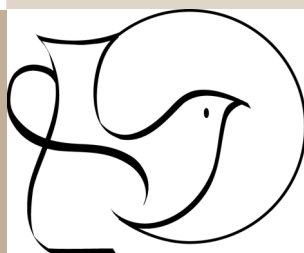




July 19, 2026



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday:

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Adult classes

Welcome Team

Greeters: Miranda Pfahler,
Karen Pfahler
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Wade
Ramer, LaVon Short
Audiovisuals: Shawn Stutzman,
Dom Ramer
Nursery: Amanda Stoltzfus, Barb
Landes

This Week at Waterford

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. - VBS at
Silverwood

Thursday

Youth departure for Benin
Zoom prayers
Monday - 8:30 a.m.

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Youth Delegate to Indiana Michigan Conference

Miranda Pfahler

I enjoyed being one of two youth delegates. This was a new experience for me, but it was something that I will be open to doing again. My highlight of Summer Fest was getting to connect to other congregations in the Indiana/Michigan Area. I get nervous when connecting with new people, but I felt super welcomed during Summer Fest to be able to connect openly.

There was a workshop that was called "Jesus and the Kingdom and Social Change." I chose this workshop simply because I studied the profession of Social Work in undergrad, and I enjoy learning about social change and understanding ways to create change. The speakers used the statement "Power With" and not "Power Over." This challenged me to think outside the box when it comes to the word power. We as Mennonites think of the word "Power" as taking charge. The speakers explained that they as advocates create relationships with local churches, and organize together to plan a way of getting the mayor to come to the event to show what needs to be changed. This created the aspect of "Power With" and not "Power Over." Being a huge advocate for change, this really puts in perspective that "Power" can be a positive subject too.

This workshop is also something that I learned and will continue to think about. Being a case manager at the biggest mental health provider in Elkhart and St. Joe County, and now transitioning to a special education paraprofessional in the schools, it is important for me to think of Power in a positive way, and know that Jesus showed power with people and not over people.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 188

Nurture Hour - 140

Finances – July 12, 2026

Operating Fund	\$5,870.00
Mennonite Ed	\$4,451.25
Either Fund	\$2,935.00
Subtotal	\$13,256.25
Benin T-shirts	\$70.00
Least Coin Fund	\$32.00
Total	\$13,358.25

Looking Ahead

July 26: Sermon: Monica Miller;
Sabbath

August 2: Sermon: Monica Miller;
Sabbath

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

Cindy Voth July 22 - August 5

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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Here's Who Came to Dinner

On June 28, 75 people met in 9 homes for Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. Below are photos of the guests at Dan, Ang and JoLee Stoltzfus' home (top) and Firman and Susan Gingerich's (bottom).



Directory Changes

Please make the following changes to your directory:

Glen Horner

Hubbard Hill (Assisted Living)
28070 County Road 24, Apt 1012
Elkhart, IN 46517

Wilmer Hollinger

Greencroft Healthcare, Lea unit, Rm 110
1225 Greencroft Drive
Goshen, IN 46526

Note: Wilmer doesn't need more desserts or snacks but is missing strong coffee. He wasn't able to take his coffee maker with him into Healthcare. He would also appreciate people to read Anabaptist World and the Goshen News to him. He has a subscription for both but can no longer see to read.



A handy project for just the right person...

One of the Waterford card tables is broken and needs a bit of welding to make it useful again.

Do you have basic welding skills and would you be willing to lend a hand?

The card table can be found in the back fellowship hallway, and the church staff would be delighted if it disappeared for a while and returned in working order.

Waterford Announcements

New Intergenerational Sunday School Class Interest meeting. If you are interested in being part of a new Sunday School class that isn't defined by age, come to an interest meeting with Pastors Katie and Cindy during the nurture hour in the south fellowship hall this Sunday. Anyone 18 or older is welcome to this new class. At the meeting, we will have open sharing about what participants value in a class, what leadership structures to consider, when to get started, and what content to explore. Contact Katie or Cindy if you cannot make this meeting but want to learn more.

