

## YOTB: Sunday Evening Events



Don't forget to come to the church this evening at 5 p.m. (10/26) to participate in "Characters Come to Life" as we engage in biblical storytelling with

Jane Ross Richer. Men are invited to come dressed as priests. We will conclude our time together by enjoying homemade bread/rolls which will be provided.

Excitement is already growing for our next Sunday evening event. Please plan on joining us on Sunday, November 9th for an evening of "Singing our Praises" from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. All are invited to participate as we continue our journey through The Year of the Bible with a joyful time of inter-generational singing, including selections for all musical interests. This will be a wonderful occasion to join our brothers and sisters of all ages in exploring the many ways that the Holy Spirit has blessed us with the rich harmonies of biblically inspired music.

In addition to coming prepared to sing with the faith community, all are also invited to bring light refreshments to share with others for the evening. Along with the theme of thanksgiving and fall we invite you to consider bringing items to share from your harvest, preserves/canning, or items that remind you of fall. Apple cider will be provided for our drink.

—Nick Stoltzfus and Cindy Voth

## YOTB Reading Party Rescheduled

The outdoor party for YOTB readers has been rescheduled for Sunday, Nov. 2, from 4-6 p.m. Join others taking part in the challenge to read the Bible (or Shine On for families) for a time of recreation at Cynthia and Gordon Bontrager's home. Enjoy activities such as trail hikes, fishing, a hayride, a bonfire with s'mores, and more. Bring your corn hole, croquet, bocce, and other lawn games to add to the mix. Please bring lawn chairs and roasting sticks for marshmallows as well.

The Bontrager home is at 70984 County Road 25, New Paris, which is a bit north of U.S. Highway 6. Come join others who have been exploring God's word this fall.

## Fall Communion Service at Evergreen Place

Members of Waterford Mennonite Church from Healthcare, Evergreen Place and the community nearby gathered with the Senior Adult Ministry Team in the Gathering Place at Evergreen Place on Wednesday, October 22 to share in communion. We joined our voices together in singing several hymns led by Carolyn Kauffman, heard Scripture read by Darrel Sommers, Ursula Hess and Lila Gascho and a meditation by Pastor Velma Swartz.



We communed together by sharing the bread, a symbol of Christ's broken body for each of us, and drinking the juice, remembering Christ's shed blood. What joy to commune with our dear brothers and sisters in Christ who no longer are able to come to church!

An added blessing was special singing by Lila Gascho's granddaughters. The smiles on each senior's face as they sang told what a precious moment this was to each of them.

Together we recited Psalm 23 and the Lord's prayer and offered our hymn of gratitude for God's "Amazing grace!"

—Sharon Burkholder for  
Senior Adult Ministry Team



## Heavenly Voices to Perform

A Goshen College multicultural cast of women students, alums, and faculty will present the play



Heavenly Voices on **Saturday evening, November 1, at 6:30 p.m.** at Waterford Mennonite Church in Goshen. Three of the cast are members of Waterford Mennonite Church: Ursula Green, Pat Lehman and Joy Yoder.

Heavenly Voices features the stories of Mennonite Women of Color around the U.S., stories of courage and faith, of God's presence and grace in good times and in bad. Included in the play are the stories of Seffie de Leon, soloist and song leader in the Mennonite Church; Barbara Moses, principal of Philadelphia Mennonite High School; and Bertha Little Coyote, a Cheyenne singer from Oklahoma.

The stories featured in Heavenly Voices were gathered by Pat Lehman and Linda Christophel during the Mennonite Women of Color Oral History Project. Both members of intercultural, interracial families, Pat and Linda wanted to find out how these women faced racism and discrimination, but they discovered so much more. Over and over again women shared with them stories of God's faithfulness to them in difficult times.

Some of these gathered stories were shared in the video Living Water Living Faith which premiered at the Mennonite Church Convention in Charlotte in 2005. The stories shared in Heavenly Voices are different from the ones shared in the video.

The play falls in the category of ethnodrama which uses the direct words of these women to tell their stories. Heavenly Voices was written by Pat Lehman, Professor of Communication at Goshen College. It was first performed in 2010 in Goshen, Indiana, and in Chicago, Illinois. In 2013 it was presented at the Mennonite Church Convention in Phoenix. Most recently it was performed in September 2014 at Hesston College in Kansas for their homecoming weekend and at Sarasota Christian School in Sarasota, Florida, on October 11.

Admission to Heavenly Voices is free. Donations will be accepted.

## Stephen Minister Application Deadline Nearing

Waterford Mennonite Church's Stephen Leaders are recruiting persons to train during January-May, 2015 to serve as Stephen Ministers. In order to provide a timely response to applicants and plan training details, we are asking that Stephen Minister applications of interest be submitted to Bill Minter or Mel or Lorna Claassen by Sunday, October 26th. If you are still uncertain of your intent or have not yet been provided an application please do not hesitate to talk to any one of them.

—the WMC Stephen Leader Team

## Remember the Time Change

Fall back! Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday, Nov. 2. Remember to set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed Saturday night, or you might arrive at church before anyone else!

## AV Booth Service Needed

Do you like knobs, dials and practical ways to help the church's ministries? We need a few more people to run our lights and sound for Sunday worship services. Please consider serving in the AV booth for only one Sunday a month. All those with ears to hear and eyes to see appreciate this essential behind-the-scenes ministry. Training provided. Please contact Len Emery at [emerylk2000@yahoo.com](mailto:emerylk2000@yahoo.com).

## Lost and Found

Please check the Lost and Found table and pick up anything that belongs to you before Dec. 1, 2014. Whatever is left will be donated.

## Church Directory Updates

We are in the process of updating our annual church directory. Please review the information on the sheets in your mailbox, correct any errors and fill in any missing information, and return to the church mailbox by Nov. 8. Thanks for your assistance.

## Fellowship Hall Door

We are asking that the Fellowship Hall door be kept closed and locked on Sunday mornings. This will help regulate the temperature and make it a more comfortable environment for all classes meeting. Please feel free to use the other doors. Thank you for your cooperation.



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