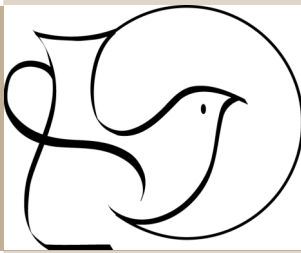




July 26, 2026



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday:

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Adult classes
4:30 p.m. - Teachers / Sponsors
Meeting / WMC

Welcome Team

Greeters: Kathy Miller, Karen
Sommers
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Douglas
Graber, Ken Otto
Audiovisuals: Glen Kauffmann,
Jordan Kauffman
Nursery: Dee Birkey, Neer
Goswami

This Week at Waterford

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

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MEN! Below is a description of our 2026 Fall Men's Retreat that is being planned. Get it on your calendar now, and watch for details later.

Empowered and Empowering: Promise and Invitation

Saturday, October 17, 2026, 8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at WMC

Most of us have a longing to experience strength and to live more fully and freely in a troubled world. In this Men's Retreat, we'll explore the ways we feel empowered to live this way, and how we can empower others. We will actively engage several Jesus stories, spend time listening to nature, and share our experiences of being empowered and empowering others. Come young and old and be inspired together!

Men's Retreat Schedule

8:45 – 9:00 Arrival, coffee

9:00 – 9:30 Intros: Why here? Intro to the topic for the day.
Empowered and empowering and why it matters.

9:30 – 10:30 Jesus stories: Action and reflection

10:30 to 10:50 Outdoor time

10:50 – 12:00 Drumming. Sharing reflections and stories about being empowered and empowering others. How have you been empowered? How do you empower others?

12:15 – 1:00 Lunch (pizza, salad, chips, soda)

Being planned by Sheldon Swartz and Deron Bergstresser. Sign up will come later. Contact either for questions.

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 198

Nurture Hour - 126

Finances – July 19, 2026

Operating Fund	\$13,232.00
Mennonite Ed	\$315.00
Either Fund	\$4,535.00
Subtotal	\$18,082.00
Benin T-shirts	\$20.00
Four Way Mission	\$50.00
Reparations Fund	\$100.00
Total	\$18,252.00

Looking Ahead

August 2: Sermon: Monica Miller;
Sabbath

August 9: Sermon: Karl Shelly;
Reparations
(Luke 10:25-37; 19:1-10)

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team
Leader

Monday - Thursday

Katie Misz, pastor

Monday - Thursday

Ursula Hess - Sr. Adult Chaplain

Amanda Stoltzfus - Interim pastor

Deron Bergstresser, pastor

On Sabbatical

Out of Office

Cindy Voth July 26 - 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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Waterford Announcements

This Sunday we will collect offerings for the **Reparations Fund**. You will find people holding baskets outside the sanctuary doors after the service where you can place your offering.

The **New Intergenerational Class** met last week and discerned there is sufficient interest to get started! For the time being, the class will be meeting each Sunday in the fellowship hall by the kitchen. Members expressed excitement about the unique blessing of forming friendships across age divides. There is still room for more members. Help us spread the word!

Next Sunday, August 2, is our monthly **fellowship meal** following the nurture hour and hosted by the Pathfinders class. Bring a dish to share.

Upcoming Events

MCC webinar **Welcoming the Stranger: Stories of Faith, Immigration, and Hope**, Tuesday, July 28, 2-3:15 p.m. In this webinar, we will share stories from three churches and leaders who are putting faith into action — welcoming and supporting immigrants, facing challenges in their communities, and building congregations that respond with compassion and courage. Speaking from a variety of perspectives across Anabaptist traditions, we'll talk about themes like faith in action, ministry with immigrant communities, lessons learned, and practical ways churches can respond to the realities immigrant families are facing today. Register today for this free event at mcc.org/welcoming-stranger.

Center for Healing and Hope is excited to announce that **Festival of Hope** will be happening Saturday, August 8, from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Goshen Brewing Company! [Check out what's happening](#).

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.

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

Consider registering for the **2026 Run for Relief** which will take place on Saturday, September 26, at 8:00 a.m. To register, go to the relief sale website at <http://www.mennonitesale.org/run-for-relief> and download the registration form or sign up on-line at <https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Goshen/MCCRunforRelief>. Email or text/call Roger Nafziger at rogeran@goshen.edu or (574) 536-6248 if you have any questions.

Opportunities

The Hermitage in Three Rivers Michigan is seeking a **hospitality staff member** to help tend a guesthouse of rest, silence, and prayer. Duties are centered on the changing needs and numbers of our guests at meals, and include other hospitality duties related to running a guesthouse. 25-30 hour/week. Email contact@hermitagecommunity.org for a job description.