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## New Waterford representative/liaison for the Michiana MCC Relief Sale

Carolyn Kauffman has agreed to be the Waterford representative/liaison for the Michiana MCC Relief Sale. She will replace Kathy Emery who served faithfully in that role for many years. Carolyn will begin work in this role immediately.

Carolyn and her husband, Dwight, moved here from Ohio in 2009. Since moving here, Carolyn has been involved at the Depot to continue her long-time commitment to MCC interests.

In Ohio, Carolyn was active since 1976 in the Care and Share Thrift Shop which is the Archbold, Ohio equivalent of the Depot. She served as a volunteer and board member of Care and Share.

Carolyn was also involved in leadership at Sunshine Community (formerly Sunshine Children's Home) where a number of Waterford members have contributed over the years. Her working with Sunshine Community and with Care and Share Thrift Shop opened the door for her to help organize the Black Swamp fund-raising event in Wauseon, Ohio where both MCC and Sunshine Community are the beneficiaries.

Carolyn admits she has been passionate about MCC's mission for many years and continues to be today. She is already generating new ideas and opportunities for our community's participation in the Relief Sale. Please join me in welcoming Carolyn to her new role here at Waterford.

—Eldon Stoltzfus, Lay Leader  
Missions and Service Ministry Team

## Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful bouquet you sent for us. We appreciated the thoughtfulness of those who visited, prayed for us, and those who sent cards.

—Ruby Hochstedler and family

## Week of April 17 office hours

Monday–Wednesday, 9:00–12:00 a.m.

Thursday 9:00–12:00 a.m. & 1:00–4:00 p.m.

## Classes for exploring church membership

Interested in becoming a full member of Waterford Mennonite Church? Pastor Neil will be offering some membership exploration classes on the following three Wednesday evenings: April 20, 27 and May 4. These sessions will be from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Whether you are sure about becoming a member or not, this is the chance to explore what it would mean, learn more about the congregation, and meet some new people. Please contact Neil to indicate your interest, or for any questions about these classes.

## Indiana/Michigan Mennonite Women Spring Gathering

The Indiana/Michigan Mennonite Women Spring Gathering will be at Waterford this year. All Waterford women are welcome to attend. It will be held on Saturday, May 7 with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. The program will begin at 9:00 with Sara Klassen being our guest speaker and Goshen College Women's World Choir with director Debra Brubaker sharing some music with us. Sara is a 2014 graduate of Goshen College, has spent a year in Cambodia with SALT, and is currently employed by Mennonite Mission Network. There will be a brunch served after the program around 11 a.m.

## Updates to the directory corrections

There were several errors on the sheet of corrections you received in your boxes last week. Please make the following corrections:

- Inez Culp's room number is 434
- Violet Culp's room number is 104
- John and Julie Zehr  
1220 Parkway
- Galen & Esther Yoder  
1300 Greencroft Dr, Apt 214  
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### Staff Team

#### Administrative Ministry

- Mikki Bowman  
*Interim Family Life Coordinator*
- Greg Hire  
*Coordinator of Ministry Gifts*
- Michelle Lehman  
*Secretary*
- Elvina Schmidt  
*Bookkeeper*
- Janet Shoemaker  
*Coordinator of Administrative Ministries*
- JD Smucker  
*Worship Coordinator*

#### Facilities Ministry

- Jan Oostland  
*Facilities Manager*
- Courtney Shetler  
*Custodian*
- Irma Perez  
*Custodian*

#### Pastoral Ministry

- Neil Amstutz  
*Pastoral Team Leader*
- Velma Swartz  
*Pastor of Senior Ministries*
- Cindy Voth  
*Pastor of Community Life*

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## MCC Essay Contest

Waterford youth Matthew Smucker and Sophie Miller were national finalists in the 2016 Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Washington Office annual high school essay contest—the winner was from Salem (Ore.) Mennonite Church. Choosing from among three topics, Matthew wrote on recidivism and Sophie wrote on climate change.

The essay contest highlights the perspectives of youth on significant public policy issues and promotes the involvement of young people in faithful witness to government authorities. MCC contest rules state that “The contest is open to Anabaptist youth of high school age and to all youth who attend Mennonite high schools. Entries are judged on the participants’ understanding of the issues, clarity of argument and degree of creativity in crafting thoughtful policy positions.”

## MCC Honduras Learning Tour

Eight members of WMC returned last Sunday from a week long learning tour in Honduras. Neil and Janette Amstutz, Helen and Murray Bowman, Josiah and Laurina Graber Ditzler, and Katie and Simon Hurst had the privilege of seeing MCC’s work in Honduras, as well as visiting with Emily Bowman and Jesse Amstutz—two WMCer’s now working with MCC!



*The group had the privilege to meet with the President of the Honduran Mennonite Church (front left).*

## Have you completed your will?

If you were one of more than 80 people who took part in a will planning seminar in January, remember that you can receive \$50 toward the cost of establishing or updating your will, thanks to a grant from Waterford’s Endowment Fund.

The seminar was sponsored by the Facilities & Finance Ministry Team with support from the pastoral team. As an act of pastoral care, we have a desire for everyone in our congregation to have a current will in place. It is also an act of stewardship, helping families to manage the assets that they have accumulated and have been entrusted with.

To receive reimbursement, provide a copy of your invoice to bookkeeper Elvina Schmidt. This grant program will be available through July 1.

If you were not able to attend the seminar, but would like to have the information to be eligible for the congregational grant, contact the church office to receive a copy of the DVD for you.

In addition, those who own an Everence product or use an Everence service are eligible to receive a \$50 grant from Everence. To apply, visit <http://www.everence.com/benefits/>.

—Pastoral team



*Jesse, far right, showed the group around the organization where he is working, Proyecto Paz y Justicia in La Cieba, Honduras.*



*The group spent the last day enjoying the beach and warm weather on the northern coast.*