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Waterford Mennonite Church

Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness

November 15, 2026

Prelude		John Zehr
Gathering songs		JD Smucker
	Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing	VT 7
	Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah	VT 95
	Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us	VT 718
Welcome & Call to worship		Loanne Harms
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	*Please pass the friendship pads*	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Children's time		Fancheon Resler
Song	*God, Give Me Faith Like a Child*	VT 591
Song	*The Fruit of the Spirit's not a Coconut*	
Scripture	Luke 15:1-7; Matthew 11:28-30	
Sermon	"What Is Your Image of God? "	Cindy Voth
Song of response	*Far Above the Noise of Life*	VT 625
Congregational prayer		Deron Bergstresser
Benediction		
Sending song	*Go, My Friends, in Peace (v.2)*	VT 839

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

We remember this week our 2nd grade students *Micah Gillette, Jamie Lehman* and *Leah Smeltzer,* and their teachers *Shelley Kauffman, Anne Lehman, Jordan Kauffman* and *Karen Thompson.*

Pastor Cindy participating Monday-Wednesday in the Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference retreat for pastors at Amigo Centre.

Miles Gillette, son of Justin and Melissa, as he has surgery on Thursday at Riley Children's Hospital to remove his tonsils and adenoids.

For our *congregational meeting* this evening.

Use the provided 4x6 insert to create a night sky image. Leave completed images at the Participation Station. We will then use them to create a large collage mural for Advent. All ages and abilities welcome!

Thank you to Veronica Berkey for designing the cover of 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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