



Waterford Mennonite Church | November 6, 2016

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## Missions Fair Weekend– Nov. 19-20

Waterford's Missions Weekend 2016 is coming! Put November 19 and 20 on your calendars. Saturday, November 19 beginning at 5:00 p.m. is our Missions Fair. We expect 18 local and global agencies to have personnel and a display at our church. You will learn about opportunities to be involved, to serve and to pray. All these agencies are in our congregational mission's budget. This will be an intergenerational event with some interactive activities for children & adults interspersed among the displays.

The popular multicultural potluck begins at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to bring a dish to share from your favorite country or culture to tickle our taste buds. Of course, American food is also acceptable. You are encouraged to add a bit extra for our agency guests. Please bring your own table service for the meal.

On Sunday, November 20, during both worship services Rod Hollinger-Janzen, Executive Coordinator of Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM), will inspire us with a message of God's work among the African Anabaptist churches. He will share about their continued growth and development in the midst of opposition and suffering.

During the nurture hour, adult classes are invited to join in the sanctuary where Rod will share more about his relationship with the African church leaders now and how this has changed from mission involvements in Africa in the past.

A special missions offering will be received during both worship services. This year's missions offering will be divided with 1/3 going to Goshen Ministerial Association emergency fund, 1/3 to AIMM, and the other 1/3 will be shared with Mennonite Mission Network and IN/MI Mennonite Conference. These last two agencies were most affected by our shortfall in last year's budget.

Join us on this special weekend and be prepared to be inspired, encouraged and challenged!

–Mission and Service Ministry Team

## Election Day Communion

Hopefully we all lament a spirit of divisiveness that has seeped into many parts of our nation, communities and even into churches. This year more than ever we need to remind ourselves where our true hope is found. We need to participate in holy acts of union and reconciliation. We need to declare our allegiance to Jesus, the prince of peace.

You are encouraged to take part in just such a holy act on the very evening of our national elections, Tuesday, November 8. We invite you to resist the temptation to believe that you will miss something absolutely crucial if you pull yourself away from the TV or internet election results for an hour or so that evening. Our true hope, security and citizenship will not be strengthened or diminished by these election results. Instead, please join other Christians at an Election Day Communion service at North Goshen Mennonite Church (501 N. 8th St.), starting at 7:00 p.m. Pastors from several local Mennonite congregations, including from Waterford, will help lead this simple bilingual service in English and Spanish. A brief meditation will be brought by Jason Boone, director of Mennonite Church USA's Peace and Justice Support Network. –Pastor Neil Amstutz

## Mennonite Women

All women are invited to come to Mennonite Women (sewing) on November 10. We will meet to quilt, knot comforters, and knit prayer shawls.

Join us for a time of fellowship, and noon meal together. Soup will be provided. Come with other food to go with the soup. –Deloris Wyse

## Relief Sale Thank You

Because of you, the 49th Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale was again a great success, with proceeds exceeding \$455,000. My Coins Count again raised over \$108,000, and though there were 50 less quilts this year their total was \$93,450. For your generosity and the many who volunteered, the Board of Directors would like to say thank-you. It is a joy to be able to support the work of MCC!



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## Wi-fi Changes

There have been some improvements and changes made to our wireless system, with the hope that classes can have internet connection throughout the building. We now have three wi-fi extensions in place: One at the north end of the fellowship hall, one in the foyer, and one in the nurture wing. These extenders are currently placed in the positions thought to give the best signal to the most areas. If there are gaps in the reception, please let the office know so we can determine if changes in location are necessary.

If you are a wi-fi user, you will notice there is now a new username: "Waterford-guest." The old username has been removed from the system, but the password to the guest network, which is posted on the bulletin board by the mailboxes, has not changed.

## Ending MEF Above Budget Gap Fund

Some in the congregation may be aware that the Mennonite Education Fund (MEF) Committee has been conducting fund-raising events to reduce the "gap" between the budget approved by the congregation for Mennonite Education and the amount suggested by the current MEF guidelines. A few families have also contributed toward this above budget MEF "gap fund."

As mentioned in previous correspondence to families of MEF students, due to the timing of the second semester tuition payments, the above budget MEF "gap fund" will not be able to accept donations after December 4, 2016. Any contributions made after that date that are designated for the above budget MEF "gap fund" will be applied to the Waterford Budget MEF Fund.

—Facilities and Finance Ministry Team

