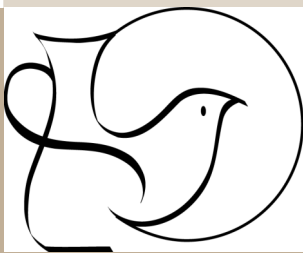




May 10, 2026



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday:

9:00 a.m. - Worship

10:30 a.m. - Nurture classes for all ages

Welcome Team

Greeters: Jerry & Barbara Landes

Ushers: Ken Otto, Wade Ramer, Denise Diener

Audiovisuals: Colin Berkey, Jordan Kauffman

Nursery: Dee Birkey, Laura Dick, Krista Daniels, Lacy Stoltzfus

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. - Stephen Ministers

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Venture Club, JYF, and MYF

Thursday

8:30 a.m. - Mennonite Women / MYF Rm

7:00 p.m. - FFMT / FH

7:00 p.m. - Ecuador Prayers / Zoom

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

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Area Wide Pentecost Service

An area wide Pentecost Service will be held indoors at the College Mennonite Church on Sunday, May 24. Everyone is welcome to arrive at 9:15 a.m. for the pre-service music. The service will formally start at 9:30.

Attendees are encouraged to wear brightly colored clothing, representing the flames of the Spirit at Pentecost.

This is a bilingual service. While there is no formal childcare, there will be a children's time during the service and they will play a central part in our imagining the Spirit in our midst.

There will be an offering taken during this service. Cash or checks are welcome. Checks should be made out to: "Central District Conference" with "Pentecost" in the memo line. There will be a few minor expenses we need to cover for this service, but the offering will be split between The Window, Emergency Assistance at First Light Mission, and Safety Networks.

The service will also be live streamed at: <https://boxcast.tv/channel/n12gpk18euckrb3gcgs4>

There will be no worship service or nurture hour at Waterford on Sunday, May 24.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 177

Nurture Hour - 171 (+ 35—
Seekers Retreat)

Finances – April 26, 2026

Operating Fund \$10,358.32

Mennonite Ed \$1,125.00

Either Fund \$6,490.00

Budget Total \$17,973.32

Four Way Mission \$75.00

Total \$18,048.32

Looking Ahead

May 17: Sermon: Esther
Farmwald with Katie Misz;
Grad Sunday

May 24: Joint Area Pentecost
Service at Goshen College

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team
Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser

Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz

Monday - Thursday

Ursula Hess

Out of Office

Cindy Voth - May 11-12

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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Thank You



The Prykhodko family, the Ukrainian family that Dave & Marge Gingerich and others have sponsored, received financial assistance from the Waterford Endowment Fund to pay part of the fees to renew their United for Ukraine status for their family of five. Here is a note from them:

“We sincerely thank you for your kindness and support of our family. It means so much to us and truly touches our hearts. This is a beautiful reminder to us that God is in control of everything and faithfully provides through people like you. May the Lord richly bless each of you for your open hearts and generosity!”

The Prykhodko Family,

Pavlo, Anastasiia, Artem, Tymofii, & Yuniaa

Celebrating Together



The Koinonia Class celebrated together at a housewarming and new member party for Court Chupp.

Brenda Janzen's new contact information (please update your directory):
Email: bsjanzen@gmail.com
Phone: 574-312-5345
Address: unchanged

Waterford Announcements

May is here and it continues to be a time to plant seeds of hope for others around the world. Plan to join us at **Mennonite Women** this coming Thursday. We will be working on projects that support MCC in a variety of ways. Bring whatever you choose to share for our "Least Coin Fund" and if you have time, join the fun around the carry in lunch tables. You may also suggest additional service projects you have interest in as well as community projects you would like to see the "Least Coin Funds" going toward.

In your mailbox last week were the agenda and two ballots for our congregational meeting on May 17. If you need to vote absentee, there is a basket on the table outside the office to put completed and signed ballots by noon on the 17th.

We are needing one or two additional ushers for our Sunday morning services. If you would like to be a regular or substitute usher, please contact Glenn Reinford at reinfordgl@gmail.com or 574-304-3472.

Interior Design: Whether you are a professional designer or simply someone who loves making a house feel like a home, you may be interested in joining our new Interior Design Committee. We're looking for three or four individuals to help us create and maintain a welcoming environment. If you feel a nudge to contribute your creative gifts to this ministry, we would love to hear from you. For more information or to express your interest please contact Jan Oostland at facilities@waterfordchurch.org.

