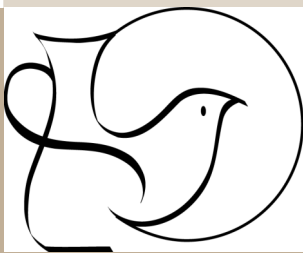




June 28, 2026



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday:

9:00 a.m. - Worship

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

Welcome Team

Greeters: Jerry & Joyce Troyer

Ushers: Ken Otto, Carla Miller, Mark King

Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler, Colin Berkey

Nursery: Dee Birkey, Laura Dick, Julie Zehr, Mary Ann Wieand

This Week at Waterford

Thursday

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

5:00 p.m. - Youth depart for
Camping Retreat

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Collecting School Kits

Joyce Bontrager

This Sunday, Mennonite Women's friend, Olga, is going to share about how helpful receiving a school kit can be during times of war or displacement.

Last year MCC had what we all thought was a large goal for complete school kits across the nation. This goal was not only met, but the total was exceeded. The needs have not gotten smaller!

Starting next Sunday, there will be a table close to the library where you can pick up empty bags to be filled, as well as a list of what should be included in each bag. A box will also be available for those of you who prefer to bring individual items instead of complete kits. Since a specific kind of pencil sharpener is requested, that item will not be on the list to be included. Mennonite Women will be buying them in bulk and adding them to the bags. Thanks to those who sewed bags last winter, we have a good supply to be filled. There will also be a box for those who wish to donate funds for school kits, but do not want to do the shopping.

It is exciting to be a part of helping students from around the world in this way. Thanks to each one who chooses to be a part of this ministry!

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Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 189

Nurture Hour - 160

Finances – June 21, 2026

Operating Fund	\$16,138.00
Mennonite Ed	\$940.00
Either Fund	\$1,960.00
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$19,038.00</i>
Sharing Fund	\$150.00
Reparations Fund	\$4,099.00
Benin T-shirts	\$220.00
Total	\$23,507.00

Looking Ahead

July 5: Singing through Jesus' Life

July 12: MYF Sharing; Camping retreat

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team

Leader

Monday - Thursday

Katie Misz, pastor

Monday - Thursday

Ursula Hess - Sr. Adult Chaplain

Amanda - Interim pastor

Deron Bergstresser, pastor

On Sabbatical

Out of Office

Elvina Schmidt June 29-July 5

Cindy Voth June 29-30

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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June Electives

WMCers of all ages and experience levels have been putting together jigsaw puzzles for resale at The Depot to make sure all the pieces are there. The elective is also a good way to meet and talk with people you wouldn't normally interact with on a Sunday morning.



Support for the Window

Change in Sharing Fund collection this Sunday

The Window in downtown Goshen has announced a temporary 30-day stabilization period during which time they will pause operations.

Executive Director, Naomi Leary writes, "Demand for services has increased as rising costs and economic pressures continue to affect local households. At the same time, The Window has experienced a significant decline in community financial support, higher food costs, delayed reimbursements, and rising facility expenses."

WMC supports The Window financially through our missions giving, but we want to add to that at this time as they seek to be able to resume their work. This Sunday, rather than collecting an offering for our already robust Sharing Fund, we will collect an offering for The Window. Let's give what we can to make sure this crucial service can continue in our community.

Amigo Centre Sponsorship

The Retreat Center at Amigo was built in 1992 and churches were asked to sponsor a guest room by providing bedding, wall hangings, funds for paint, air conditioning units, carpeting, blinds, etc., and volunteers to work on the rooms. At that time, Waterford sponsored one guest room on the lower level of the building, which still bears a plaque on the door acknowledging that sponsorship.

It is now 34 years later, and the rooms are needing improvements and replacements. We have received a request from Amigo Centre asking if we would like to renew our sponsorship. This is a 5-year commitment to give \$500 or more annually to support the ongoing maintenance needs for that room. The renewal begins in January 2027.

Having just entered a new fiscal year, we are opening this invitation to the broader congregation. Perhaps there is a Sunday School class, a small group, or even a household that would like to support Amigo in this way. You can read the original request letter on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. If you wish to sponsor the room, contact Janet in the office for the renewal form.

Waterford Announcements

This Sunday, June 28, we will **share in communion**. We invite you to prepare your hearts for this sign of God's peace by making peace with God and with your brothers and sisters. We will also collect offerings for The Window which helps people in need in the community.

This Sunday is Guess Who's Coming to Dinner night at 5:30. If you signed up to participate, don't forget to go!

This is **the last Sunday** to order **Benin/Waterford T-shirts** for yourself and/or Beninese recipients. Sign up at the table in the foyer.

