



Waterford Mennonite Church | November 27, 2016

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## 48 Days Training Program

For those wondering about those small sheets of paper in your church mailbox showing “48 Days,” well here’s more information. 48 Days to the Work You Love is a 6-session training program (over about 48 days time) designed for people of all ages, backgrounds and work experiences. The program is based on a book by the same title by Dan Miller (although there is also a corresponding workbook and other material, including a personality test included with the course).

When we hear that 84% of Americans would like to change jobs in the coming year, it raises a lot of questions. Most people do not take the time to look closely at themselves before choosing a job or career. They simply choose a job based on chance or opportunity, income potential, or other expectations. Over the last 10 years, Conrad Brenneman has had a strong interest in the topic of our vocation, career, calling--and has read many books and studied other related material and media around this theme. As a result, he brings helpful perspective and content ideas--along with a desire to lead and encourage others in finding work that is meaningful and purposeful.

Starting January 23, 2017, Waterford Mennonite will host this 6-week course on Monday evenings for up to 12 people--led by Conrad at simply the cost of the materials. The interactive course will guide people in examining two key themes:

- 1.) Understanding themselves more fully, particularly in relation to work/vocation/calling
- 2.) Considering options for best utilizing their gifts in different roles in their current work/volunteer setting -or- in a new place or situation

This program will show each participant how to plan your work around your life, instead of the other way around! See Conrad for more details, or look for a table near the library on 2 Sundays--Dec. 11 & 18.

—Conrad Brenneman

## Join the Orchestra

Time to dust off that cello or violin or flute, and join in the Advent prelude celebration as part of the Waterford Orchestra. On Sunday December 11, the WMC Orchestra will provide the prelude for the worship services. The music includes Christmas carols in an orchestral arrangement. Young and old are invited to be a part of the group. No experience necessary. If you are interested in being in the group, see JD Smucker at church or send him a note and he will give you more information. All ages are welcome.

## Mission Weekend, November 20

Photo: Sharon Burkholder



Rod Hollinger-Janzen presented the sermon and to adults and youth during nurture hour on Sunday morning. He shared about the development and changes in Mennonite mission work among African churches.

## Mission Fair

Local agencies that Waterford supports showcased their ministries with displays and were available for conversation and questions from WMC members. All were then invited to join in a delicious multicultural potluck meal.

Photos: Ruth Hartzler



Attendees enjoyed a wide variety of food representing numerous countries and cultures.



WMC children and youth paint their hands with henna at one of the children's activity tables.



Waterford adults mingle with agency representatives at their display tables.



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