

This Sunday
9:00 am Worship
10:30 am Joint Nurture Hour with Drew Strait / Sanctuary
12:00 pm Fellowship meal hosted by Agape class

November 8, 2026

The Waterford Buzz

Welcome Team
Greeters: Jerry & Joyce Troyer
Ushers: Ken Otto, Wade Ramer, Denise Diener
Audiovisuals: Bob Hochstedler, Steve Fath
Nursery: Michelle Ramer, Bervalie Lehman; Bonnie Miller, Cheryl Snyder

This Week at Waterford
Monday
8:30 am Anabaptist prayers / Zoom
Tuesday
7:30 pm BBI Planning Group / Zoom
Wednesday
7:00 pm Venture Club
7:00 pm JYF, MYF
Thursday
8:30 am Mennonite Women
7:00 pm Ecuador prayers / Zoom
Saturday
8:00 am Stephen Ministers Retreat / Rm 28-30, FH

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MYF Retreat at Quaker Haven



Thirty-two youth and sponsors enjoyed an all-day retreat at Quaker Haven last Sunday.



Nice weather allowed for outdoor activities, in addition to indoor fun.



Students enjoyed the game room, group activities, small groups, and supper around the campfire, and more.

LIFE AT WATERFORD

Last Sunday Attendance

Worship – 245 (+32 MYF retreat)
Nurture Hour – 272

Finances – November 1, 2026

Operating Fund	$13,542.32
Mennonite Ed	$1,525.00
Either Fund	$7,020.00
Subtotal	**$22,087.32**
Children's Offering	$6.55
Four Way Mission	$75.00
Reparations Fund	$50.00
Jubilee Fund	$65.00
W. Hollinger Memorial	$100.00
Total	**$22,383.87**

Looking Ahead

Nov. 15: Sermon: Cindy Voth;
Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness
(Luke 15:1-7; Matt. 11:28-30)
Nov. 22: Sermon: Sr. Adults;
Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control
(Matt. 7:24-27; Luke 12:35-40)

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 November 8-9
Katie Misz November 8-15

Office hours this week

Mon, Wed, Thu 9-12, 1-3
Tue, Fri 9-12

Greeter sign-up:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fRLdoYdw_QxRiQUvRhUscNV-koHV-oTcPnu61NyBcjM/edit?gid=0#gid=0

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Judy Beachy, Editor
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Joint Nuture Hour

Sunday, November 8:

- Drew Strait will be preaching and also leading a **joint nurture hour** on Christian Nationalism in the Sanctuary.
- The nurture hour will be followed by our November **fellowship meal**, hosted by the Agape class. Please bring a dish or two to share.



Opportunities

Esther Rose Graber resides at Evergreen Place, Greencroft. She is not able to come to the worship service but likes to join her Nurture Hour class at 10:30 am. If you are able to pick her up on Sunday mornings and take her back after Sunday School, please **contact Ursula Hess at 574-210-9143**.

MCC's 'Seek Peace' poster contest: Participants of all ages are invited to design a poster interpreting the theme "**Seek Peace**" through one of three scripture verses. The purpose of the contest is to motivate our communities to continue striving for peace and to have hope in the daily actions each person can take to make their corner of the world more peaceful. MCC will print and distribute the winning poster! **Posters due November 20**. Full contest details at **mcc.org/seek-peace**.

Waterford Announcements

The Seekers Sunday School class has **10 copies of Drew Strait's book, *Strange Worship*, available for sale**, $15 per book. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact Judy Snyder, Merle Hochstedler, or John Hershberger.

Stop by the Participation Station to sign up to contribute food items for the **Prairie View School Staff breakfast on November 16** – fruit trays to serve 10, baked goods to serve 12 (sweet rolls, muffins, scones, coffee cake, etc.), containers of mixed nuts, or special paper plates and napkins.

It's hard to believe it is November already, and we have so much to be thankful for. I am thankful for the Waterford church family who support many missional outreaches, both locally and in the wider world. I am also thankful for the many women who have participated second Thursdays on a variety of projects. Come join **Mennonite Women this coming Thursday**, Nov. 12, any time from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., as your schedule allows. The carry-in lunch is bound to be tasty! – Joyce Bontrager

Upcoming Events

Goshen College Fall music productions: Sauder Concert Hall in the Music Center. All events are $10 for adults; $8 for seniors/youth; and free for GC students, faculty and staff. Tickets available at goshen.edu/tickets. They will also be livestreamed.

