

This Sunday:

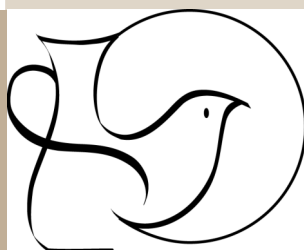
9:00 a.m. - Worship

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

4:30 p.m. - Baptism class



August 16, 2026



The Waterford Buzz

Welcome Team

Greeters: Leroy & Joyce Bontrager

Ushers: Dennis Myers, Wade Ramer, LaVon Short

Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler, Jordan Kauffman

Nursery: Beth & JD Smucker; Lorna Claassen, Hannah Claassen

This Week at Waterford

Monday

6:00 p.m. - MLC & LMP / FH

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. - Game night

7:00 p.m. - BBI Group mtg

Thursday

7:00 p.m. - Reparative Justice Group / Rm 22

7:00 p.m. - Ecuador Prayers

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

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Waterford Announcements

This Sunday, you will find the **Fall Gifts Discernment Ballot** for church leadership positions in your mailbox. We will be collecting filled in ballots in the basket on the table by the office door. There are extra ballots on that table, and on the first table under the mailboxes. Ballots are due by August 30.

The new **Intergenerational Sunday School class** is excited to welcome more people to join them. If you'd like to check it out, they meet in the FH by the kitchen window.

A recent **Goshen College international student graduate** will be working in the area and **needs a place to live**. If anyone has or knows of a room he could rent for a short while in someone's home, or a basement or other apartment for rent, please contact Philip Bender, 574-971-1831.

Join us for an **Ice Cream Social** on August 23, at 6:00 p.m. in the pavilion. Bring a topping to share and chairs or blankets to sit outside. Feel free to bring yard games too! If it rains, we will be inside the Fellowship Hall.

School Kits: August is a time of harvest for some and a time of want for many. With limited or no income, buying school supplies is difficult, if not impossible. You can help by providing some supplies or making a complete school kit—or several. Kit bags and a list of what is needed, or an offering box for those who want others to buy the supplies, are on a table near the library. Each school kit provides a student with tools needed to learn as well as knowing there are caring persons who provided these supplies. Thanks in advance for participating as you are able. **Last Waterford collection day will be the first Sunday in September.**

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 210

Nurture Hour - 159

Finances – August 9, 2026

Operating Fund \$3,190.00

Mennonite Ed \$4,095.00

Either Fund \$1,655.00

Total \$8,940.00

Looking Ahead

August 23: BBI Trip report

(*Revelation 7:9-12*)

August 30: Sermon: Lyle Miller;

Stewardship

(*Psalm 24:1-2; Acts 4:31-35*)

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 - August 19

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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Upcoming Events

Mennonite Action prayers in the College Mennonite Church sanctuary on Tuesday, August 18, from noon until 1 p.m. We will again sing and pray and hold silence as we lift to God our concerns for the world. We will remember many places where war and other violence is interfering with the lives and wellbeing of countless people, including innocent children and bystanders. We are called to protest evil in the world, and prayer is a form of protest! This is open to everyone to come for a short time or to stay for the hour. Let us not grow weary in the work for peace and justice!

Community School of the Arts Choir Auditions, Wednesday, Aug. 19 & 20, 7:00 p.m., Music Center, MC 153. New students are welcome! No experience or audition preparation is required. Just come ready to sing! Questions? Contact Rebecca Dengler Kaufman, CSA Choirs Program Director (574) 535-7361 or rebeccajd@goshen.edu

Final Relief Sale Crafting Day: Come help us create items to sell at this year's sale. All supplies provided and no skills needed. We will meet at East Goshen Church, lower level, on August 22 from 10-2. Bring a lunch and a friend! Please RSVP to crafting.mmrs@gmail.com by August 18.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat will be showing at the Goshen Theater August 21, 22, 28, 29 at 7:30 p.m. and 23 and 30 at 2:30 p.m. Susanna Stutzman & Leif Billings are members of the cast. [Click here for tickets.](#)

Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center program for young children: Join us for **Tales & Trails**, Monday, Aug. 24, as we read *A Rock Is Lively* by Dianna Hutts Aston. Together, we'll explore the many ways rocks can be examined, discovered and played with as we venture into Merry Lea's gravel pit. Be sure to wear weather-appropriate clothing for hiking and outdoor play, including sturdy shoes for walking on rocky ground. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Glacial Retreat Center at Merry Lea. Register at the link above.

Registration is now open for Mennonite Church USA's "**Waging Peace: A Militarism Summit**," Nov. 6-7, in Leola, Pennsylvania. Rooted in Anabaptist faith values, the two-day gathering brings Christians together to explore faithful responses to war, political polarization, nationalism and violence. Best-selling author **Shane Claiborne** is the opening keynote speaker. High school youth attend free with a youth sponsor/pastor. Space is limited, so register early. Learn more and register here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/militarism-summit/>

Opportunities

Volunteer teachers are needed for English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for adults, September 1 to November 19 at Prairie Street Mennonite Church. Sessions are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Volunteering once or twice a week is your choice. Materials are provided. You do not need to be a trained teacher. If desired, you may start as an assistant-in-training working with a veteran teacher. Substitutes are available for illness and vacations. Please contact Sueann VonGuten, vonalter2@gmail.com or 574-612-3108, with your interest or questions.