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## A Night With Femi

The Mennonite Youth Fellowship is excited to announce “A Night with Femi” coming on December 29. The night will highlight Femi Hollinger-Janzen, member of Waterford Mennonite, collegiate national champion and professional soccer player. Femi will speak at a 6 p.m. dinner on Thursday, Dec. 29, at Waterford Mennonite Church.

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Following the meal, Femi will share stories—from his soccer career and his story of faith and perseverance in overcoming a crippling leg deformity as a child in Benin to fulfilling his dream of playing soccer professionally—and answer questions from the audience.

The main course of this family-style meal will be Groundnut Stew—a Hollinger-Janzen family favorite from their days in Benin. Hot dogs and other foods will also be available.

The event is sponsored by Waterford Mennonite Church as a fundraiser for youth activities such as attending the Mennonite Church youth convention this summer. Advance reservations for the dinner are \$20 for adults (grade 7 and older) and \$10 for grade school students—preschool free. Reserve your spot by Dec. 27 by filling out the registration form found at [www.waterfordchurch.org](http://www.waterfordchurch.org) —or signing up at the table on Sunday mornings in December. You may pay at the door with advance registration or show up the day of the meal for \$25.

The dinner will be held at Waterford Mennonite Church. Gates for the meal will open at 5:30 p.m., with opportunities for autographs. An autographed jersey will be auctioned as well.

## Help Make The Fundrasier A Success

Here's how you can help!

1. Come and invite your friends and family! Let's come out and show abundant support for Femi and for the MYF of Waterford.

2. Spread the word by “liking” and “sharing” the Facebook post. And don't forget to reserve your spot early to help us know how much food to make.

3. Speaking of food, we are searching for a food coordinator for the event. We plan to make a large meal and have lots of MYF hands to help, but would love some help from an expert who knows how to cook a big meal!

Thanks for your help and support! See you at “A Night with Femi!”

## Membership Transfers Out

Moe and Cheryl Miller have requested transfer of their church membership to Clinton Frame Church, where they have been attending in recent months. Ben Selman has also requested his membership be transferred to First Lutheran Church, of Maquoketa, Iowa, where Ben and his family live. Ministry Leadership Council acknowledges these requests and asks for your prayers for Moe and Cheryl and for Ben as we let them go with our blessing for their continued walk in discipleship with Jesus in other fellowships.



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## South American Learning Tour

In addition to the recently publicized opportunity for people to go on a learning tour to Ecuador, hosted by Jerrell & Jane Ross Richer family in April, Mission and Service Ministry Team announces another learning tour option. This one is to Bolivia to learn about the ministries of Mennonite Central Committee there. The plans are still in a very early stage, being coordinated jointly with Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship. Simon and Becca Smucker, the Coordinating Peoples representatives for MCC in Bolivia, hail from BAMF and are the contact persons for this trip. Trip dates are probably in late June 2017, for about ten days. Neil and Janette Amstutz are planning on joining this group, since their daughter Leah is serving with MCC's SALT program there. Group size aims for 8 to 12 persons, and there may be 6 or 7 already interested from Berkey. Ballpark cost estimate at this time looks like about \$1900 per person including airfare and tourist visa. In order to make it possible for more Waterford people to participate in these learning tours, MSMT has approved some Short-Term Service Funds available to Waterford attenders for up to \$1000 per household if needed. For more information about the learning tour itself and to register your interest, contact Pastor Neil yet in January. To ask about funding assistance, contact Lay Ministry Partner Eldon Stoltzfus.

## Sheep in Heavenly Peace

The children and JYF performance of Sheep in Heavenly Peace was a huge success. Thank you to all who participated in the production. Waterford was filled with Bethlehem joy and peace as the children shared their gifts with us.  
—Pastor  
Katie Misz



## Winter Weather Cancellations

The decision to cancel worship will be made Sunday morning by 6 a.m. All other weekly activities will be decided two hours prior to scheduled event.

We will post Sunday morning cancellations, and those of other activities, on WNDU (TV and online), WFRN radio, on our Website home page, and our Facebook page. If we cancel 1st service, there will be no nurture hour, but we may still have 2nd service, depending on conditions. Be sure to check the posting to obtain the proper information.

## Introducing New Attender

**Tami Schlabach** grew up in Middlebury, IN, with her parents, Dale and Viv Schlabach and her brother Ricki, who now lives in Nashville, Tenn. Tami graduated from Northridge High School and then Goshen College, majoring in physics. She enjoys teaching Science and Adult Roles to 8th graders at Westview Jr. Sr. High School. Her interests include reading, yard work and organizing. She loves living in her own home in the country outside of Topeka. She is enjoying being a part of the Open Door nurture class.

