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Sunshine and Ministry

In the midst of our cold and snow-filled winter some of us are beginning to dream of sunshine and warmth! There are still spots available for our upcoming spring break service and learning trip to Mashulaville, Mississippi (April 2-9). Over the past several years many from our congregation have made the trek down to Mashulaville to serve alongside of Larry and Maxine Miller.

Our MYF has chosen Mashulaville as the location for a service learning trip, multiple families have also served there together, and most recently an inter-generational group spent time in Mashulaville during spring break 2014. The Millers are excited about our group coming and engaging in some hands-on service projects while also having opportunities to learn more about the cultural context of Mashulaville. Participants will stay together in the dormitory.

I am excited to share that a group from Holdeman Mennonite Church will also be serving and learning alongside of us during spring break. I am looking forward to new relationships being formed between and within our congregations. Fancheon Resler is the point person for this trip and she is busy making final plans with the point person from Holdeman. Please contact Fancheon (hfresler@ligtel.com) or 260-820-0596 by February 14 if you are interested in joining the group!

—Cindy Voth, Pastor of Community Life, for
Mission and Service Ministry Team

Thank You

Thank you to all our friends for your prayers, cards, visits, flowers, and phone calls. We are doing about the same. Our new home is at Miller's Merry Manor in Wakarusa. God has been good to us. We are thankful for Waterford Church, and may God bless you all.

—Lester & Carol Bauman

Waterford MYF Hosts Eric Kratz event

The MYF thanks those who took part in the "Night at the Ballpark" with Erik Kratz recently. We raised approximately \$2,000 to support our faith formation activities. Erik shared about his faith through stories from his baseball career. MYFers such as Lane Miller (left) and Daniel Robles served Kansas City barbecue and other ballpark foods.



Save the Date
MYF Supper and Auction
February 21 5:30 p.m.



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Angela Stoltzfus to coordinate Mentor program

A priority for the Family Life Ministry Team is for Waterford to see itself as an intergenerational congregation, with meaningful relationships between children, youth, and adults established throughout many areas of congregational life.

I like to say that each of us is called to be a “lower-case ‘m’ mentor” in the lives of students. Research suggests that a youth having at least five of these meaningful relationships is key in a student’s faith formation.

Yet, there is also a place for what I call “upper-case ‘M’ Mentors.” These are relationships between students and adults that are particularly intentional. The pair meets regularly (hopefully at least monthly), providing opportunity for deeper conversation and joining together to build intentional, lasting friendships.

I am excited that Angela Stoltzfus has agreed to serve as interim coordinator of Waterford’s Mentee-Mentor relationships over the coming months. In that role, we hope to “jump start” the number of pairs, providing more youth with the opportunity to meet regularly with adults in this way.

“I have mentored many students in my role as a teacher, and I know how that relationship is intensely important for students,” Angela says. “I want to be part of coordinating this program.”

The mentoring program is open to all students from 6th-12th grade. A particular gift Angela brings is having recently taught the seventh and eighth grade Sunday school class, positioning herself especially well for establishing relationships with those students.

In the coming weeks, parents should be looking for email and hard-copy information about the program. Students and parents are invited to suggest several names of possible mentors.

Please welcome Angela into this significant ministry in the life of our congregation.

—Lyle Miller, Pastor of Family
Life & Financial Stewardship

Senior Reflection

A verse that meant a lot to me as a teacher at Betania Mennonite School in Puerto Rico was from Psalm 121. “I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.” As I would look out the windows of my classroom there, I would see the hills and I was reminded of where my help came from.

Dick and I had moved to Puerto Rico two weeks after our marriage in Hesston, KS, in 1965. Dick knew some Spanish because he had been in voluntary service in Puerto Rico. I spent several months studying Spanish before trying to teach. The students were helpful as well as my English-Spanish dictionary that went everywhere with me. My evenings were spent writing, with Dick’s help, everything I wanted to say. I know too that my help came from the Lord in so many ways.

In 1967 we moved to San Juan where Dick was the principal of the Mennonite Academy. Our two children were born during that time. We learned to know so many wonderful people in Puerto Rico. I praise God for these opportunities and for His guidance each step of the way.

—Ann Burkholder



A group of friends recently enjoyed communion and fellowship with Lester and Carol Bauman who live at Miller’s Merry Manor in Wakarusa.