The departure date for our Youth Learning Tour to Benin is this coming Thursday. We will take your words of "hello" you have written on the banner on the table in the foyer. Please stop by the foyer this Sunday to **add your words of greetings to the banner.**

MCUSA

MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton shares insights from the **"Reimagining MC USA"** process in his recent Menno Snapshots blog. He explores how MC USA can faithfully adapt its structures, leadership and connections to serve the church and the world in 2040. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/reimagining-mc-usa-for-2040/>

The recipients of **MC USA's 2026 BIPOC Scholarship** include a future social worker advocating for equitable healthcare access, a youth mentor from the Philippines seeking to strengthen the global church, a Colombian social worker committed to healing in post-conflict communities, a Philadelphia pastor deepening his peacemaking work, and a food service worker answering a call to chaplaincy. Read about these emerging leaders here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/five-receive-bipoc-scholarships/>

AMBS

Want to deepen your understanding of Anabaptist history, thought, witness and practice? The **Anabaptist Short Course Bundle** offers the best deal on Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's collection of discussion-based online short courses! Take four noncredit six-week courses in 2026–27 for only \$995 USD total and save more than \$400. (The regular price is \$350/course.) No grades, no papers! CEUs available. ambs.edu/bundle

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Upcoming Events

You are invited to Assembly Mennonite Church on Sunday, July 19 at 9:30 a.m. to hear our **preacher/storyteller Jesse Van Tol**. He is President and CEO of the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) www.ncrc.org in Washington DC. NCRC is a national network of 700 organizations, including five locally, dedicated to creating a nation that not only promises but delivers opportunities for all Americans to build wealth and live well. After the worship service is a finger foods lunch and a follow up conversation with Jesse to which you are also invited.

A **Mennonite Action song, prayer, and reflection time** will take place at College Mennonite Church on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, from noon until 1 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will lament and pray for the world at war. Some of the songs, readings, and prayers are in response to the 250th celebration of our nation. This is open to everyone, including children and youth, to come for a short time or to stay for the hour.

Whose Bible Is it Anyway? Reclaiming Scripture from Wealth and Weaponization, a free webinar, Thursday, July 23, 7 – 8:30 p.m. Join renowned biblical animator **Ched Myers** for a transformative, free webinar that refuses to surrender the text. Ched will perform a literary and historical “core sample” on one of the most misused stories in the New Testament: **Luke's Parable of the Ten Pounds**. You'll discover how the standard capitalist interpretation completely falls apart under scrutiny and how “re-storying” this text unlocks a radical blueprint for resisting plutocracy — a critical skill for the current moment. Register at the link above.

The Hermitage Transfiguration Feast Day Retreat and Homecoming, Aug 1, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friends of the Hermitage in Three Rivers, Mich., are invited to a day of prayerful reflection on Scripture, conversation, and potluck lunch feast as we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration. We will gather in the Chapel of the Transfiguration for morning prayer, pray and reflect together around the Matthean transfiguration narrative, with particular Hermitage community members sharing briefly about the significance of this text in their own lives. There is no cost, but please consider a donation to the Hermitage in celebration of this day.

MCC Great Lakes Open House on Thursday, August 20, from 4 to 6 p.m. You are invited to visit our office in The Depot building in Goshen (1013 Division Street) for an informal time of conversation and fellowship with MCC Great Lakes staff. **Rukshan Fernando, new executive director for MCC U.S.**, will also be present to meet with attendees. We appreciate our dedicated MCC supporters and would love to get the chance to talk with you. Light refreshments will be served. For more information and to register, visit mcc.org/gl-open-house or RSVP to 574-534-4133 or GreatLakes@mcc.org by August 14.

Relief Sale, September 25-26, Elkhart County Fairgrounds:

- Save the date for the **Relief Sale Fundraising banquet** on Tuesday, August 18. More details coming soon.
- **Keep collecting your coins for MyCoins Count**, thinning your plants, considering what baked goods or silent auction items you can donate, or where you can volunteer to help. Follow the Relief Sale on social media for the latest updates.