



March 29, 2026



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday:

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Nurture Hour;
classes for all ages
3:00 p.m. - Sr. Adult event / FH

Welcome Team

Greeters: Carla Miller, Karen
Thompson
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Wade
Ramer, Douglas Graber
Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler,
Colin Berkey
Nursery: Laura Dick, Lena
Claassen; John & Julie Zehr

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. - Maundy
Wednesday supper

Thursday

7:30 p.m. - Stephen Ministers
MYF Rm, Rm 15

Zoom prayers

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

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Where Did All The Money Go??

Jim & Lila Gascho

A saying I have heard is this: “I need a wheelbarrow to get my groceries. For the money – not for the groceries!” An exaggeration, yes. But if you’re like me, we sometimes wonder where all the money went. True in our homes, and maybe true within the church as well.

As a Waterford Church family, we give our regular offerings as an act of worship. We thank God for our ability to give to the ministries of our church as well as other organizations. Through our Mission and Service Ministry Team, portions of our general budget go to help various ministries within our community and around the world.

Another place of “where did all the money go” is our Endowment Fund. Yes, Waterford has an Endowment Fund, primarily funded from estate gifts. The Endowment Fund Committee receives applications twice a year, April 1 and October 1, and earnings from the fund are distributed to approved applications.

Casa Cardo, Tucson, Ariz., was a 2024 recipient of a \$3,400 grant from the Endowment Fund. So what happened to the money? Where did the money go, and what did it accomplish?

While in Phoenix this winter, Lila and I had the opportunity to go to Tucson for the 2nd Anniversary celebration of Casa Cardo.



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Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 233

Nurture Hour - 231

Finances – March 22, 2026

Operating Fund \$9,251.98

Mennonite Ed \$65.00

Either Fund \$2,205.00

Budget Total \$11,521.98

Benin Trip \$125.00

Total **\$11,646.98**

Looking Ahead

April 5: Sermon: Katie Misz;

Easter: Death and Resurrection
(John 20:1-18)

April 12: Sermon: Cindy Voth;

Jesus and Thomas
(John 20:19-31)

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team

Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser

Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz

Monday - Thursday

Out of Office

Cindy Voth - March 29 - April 1

Office hours this week

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9-12, 1-3

Tuesday

9-12

Friday - CLOSED

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

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Casa Cardo works with women and their children who are seeking asylum in the United States. It's a safe space that offers housing and creates a community of solidarity in order to provide support and accompaniment for those seeking to not only rebuild their lives, but to also heal from the trauma suffered through displacement and migration.

Casa Cardo is a five-apartment house in a historic district of Tucson. When purchased, the house needed major renovations. Mennonite Disaster Service got involved, as well as volunteers from both Tucson and Phoenix, contributing many hours of work. Our WMC Endowment Fund grant helped with the renovations.



Tina Schlabach, a former pastor of Waterford, gave us a tour of the apartments. She warmly sends her greeting to the Waterford Church family. Tina has been very instrumental in the formation of Casa Cardo. We had the opportunity to meet all of the women and their children and were warmly welcomed into their homes.

Casa Cardo just completed two years of operations. One family is “graduating” and in a stable position to move on to their own home. A new mother and her children from a country in Africa has been identified and will move in very soon. It was a privilege to see where some of the Waterford Endowment Fund money has gone.

SOS

Lunch for Prairie View Staff

Luke & Cindy Voth, SOS Coordinators

Our next opportunity, as a “Supporting Our Schools” (SOS) partner with Prairie View Elementary School, is to provide lunch for the 95 teachers and staff on Monday, May 4, during Teacher Appreciation Week.

At the Participation Station you will find a sign-up sheet for food and paper plates. We will be offering a smorgasbord of salads and desserts, along with ordering pulled pork and mac n cheese from Big C’s BBQ. Salads can be anything under the salad umbrella: lettuce, jello, potato, fruit, pasta, etc. Desserts can be anything dessert-ish: cookies, pies, sweet breads, bars, etc. Salads and desserts should serve 10-12 people. Items may be brought to the church on Sunday, May 3, or dropped off at the church between 8:45 and 9:15 a.m. on May 4.

We’re grateful for the ways we can bless and encourage those involved in educating some of the children in our local community.

WMC Greencroft Gathering

Evergreen Place group meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Library in Evergreen Place at Greencroft. We enjoy singing, sharing about a Bible text or theme, and visiting together with old and new friends.

Clockwise from front left: Sharon Swartzendruber (Ed Swartzendruber and Cora Askren not visible) Bob Brenneman, Deron Bergstresser, Jim Christophel, Wilmer Hollinger, Barbara Hodel, Virginia Hershberger, Rachel Yoder, Marvin Yoder, Ursula Hess, Ann Burkholder, Barb Landes, Kathy Miller.



Photo by Court Chupp

MCUSA

Amy Yoder McGloughlin, MC USA denominational minister for education, reflects on her call to ministry and **how congregations can nurture the next generation of pastors** through spiritual practices, mentoring, intergenerational worship and intentional encouragement of God's call. Read her Menno Snapshots blog here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/nurture-a-call-to-ministry/>

Stay informed about MC USA-affiliated schools and higher eds by subscribing to "Prayers for Education." MC USA's quarterly e-newsletter features prayer requests submitted by our Mennonite educational institutions and organized by week. Subscribe here: <https://bit.ly/467dSR7> Read the current issue here: <https://bit.ly/4kFXFbi>

Waterford Announcements

This Sunday:

- **Requests for Spring Endowment funds are due** this Sunday. 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.
- **All Senior adults** are invited to come to the church this afternoon (March 29) at 3:00 for a program by the Goshen Threshold Singers. The event will be held in the fellowship hall.
- The **"Draw and Share"** poster for individuals to draw and write ideas about accessibility, inclusion, and barriers felt during worship is on a table in the foyer. There are also paper copies of the All In survey there.

