

Funeral Meal Ministry Updates from the Pastoral Team

Additional Funeral Meal Coordinator Needed

We at Waterford have a wonderful history of preparing and blessing grieving families with a meal after the funeral or memorial service of their loved one. We also have a long history of Esther Stutzman leading this ministry and she has decided that it is long enough and so has resigned. We have accepted her resignation and want to take this opportunity to thank her for her many years of loving service. She has worked long and hard in this ministry and many of us have benefited from it. We thank you Esther for all the years of caring for those who are grieving with nourishing food. You have blessed us.

In response to this resignation we have asked Deloris Wyse and Karen Hostetler to take this ministry and they have accepted. They have both worked in the kitchen and are very capable and we are blessed to have them take this ministry role. We look forward to their working in this capacity. They will serve for two years and then we will reevaluate this ministry.

We are looking for one more person to work with this committee in a bit different role. While Deloris and Karen will decide menu details we would like to find someone who could do the calling to ask for food donations from the rest of us. If you are someone who can't or don't see your role

in the kitchen but would like to be involved this would be a place for you. You would work closely with the committee but you could work in the comfort of your home. Let Velma Swartz know if you are interested.

Meals for Berean Class

It has been a tradition at WMC for a Sunday school class to provide a meal during the viewing/visitation time for their class members who are experiencing the death of a family member. The Berean Class is a class of the oldest among us and can no longer serve each other in this way.

Vicki Weirich has been leading this ministry since 2008 and has asked to be relieved of her responsibilities. We have accepted her resignation and are actively looking for someone to organize and provide a simple meal for the families of the Berean Class. This is a task that takes only a few days a year, however, the blessings are great! Families of the deceased have been very grateful and appreciative. If you have any questions about this and/or are willing to serve in this ministry please check in with Velma Swartz.

Thank you so much Vickie for using your gifts so capably in this important ministry to those who are grieving. You have blessed many people and we are grateful. You have been a blessing.



Introducing Irma Perez as Custodian

We are pleased to introduce Irma Perez as our new custodian. She began July 1. Irma and her family have been regular attenders at Waterford for the past 12 years. She and her husband, Mauricio Robles, attend Gelassenheit class, and their son Daniel is involved with the MYF.

Irma has 12 years of custodial experience under her belt, both at Eighth Street Mennonite Church and Bethany. She will normally work at the church on Monday and Wednesday. We are very excited to have her on board. Please join us in welcoming her to the Waterford staff.

On July 11, the Seekers class enjoyed a South Bend Cubs baseball game together.



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Thank You

We want to thank the Waterford congregation for the flowers and many cards we received in support of our family at the passing of Steve's 86 year old father, Albert Fath on June 27. We were so grateful that we could be at his side in his home in Dalton, OH where he took his last breath surrounded by his family. He was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer in late May and we were able to enjoy four more weeks with him, telling stories, planning his funeral and saying our goodbyes. He was a man of deep faith and integrity and impacted many lives. At these times we realize the true gift of a community that cares so deeply in our losses.

—Steve and Debbie Fath

Thank You

I wish to thank all of you who remembered my birthday with cards, letters and notes for my 90th birthday. May God bless each of you.

—Francis Schrock

Thank You

Thank you to my WMC family for the green plant. Your prayers, visits and cards during my recovery from surgery were much appreciated.

—Sylvia Miller

Congratulations, Cindy!

As a congregation, we should thank God for the blessing of articulate and thought-provoking preachers on our pastoral team. Cindy's April 19 sermon on the Jerusalem Council was selected as one of the feature articles in the July issue of *The Mennonite*. If you would like to see it, but don't subscribe, there is a copy on the magazine shelf in the library.

—Lynda Hollinger-Janzen