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## Community Service Award Given

Melissa Hostetler, daughter of Dave and Karen Hostetler, has been named one of the 2016 Twenty Millennials Making a Difference in Ft. Wayne. She was recognized at an award reception on September 15. “We relish the opportunity to draw attention to this talented group of industrious individuals to help business leaders better understand and appreciate their unique perspectives and contributions to this community,” said Randy Mitchell, CEO of KPC Media Group and publisher of Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly.



Melissa, a 2009 graduate of Goshen High School, graduated from Bluffton University in 2013 with a double major in Accounting and Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and a minor in Graphic Design. She is the staff accountant at Turnstone Center for Children and Adults with Disabilities in Ft. Wayne.

When answering the question “How is your Millennial nominee making a difference in their job/community/school?” Laura Ramsey, CFO of Turnstone, said this of Melissa: “[Melissa] started her professional career at Turnstone Center for Children and Adults with Disabilities as an accounting clerk with additional customer service responsibilities. She soon was impressing everyone with her organizational and accounting skills ... and was quickly promoted to Staff Accountant where she assumed the responsibility of posting all accounting entries for an entity with 95 employees and a budget of over \$4 million. Melissa rose to the challenge of creating new accounting processes that were needed when Turnstone recently added the 125,000 square foot

Plassman Athletic Center .... The sheer volume of this work cannot be overstated. A charter member of the local Not for Profit Fiscal Managers Group, Melissa offers her insight to common accounting and management issues in the NFP world.”

Ramsey goes on to say that in addition to her professional skills, Melissa is also generous in volunteering her time at Turnstone. Since the summer of 2014, she has been assisting with the tennis program and can be found performing with her cello at the annual gala that raises funds for Turnstone programs and services.

As Melissa’s parents, we would like to express our thanks to the Waterford congregation for supporting Melissa through the Mennonite Education Fund during her years at Bluffton University. Your guidance and teaching as she grew up in this congregation and your generosity in giving to the MEF has helped her become who she is, and you are appreciated.

–Dave and Karen Hostetler

## Sharing with Those in Need

Most of you are familiar with the special offerings we receive on Sundays when we have the Lord’s Supper. For many years these funds have gone into our Sharing Fund, which confidentially benefits people within our congregation who are experiencing some financial hardships. Some people make additional contributions to the Sharing Fund at other times.

During the economic depression of 2009 or so, the church office and pastors got many more requests for financial assistance from community people than we could handle. So there was an appeal at that time, and occasionally since, for a Jubilee Fund, which provided limited help for outside people with emergency needs like gas money, etc. which are often not eligible to be met thru other agencies and organizations like the Goshen Ministerial Association’s Emergency Fund. The

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Jubilee Fund is under the discretion of the pastors and Janet in the front office. Our pattern now is to make funds available through Goshen Kroger, which people can use for either food or gas. The Jubilee Fund has nothing in it currently so we've been turning people away.

As a way to reduce how often we make appeals for the Jubilee Fund, pastors and Facilities and Finance Ministry Team have decided to "tithe" our communion offerings to go outside of ourselves as a congregation. **Beginning with World Communion Sunday on October 2, 10% of money received in these communion Sunday offerings will go to the Jubilee Fund, while the other 90% will continue to support the Sharing Fund.** Of course, additional contributions anyone makes to either of these funds will be honored as designated. Thank you for your generosity to help out people who are going through hard times, whether within our congregation or not.

### No More Pop Can Recycling

In the past, pop cans were collected in boxes in the MYF room to be delivered to Habitat for Humanity. Habitat discontinued its can recycling program about a year ago and there is currently no place for us to take them other than the recycling bins. In order to reduce clutter in the MYF room and to relieve the custodial staff and/or MYF sponsors of the responsibility of cleaning out large boxes and bags of cans for recycling, we ask that people no longer bring their cans to the church. Please deposit them in the recycling centers around town.

### Sierra Ross Richer's Baptism, September 4



Top photo: Sierra Ross Richer and Pastor Neil



Center photo: Pastors Cindy and Neil baptizing Sierra.



Photo: Loanne Harms