Fellowship for Area Mennonite Young Adults!

WHO: If you are post high school age into your mid-20s you are welcome and encouraged to attend!

WHAT: Each Sunday we meet will be different. Some examples include: hymn singing, discussion topics, board games and snacks, active games such as soccer or frisby, as well as potlucks.

WHEN: The group is to meet every other Sunday at 5:00 p.m. First gathering is July 12.

WHERE: Waterford Mennonite Church pavilion

MCUSA

For many students, **military enlistment** can feel like one of the few affordable paths to higher education. But for Connor Kouterick, a freshman at West Virginia University, another path emerged, thanks to the **Peaceful Futures Scholarship** from Peaceful Options for Training and Careers (POTC), a ministry project of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Central Committee. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/POTC-scholarship>

Did you know that the **Mennonite Church USA Archives** has an **online photo collection** of more than 13,000 images? It's fun to browse and is a great resource for presentations, sermons and more. Check it out here: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/mennonitechurchusa-archives/>

MMN

Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples Pilgrimage to Navajoland, September 22-26. Hosted by the [Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery](#) and led by Coalition Executive Director Sarah Augustine. 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. 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? Registration deadline: July 15. Contact: Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net. Learn more and register at MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace

AMBS

Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program.

Encourage someone you know who has gifts for ministry to check out this distance-friendly undergraduate-level program of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Journey helps participants nurture their leadership abilities, grow in spiritual practices, and deepen their understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry with the guidance of a dedicated pastoral mentor and experienced facilitators. The Fall 2026 cohort begins Sept. 11; those who apply by July 17 can save \$100! ambs.edu/journey

Spiritual Direction:

Foundations. Strengthen your skills in offering spiritual direction through the first level of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's supervised spiritual direction program. This course, which can be completed in person or fully online, will help you grow in confidence and competence as a spiritual director. The seminar begins Sept. 1; apply by July 15 to save \$200. ambs.edu/seminars

Upcoming Events

An Oscar-nominated 2011 film, **"5 Broken Cameras,"** will be shown at 12 noon Saturday, June 27, in the auditorium of Goshen Public Library, 601 S. Fifth St. The film depicts the **perilous journey of a Palestinian family** in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, 2005 to 2010. Filmmaker Emad Burnat chronicles the birth and early years of his fourth son, Gibreel, while also filming the nonviolent resistance of his neighbors to Israeli encroachment on their land and community. Sponsored by Michiana Voices, the two-hour event is free and open to the public—with light refreshments and free childcare. Brief discussion will follow the 94-minute documentary.

MCC Stories from Mexico, South America and Cuba on July 1: You're invited to join MCC on Wednesday, July 1, at 7 p.m. at Eighth Street Mennonite Church (602 S 8th Street in Goshen) to hear from MCC storytellers Sarah and Jack Lesniewski, MCC Co-Area Directors for South America, Mexico and Cuba. Sarah and Jack previously served as MCC Co-Country Representatives for Guatemala-El Salvador and as service workers with MCC in rural Guatemala. On July 1, Sarah and Jack will share first-hand stories from MCC programs and partners. We hope you'll join us for an evening of stories and inspiration!

Now is the time to bless others and the work of Mennonite Central Committee with your donation to the **2026 Quilt Auction** at the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale, September 25-26. Items are needed now so that photographs can be taken for the online portion of the quilt sale. Please see the website for how to register your item: www.mennonitesale.org. **Registration ends August 25.** For more information contact Gail Shetler, 574-333-7142. Donations to the Sewing Box are also being accepted.

Learning Opportunities

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

You Came to Visit Me: An Incarceration Learning Experience. Join MCC for a three-day learning experience in Goshen, Indiana, on July 24-26. Hear directly from people with lived experience of incarceration, explore what Scripture says about justice and restoration, and engage honestly with the policies and structures that shape these realities. Together, we'll discover what it means to realize the Kingdom of God both practically and faithfully. Learn more and register: mcc.org/goshen-visit-me

Puerto Rico Peace Camp, October 18-24, in Rio Grande, PR. **For young adults ages 18-30;** the ability to understand and speak Spanish is required. Join this camp on the beautiful island of Borikén to explore how the life of Jesus and the clamor of the land call us together to cultivate peace. It will be a week of learning, collective transformation, solidarity grounded in biblical principles, and a deep connection with the earth. During this peace camp, we will explore biblical foundations for peace; learn practical tools for cultivating peace; discuss issues of colonization, migration, trauma, food sovereignty, and other systems that impact well-being; visit local organizations working to cultivate peace within their specific contexts. Register [here](#) by September 12.