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Welcoming New Attender



I grew up in the New Paris area and attended Salem Mennonite Church where my father was Bishop. Salem is where I met Harvey and we were married in 1962.

I attended Bethany for four years, then went to Parkview School of Nursing to get my RN degree. We were married one week after I graduated from nurse's training.

I found being a pastor's wife is very different from being a pastor's daughter. Harvey pastored four churches: Burr Oak Mennonite at Mt. Ayr, Ind., Shore Mennonite at Shippshewana and North Goshen Mennonite in Goshen. He also copastored Gospel Hill Mennonite Church near Harrisonburg, Va. during five years of college and seminary.

We were married 52 years before he died in February 2015 of pancreatic cancer.

I enjoyed my nursing career working in 2 hospitals, a doctor's office, and the past 19 years at a birthing center near Shippshewana.

I am grateful for good health and continue to work two nights a week at the Birthing Center. I live in Shippshewana at Country Crossing Retirement Community in a duplex.

I enjoy reading, flowers, and quilting. I have three children and seven grandchildren in South Bend, Seattle, and Goshen. Gary, Melissa and their three children, Maddie, Tyson, and Cori, attend Waterford and it is an added benefit to see them every Sunday.

I attended Emma Mennonite Church the past 23 years. I appreciate the warm welcome I have received in coming to Waterford Mennonite Church.

—Carolyn Chupp

Welcoming new-to-Goshen College International Students

Waterford Mennonite Women invites your participation in our "Welcome Basket" project for international students attending Goshen College for the first time this fall. These baskets are a way to extend hospitality to students who have worked hard to get here, often at great sacrifice to their families. The first hours on campus may be bewildering and lonely. Instead of arriving to any empty dorm room, they will receive a laundry basket filled with a few comforts which are hard to transport or difficult to find in their home country. See the table beside the library for a list of NEW items needed to add to the comforters already knotted by Mennonite Women for this project. Our goal is to deliver three baskets to the GC Welcome Center by August 19.

Information about WMC worship times and an invitation to join us will be included in the basket. Recipients are encouraged to visit their welcome basket congregation at least one time during the fall semester.

Thank You and Update

I am deeply grateful for your long support of me during my high school and college years, as well as during my service assignments in Colombia and Bolivia.

I would like to let you know of my plans to study in Barcelona. I will be studying physical theater to learn skills I am hoping to be able to use in further service assignments, wherever that might be. I am planning to leave on August 1 this year. My e-mail address will remain the same, karstenahess@gmail.com.

I appreciate your ongoing prayer support.

—Karsten Hess

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Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale

The 49th Annual Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale will be held September 23 & 24 at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds. For those of you who are new to the Waterford family, this sale raises funds to support the projects and programs of Mennonite Central Committee. There are many ways you can contribute. Following are some ideas.

Silent Auction

Suggested donations:

- Collectibles & memorabilia
- Handmade art pieces
- Handcrafted furniture and toys
- Home decor
- Themed gift baskets*
- Lawn/garden equipment
- Outdoor recreational items
- Unique skills & experiences
- Gift certificates

Items must be new with the exception of unique collectables and antiques in good condition. Each item must have a minimum value of \$40.

*Creating themed gift baskets to donate is a fun activity for Sunday school classes, small groups, ministry teams, etc. If you would like to donate gift baskets, you must contact Jep Hostetler at 574-537-3762.

Donations to the Silent Auction must be received by Friday, Sept. 9, 2016. The Silent Auction is not able to accept donations during the sale weekend.

Faithful Giving Auction

Donate new and used items with a \$75 minimum value. Donations must be received by Monday, Sept. 14.

Quilts and Blankets

Donate quilts (embroidered, appliquéd, cross-stitched, patchwork) in king, double, twin, youth, crib and baby sizes. Also, comforters, afghans, and wall hangings are accepted. The quilt sale will include machine-stitched items again this year.

All donations must be made before September.

Children's Auction

Donate new or gently used children's toys with lead-free paint, e.g.

- Outdoor toys
- Bicycles
- Art sets
- Imitation play sets
- Dolls
- Legos & blocks
- Cars
- Books
- Games

All donations must be made before the start of the auction on Friday, Sept. 23 at 6:30 pm.

The Sewing Box

A great place to donate those fabrics you love that just aren't getting used, the extra skeins of yarn from a project, or the quilt blocks that are still waiting to be assembled into a top, the Sewing Box accepts donations of all quilt-related craft supplies.

- Fabrics: cotton, flannel, and poly-cotton
- Quilt books & magazines
- Unfinished projects with instructions and materials
- Quilt tops or blocks
- Skeins of yarn or embroidery floss
- Sewing notions
- Quilt patterns, stencils & frames

If you have questions or items you would like to donate, contact Carolyn Kauffman, Waterford MCC Relief Sale Representative.

Ideas for other ways you can contribute will be coming soon!