Upcoming Events

**Missing and Murdered Indigenous People
The Neglected & Ignored**

JOIN US FOR A PRESENTATION FROM THE
POKAGON BAND OF INDIANA & MICHIGAN



MAY 18, 2026 FROM 6:30-8P
1700 S. MAIN ST., GOSHEN, IN 46526
KOINONIA ROOM - SOUTH ENTRANCE

MMN

Live out your faith through service! **Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS)** is now accepting applications for the 2026-27 term. This one-year volunteer experience is open to **individuals age 20+**, with the option to extend placements for an additional one to two years. Serve with organizations addressing critical community needs, such as health, education, immigration and more. You won't do it alone, though! By living with peers in a unit house and growing with a local faith community, MVSers join in the global movement to work for peace and a more just world. Ready to jump in? Go to MennoniteMission.net/MVS to learn more and apply.

Placements are available in the following locations: Alamosa, Colorado; Chicago, Illinois; San Francisco, California; and Tucson, Arizona.

Just Peace Pilgrimages — South Africa Racial Justice Pilgrimage, hosted by [Iziko Lamaqabane](https://IzikoLamaqabane.org). This South African solidarity learning pilgrimage will explore the long history and legacy of settler colonialism and apartheid, which was an unjust socio-political policy that fostered racial segregation. The pilgrimage will focus on the social constructs created around race, land dispossession and how they so thoroughly defined, and continue to define, South African society. Join Mission Network's director for Africa and Europe Sibonokuhle Ncube and former executive director Stanley Green on this pilgrimage! **Dates: September 9-22; the optional safari extends the trip by 3 days. Registration deadline: July 15.** Contact Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net or visit MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace to learn more!

AMBS

Employment openings at

AMBS. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, is accepting applications for four full-time positions: Director of Enrollment, Director of Library Services, Digital Marketing and Publications Manager, and Assistant Director of Maintenance. Please share about these openings with people you know who may be interested! See the job descriptions: ambs.edu/jobs

Through our affordable short-term online **Practical Leadership Training modules**, you can gain resources and skills that will equip you to lead more effectively in a variety of settings.

Teaching the Bible in an Age of Distraction May 19, 26; June 2, 9, 16, 23 • 7–8 p.m. ET
Instructor: Meghan Larissa Good, DMin *Register by **May 12!***

[Learn more and register](#)

Give soap full of hope — Help MCC collect bars of soap in April & May: MCC provides soap to hospitals, orphanages and refugee camps in countries where soap is expensive or difficult to source. There is a need for soap beyond what is supplied in kits. MCC Great Lakes invites you to take part in a special collection of bath soap and laundry soap throughout April and May. Find specifications and more information at mcc.org/soap. Drop off soap at the MCC Material Resources Center at the Depot.

Amigo Centre Golf Scramble, May 30, at Klinger Lake Country Club, (21050 US-12, Sturgis, Mich.). Proceeds from this event support Amigo Centre's high-quality summer camp programming, especially providing registration scholarships for low-income youth. Register now at AmigoCentre.org/golf-scramble, or call 269-651-2811.

Join MC USA for a **summit exploring the impact of militarism**. We'll come together to reflect, learn and engage in thoughtful dialogue on waging peace in meaningful ways. The summit will be held at Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, Pennsylvania, November 6-7. [Sign up here](#) to receive updates about registration and the summit.

Opportunities

Camp Amigo Nurses Needed! We are seeking volunteer nurses to support our summer camp program Sunday through Friday, as well as individuals who may be available to fill in for a day or two as needed throughout the summer. This is a meaningful opportunity to care for campers and be part of the fun, impactful ministry experience! For more information, please contact kelsie@amigocentre.org. To apply, visit AmigoCentre.org/Summer-Employment.

Created to Care Summer Camp: Join Mennonite Central Committee and Pathways Retreat on July 13-17 for a week of discovery, action and fun as we learn what it means to care for God's creation! Created to Care is a hands-on day camp (9 a.m.-12 p.m.) for youth entering 4th-6th grades who want to explore the connection between our faith and the natural world around us. The week will culminate with a visit to the Pokagon Band in Dowagiac, Mich., on Friday. Registration fee is by sliding scale. More information and registration at mcc.org/created-to-care