Please take a few minutes to **give feedback to Pastor Deron's ministry** among us by completing the online feedback form at this [LINK](#). You can also find paper copies of the form by the mailboxes. All forms, both completed online and paper copies, should be returned by March 31. Please return paper copies to the office.

This Wednesday, we will have a **Maundy Wednesday meal and foot washing service** beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you plan to attend, please sign up to bring a pot of soup, bread **or** fruit for 8 people this Sunday. If you would like to help get the food out or clean up afterward, please sign up for that, too.

Court Chupp is still looking for an apartment. If you have a rental space, or know of something available, please contact Court at 574-536 9625.

MMN

Just Peace Pilgrimages — Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples Pilgrimage. You and your community are invited to engage with contemporary Indigenous realities, explore the histories of Indigenous Peoples, and examine the complexities of Indigenous-settler relations in Navajoland. What might it mean for your community to stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples and actively contribute to the work of truth telling and repair? **Dates: September 22-26. Registration deadline: July 15.** Contact Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net or visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace to learn more!

AMBS

Webinar series: Find your way at AMBS! How can faith speak to issues that matter? Gain inspiration and insight from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary faculty in these webinars geared toward young adults. Recordings of the three webinars are available here: ambs.edu/find-your-way

Seminary scholarships for VSers. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary offers a 75% tuition discount to current Mennonite Voluntary Service or Shalom Project participants and a \$1,500 scholarship to former voluntary service participants for graduate-level coursework. Enrollment must occur within five years of completion of the VS assignment. Sign up for a course, or tap a shoulder! Check eligibility requirements: ambs.edu/vs

Pathways Retreat

Pathways Retreat is offering variety of programs and workshops this spring:

- Attuning to the Seasons
- Honoring our Pain for the World
- God's Wonderful Creatures
- Weekly Yoga
- Inner Soul Groups are forming for fall 2026 through spring 2027

Click on this [link](#) to find more information in their monthly newsletter or learn more at pathwaysretreat.org.

Relief Sale Assistance Needed: Kevin and Lorene Miller are looking for assistance with coordinating the popcorn booth at the Michiana Relief Sale this year as they have a Saturday conflict. The relief sale is Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26, 2026. Contact them for more information or to express your willingness to help (kevin.lorene@gmail.com).

Upcoming Events

GC Spring Mainstage: Poor Clare: The Goshen College theater department will present *Poor Clare* by Chaira Atik as its spring mainstage production. Saturday, March 28, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 29, 2:30 p.m. This hilarious, anachronistic telling of the real story of St. Clare considers the cost of doing good—and how little has changed for the haves and the have-nots in nearly a millennium. Tickets are available at goshen.edu/tickets. **Note:** *this show is loosely rated PG-13 for interest and adult language.*

Love Rules: Palm Sunday Action. “We Make Indiana” invites local congregations to walk a Palm Sunday path together through downtown South Bend on March 29, 2026, demonstrating our renewed commitment to feed the hungry, heal the sick and welcome the stranger. Convene at Howard Park at 2 p.m. to **walk through downtown** past government buildings with palms, banners, and songs. We will reconvene at the park* at 3:15 for a brief commitment service and refreshments.

*Zion Community Church in case of rain, 211 S Peter St, South Bend

GC Senior Art Exhibit Opening Reception: Five students in the Goshen College Class of 2026 will present their artwork in a senior show, running from **March 20 to April 5 in the Music Center's Hershberger Art Gallery.**

Yoder-Culp Funeral Home will be hosting a **seminar on funeral pre-planning** on Thursday, April 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Dinner will be provided while they share information about options for funeral planning. This is purely an education event to provide the community with options to reduce stress on their family at the time of their passing. Please **RSVP to Ethan at 574-533-3153 by Monday, April 13.** See poster on the bulletin board for more details.

Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD) is a movement of the ecumenical Christian community, grounded in biblical witness and our shared traditions of justice and peace. **Join EAD in Washington, D.C., April 20–22, 2026,** to call on Congress to commit to Protecting People, Peace and Planet! Through worship, workshops, and Congressional visits, we will bring together a diverse group of Christians to remind Congress of our shared responsibility to care for all that belongs to God. Learn more and register: advocacydays.org.

Northern Indiana Amish Quilts, from the Rebecca Haarer Collection. Goshen College Library Gallery, now to October 4. This exhibit will include quilts from 1880-1945 of various sizes and is free and open to the public.

Appeal for Gaza Aid

With the attention of the world on the war between Iran, Israel and the U.S., the **desperate needs of Christians and other residents of Gaza** are growing. Please help those sheltering in the remaining churches or living in damaged homes by sending a check to Fellowship of Hope, 1614 S. 6th St. Elkhart IN 46516, or use the Church's [Givelify app](#). Please enter “Gaza Relief” in the memo line. —David Janzen, MennoPIN