conversations, silence and gentle practices using scripture, nature and the creative arts (story, poetry, visual arts, & music). Come as you are (with or without art experience) and be welcomed into this grace-filled slow space for hearing, healing and wholeness. Retreat dates are February 13-14, March 27-28, and April 24-25. For more information go to <https://www.hermitagecommunity.org/event/hopes-hold-on-the-heart/>

## Opportunities

**The Trail of Death: A Pilgrimage of Remembrance, Lament and Transformation:** May 11–21. Participants in this pilgrimage will trace the route of the U.S. military's 1838 forced removal of Potawatomi people from their ancestral homeland in northern Indiana to present-day Osawatomie, Kansas. This intensive graduate-level course of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary can be taken for credit, audit or no credit (trip only). Limit: 15 participants. Sign up by April 1. [amb.edu/trail-of-death](http://amb.edu/trail-of-death)

**Celebrating 50 years of More-with-Less!** Herald Press and Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) invite you to **share stories of food, joy, and resilience** to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the *More- with-Less* cookbook. This beloved cookbook's call to thrift, Christian compassion and abundant living is just as urgent and relevant today as it was in 1976. Go to <https://bit.ly/MoreWithLess50> to learn more and to submit stories, blessings or ideas for simple approaches to sharing food and fellowship. Please share your story by February 15 for a chance to be featured in the 50th anniversary edition or additional digital resources—and receive a chocolate oatmeal cake recipe as thanks!