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## Receiving new members

This summer we joyfully look forward to receiving six new church members at Waterford. Pastors and Ministry Leadership Council recommend to you the following persons who desire to join our fellowship by transfer of membership:

- John & Julie Zehr, transferring their membership from Emma Mennonite Church, in LaGrange County. John is a retired teacher from the Westview Schools, and Julie retired from being a women's health nurse-practitioner in Elkhart.
- Carlos & Celina Romero, transferring membership from Clinton Frame Church, rural Goshen. Carlos serves as Executive Director of Mennonite Education Agency, while Celina is bookkeeper for both Clinton Frame Church and for "The Mennonite" publication. The Romeros and Zehrs will be received into membership on June 26.
- Arnold & Lucille Roth, transferring their membership from College Mennonite Church, in Goshen. Arnold is a retired pastor who served in several Mennonite congregations and also former Conference Overseer for Waterford. Lucille is a retired teacher from Eighth Street Preschool in Goshen. We will receive them in membership on July 3.

Please join us in welcoming these new congregational members later this summer.

—Pastor Neil Amstutz

## Stephen Ministry Network Celebrates

During the evening of May 10, Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders from three local Mennonite congregations, Waterford, Berkey Avenue and College, gathered to celebrate the joint training of five new Stephen Ministers who will begin serving in their congregations' respective Stephen Ministries. Hosted by College Mennonite, thirty individuals gathered around tables for sharing, fellowship and laughter. The evening ended with opportunity for more informal conversation around tables while enjoying a dessert bar provided by the College Mennonite Stephen Leaders.

—WMC Stephen Leader Team

## Volunteer at Bible School Retreat

The school year is over and summer time is here! That means that Bible School Retreat is right around the corner! In order to make this a great experience for the children, we need some more volunteers. Please consider helping us to make this an exciting weekend for our kids on July 15-17.

- Worship leader
- Active Response leader
- Bible Response leader
- Preschool teacher
- Musicians
- Student assistants
- Meal coordinator
- Meal providers
- Playground supervisor

Contact Mikki Bowman if you have questions or would like to volunteer to help.

—Children's Cluster: Mikki Bowman (Family Life Interim Coordinator), Ron and Vicki Weirich, Amanda Stoltzfus, and Kent Myers



*Gary Shetler, WMC Stephen Minister (facing on left), shares experiences with recently-trained College Mennonite Stephen Minister Bob Kauffman; while Mel Claassen, WMC Stephen Leader, converses with Larry Rupp, College Mennonite Stephen Minister (far right).*



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- Michelle Lehman  
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- Elvina Schmidt  
*Bookkeeper*
- Janet Shoemaker  
*Coordinator of  
Administrative Ministries*
- Veronica Berkey  
*Summer 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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## Venture Club Activity

Venture Club enjoyed an end of the year activity with mini-golf and ice cream.



## Seekers Class Retreat

Members of the Seekers class enjoy activities at Amigo Centre during their class retreat in May.



## Looking for fire wood?

Do you need some fire wood to go camping or to use in a fire ring in your back yard or to heat your home? Waterford Church is going to be cutting down a number of trees, some pine/spruce and some hardwood trees in conjunction with the solar panels that will be installed this summer on the church roof. If you need wood to burn or would like to volunteer to help remove branches, please talk to Byron Yoder (574) 214 8169 call or text.

## Mennonite Women

Thursday, June 9 at 8:30 a.m. Mennonite Women (sewing) meets at WMC. All women are welcome to help quilt, tie comforters, knit or crochet prayer shawls. Come join us for fellowship and a noon potluck meal.

## Thank You

I want to thank all of you for the many ways you have supported us during my recent back surgery, and now recuperation. The orchid from the congregation, and the mum from the Open Door S.S. class add beauty to each day. I truly felt the prayer support as I approached surgery, thank you so much. Thank you to Cindy for the meaningful prayer time spent with us prior to surgery. The meals, cards, visits, phone calls and other things done for us are so very appreciated, and humbling.

—Barb and Carl Westerbeek