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Pastoral Candidate Visit

It is with great joy and excitement that the Ministry Leadership Council (MLC) affirms the unanimous recommendation of the Pastoral Search Committee to present Katie Johnson Misz to the congregation as candidate for Pastor of Family Life at Waterford. Katie brings with her a passion for children and youth ministry, a vibrant personal faith, and seminary training with an emphasis on Christian education and faith formation.

Similar to our own pastor Cindy Voth, Katie and her husband were not raised in Anabaptist Mennonite communities, but both fell in love with Anabaptism in college. They were passionate enough about Anabaptism that they formed their own Anabaptist student group at Duke Divinity School while pursuing their Masters of Divinity degrees. One of their friends and classmates in that Anabaptist group, Regina Wenger, recently began an associate pastor position at Central Mennonite Church in Archbold, Ohio.

Throughout the pastoral search process, we have been impressed by Katie's many gifts and how those gifts have been strongly affirmed by all who know her. One of her references called Katie "a gift to the Anabaptist Mennonite community." She has developed Sunday school and Bible study curriculums, led worship, preached regularly, developed children's worship services, led VBS, overseen youth trips, and developed close relationships with children, youth, and adults at every place she's served. Katie's pastor at Durham Mennonite Church noted he would be very comfortable turning over leadership of his entire church to Katie. Katie is collaborative and humble and connects with people of all ages.

Another significant support for Katie is her husband J.E. With his own experiences as a youth pastor and counselor to youth and families, J.E. has been a great support and partner to Katie in ministry. He is pursuing options for a social work position in the Goshen area. J.E. is also humble and a person of deep and vibrant faith.

As a member of both MLC and the pastoral search committee, I have personally been moved by the way in which God has aligned the paths of Katie and J.E. and Waterford at this time. It has been a joy to get to know them and I say Praise be to God that we have the opportunity to welcome such a passionate and gifted couple into our community of faith.

The tentative schedule for Katie and J.E.'s visit with us is as follows:

Saturday Evening, July 9

9:30-11:30 a.m. – Families with children (children of all ages 0 - 18) are welcome to an informal time at the church

Sunday, July 10

Sunday school hour – With MYF

Worship Service – Katie will be giving the Children's Story and sermon

Fellowship Meal – Following the service – Q&A time with Katie – all are welcome

—Andrew Hartzler, chair of
Pastoral Search Committee

Thank You

Thank you to the entire congregation for your prayers and support as we walked the path of releasing Dave's father to his savior. The flower was a beautiful addition to our memorial service as well.

—Dave and Jo Ward-Selman and Kassy Miller

Thank You

If you noticed the clean woodwork in the foyer this morning, the shiny piano, the clean folding chairs, or the spotless refrigerators, then you'll know the elves were busy this week. Many thanks to all those (including the organizers, Deloris Wyse and Loanne Harms) who, collectively, put in over 45 hours of work in 2 days to make our meeting place clean and sparkly.

Communication Tips Part 2

As I was picking up material to read at my doctor's office, I found this brochure from the Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities. I began to read the brochure and thought that it had some very good information which I wanted to share with all of you.

Ten Commandments of Etiquette for Communicating with People with Disabilities

1. When talking with a person with a disability, use eye contact and speak directly to that person rather than through a companion or sign language interpreter.
2. When introduced to a person with a disability, it is appropriate to offer to shake hands.
3. When meeting a person who is visually impaired, always identify yourself and others who may be with you. When conversing in a group, remember to identify the person to whom you are speaking.
4. If you offer assistance, wait until the offer is accepted. Then listen to or ask for instructions.
5. Treat adults as adults. Address people who have disabilities by their first names. Never patronize people who use wheelchairs by patting them on the head or shoulder.
6. A wheelchair is part of the personal body space of the person who uses it. Learning on a person's wheelchair is similar to leaning on a person and is generally considered inappropriate.

7. Listen attentively when you're talking with a person who has difficulty speaking. Be patient and wait for the person to finish, rather than correcting or speaking for the person. If necessary, ask short questions that might require short answers such as a nod or shake of the head. Never pretend to understand if you are having difficulty in doing so. Instead, repeat what you have understood and allow the person to respond.
8. When speaking with a person who uses a wheelchair or a person who uses crutches, place yourself at eye level in front of the person.
9. To get the attention of a person who is deaf, tap the person on the shoulder or wave your hand. Look directly at the person and speak clearly and slowly. If the person can read lips, place yourself so that you face the light source and keep hands and food away from your mouth when speaking.
10. Relax. It is okay to ask questions when you are unsure of what to do.

I hope that these tips can help you communicate more effectively with people with disabilities. If you would like to discuss them further, please feel free to contact me.

—Karen Pfahler, Disabilities Advocate
for Waterford Mennonite Church

Solar Panel Installation

Bill Minter (pictured at right) cuts up a felled tree in the courtyard in preparation for installing solar panels on the south-facing roof slope of the nurture wing. Jan Oostland (below) works on the installation.



