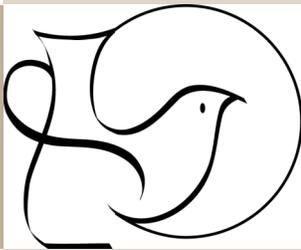


This Sunday:

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour;
classes for all ages
12:00 p.m. - Fellowship Meal/FH



March 1, 2026



The Waterford Buzz

Welcome Team

Greeters: Esther Farmwald,
Carolyn Chupp
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Wade
Ramer, Len Harms
Audiovisuals: Glen Kauffmann,
Steve Fath
Nursery: Judy Snyder, Laura
Dick; Bonnie Miller,
Cheryl Snyder

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday

7:30 p.m. - BBI Planning /
Zoom

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. - MEF Informational
Meeting / Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. - Four Way Mission
Board / Fath's
7:00 p.m. - Mentors / Mentees
FH

Thursday

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

Zoom prayers

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

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Pastoral Review for Pastor Deron

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team Leader, and Marty Lehman, Congregational Coach

Waterford has a helpful and deliberate process in place to provide feedback to our pastoral team members. All pastors receive an in-depth major review every four years. A mid-cycle review comes two years between major reviews. In addition, Cindy provides an annual review for Pastors Katie & Deron, and for our Coordinator of Administrative Ministries Janet Shoemaker. Some of the various reviews provide different opportunities for the congregation to also provide feedback.

Pastor Deron joined our pastoral team in September 2021 and then moved from a half-time position to a full-time position in September 2022. Deron has freely and joyfully shared his gifts among us, and we have been blessed, inspired, and encouraged by and through his ministry. Indeed, having him on our pastoral team has been a gift to all of us.

Per our review guidelines it is time for Deron's major 4-year review. This review invites the congregation to also offer their feedback to Pastor Deron's ministry among us. Once again, Marty Lehman, our congregational coach, is helping to facilitate Deron's major 4-year review. You can access the form that Marty has created at this [LINK](#).

In addition, if you prefer, you will find paper copies of the form by the mailboxes. All forms, both completed online and paper copies, should be returned by March 31. Return paper copies to the office.

Please take a few minutes to complete the feedback form. It is one of the ways that highlight how ministry at Waterford is a shared endeavor and responsibility of both the congregation and the pastoral team.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 175

Nurture Hour - 173

Finances – February 22, 2026

Operating Fund	\$9,945.72
Mennonite Ed	\$1,315.00
Either Fund	\$5,810.00
<i>Budget Total</i>	<i>\$17,070.72</i>
Benin Trip	\$525.00
Sharing Fund	\$125.00
Four Way Mission	\$500.00
Total	\$18,220.72

Looking Ahead

March 8: Sermon: Cindy Voth; Lent 3: Standing Up, Standing Back
(John 18:12-27)

March 15: Sermon: Deron Bergstresser; Lent 4: Submission and Power
(John 18:28-40)

Pastoral Team

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

Out of Office

Katie - March 1-3
Deron Bergstresser - March 3

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

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Endowment Fund

Spring 2026 Endowment Fund Requests

Doug Yoder for the Endowment Committee

The Endowment Committee is accepting requests for funding until March 29. Funds may be requested for local missions and outreach, mission agencies beyond the congregation, as startup costs for new programs, for training of future church leaders, and for other special projects.

The complete guidelines and request forms are available on the WMC website under the Resources tab. Questions may be directed to Doug Yoder, Phil Habecker, or Susan Gingerich, and applications can be mailed to Doug Yoder or placed in his church mailbox.

Retreats this Spring

Women's Retreat Alternatives

Ursula Hess, Spiritual Formation Ministry Team

Dear Women,

Instead of a Spring women's retreat at WMC, we invite you to attend events that are offered in the community:

- A. Event at Pathways Retreat, Goshen: *Pausing in the wilderness of Lent*, led by Pathways AMBS intern Rena LeBlanc. March 7, 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. Register at pathwaysretreat.org/lenten-retreat
- B. Events at The Hermitage (Three Rivers, MI):
 - * 1. *Mindful Spiritual Imagination with Word and Watercolor*, with Debra Paxton-Buursma and Jo-Ann VanReeuwyk. March 27 @ 4:00 p.m. - March 28 @ 4:00 p.m.
 - * 2. *Embodied Pathways for Deepening Spiritual Senses*, with Debra Paxton-Buursma and Jo-Ann VanReeuwyk. April 24 @ 4:00 p.m. - April 25 @ 4:00 p.m.
Registration at [The Hermitage](https://thehermitage.org)

WMC Library

Calling Library Volunteers

Deron Bergstresser, pastor



Thank you to Diane Bodiker for her many years of service to our Waterford Church library. She has bought books, catalogued and prepared them for the shelves and, with help from Barb Westerbeek, kept our library organized and up to date. We are grateful to Diane and Barb! And they are both ready to pass these tasks on to new volunteers.

If you are a book lover, would like to buy books, or would be willing to help shelve and organize, please talk to Diane Bodiker or Pastor Deron.

Waterford Announcements

This Sunday:

- **March fellowship meal**, hosted by the Koinonia class, after the nurture hour. Everyone is invited to stay and join the meal. Bring a dish, or two, to share.
- If you are interested in **leading a June elective**, please contact a pastor **today**.

