

Transitional Office Coverage: Welcoming Sharon Burkholder



We are pleased to welcome Sharon Burkholder to the WMC office to provide transitional office coverage until new administrative job descriptions are finalized and long-term staff are hired—potentially sometime in October. Sharon comes with a wealth of office experience, having worked most recently at

College Mennonite Church for ten years where she focused on communications (newsletter, bulletin, website maintenance) and multi-staff administrative support. Sharon brings with her a sense of call to this position at this time. She comments, “Through a number of circumstances, it seemed the Spirit was nudging me to re-engage my administrative gifts in this short-term ministry need of the congregation. During this interim I look forward to serving the congregation to the best of my ability, giving the Administrative Staffing Group adequate time to complete their work. I welcome the opportunity to get even better acquainted with you as our paths cross in the office.”

Sharon will begin training on Monday, July 21, and will take over primary office responsibilities on August 4, including managing the office@waterfordchurch.org email account. Originally contracted through July 4, Heidi King’s last day in the office is August 1 because of prior commitments.

During this interim period, office hours will be Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. – 12 noon & 1–3 p.m.; and Friday 9 a.m. to 12 noon. This provides an opportunity to experiment with slightly reduced office hours as a possible longer-term arrangement for the church office. Reducing hours would allow office staff to have more flexibility before and after “operating hours” for responsibilities that take them out of the office.

Please join us in welcoming Sharon to this leadership role in the church office!

—Pastoral Team

Welcoming Spaces: Parking Lot Repaving Scheduled

During the week of July 28–Aug. 1, Asphalt Solutions will be resurfacing the parking lot, helping us provide a more welcoming environment for all coming to events at Waterford. As part of the project, they will also repair significant cracks that have appeared over the past number of years.

The company will work in sections, so they have assured us that there will always be at least partial access to the driveway and significant portions of the parking lot. There may be brief occasions when the main entrance to the building may be blocked, but we invite you to use another entrance as marked. If poor weather makes it impossible to complete the project that week, the rain dates are Aug. 4-8.

As part of the process, workers will mill out up to several inches of pavement in places where there are significant cracks, filling the gaps with asphalt and compacting with a roller to provide a smoother finish.

Asphalt Solutions was chosen over several other bids and comes with positive references for their work, including from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Though this was not part of our original Welcoming Spaces campaigns that have made significant upgrades to the building, you are welcome to contribute to this project by designating above-budget giving to “Welcoming Spaces.”

—Lyle Miller, on behalf of the
Finance & Facilities Ministry Team

Heavenly Voices Presented

Heavenly Voices, a play about Mennonite women of color, will be presented at Hesston College on Saturday evening, September 27, 2014, as part of the college’s homecoming weekend. Three of the cast members are from Waterford Mennonite—Ursula Green, Pat Lehman and Joy Yoder. The cast is looking for a large van to travel to Hesston (and possibly a driver!) and a small trailer to be attached behind the van to travel the small set. If you have such a vehicle and would consider loaning it to the group and/or driving for the group, we would be most appreciative! Please call Pat Lehman (574-349-1500) or email her at patjm@goshen.edu. Thanks for considering this service to Heavenly Voices and to Hesston College.



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In the Nurture Wing ...

Today in Sunday school, children in preschool through eighth grade explored this lesson. Consider using this information for conversation that nurtures your child's faith.

Text: Acts 10

Cornelius and Peter

- 1 | Read Acts 10:1-2. Based on these verses, if you spent a day with Cornelius, what are some of the things you would do together?
- 2 | Cornelius gave alms generously. Talk about a time you shared money or gave a gift.
- 3 | Fill in the blank: "God's love is for ____." First, give an answer that begins with the letter A. Continue through the alphabet.

Did you know?

How many times are reptiles mentioned in the Bible? In what books?

Prayer for the week

God, you made each of us unique. Thank you for loving all people. Amen.

Summer Plans for Several WMC College Students

Dominic DeVito, *Bluffton University senior* — This summer am working for A&B Lawn and Landscape out of Middlebury. In my spare time, I plan to continue building my car and truck as well as hang out with friends and go off-roading.

Gabrielle DeVito, *completed Voluntary Service in Johnstown, PA* — This summer I plan on relaxing and hanging out with my friends and family and helping my mom around the house. In the fall I will be attending Bluffton University.

Blake Shetler, *Goshen College junior* — This summer I'm in Nicaragua with Goshen's Study Service Term. Currently I'm on the service portion, living in the capital city of Managua and helping out with English classes in the cultural center of a neighborhood called Batahola Norte. I'll be back in early August.

Jama Yoder, *Goshen College senior* — It has been an extremely busy and crazy start to the summer. I am living at home while also working three jobs. I am a cook at Bread & Chocolate at the Old Bag Factory; I work in an office at the college part time; and I also am designing ads for RedPost. I like all of my jobs and am getting lots of experience, but having three jobs is definitely keeping me on my toes. I am hoping to maintain all three of these jobs as I head back to Goshen this fall for my senior year!



Year of the Bible

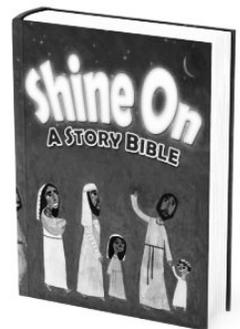
READ IT STUDY IT PRAY IT LIVE IT

Like many other areas of congregational life, programming for children, youth, and families will have a Year of the Bible flavor.

For preschool through eighth grade, the Year of the Bible coincides with the introduction of the new "Shine: Living in God's Light" Sunday school curriculum published jointly by Mennonite Media and Brethren Press. A highlight of the new curriculum is the inclusion of *Shine On*, a 320-page, hardcover, excellently illustrated Bible story book that can connect a family's Bible reading plans with the stories students are hearing in Sunday school. These

Bibles will be made available to families on August 31 in combination with the Year of the Bible kickoff. High school Sunday school materials will incorporate the Year of the Bible as well.

Wednesday evening activities for Venture Club, Junior MYF, and MYF will also be based on the year of the Bible. With each group, we anticipate choosing a theme that will serve as an outline for many of the year's activities. For example, Junior MYF sponsors have chosen to focus the year on the parables of Jesus, coordinating an evening's activity with a particular parable. For example, the parable of the sower might provide an opportunity for a creation care theme.



—Lyle Miller, pastor