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Pictorial Directory Coming

The new pictorial directory will (FINALLY) be in your boxes in a week or two. This directory contains pictures and names only. In the fall, we will again publish the regular directory.

Currently, the plan is that next year (2017) we will combine the two directories into one. The advantages of doing this include adding photos of new attenders and families that didn't get a picture in this year or want theirs updated, removing photos of those who are no longer with us and eliminating the need to produce two separate directories every three years. We will still plan on the photo section being in color every three years, with updated photos taken in late summer. In the intervening years, we will print them in black and white, with the option of ordering it in color for a small fee.

Creating the directory ourselves was a new venture with new learnings, causing delays that can be avoided the next time. Special thanks to all those who gave of their time and talent to make this thing happen: Loanne Harms, Melanie Hire and Veronica Berkey for brainstorming an overall directory plan; photographers Loanne, Jordan Kauffman and Melanie; Karen Sommers and Velma Swartz, who helped pull together loose ends; and Jordan Kauffman, for the layout of the finished product.

—Janet Shoemaker, Coordinator of
Administrative Ministries

Menno-cation

The end of another school year provides an opportunity to look back and see God at work. We (Beth, JD, Matthew, Anna, Andrew) are grateful again for the support of the congregation. Without the financial support of our congregation Beth and I would be limited to choosing which of our children could attend a Mennonite school. After giving to the Mennonite Education fund for many years, it is now humbling to be on the receiving end, realizing the support of many is shared.

But Mennonite Education is more than money given to institutions. We are also grateful for the Mennonite teachers who have guided our children over the years in elementary school. We are grateful for their care as they live out their calling in public schools. These teachers have been role models for our children outside of traditional Mennonite groups. A part of each teacher goes with the student long after the school year is over.

And Mennonite Education is in the gathered community of faith. Every Sunday morning, Wednesday evenings, and special events that draw us together as a congregation, provide us with faith learning experiences: How we deal with challenges; how we worship together; how we interact with each other when we do not agree. All of these dynamics are present when we gather as a church. When our motivation is Christ-centered, we are modelling something profound. Our children have asked us why congregations are leaving conference, and we are grateful that Waterford has provided a safe place where many views are valued and spiritual formation has taken root in our children.

This is why Beth and I would like to say thanks to the congregation for the years of helping us raise our children. With Matthew heading off to college next year we are reminded of how much we value your support.

—JD and Beth Smucker



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Venture Club Activities

Venture Club met for an evening of hot dogs, games and Bible stories. Special guest, Greg Hire, got the fire going and led the activities.



Chicken BBQ Report

The chicken BBQ fundraiser on Friday, May 20, netted \$1,568 for Mennonite education. Thanks to the Mennonite college and Bethany students (and a few parents) for helping work at the fundraiser. Thanks to those in the congregation for supporting by purchasing chicken and pit-atoe meals. We especially thank Kevin Miller for providing outstanding leadership from beginning to end.

—Mennonite Education Committee

Mentors/Mentees Party

Save Sunday afternoon, June 12, 2016, 3:00-5:00, for a mentor/mentee party. Come dressed casually for some outdoor fun.

Beginning June 5, and continuing through July, we will be going to one service. The Nurture hour will begin at 9:00 a.m. and Worship at 10:15 a.m.