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Introducing New Attenders: Rachael and Bob Hochstedler



Bob and I grew up in central Indiana. Bob spent his childhood and teenage years in Brown County on a farm and attended Bean Blossom Mennonite Church which his parents helped in planting and growing. I grew up in rural Howard County and attended Bon Air Mennonite Church. We both graduated from Goshen College and were married in 1969.

In 1970 following Bob's graduation from Goshen, we served with the Mennonite Board of Missions in Santiago, Chile, teaching at Colegio de Santiago, a girls school under the auspices of the Methodist Church. From our time spent there, we came to understand that teaching children and teenagers was not a gifting for either one of us.

We returned to Kokomo in 1972 where we worked for Bob's father's business. After 1976, we essentially operated the business and then purchased it in 1983. The business was an HVAC and insulation company that specialized in residential dwellings and churches. We raised our two sons, Reuben and Benjamin, who graduated from the same high school where I had attended. We were members of, and active in, Parkview Mennonite Church (formerly Bon Air Mennonite) throughout our young and middle adult years. Bob and I were also involved in the Kokomo Symphony Chorus and often

sang with Howard Miami Mennonite Church's choir for special events. In the year 2000, we changed our membership to Howard-Miami.

After successfully getting our sons through college and becoming independent and employed working adults, Bob became increasingly dissatisfied with owning and operating the business and wanted to pursue his dream of working at a camp. Bob became a board member of Amigo Centre during the 1990's, and in 2003 God opened the door for us to move, further to realizing that dream when, within a three-week period, the opportunity to buy Dave and Wilma Shank's home across the road from Amigo and the opportunity to sell the business to two

employees came together. We moved to Michigan in April, 2004 and began our involvement with Amigo Centre. Bob worked on the maintenance staff and we worked every third weekend as hosts. Bob also kept using his expertise in home energy management by working for the Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency as an energy auditor for low income housing.

After 12 years at Amigo, health issues and aging has nudged us into more "full retirement." Last October, with the help of friends like Ron Weirich and Leon Farmwald, God again opened the door for us to move to Goshen by providing us the opportunity to buy a condo. So we are "Back Home again in Indiana" as of June. Bob will continue to work one day a week for Amigo and for Southwest Michigan. He will also spend time in his workshop in the basement creating furniture and other wood projects. I will continue making quilts, spending time with my sisters in Elkhart and friends in Sturgis and friends in Goshen. We learned to know the Agape Sunday School class through their weekend retreats at Amigo and appreciate how they have taken us in. And we enjoy the worship services here at Waterford, especially listening to and participating in congregational singing.

—Rachael and Bob Hochstedler



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MCC School Kits

Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies. School kits often are requested after disasters and help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to flee their homes.

Last year, MCC shipped 89,958 kits to Jordan, Syria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Lebanon, Haiti, U.S., Serbia, Honduras and more.

Contents (NEW items only)

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 1/2 x 10 1/2 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser

School kits are distributed in a useful double drawstring cloth bag (11 3/4 x 16 3/4 in). You may:

Pick up a sewn bag or sew the bag yourself (instructions on the MCC website: <http://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/school>).

Donate contents that we will place in a bag. Place donations under the mailboxes, being careful to make access available to those checking for mail. We will be taking donations till September 11. Thank you for limiting your generosity to the items listed.

Thank You

We are grateful for the many ways Waterford Church people showed their care for us following Lowell's accident. You have been great reminders for us of God's enduring love.

—Lowell and Char Stoltzfus

IHN Volunteer Appreciation Event

If you volunteered to host GIHN guests this year, you are invited to a Volunteer Appreciation Event for all GIHN volunteers on Sunday, August 14, 2016, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Goshen. Volunteers can come and enjoy ice cream sundaes and a time of fellowship.

Here's the Scoop

Senior Adults from Waterford Mennonite Church are invited to an afternoon of entertainment. The Silver Belles from Greencroft will be with us Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Come enjoy the music and fellowship. We will meet at the church fellowship hall, ending with scoops of ice cream. Greencroft bus transportation provided. Contact Lila Gascho at 596-9620 if needed.

Welcoming new-to-Goshen College International Students

Thank you for your generous response to Waterford Mennonite Women's "Welcome Basket" project! Please place your items in the appropriate basket no later than Sunday, August 14.

Mennonite Women

Waterford's Mennonite Women (sewing) meets on Thursday, August 11, at 8:30 a.m. in the MYF room. All women are welcome to help quilt, tie comforters, knit or crochet prayer shawls. Come join us for fellowship and a noon potluck meal.

Return to two services next Sunday, August 14

Worship: 8:00–9:15 a.m.
and 10:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Nurture hour: 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Waterford Mennonite Church Cumulative Total Giving

