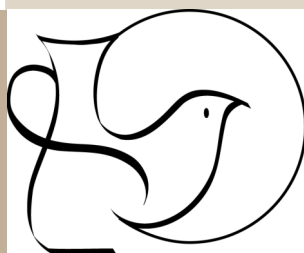


Benin Youth Learning Tour

Sunday, August 23, the youth and sponsors who traveled to Benin led the service and shared about their experiences.



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August 30, 2026

The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday:

9:00 a.m. - Worship

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

Welcome Team

Greeters: Court Chupp, Brenda Janzen

Ushers: Dennis Myers, Wade Ramer, Ken Otto

Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler, Colin Berkey

Nursery: Barb Landes, Neer Goswami; Cheryl Snyder, Bonnie Miller

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

4:30 p.m. - Fellowship MT

6:45 p.m. - Mentor/Mentee / Pathways

Thursday

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

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

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Fall Elective

This fall, join the All In Worship Experience Sunday School elective. The elective is scheduled to run September 20 through December 20, and it will focus on people of all abilities and ages worshipping together. Each week will begin at 10:45 in the sanctuary. Why 15 minutes late? It's so that members can join their regular classes for sharing time. The group will then come together from 10:45-11:15 for structured music and Bible activities. From 11:15-11:30 individuals will have elective choices of service projects, puzzles, and other ways to connect with the community. All Waterford attendees are invited to join this elective for a low-barrier Sunday school experience. For questions or ways to be involved, contact Lyz Zimmerman at ezimm20@gmail.com.

August Social

Last Sunday evening's ice cream social included a show of specialty cars owned by both Waterford and other community people.



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Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 216

Nurture Hour - 214

Finances – August 23, 2026

Operating Fund	\$6,187.50
Mennonite Ed	\$2,650.00
Either Fund	\$2,130.00
Subtotal	\$10,967.50
Benin T-shirts	\$20.00
Reparations Fund	\$812.00
MCC Bike Ride	\$300.00
Four Way Mission	\$500.00
Total	\$12,599.50

Looking Ahead

September 6: Sermon: Lyle

Miller; Stewardship II

(2 Corinthians 8:1-7)

September 13: Baptism Sunday

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

Katie Misz - August 28-30

Elvina Schmidt -

August 31-September 7

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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Some of the ice cream was churned by pedaling a stationary bicycle. The bike was tested for use at the upcoming **Michiana Bike Ride** which raises funds for Mennonite Central Committee.

Right: Matt Troyer pedals his bike that he donated for the job.



Below: Susan Gingerich takes her turn churning the ice cream.

Bottom: Jeff Hershberger checks out the cars.



Photo by Melissa Chupp



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Photo by Vyron Schmidt

Waterford Announcements

Nursery signup sheets for September through December will be on the class clipboards this week. There is also a copy at the participation station.

Fall Gifts Discernment Ballots for church leadership positions are due **this Sunday**. Please place your completed 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 for those with multiple voters in their households.

Next Sunday, Sept. 6, is the last week for bringing in complete school kits, so pick up the bags to be filled. Some may choose to bring items on the list without packing a bag. There is also a place on the table to give donations, if you want someone else to do the shopping. Thanks for serving others around the world in this way!

Keep your coins coming! Look for the jug outside the main sanctuary doors on Sunday mornings to deposit your coins for MyCoinsCount. These coins go directly to programs that provide food to people suffering from war and climate upheaval. You are also invited to match all or part of the money dropped into the coin jar. Contact Janet in the office with questions about how to do that.

Reminder: Bring your clothing donations for the nurse's office at Prairie View Elementary School: new underwear sizes 4-8 for boys and girls; pants with elasticized waist, new or gently used, sizes 4-10 for boys and girls. Donations may be placed in the bin outside of the church office or under the Participation Station table from now until September 7.

Upcoming Events

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

Race, Wealth, & Power: How White People Accumulated Wealth and Power. A four part series rooted in deep conversation with Arden Shank, September 8, 10, 15, 17 at 6 p.m. at the Tolson Center in Elkhart. The series is free and open to the public. Please register: at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2XNSNY9>. See the flier on the bulletin board for details.