WMC Church Library Additions

DONATED BOOKS

EASY

***Faith the Cow* by Susan Bame Hoover.** This book is the true story of Dan West and how he and a group of farmers worked together to create peace in the world.

***Flora and the Runaway Rooster* by John Claude Bemis.** Flora lived in Rwanda. Flora needs to stay home from school to care for the animals that the family depends on for its very survival. One day the rooster gets away and thus begins the adventure for Flora and her friend Gideon.

***Winter in Songming* by Page McBrier.** In a tiny village in China a boy takes a step on the road to manhood, while his village takes a step toward self-sufficiency. So Heifer International renews hope in struggling families around the world.

***Henry's Freedom Box: A true Story from the Underground Railroad* by Ellen Levine.** This is a dramatic story of a slave who mails himself to freedom. After an arduous journey in the crate, Henry finally has a birthday – his first day of freedom.

FICTION

***The Forgotten Recipe* by Amy Clipston.** After losing her fiancé in a tragic accident, Veronica Fisher finds solace in the old recipes stored in her mother's hope chest – and in a special visitor who comes to her bake stand to purchase her old-fashioned raspberry pies.

***Mountain of Mystery* by Carole Jefferson** (Guide Post Book Series).

NON-FICTION

***Helping Youth Grieve: the Good News of Biblical Lament* by Bob Yoder.** Our culture demands high levels of success and propagates a “feel good” attitude that denies pain, loss and failure. Churches contribute to these distressing realities among youth. This book portrays a God who yearns to hear the honest cries of our youth.

***Healing the Heart of Your Church* by Dr. Kenneth Quick.** The author shares his story of how the Lord helped him lead his church through the corporate healing process. He gives biblical guidelines on why this is necessary and how you can do it too.

***Getting to the other side of grief: Overcoming the Loss of a Spouse* by Susan Zonnebelt-Smeenge.**

PURCHASED BOOKS

***Christian. Muslim. Friend: Twelve Paths to Real Relationship (Christians Meeting Muslims)* by David Shenk.** Shenk lays out ways that Christians can form authentic relationships with Muslims, characterized by respect, hospitality, and candid dialogue. He invites readers to both bear witness to the Christ-centered commitments of their faith while also reaching out in friendship with Muslims. Shenk offers tested and true paths to real relationships.

***Lord Willing?: Wrestling with God's Role in My Child's Death* by Jessica Kelley.** When her young son was diagnosed with brain cancer, Jessica couldn't stomach Christian clichés. Kelley boldly tackles one of the most difficult questions of the Christian life: If God is all-powerful and all-loving, why do we suffer? This book offers a refreshing, hopeful journey straight to the heart of God.

***Overplayed: A Parent's Guide to Sanity in the World of Youth Sports* by David King and Margot Starbuck.** The authors believe that youth athletics should be a learning laboratory for wholesome relationships and character development. Learn practical ways to set boundaries and help kids gain healthy identities as beloved children of God both on and off the field, and whether they win or lose.

***In Pursuit of Faithfulness: Conviction, Conflict, and Compromise in the Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference (Studies in Anabaptist and Mennonite History)* by Rich Preheim.** In this lively narrative, historian and journalist Rich Preheim investigates the heritage and innovations of Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference and area conferences of Mennonite Church USA, that have profoundly shaped Mennonite faith and practice since the nineteenth century.

1-2 Chronicles (Believers Church Bible Commentary)

Books on Back Order (We will receive these books when available)

***The Gospel Next Door* by Marty Troyer**

***Christian's Hope* by Ervin Stutzman: (October)**

***Breakaway Amish: Growing Up in the Bergholtz Beard Cutters* by Johnny Mast and Shawn Smucker**

Regular Financial Updates

It's been said that a picture is worth a thousand words. In an effort to communicate progress toward meeting the Waterford Mennonite Church budget, the Facilities and Finance Ministry Team is implementing several pictures (actually graphs).

The first graph will be located on the table by the south entrance of the church. It shows a picture of the giving toward the budget received the previous week. The total includes giving toward the operating budget, Mennonite Education Fund and "Either Fund." The graph also shows the average giving per week for the previous weeks in the Fiscal Year that began April 1, 2016. The third bar on the graph shows the total giving needed per week over each of the remaining weeks in the Fiscal Year which ends April 30, 2017. This is a picture of the same numbers which appear weekly in the bulletin. The plan is to update this graph each week.

A second graph will appear monthly in the Buzz. The dashed line on this graph shows cumulative total giving received since the beginning of the Fiscal year (April 1, 2016). The solid line shows the target needed to meet budgeted expenses for the year if those expenses occurred evenly throughout the year. (Note: It's a good thing when the dashed line is above the solid line.) The dotted line shows cumulative giving that occurred during the same time in the prior year.

Your feedback is welcome. The goal is to communicate in the best possible way. Feel free to let a member of the Facilities and Finance Ministry Team know if these graphs are helpful or if you have questions or other suggestions on how to communicate the financial affairs of the church.

—Facilities and Finance Ministry Team



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