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Ministry Team of the Month

Adult Nurture and Care (ANMT) is the featured ministry team for October. This group of six meets once a month with the goal of equipping the adults in our congregation to provide supportive care for each other and for our neighbors. They work hard to provide vibrant Christian education to help us grow in our understanding and love of scripture so that we can connect to scripture in our daily lives. This is often challenging work as they discern what new ministries God is calling WMC to embrace and which ones may no longer be needed.

Photo: Anna Holbrook



This year, ANMT will focus on four themes: (1) How do we find a balance between nurture hour classes and the larger church body? (2) What are new, creative or current life-giving ways the congregation comes together for meaningful interactions and times of fellowship? (3) How does the fact that many at WMC are lifetime Mennonites enhance and/or hinder our life together and our witness within the local community? (4) As the number of professionals within WMC (and across Mennonite Church USA) grows, what might the unique needs of this combination (professional and Mennonite) be and how can ANMT be aware of and work to address those needs?

The Adult Nurture and Care Ministry Team sees God working among us at WMC as they observe the deep connections made in nurture classes through learning, challenging and encouraging each other in a truly supportive community that strives to follow Jesus. The high percentage of participants in our nurture classes speaks to this team's effectiveness.

What many of us may not realize is that ANMT's work does not begin and end with Sunday's nurture hour. Their range of responsibilities and services extends to Soul Food Wednesday activities, the Health Reference Group, the church library, the coffee station and Gifts and Cheer. The Adult Nurture and Care Ministry Team is happy to welcome new members to their group. Feel free to contact Aaron Lehman (LMP), Laurina Graber-Ditzler, Ken Otto, Chis Judson, Jason Herrmann or Cindy Voth if you are interested. They also invite your questions, suggestions and feedback.

Please pray for the members of the Adult Nurture and Care Ministry team this month that they may seek to hear and follow God's leading as they undergo the task of adult nurture and care within the context of WMC. Pray, too, that God would open their minds to new insights and creative possibilities as they work to think "outside the box."

"We need to remember"

We need help! There are many events that happen here at church that we would love to remember later on in the year, or maybe 5 years or 10 years from now. Loanne Harms has faithfully taken pictures in the past but we need a few more photographers who are willing to take pictures during these events and submit them to Janet so we can keep an ongoing file of our activities. It would be fun every three months to roll pictures during offering of recent activities we have engaged in.

We are thinking of occasions like baptism, baby dedications, new member reception, children's time, solar panel installation, coffee time, licensing a new pastor, etc, etc.

It would be wonderful if a number of you who enjoy and have this gift, could share it with the rest of the congregation. Volunteer to Janet or any of the pastoral team. We will be happy to help direct you to activities we wish to record or just turn you loose and let you snap away. —Velma Swartz, Pastor of Senior Ministries



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My Coins Count

Thank you to all the children and adults at Waterford Mennonite for your energy and enthusiasm in collecting \$1,802.26 for My Coins Count this year. Your money helped raise the total to over \$48,000 to support water projects, including building wells for students in Chad and Mozambique, improving sanitation for students in Uganda and helping get clean water to Syrian refugee families in Iraq. We're grateful to local businesses for matching these funds. Your collection offers more than just life-giving water, it shows you care and offers hope to families struggling with challenging circumstances. Thank you for your generosity and creativity in sharing the love of Christ around the world through Mennonite Central Committee and My Coins Count.
– Les Gustafson-Zook, MyCC Coordinator, Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale.

Sept. 28 Soul Food Wednesday

Following the meal, the MYF joined the adults for an evening of get-to-know-you activities.

Photos: Cindy Voth



Carol Lehman and Naomi Ross Richer



Kevin Miller, Nathan Berkey, and Paul Hodel

Thank You

Dear WMC family,

Thank you so much for the two beautiful mums in honor of Mary Helmuth given for her family. Your love and support and prayers for us have sustained us.

–Elaine Jarvis, for the whole family

Dear Waterford Church,

We cannot thank you enough for all of your help moving into our new home!! We were blown away by the love and support you gave to us as you deep cleaned our new house and unloaded our belongings. Thank you for giving your time, sharing fellowship with us, and for giving us meals to get us settled. We have felt so embraced and cared for even in the short time of being at WMC. We are so happy to be here and feel so at home. –Katie and JE Misz

5th-7th grade parents

You and your child are invited to join a special event November 4-6. The writer of a curriculum, Created by God, will be leading parents and students through dialogue and workshops to help parents talk to their kids about sex and growing up. There are many benefits of having these sensitive dialogues in a church setting and where other friends are present who are going through the same things. The event is held at College Mennonite Church and is only offered every three years. The cost is \$25 per family. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail Katie Misz at katie@waterfordchurch.org.



Don Miller, Lane Miller, and Velma Swartz