Save the date for **"Holy Disruption: A Faith that Makes Noise"** a fundraiser event for Mennonite Action on Thursday, September 24 from 7 to 8:15 p.m., at AMBS. Dessert will be served and there will be a program in addition to fellowship with the new Director and staff. RSVP to Holly Harris at holly@mennoniteaction.org or (336) 803-1589.

Help make the **Children's Carnival at the Relief Sale** a fun experience for all! Volunteers are needed for games and activities Friday 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 9 - 11:30 a.m. To volunteer or learn more, contact Michelle Rubo at michelle.rubo@yahoo.com or 574-304-6036.

MCUSA

What does it mean to "hold space" for someone?

In her Menno Snapshots blog, spiritual director Jane Hooper Peifer explores what it means to **"hold space" for someone living with deep trauma**. She reflects on how compassionate presence, listening and trust can help create room for healing. Read "A 'holding space' story" here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/holding-space/>

MMN

Ready to put your gifts to work and make new friends?

Mennonite Mission Network's **SOOP program** (Service Opportunities with Our Partners) is calling your name! Choose from 60 locations, flexible terms that fit your life, and opportunities open to adults 25+ and families of every age. Housing and meals are sometimes included — because who doesn't love a little free room and board with their adventure?

Roll up your sleeves and check out [MennoniteMission.net/SOOP](https://www.mennonitemission.net/SOOP) to learn more.

AMBS

Online Short Course: Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology: Oct. 28 – Dec. 15. Join Jamie Pitts, PhD, to explore the birth and development of the Anabaptist movements in the 16th century in this six-week online short course of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. You'll be challenged to draw connections between the 16th century and your own life or ministry. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 7 to save \$50! ambs.edu/online-short-courses

Northern Indiana MCC Comforter Bash: People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Church (58529 County Road 23) on Friday, November 6 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.); Saturday, November 7 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.). For more information about the event visit mcc.org/northern-in-comforter-bash or contact LaVera Schlabach (574-538-9629) or Donna Stoltzfus (tdstoltz48@gmail.com). *Volunteers are especially needed on Saturday! Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day on Saturday. Must be present to win.*

Donate

Cora Dale House Clubhouse is seeking the donation of a **reliable used 4-door vehicle**. Cora Dale House, a community of support for adults living with mental illness in Goshen, provides significant transportation for its members to medical, employment, housing and other critical appointments. Our community is in need of an additional vehicle and we are asking you to consider donating a vehicle or connecting us with someone who can. Please contact us at info@ecclubhouse.org if you are able to help. Any assistance would go a long way in allowing our membership to access the medical, employment and housing resources they need to thrive.

Shammah Outreach and B Light Restoration Center (shammahoutreach.org) are parts of a ministry led by IN-MI Mennonite Conference-credentialed pastor, Lynette Hartzman, among people in survival mode in Flint, Michigan. They serve “the least of these” with breakfasts and other necessities, referrals, listening, accompanying in various ways and sharing Jesus. Lynette is currently writing a grant to help secure staffing resources, but needs to show “already-money-in-the-bank” **by the end of this month** to meet the last eligibility criteria. Any **contributions must be made by the 31st to the GoFundMe drive** at <https://gofund.me/7f147c0ae> and are greatly appreciated!

Resource

[Parables of Peace](#) is a new racial equity curriculum from Mennonite Central Committee designed for faith communities ready to move from awareness of racial injustice to embodied action toward mutual flourishing. Through four parables, this curriculum invites people to read Scripture through a racial equity lens, asking hard questions about power, imagining what liberation looks like, and committing to concrete next steps. [Download the curriculum for free](#)

Opportunities

Are you interested in getting to know and **assist immigrant neighbors** as they **learn English**? If so, and if you are free some Friday evenings, 6:30 - 8 p.m., contact Anne Meyer Byler, English coordinator, ambyler@gmail.com.

East Goshen Mennonite Church (EGMC) is hiring for their part-time (20-25 hours per week) **Office Administrator** role. To read a complete job description and submit a resume, please go to tinyurl.com/EGMCOffice. Come join the EGMC staff team and participate in the congregation's vision to Passionately Follow Jesus!