

Introducing Janet Shoemaker



We are very pleased to introduce Janet Shoemaker as Waterford's Interim Coordinator of Administrative Ministries, effective last Monday, May 4. Following the unexpected health-related departure of Angela Ingle from our front office, we are thankful that Janet, a member of our congregation already, was able and willing to step in so quickly to this role.

Because of my imminent renewal leave absence, and Tony Miller's return at the end of this month to his other job, we decided to seek someone on a temporary basis for this position, which will likely last at least through September. Janet will be working 30 hours a week, as Angela did. The church office hours will remain the same.

Janet originated from Illinois and attended Goshen College. After a two-year service term with MCC and a graduate school stint, she returned to Goshen in 1989. At that time she began attending Waterford.

Janet has worked as Administrative Assistant in the Mennonite Historical Library at Goshen College, learning both history and organization of the Mennonite Church and its agencies. She worked another 11 years for Goshen College Printing and Mailing Services where she prepared bulk mailings for numerous organizations, operated the printers, supervised students and volunteers, and managed work flow to keep up with customer demands. Please welcome Janet to our church office.

—Pastor Neil Amstutz

Membership Reception

Ministry Leadership Council has one additional new member to recommend to the congregation: Shirley Toole will be received on May 17 second service, by transfer of membership from Kidron Mennonite Church in Ohio. Shirley is another beneficiary of the influence of Lombard Mennonite Church in Illinois, where new members Bill & Jan Swartzendruber, and Jean Oyer also spent many years earlier. Shirley's husband Ed attends Bible Baptist Church in Wakarusa, by their own choice.

Dale Hess Burial Service

At the April 27 burial service for Dale Hess, held at Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center, Dale's sons Hans, Markus and Karsten steady the dogwood tree that Merry Lea employees Kerry Goodrich and Bill Minter are planting in Dale's memory. Merry Lea director Luke Gascho led a meaningful service.





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Volunteers for Prairie View

The Prairie View PTO would like for their Supporting Our Schools (SOS) churches, including Waterford, to join them in a fun day of celebrating with the children on Friday, May 22. The rain date is Tuesday, May 26. The SOS churches, Waterford and Maple City, are hoping to be able to provide 15–20 volunteers to give leadership to Field Day stations. Volunteer assignments can be either a half or whole day. Lunch for volunteers will be provided by the PTO. Assignments include guiding children at various activities like the dunk tank, bouncy house, popsicle and snack distribution, relays, obstacle courses, and more. All teachers will be on hand, accompanying students from station to station. Your role would be to remain at the station, giving guidance and directions. Last year was the first year of doing the field day. It was a huge success and was enjoyed by students and adults. Like last year, volunteers from Goshen High School and Goshen College are anticipated as well. An all-day shift would be from 9:30-2:30; morning from 9:30-11:30; and afternoon from 12:30-2:30. If you are interested, call, text or e-mail Len Harms at 238-5918 or lenharms@frontier.com by May 10. He will pass the names on to the school.

Looking for a Green Thumb

I want to thank Jim Gascho for the many years he has headed up the care for the flower beds on the south side of our building near the entrance. He is ready to retire from this task and we are looking for a new person, small group or Sunday school class that would be willing to care for this. Please e-mail me at facilities@waterfordchurch.org if you are interested to take this on. Spring is here and the weeds are growing!

—Jan Oostland, facilities manager

Sewer Update

In the last few months we have had a few issues with our sewer and septic system and they have been resolved for the time being. After several weekly inspections, these past two months the access holes to our septic system have now been filled in and grass seed has been planted. As soon as the grass starts growing again we'll remove the yellow tape. The fact remains that our system will probably not last much longer and we are investigating the cost of a new leach field.

—Jan Oostland

Update from Carlos Ramos

I would like to give you an update about what I am doing since I started coming to Waterford a year and a half ago. I live in a small apartment on 16th Street and am enjoying learning to cook. Since I bought a sewing machine, I made a utensil holder to wear on my wrist so that I can hold a knife to chop food. I would like to make a few more to hold different sizes of utensils.

I am taking classes at the library Monday through Friday mornings in hopes of earning my HSE (High School Equivalency). On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, I volunteer at the Depot, sorting clothing most of the time. I am also volunteering at the church helping to mow the grass.

Now that the weather is getting warmer, I am enjoying riding my three-wheel recumbent bicycle, which gives me more independence. I am working with a lawyer to get legal status so that I can get training to get a job and hopefully support myself. I appreciate very much your friendship, prayers, and your support for me through the Samaritan Trust Fund. God bless you.

—Carlos Ramos



Thank You

We have felt the love, prayers, and support of so many of our Waterford church family as we released my (Debbie) mother into her heavenly home. Cards, plants, notes, and even a mowed lawn have been very heartwarming as they remind us that others share our loss, and help lighten the burden. Mom was ready to go home as it was 12 years and 1 week to the day that my father was buried. Thanks to each of you for caring for us and reflecting God's love.

—Debbie and Steve Fath