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Waterford HOPE Team

(Helping Our People Everywhere)

The Purpose of WMC's HOPE Team is to facilitate Waterford's support in the name of Christ for undocumented immigrants and similarly vulnerable persons in our local community. It is a working group of Waterford attenders to discern, coordinate, oversee, and communicate the various ways Waterford people wish to respond to immigrants' needs, whether individually or as a congregation.

The Team is a subgroup for immigration issues and is accountable to the Mission and Service Ministry Team. A pastor or HOPE Team member will periodically report updates to and receive feedback from the MSMT. Members are not elected but serve for an indefinite period according to their sense of call and passion for these ministries.

Things WMC people can do:

- Pick up a copy of the *Missio Dei* booklet "Immigration and the Bible," by M. Daniel Carroll.
- Contact your U.S. representative and senators to support comprehensive immigration reform that upholds DACA provisions and gives DREAMers a path to citizenship.
- Financially support Elkhart County HOPE Network's activities at the Center for Healing & Hope offices, 902 S. Main St. in Goshen.
- Sign up to receive emailed HOPE Network newsletters by contacting Dominique Chew at dchew@chhclinics.org
- Especially, take notice of and be friendly toward our Latino neighbors, even if you don't know their legal immigration status.
- Help promote the development of a Goshen Resident Identification card (GRID) which will be designed to identify anyone who lives in Goshen. It will be particularly helpful for those who are unable to obtain a driver's

license or other form of official identification. It will provide a way of confirming identity for purchasing prescriptions and handling money transactions.

- We can purchase the GRID cards for ourselves when they become available so they won't be viewed publicly as the "undocumented ID card."

—Bob Brenneman, Waterford HOPE Team member

HOPE Team: Bob Brenneman, Melissa Chupp, Jane Otto, Gilberto Pérez, Anna Smucker, Bill Swartzendruber; Neil Amstutz, pastoral team leader; and Katie Misz, pastor of family life.



Saulo Padilla, Immigration Education Coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee US, was guest speaker on Sunday, October 22. He explained to the children the importance of taking care of living things so they can flourish and live well. During the sermon, he told his own immigration story, the struggles his family encountered during those years and how those difficulties affected him personally.



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Open Your Eyes

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To America, Afghanistan
North Korea and Iran
To Somalia, Venezuela, Syria, Iraq
All who defend, all who attack
Open your eyes

To the atheists and Christians too
To the Muslim and the Jew
Through separated walls, peek through
And open your eyes

To the republicans and the democrats
To the Wall Street Fat Cats
To those begging for change to be thrown
in their hats
To the faces with races carrying torches
and bats
Open your eyes

To the young boy who wanted
To be something higher
To serve God and his country
Were his only desires
Then they give him a gun
And they tell him to fire
Til he watches his innocence
Sink in the mire

To the man who returns
Serving two terms abroad
Wrestling dreams when he sleeps
When awake wrestles God
Because you can't spare the child
When you spoil the rod
And he's used it so much
That it hides the façade
That they call him a hero
When he feels like a fraud
Young man it's the system
Not just you who is flawed
Open your eyes

And to the king who believes
That the enemy forces
Will surrender, retreat
By his chariots and horses
Fighting war with a war
Like its peace it endorses

Give your enemies a table
Spread it with a few courses
And open your eyes

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—*J.E. Misz*, from Oct. 22 Sunday Service



The MYF fall break activity included finding their way through a corn maze.

Pictured, from front to back: Zoë Brown, Emma Bontrager, Andrew Smucker, Laurina Graber-Ditzler, Axel Brown, Anna Myers, JE Misz, Katie Misz and Samantha Stoltzfus.