

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

May 3, 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:
Worthy is the Lamb**

Visualizing Scripture

Prelude		Lorraine Reinford
Gathering song	Nick Stoltzfus and Lorraine Reinford <i>Come, we that love the Lord</i>	H 14
Welcome and lighting of the peace lamp		Mark Haarer
Call to worship**	<i>Revelation 5:1-14</i>	Worship Ministry Team et al.
Songs of worship and praise	<i>Crown him with many crowns</i> <i>O, for a thousand tongues to sing</i> <i>They'll know we are Christians by our love</i>	Nick Stoltzfus H 116 H 110
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	Lorraine Reinford
Children's time		Lyle Miller
Parent-children dedication (1 st service); Receiving new members (2 nd service) Luke, Cindy, Elijah, Thomas, Lydia and Jeremiah Voth (1 st service) Andrew & Ruth Hartzler; Bill & Jan Swartzendruber (2 nd service)		
Scripture reading	Revelation 21:1-5	
Sermon	"Making sense of John's apocalypse"	Neil Amstutz
Songs of response	<i>Beyond a dying sun</i> <i>New earth, heavens new</i>	H 323 H 299
Sharing and congregational prayer		Velma Swartz
Benediction		
Sending with reflections	<i>Christ is alive</i>	SS 89

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.

**Melody: Thomas Tallis, c. 1567; Revelation 5:9-10 text paraphrased by Brad Lehman, Jan. 14, 1983

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

Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

Mel Claassen, recovering from hernia repair surgery.

Ken and Jane Otto, as Jane has repeat hip replacement surgery on Monday in Morrisville.

A pre-Mennonite Church USA convention *prayer retreat* being held today in Hesston, Kan., seeks to praise God and invite the Spirit to guide the church. Join in praying for open hearts to see where God is leading.

Those in times of transition, whether following a graduation or beginning the next chapter in their lives, for God's Spirit to guide.

WMC young adult Ryan Miller, serving at Camp Menno Haven and preparing to conclude his year of service at the end of May and return to Goshen.

With thanksgiving for *our WMC Sharing Fund ministry* and its coordinators *Miriam Stauffer and Jason Golden*.

Glen Hochstedler, who spent two days in the hospital this week for ongoing medical concerns related to his cancer diagnosis.

Goshen College students traveling on Study-Service Term or May Term.

Janet Shoemaker, for patience and wisdom as she enters her new role in the church office.

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; Sheldon Swartz
Ushers	Bruce Snyder, Dennis Myers (1 st); Joanna Yoder, Ed Swartzendruber, Wade Ramer (2 nd)
Nursery	Sherry Mast and ____ ____ (1 st); Amanda Stoltzfus and Jeff Claassen (nurture); Monica Stutzman and Len Harms (2 nd)
Audiovisual	Len Emery, Kathy Emery; Ryan Oostland, Ethan Miller

Today

8:00/10:45 a.m.	Worship
9:15/10:30 a.m.	Blood pressure checks in Cindy Voth's office
9:15 a.m.	Coffee and fellowship
9:30 a.m.	Nurture hour—classes for all ages
12:00 p.m.	Fellowship meal hosted by Pathfinders class

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship – 313 (136+177); Nurture hour – 291

Finances – April 26

Operating Fund	\$ 17,225.50	Mennonite Education	\$ 805.00
Either Fund	\$ 8,744.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 26,774.50
Children's offering	\$ 5.17	Sharing Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Samaritan Trust Fund	\$ 150.00	Total:	\$ 27,929.67

This Week at Waterford

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Family Life Ministry Team/Room 15
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	“Take our Moments” prayer group/Room 15
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	OWLS/Juniper Place, Greencroft
	7:00 p.m.	Mennonite Youth Fellowship/Rooms 23-24
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers/Room 15
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	College students' fellowship meal/Fellowship Hall

Looking Ahead

May 10	Sermon:	Junior MYF; exploring Jesus' parables; receiving new members; commissioning of new Stephen Ministers
May 17	Sermon:	Cindy Voth, Heilsgeschichte beyond Bible times; receiving new members

Pastoral Team

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