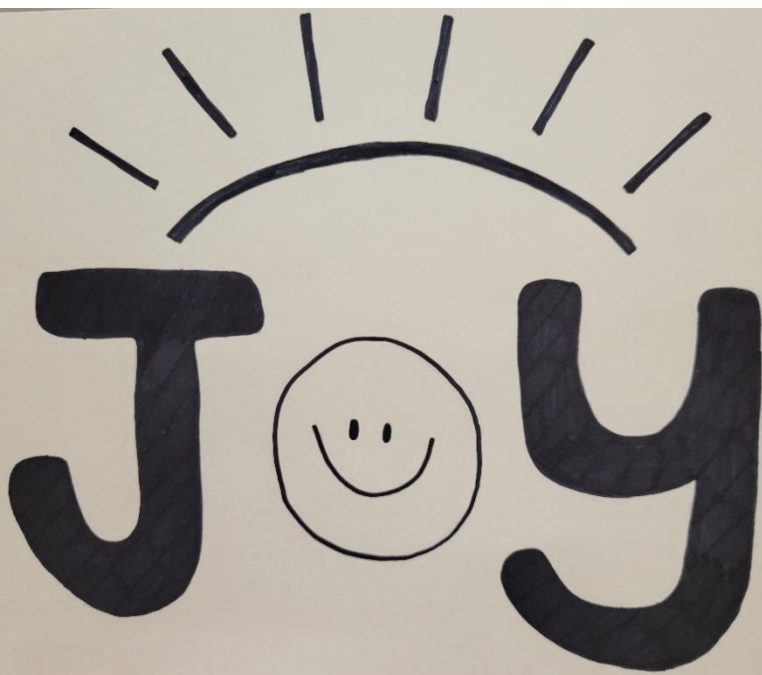




Waterford Mennonite Church

Fruit of the Spirit: Joy

October 4, 2026

Prelude	Elvina Schmidt
Gathering songs	Vyron Schmidt
	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i> VT 103
	<i>We Will Walk with God</i> VT 815
	<i>Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord</i> VT 131
Welcome & Call to worship	Phil Habecker
Lighting the peace lamp*	
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i> (Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)
Sabbatical Blessings	Katie Misz
Song	<i>The Fruit of the Spirit's Not a Coconut</i>
Scripture	Luke 15:8-10
Sermon	"Seeds of Joy and Excuses to Celebrate" Monica Miller
Song of Response	<i>We Are People on a Journey</i> VT 464
Communion	Ursula Hess
Benediction	Deron Bergstresser
Sending song	<i>You Shall Go Out with Joy</i> VT 847

As we prepare ourselves in our relationships with others, with ourselves, and with God, today we share the bread and the cup. As did the early church (Acts 2:43-47), we will also collect offerings for the Sharing Fund. Ushers will have baskets available as we leave the sanctuary. This fund benefits people in need within the congregation.

VT = Voices Together; SJ = *Sing the Journey*; SS = *Sing the Story*

*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all violent and unnecessary loss of life around the world.

Prayers

Our Senior Adults from the Laurels and the community who are no longer able to worship with us: *Rebecca Ramer* and *Esther Rose Graber*.

We pray for *people who have been detained by immigration enforcement*, including families that have been separated after the arrests. We pray for the violence to stop, for families to be reunited, and for a fair process to be honored.

We remember this week our 8th grade students *Jasmine Gillette*, *Timofii Prykhodko*, and *Kenzie Zimmerman*, and their teachers *Nick Stoltzfus*, *Rosanna Kauffmann*, *Fancheon Resler* and *Tyler Kronk*.

The *Pastoral Team* on retreat this Monday and Tuesday at Amigo Centre.

Pray for *LightHouse Fellowship Church* in Grand Marais, Mich., as they discern their mission and related actions.

Thank you to Lacy Stoltzfus for providing the cover art for today's bulletin.

Welcome Guests

We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. There are sermon boards for children outside the sanctuary doors; please pick one up as you enter. If desired, there is a nursery available in the west end of the foyer for infants and toddlers. Large print copies of the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. We invite you to stay for our Nurture Hour.

Our Mission Statement

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we
Welcome everyone to faith and fellowship in Jesus Christ,
Minister to the needs of one another and our neighbors through the
Holy Spirit, and
Call out each other’s gifts for the joyful work of
God’s reconciling mission.

We celebrate that everyone is created in God’s image, and as followers of Jesus we welcome people of every age, ability, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status, socio-economic situation, gender identity, and citizenship status as full participants in the life of our congregation.

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