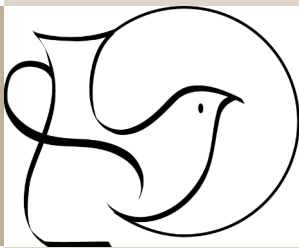




October 11, 2026



The Waterford Buzz

This Sunday:

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:30 a.m. - Adult classes
5:00 p.m. - Eat Listen Learn / FH
6:30 p.m. - Four Way Mission
Update / Sanctuary

Welcome Team

Greeters: Jon. & Mary Ann
Wieand
Ushers: Dennis Myers, Wade
Ramer, Denise Diener
Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler,
Steve Fath
Nursery: Laura Dick, Bonnie
Miller; Michelle Ramer, Neer
Goswami

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. - Knollbrook Farm

Thursday

3:00 p.m. - Senior Adult MT
7:00 p.m. - MLC / FH
7:00 p.m. - Reparative Justice
Group / Rm 22

Saturday

9:00 a.m. - Men's Retreat /
Fellowship Hall

Zoom prayers

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

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This Sunday:

- **Eat Listen Learn:** We will meet in the fellowship hall at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the options for supporting Bethany students in the coming years. Come join the discussion and **bring finger foods to share**.
- **Ecuador Four Way Mission Update** will take place in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. Come hear about the new nonprofit's developments and their continuing educational work in Ecuador.
- **Last chance** to sign up for the **Fall Men's Retreat**, Saturday, October 17, from 8:45 a.m. -1:00 p.m., at the participation station.
- The **outing to Knollbrook Farm** is this Wednesday, Oct. 14, 5:30 - 8 p.m. If you are not able to go, please remove your name from the list; or, if you are planning to go this week, please make sure your name is on the list. The list is at the Participation Station.

Endowment fund applications for Fall 2026 are being accepted. Please turn in any applications to Doug Yoder by November 1.

Cut fabric and instructions for **sewing school bags** are on a table in the foyer this Sunday. If you have time on your hands and like to sew, feel free to pick up supplies and share the fruit of your labor with children around the world.

The WMC **Administrative Assistant job description** is available on the table outside the office door. If you are interested in applying for the job, please bring a resume and cover letter to the office by October 18.

Upcoming Events

Monthly Taizé-inspired gatherings for prayer: "Keep your lamps trimmed and burning": Sunday, Oct. 11, 7:30–8:30 p.m., at Walnut Hill Mennonite Church, 909 N. Sixth St., Goshen. We will pray together with songs from the Taizé Community, Scripture, candlelight and stillness. Hosts: Walnut Hill and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Faith Formation Collaborative.
ambs.edu/taize

Life at Waterford

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship - 210

Nurture Hour - 213

Finances – , 2026

Operating Fund	\$8,105.00
Mennonite Ed	\$1,125.00
Either Fund	\$10,870.00
Subtotal	\$20,100.00
Children's Offering	\$11.70
Four Way Mission	\$75.00
Reparations Fund	\$50.00
Sharing Fund	\$555.10
MyCoinsCount	\$1,000.00
Total	\$21,791.80

Looking Ahead

October 18: Sermon: Deron

Bergstresser; Fruit of the Spirit:
Patience

(Mark 4:26-29; Matt. 13:24-30)

October 25: Sermon: Cindy Voth;

Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness
(Matthew 13:33; 14:13-21)

Pastoral Team

Cindy Voth, Pastoral Team

Leader

Monday - Thursday

Deron Bergstresser, pastor

Tuesday - Friday

Katie Misz, pastor

Monday - Thursday

Ursula Hess - Sr. Adult Chaplain

Out of Office

Cindy Voth - October 12-13

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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You are invited to the Lacasa Donor Celebration, Tuesday, October 13, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at The Spohn Ballroom, 109 East Clinton Street. Join us for an evening celebrating the people whose generosity continues to take root in our community. **RSVP to Megan Peel** at megan.peel@lacasainc.net

Mennonite Action Michiana: Join us for our next Dessert and Solidarity meeting, Thursday, October 15, 7-8:30 p.m. at Mennonite Mission Network, 3145 Benham Ave, Elkhart. Nathan Toews, Peace Education Coordinator with Mennonite Central Committee, will share his experience leading Peace Camps for youth throughout the United States, encouraging and supporting the next generation of the Church to live out an active faith as peacemakers. There will also be an update on Gaza/West Bank and the ending of TPS for our Haitian neighbors. Bring a dessert to share. Invite a friend!

First Light Mission's 31st annual fundraiser, A Place at the Table, will be 6:00 p.m., October 15, at Bread and Chocolate, 1100 Chicago Ave. This will be an inspiring evening filled with dinner, stories of hope, a silent auction, and a community united to support homeless families. Tickets are \$150/person and can be purchased at firstlightmission.org/events.

Mennonite Public Educators Zoom Gathering: Topic: **AI in classrooms**. Oct. 19, 2026, 7 p.m. ET. Do you identify as Mennonite and currently teach or work in a public school setting? Join other Mennonite public educators for a virtual gathering as we connect, share ideas and explore how we are engaging with AI in our classrooms. [Register here](#) to receive the Zoom link.

Bethany is having its biannual **Fish Fry** on October 30.! You can buy tickets online at bethanycs.net/student-life/fish-fry or from Gio, Judah and Lucas at church on Sunday. Any donations are welcome. Checks should be made payable to Bethany Christian Schools. This Fish Fry will feature Amish Kuntry Fried Pies.

Opportunities

Mennonite Mission Network is hiring. MMN is looking for a **creative and collaborative writer and editor** to help shape how we share our stories and connect with our audiences. In this role, you'll coordinate editorial projects and the writing team's workflow while creating engaging content for our website, social media, email campaigns, fundraising efforts, newsletters and public relations. You'll also help develop content strategies, build media relationships and coordinate freelance writers. Apply at <https://www.mennonitemission.net/Employment/>

Chief Communications and Marketing Officer – Mennonite Church USA is entering a season that calls for clear storytelling, stronger digital engagement and a more strategic communications model. The Chief Marketing and Communications Officer will help MC USA communicate who we are, where we are going and how our shared Anabaptist witness connects congregations, leaders and communities across the church. Applicants must be a member of MC USA. Deadline for applications is October 30, 2026. See full job description here. To apply click here. For questions reach out to HR@MennoniteUSA.org.

Tutors needed: The Tutor-CogSci team from the Institute for Educational Initiatives at the University of Notre Dame is recruiting **literacy tutors for elementary schools in Goshen**. Tutors work one-on-one with elementary students for about 25-30 minutes per session during the school day, between 8:30 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. They complete approximately four hours of online training in evidence-based reading instruction and receive ongoing coaching and support. Both volunteer and paid positions are available, with paid rates ranging from \$15-\$25/hour based on education level or reading specialist experience. Interested tutors can apply here: <https://airtable.com/appwDegSjgeJXLWTT/pagpD7U5lzdleLnOe/form>. Program questions can be sent to tutornd@nd.edu.