

# Waterford Mennonite Church

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*As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we*

May 10, 2015

**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.



## Year of the Bible

READ IT STUDY IT PRAY IT LIVE IT

**Living into God's Story:  
Walking through the parables of Jesus**

Visualizing Scripture		Loanne Harms, Anna Myers
Prelude		Andrew Smucker, Colin Judson, Alex Berkey, Samantha Stoltzfus, Christina Herrmann, Miranda Pfahler, et al.
Gathering song		J.D. Smucker and Anne Lehman
	<i>I will sing unto the Lord Now the green blade riseth Gentle shepherd</i>	H 352
Welcome call to worship		Emma Bontrager, Kassy Miller
	Prayer and lighting of the peace lamp*	
Offering (Mennonite Education fund unless designated)		Colin Judson, Felix Pérez-Diener
	<i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Receiving Chris & Lori Judson and Bob & Leah Shetler as new members (2 <sup>nd</sup> service)		
Walking through the parables of Jesus		
Introduction		Cedric Brenneman
	<i>Lord of the dance</i>	
Mustard Seed		Levi Graber
	<i>The kingdom of God</i>	H 224
Lost sheep (children's time)		Maddie Chupp, Melissa Chupp
Sheep and goats		Samantha Stoltzfus
	<i>Brothers and sisters</i>	H 142
Sower		Wes Beck, Emma Bontrager, Axel Brown, Isabella Hartzler, Samantha Stoltzfus
	<i>Seed, scattered and sown</i>	H 454
Prodigal son		Christina Herrmann
	<i>Far, far away from my loving father</i>	H 139
Wedding banquet		Felix Pérez-Diener, Nathan Oostland, Kassy Miller, Anna Myers, Miranda Pfahler
"One more parable..."		Lyle Miller
Wise and foolish builders		Wes Beck/Maddie Chupp
	<i>The wise man built his house upon the rock My hope is built on nothing less</i>	H 343
Stephen Ministry commissioning		Stephen Ministry leaders
Congregational prayer		Lyle Miller
Introduction to Pay it Forward		Axel Brown
...hearing "One more parable"		Junior MYF drama
Benediction		Emma Bontrager, Kassy Miller
Sending with reflections	<i>You are salt for the earth</i>	H 226

H = *Hymnal: A Worship Book*; SJ = *Sing the Journey*; SS = *Sing the Story*

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

## Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

We give thanks and praise to God for *all of the nurturing women in our lives* who have served as mothers, grandmothers, aunts, teachers, mentors, friends, sponsors, and guides on our spiritual journeys.

We thank God for the 18 years of custodial service that *Judy Kniesly* has provided as she concludes her time with us on May 16.

Pastor *Neil Amstutz* as he prepares for renewal leave beginning May 25.

*Lee, Karen, Miranda and Isaac Pfahler*, as on Wednesday Lee begins a 15-month Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) placement at the St. Joseph Medical Center.

*Jane Otto*, recovering from repeat hip replacement surgery.

*Mike Yordy*, as he continues discerning with IN-MI Mennonite Conference on planting a new church in Goshen with a vision of reaching out to the broken in our community who need a church home.

With thanksgiving for *all who volunteer to minister to some of the youngest in our midst* by serving in the nursery during our times of worship and nurture.

Pray that *God's peace would reign over Benin Bible Institute*, that the institution would stay connected to the Lord and faithful to His mission.

*Edgardo Sánchez*, a church leader in Argentina and globally through Mennonite World Conference, died Easter Sunday morning. Pray for *his wife, Erica, and his three children, the Argentina Mennonite Church, and the Mennonite Mission Network partnerships* for which he provided guidance.

## Welcome, Guests

Large print copies of the bulletin and the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. Worship bags for children are available at the back door; please pick one up as you enter. You are encouraged to bring infants through age two children to the nursery. Pick up the newsletter, *Buzz*, from the welcome kiosk in the foyer.

## Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts	Henry and Fanny Mast; Sheldon Swartz
Ushers	Ken Otto, Ken Houtz, Merv Chupp (1 <sup>st</sup> ); Bonnie Miller, Emily Landis, Herb Resler (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Nursery	Cindy & Micaela Yoder (1 <sup>st</sup> ); Ami & Rich Schlamersdorf (nurture); Julie Yoder, Sandy Kauffman (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Audiovisual	Len and Kathy Emery; Mark Daniels, Tony Miller

## Today

8:00/10:45 a.m.	Worship
9:15 a.m.	Coffee and fellowship
9:30 a.m.	Nurture hour—classes for all ages
12:00 p.m.	College students' fellowship meal/Fellowship Hall

**Living Stream Worship: Both services are live streamed at [www.waterfordchurch.org](http://www.waterfordchurch.org)**

**Last Sunday Attendance:** Worship – 320 (150+170); Nurture hour – 263

**Finances – May 3**

Operating Fund	\$ 8,114.50	Mennonite Education	\$ 835.00
Either Fund	\$ 3,079.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 12,028.50
Children’s offering	\$ 4.77	Sharing Fund	\$ 120.00
Mennonite Central Committee	\$ 105.00	<b>Total:</b>	\$ 12,258.27

**This Week at Waterford**

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	“Take our Moments” prayer group/Room 15
	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministries/Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Venture Club/Room 29
	6:30 p.m.	Junior MYF/Room 26
	7:00 p.m.	Mennonite Youth Fellowship/Rooms 23-24
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers/Room 15
	8:30 a.m.	Mennonite Women/Rooms 23-24
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministries/Rooms 6, 15
	7:00 p.m.	Facilities & Finance Ministry Team/Room 23
Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Worship Ministry Team/Room 22
	12:00 p.m.	College students’ fellowship meal/Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Congregational meeting/ Fellowship Hall

**Looking Ahead**

May 17	Sermon:	Cindy Voth, Heilsgeschichte beyond Bible times; receiving new members ( <i>Philippians 3:7-11, 20-21</i> )
May 24	Sermon:	Neil Amstutz; hermeneutics ( <i>Matthew 5:38-48; 19:1-9; Hebrews 1:1-3a</i> )

**Pastoral Team**

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