Mennonite Education Fund informational meeting: Wednesday, March 4, at 6:00 p.m. This will be a 45 minute meeting in the sanctuary where we will share the history and basic information about our Mennonite Education Fund at Waterford. This information meeting will especially be geared toward any of our recent new attenders and members who might not know the history or the practice.

Opportunity

This spring, Sofia Zaracho, a young woman from Asuncion, Paraguay, will be coming to the US ahead of her enrollment at Goshen College in the fall. Sofia has a US passport, speaks excellent English, and is a very pleasant, hardworking, mature person. **Sofia is looking both for a host family and for a job** that would enable her to earn some money before school starts. If you could imagine opening your home to Sofia for the 2026-2027 school year, starting this spring sometime, or if you have ideas for where she could work, please be in touch with Janet in the church office.

MCUSA

This **Women's History Month**, journey through the stories of **Mennonite women who have shaped our faith** — from the first women's mission groups and early educators to today's pastors, peacebuilders and organizational leaders. Explore MC USA's Mennonite Women's History Timeline and be inspired by their courage, leadership and enduring witness: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mennonite-womens-history-timeline/>

Mennonite Church USA is seeking **nominations for a Legacy Peacemaker**, who has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to peace and justice, and a **Young Peace-maker**, who is beginning to make a meaningful impact, for its **2026 Bring the Peace awards**. The deadline for nominations is March 27 and may be submitted via this online form: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/btp-nomination>

AMBS

Monthly Taizé-inspired gatherings for prayer: “Keep your lamps trimmed and burning”: Sunday, March 8, 7:30 –8:30 p.m., Walnut Hill Mennonite Church, 909 N. Sixth St., Goshen. We will pray together with songs from the Taizé Community, Scripture, candlelight and stillness. Hosts: Walnut Hill and AMBS’s Faith Formation Collaborative

Do you sense a call to ministry? Nurture your leadership abilities, grow in spiritual practices, and deepen your understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s **Journey Missional Leadership Development Program**. The distance-friendly undergraduate-level program offers mentor-mentee partnerships and a supportive learning community. The Fall 2026 cohort begins Sept. 11; apply by July 17 to save \$100! ams.edu/journey

Upcoming Events

Bethany Christian Schools winter musical, **The Sound of Music**, begins this weekend. Regular Performances are Feb. 26, 27 & 28 at 7:30 p.m. and March 7 & 8 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for students and \$10 for adults.

EMU Chamber Singers Concert: College Mennonite Church, Sunday, March 1 at 7 p.m., or Belmont Mennonite Church, Monday, March 2, 7 p.m. Come enjoy this internationally-acclaimed chamber choir for an inspiring concert titled “When the Earth Sings: creation, community, & the care we choose.” As we sing on the theme of creation care, we recognize our place here on earth, acknowledging the brokenness of the world and its inhabitants, and our commitment to being in relationship with all of creation. Concerts are free of charge, and a love offering will be taken to support the choir’s travel expenses.

[Everence Financial®](#) is hosting a **FREE educational Medicare webinar** on Monday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. During this workshop, Everence discusses the important details you need to know about retirement income and transitioning to Medicare, including: Enrollment details and deadlines, budgeting for health care and income in retirement, what your options are if you continue to work, when to start Social Security, prescription drug coverage, and plans that supplement Medicare. [Register here](#) for online seminar. For additional information and a list of future workshop dates, visit www.everence.com/medicare-mondays.

Mennonite Men will be hosting a **men’s retreat at Camp Friedenswald** with **RawTools founder Michael Martin**, March 6-8, 2026. The theme of the weekend will be “Becoming Malleable Men: Practicing Faith and Being Formed.” Registration at friedenswald.org/retreats/.

The [2026 Religion and Science Conference](#), with keynote speaker Dr. Wesley J. Wildman, will feature three lectures, two of which are free and open to the public: Friday, March 6, 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 7, 10:30 a.m. This year’s topic is “The Future of Spirituality: From Temples to Toolkits.” Find details at the link above.

You are invited to join **Mennonite Action Michiana for our next Dessert and Solidarity event**, Thursday, March 12, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Fellowship of Hope (1618 S 6th Street, Elkhart). We will hear from Jonathan Breneman and Sarah Nahar about their recent trip to Palestine, their work with Christians for a Free Palestine, and the BDS (boycott, divestment, and sanctions) movement. Bring a dessert to share. Childcare will be provided.

Save the Date: John McCutcheon Benefit Concert! Join us for a wonderful evening of music with the one and only John McCutcheon! A portion of the proceeds will go towards supporting the work of ADN. May 1, 2026, 7 p.m. at Waterford Mennonite Church. All [tickets](#) are \$25.

During 2026 **Mennonite Historical Society** will conclude more than a century of promoting public understanding of Anabaptist-Mennonite history and contemporary Mennonite life and thought, with a mission that served the overarching goal of deepening commitment to Christian faith. Mennonite Historical Society invites all to **join a celebration of the Society’s work** and impact on Saturday, March 28, 2026, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the campus of Goshen College, College Mennonite Church, South Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. RSVP via [this link](#) or by contacting Elizabeth Miller at Goshen College (elizabethmm@goshen.edu or 574.535.7418.)