

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

May 17, 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:
Heilsgeschichte beyond Bible times**

Visualizing Scripture

Prelude Goshen High School Double String Quartet

Gathering songs Vyron and Elvina Schmidt

How great thou art

Bless the Lord

Jesus, help us live in peace

SJ 52

Call to worship and lighting of the peace lamp* Jo Ward-Selman

Offering Elvina Schmidt

Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.

Song of worship *True evangelical faith* Vyron Schmidt

Children's time Aaron Lehman

Scripture reading Philippians 3:7-11, 20-21

Sermon "The story goes on . . . hallelujah!" Cindy Voth

Song of response *I love to tell the story*

Receiving new members

Leon & Esther Farmwald; Harold & Esther Helmuth (1st service)

Jean Oyer; Shirley Toole; Scott & Michelle Richer (2nd service)

Thanking and blessing Judy (and Carl) Kniesly (2nd service)

Sharing and congregational prayer Neil Amstutz

Benediction

Sending with reflections *Let us talents and tongues employ*

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.

Living Stream Worship: Both services are live streamed at www.waterfordchurch.org

Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

Our congregational meeting this evening at 6:30, for God's Spirit to be present as our guide.

Pastor Neil Amstutz as he prepares to begin renewal leave on May 25.

Ron Guengerich as he prepares to serve WMC as an interim pastor during Neil's renewal leave.

Mike Yordy as he graduates from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary on May 23.

Adam and Jeanette Strode of Mennonite Mission Network continue to develop cultural and language competency in Thailand. Pray with them for the ability "to conduct a Bible study and share the gospel in a way that would be intellectually and spiritually significant" to their Thai neighbors.

Jerrell and Jane Ross Richer as they host a group of Goshen College students who are participating in a May Term class in Ecuador.

Students, teachers, and school staff as they anticipate the end of another school year in the upcoming weeks.

God's people around the world who experience persecution for their faith.

Mennonite Church USA and its member churches in a time of uncertain future affiliations. Pray for a regional prayer gathering to be held here at Waterford on Saturday, June 6.

Jordan and Christa Graber Kauffman as they make plans to move to the Kent, Ohio area this July. Please also pray for Christa as she looks for a teaching job in that community as well. Jordan will be attending graduate school at Kent State University starting this fall.

WMC young adult Emily Bowman, serving with Mennonite Central Committee in Honduras, for her new friendships to continue to grow and deepen as she settles into her new community.

Welcome, Guests

Large print copies of the bulletin and the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. Sermon boards 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
Ushers	Ken Otto, Ken Houtz, Merv Chupp (1 st); Glenn Reinford, Herb Resler, Wade Ramer (2 nd)
Nursery	Marge & Carly Gingerich (1 st); Vicki Weirich, Jan Swartzendruber (nurture); Audrey Oostland, Rachel Stoltzfus (2 nd)
Audiovisual	Glen Kauffmann, Gene Leinbach, Jeff Claassen

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
6:30 p.m.	Congregational meeting/fellowship hall

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship – 336 (155+181); Nurture hour – 288

Finances – May 10

Operating Fund	\$ 1,350.00	Mennonite Education	\$ 7,087.50
Either Fund	\$ 3,639.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 12,076.50
Children's offering	\$ 5.80	Mennonite Central Committee	\$ 140.00
Junior MYF Pay It Forward	\$ 1,160.00	Total:	\$ 13,381.30

This Week at Waterford

Sunday	6:30 p.m.	Congregational meeting/Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	“Take our Moments” prayer group/Room 15
	7:00 p.m.	MLC with Gifts Discernment Ministry Team/Room 22
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Mennonite Youth Fellowship/Rooms 23-24
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers/Room 15
		Facilities & Finance Ministry Team/Room 22

Looking Ahead

May 24	Sermon:	Neil Amstutz; hermeneutics <i>(Matthew 5:38-48; 19:1-9; Hebrews 1:1-3a)</i>
May 31	Sermon:	Anne Lehman; MYF senior recognition

Pastoral Team

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