- **This Saturday**, November 7, **GC Symphony Orchestra Fall Concert**, led by new director Mark Douglass, will perform its first concert of the 2026-27 academic year at 7:30 p.m.
- **Community School of the Arts Winter Choral Showcase**, Sunday, November 15, 4 p.m., Three youth choirs will perform: Rejoice (grades 3-5), directed by Kristin Kauffman, and Sommo Voci (grades 9-12), directed by Kristin Kauffman, will perform alongside Shout for Joy (grades 6-8), directed by Katie Thornthwaite.
- **Youth Honors Orchestra Concert**, Tuesday, November 17 at 7 p.m., A youth orchestra comprised of Elkhart County strings players in grades 7-12. The YHO is conducted by Nathan Berkey.
- **Lavender Jazz**, Friday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. Lavender Jazz, Goshen College's big band.

MCUSA

Where does hope grow?
Ingrid Friesen Moser, wellness coordinator for The Corinthian Plan, shares how an evening spent weeding a community garden reminded her that community dispels loneliness, renews hope and supports the well-being of pastors and congregations. Read "Community is where hope grows" here: https://www.mennoniteusa.org/community-is-where-hope-grows/

MMN

Zoom Q&A about Service Adventure and MVS
Curious about what a year of Service Adventure or Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) could look like? Join us November 17 at 8 p.m. for an informational Zoom session. Learn more about both of these Mennonite Mission Network programs, hear what to expect and ask any questions you have. We look forward to connecting with you! Ready to join us? Visit ow.ly/4NAo50ZZLYG to register.

AMBS

AMBS Alumni Insights webinar

"Religious coping styles: Insights for caregivers"
Monday, Nov. 16, 8–9 p.m.

This webinar of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary will feature Cate Beaulieu-Desjardins, MPH, BCC (MDiv 2014), Executive Director of Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship. She will discuss different religious coping styles (passive, active and collaborative) in the face of spiritual struggles, and how using that lens can be helpful for pastors, chaplains and other faith leaders. There is no charge to attend, but registration is required to receive the link.
ambs.edu/alumni-insights

New Buzz Editor

Judy Beachy, the new administrative assistant, is now editing the Buzz! If you have announcements or articles for the Buzz, please send them to buzz@waterfordchurch.org. Remember, **items are due by 5:00 p.m. the Tuesday before publication**. Please limit articles to 600 words if possible.

Enjoy the **Goshen Community Chorale**, directed by Katie O'Leary, on Sunday, Nov. 8 at 4 p.m. at College Mennonite Church with their fall concert, "Quilt Songs: Songs of Comfort." WMC people in the choir are Bob Brenneman, Shelby Eby, Miranda Pfahler, Jeff Miller, Kay Miller, and Colleen Stoltzfus. Free and open to the public.

Taizé-inspired gatherings for prayer: "Keep your lamps trimmed and burning": Sunday, Nov. 8, 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.

Goshen College Fall Mainstage: The Metromaniacs, Nov. 13, 14 and 21 at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 15 and 22 at 2:30 p.m., Umble Center. It's springtime in Paris, 1738. Metromania, the poetry craze, is the latest thing. A French farce, adapted by American comic maestro David Ives.

Mennonite Action Michiana: We will be hosting a **presale of beautifully handcrafted Palestinian items** at our next **Dessert and Solidarity meeting**, November 12, 7-8:30 p.m., at Eighth Street Mennonite Church, 602 S. 8th Street, Goshen. Doors open at 6:30. Anna Johnson, former MCC'er in the West Bank and frequent traveler to Palestine, will present on the artisans and discuss a possible trip to Palestine in 2027. Bring a dessert to share. All are welcome. Sale for the public continues Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 8th Street. Cash, check, Venmo accepted. No credit cards. This is an important way to support Palestinian artisans. Help spread the word.

Gospel Echoes Team Annual Fish & Chicken Fry: Saturday, November 14, at the Shipshe Auction-Antique Building, in Shipshewana. Dinner is from 4-7 p.m., Gospel Echoes Teams Concerts at 5:30 p.m.

Mennonite Arts Weekend: Join us at Mennonite Arts Weekend, February 5-7, 2027, in Cincinnati, Ohio. This weekend celebrates the creativity and discipline of Anabaptist Mennonite artists. Presentations by musicians, visual artists, writers, and craftspeople start on Friday evening and conclude with Sunday morning worship. Activities and workshops designed specifically for children (pre-K - high school) are planned. **Early-bird registration ends Nov. 30, 2026**. Find the list of presenters and registration/location information at https://mennoniteartsweekend.org.