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“Send me an email (please)”

It's 10:43 on a Sunday morning. I'm in the lobby headed to my office to retrieve something, not least of which would be my mental focus before preaching, when a church member asks, “Oh Neil, wait just a minute. I need to tell you something quick ...” Sometimes it really is only a minute, but sometimes I end up late for the service.

I recognize that emergencies and unexpected situations arise that may require the attention of a pastor or someone from the church staff. We are here to serve the church and answer questions, and we need to know if something needs attention. We enjoy talking with you. But we talk to many different people on Sunday mornings on widely varying subjects, so we don't always remember all the details. We are also worshiping church members who prefer to be present on time for worship, nurture hour or other events in church life. Some of the oral requests we as pastors and staff receive are routine communications that would not require an immediate response. This is especially true for our staff, Janet Shoemaker, Michelle Lehman, and Jan Oostland, when someone needs to reserve a church room or sees something that needs fixing, for example.

We understand that you may not personally see us except on Sunday mornings, but we don't want to disappoint people by forgetting what someone told us, in passing, that we need to do. To better serve you and increase the chance that you get a timely response from the church staff, if you need to request or pass something along to the church staff, please leave a record of it with your name. You may do this in several ways:

- Sending an email
- Leaving a written note at our desk or church office box
- Leaving a voice mail message

Timely communication is always important in a congregation the size of ours. Thanks for working together with our church staff on this.

—Pastor Neil Amstutz, for Waterford church staff

Journey Church Support Team

Thankful for Grant

The Waterford Mennonite Church Endowment Fund Committee recently provided a grant for Journey Church, the missional church plant led by Mike Yordy, who will be licensed by Waterford Mennonite Church on November 22. The \$1,000 will be used to cover informational pieces describing Journey Church and its mission, as well as other minor expenses incidental to the church startup.

The Support Team for Journey Church extends a heartfelt “Thank You” to the committee and the congregation for this generous grant. We're excited to be working with Mike, and we affirm his passion for authenticity, vulnerability, and seeking to touch people with the love of Jesus. These funds will meet a crucial need during startup and early stages of existence, as Journey Church grows to become a vibrant, life-giving missional community ministering to the marginalized in the Goshen area.

Mike says, “I love this congregation and am deeply touched, on multiple significant levels, by the ways in which you all have blessed me, walked with me, and loved me. I too want to express my deep gratitude for these funds. Thank you. I am humbled by your generosity.”

—Bill Swartzendruber, on behalf of the
Journey Church Support Team

Thank You

Thank you so much for all the cards, notes, emails, warm hugs, and other expressions of support over the past weeks since my Dad's death. While we were preparing for and anticipating his moving on to the better place, it still hits hard when the time comes. Your expressions of care and love have been wonderful blessings. Thank you so much for being family to our family.

—Jeff, Kay, Jared, Josh and Hans Miller

WMC Church Library Additions

FICTION

***The Winding Ways Quilt (Elm Creek Quilt Series)* by Jennifer Chiaverini.** The arrival of newcomers into the circle of quilters heralds unexpected journeys down pathways near and far.

***Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good: The New Mitford Novel* by Jan Karon.** After five hectic years of retirement from Lord's Chapel, Father Tim Kavanagh returns with his wife Cynthia from the land of his Irish ancestors.

***A Lineage of Grace: Five Stories of Unlikely Women Who Changed Eternity* by Francine Rivers.** Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba and Mary.

***Sons of Encouragement* by Francine Rivers.** The author illuminates the lives of five Biblical men who stood behind the heroes of faith and quickly changed eternity. Aaron, Caleb, Jonathan, Amos and Silas.

***Take This Cup (The Jerusalem Chronicles)* by Bodie & Brock Thoene.** Woven into the fabric of prophecy, a young boy named Nehemiah must choose to embrace his destiny as cupbearer to the King of Kings.

***When Jesus Wept (The Jerusalem Chronicles)* by Bodie & Brock Thoene.** Set against the political and religious turmoil of the times, the Thoenes' story vividly re-images the evolving friendship between Jesus and Lazarus.

EASY

***The Day the Crayons Came Home* by Drew Daywalt.** Each and every crayon has a woeful tale to tell and pleas to be brought home to the crayon box.

***What Pet Should I Get?* by Dr. Seuss.** The tale captures a classic childhood moment – choosing a pet – and uses it to illuminate a life lesson: that it is hard to make up your mind, but sometimes you just have to do it!

***The Donkey Who Carried a King* by R.C. Sproul.**

REFERENCE

***Holman Bible Atlas: A Complete Guide to the Expansive Geography of Biblical History* by Thomas Brisco.**

NON FICTION

***The Four Seasons of Marriage* by Gary Chapman.** Donated

***Fully Engaged: Missional Church in an Anabaptist Voice* by Stanley Green and James Krabill.** Does your church look and sound and feel like mission? How are churches and individuals living out Christ's call to engage locally and globally? And how is it changing them in the process?

***You Don't Have to Be Wrong for Me to Be Right: Finding Faith Without Fanaticism* by Brad Hirschfield.** Rabbi Hirschfield uses his own spiritual journey to help people of all faiths find acceptance and tolerance, as well as a path to peace, understanding, and hope that will appeal to the common wisdom of all religions.

***Who Are the Anabaptists? Amish, Brethren, Hutterites, and Mennonites* by Donald Kraybill.**

***Is It Insensitive to Share Your Faith?* by James Krabill.** The book honestly explores whether Christians can talk about and live their faith without condemning persons who believe otherwise and why this is such a tension-filled matter.

***Mennonite Disaster Service: Building a Therapeutic Community after the Gulf Coast Storms* by Brenda Phillips.** The book is based on five years of volunteer work by Mennonite Disaster Service after the 2005 and 2008 Gulf Coast Storms.

***Circles of Love: Stories of Congregations Caring for People with Disabilities and Their Families* by Dean Preheim-Bartel, Timothy Burkholder, Linda Christophel, and Christine Guth.**

BIOGRAPHY

***Blue Like Jazz: Nonreligious Thoughts on Christian Spirituality* by Donald Miller.** For anyone wondering if the Christian faith is still relevant in a postmodern culture. For anyone thirsting for a genuine encounter with a God who is real. For anyone yearning for a renewed sense of passion in life.



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