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Mentee/Mentor Program Updates

WMC currently has 32 mentee/mentor pairs! Some new pairs added recently are Colin Judson/JE Misz, Jeremy Stutzman/Chris Judson, and Isaac Myers/Brent Beck. Angela Stoltzfus is continuing as coordinator of the program and is working closely with Pastor Katie. The goal of the mentee/mentor program is for youth to have an authentic relationship with an adult at church. Please continue to pray for relationship growth between our mentee/mentor pairs.

One problem the mentee/mentor programming is facing is finding enough mentoring adults to match with interested youth. Yes, we currently have at least five youth interested in a mentor. Because of this struggle, a modification decision was made to make mentoring a two-year commitment; this means all mentee/mentor relationships will have some sort of informal feedback to leadership about desires to continue the current pairing or request a change. This flexibility and shorter time commitment allows for everyone to evaluate current circumstances in life, schedules, and needs. We hope it also provides more youth with supportive adults. Recognizing this alteration, we ask that WMC adults prayerfully consider mentoring a youth. Interested adults should contact Angela or Katie.

We're also looking for current mentee/mentor pairs to help with planning large or small group events. For example, partners Anna Myers/Loanne Harms are hoping to visit Chicago museums with other pairs sometime in late March or April. Interested pairs should contact Loanne for details. We'd love a variety of activities to be offered from middle school and high school pairings; see Angela with your ideas.

Realizing everyone is busy and timing is often an issue for pairs to spend time together, we'd like to offer an informal event on Sunday, March 19. During first service, mentee/mentor pairs are invited to a carry-in breakfast in the fellowship hall. Both mentors and men-

tees are asked to bring a dish to share, but table service and drinks will be provided. This is nothing formal, just a time and place for connection and talk-time over food.

If you have other questions or suggestions, please contact Angela or Katie. —Angela Stoltzfus

Getting your feedback on Conference Proposal

In last week's Buzz there was an introduction to the Feb. 8 and 22 Soul Food Wednesday activities. We will be having table conversations about the "Renewing a Vision" proposal, which was summarized for us on Jan. 22 by Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference Pastor Dan Miller, during nurture hour. (For your information, a DVD recording of that time with Dan is available for check out, near the library.) While the best way to engage with church leadership on this will be to attend the Soul Food Wednesday sessions, there is another way you can share your thoughts, especially if you can't make it to the Soul Food Wednesday sessions.

Conference delegates and members of Ministry Leadership Council will serve as a Listening Committee on this Conference proposal. Before, during and after the nurture hour on Feb. 12 and 26 you can find this Listening Committee available by the church library to hear your comments, affirmations and concerns about "Renewing a Vision." Please come share your thoughts with us on Feb. 12 & 26 if you can't attend Soul Food Wednesday. —Pastor Neil Amstutz



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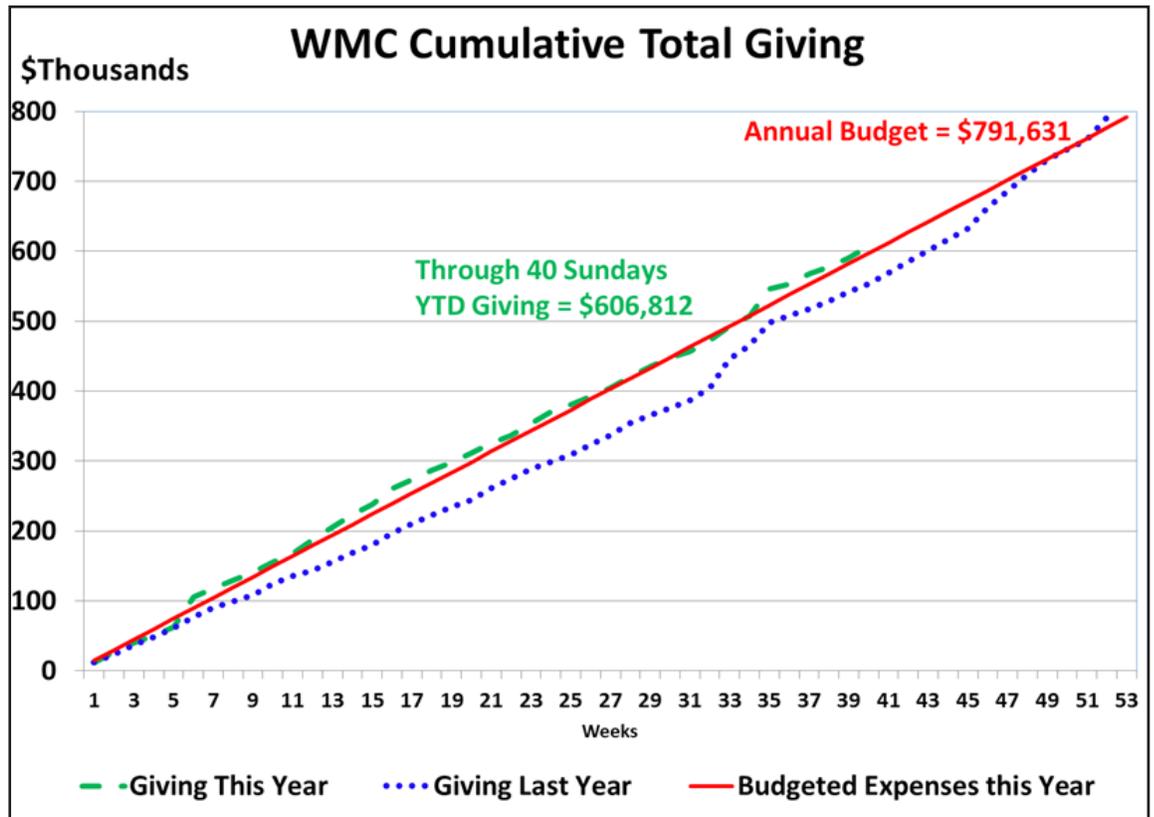
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Giving Plan Packets and Electronic Giving

Help us plan for funding the ministries at Waterford: Please be checking your church mail boxes this Sunday, February 5, for a packet of materials inviting you to return your best estimate of how God is calling you to financially support the various ministries at Waterford Mennonite Church. By returning your response card by February 26 you will greatly help our Ministry Teams develop plans to fund the ministries at Waterford for the upcoming fiscal year that begins May 1.

You are also encouraged to check out the option to give to Waterford electronically. The link to the Waterford electronic giving site is now available and may be found on the Waterford home page.

Thanks for your involvement in our congregation!

– Facilities and Finance Ministry Team

Mennonite Women

Mennonite Women (sewing) will meet Thursday, February 9, to quilt, knot comforters, and make prayer shawls. All women are invited to join us for fellowship, and the noon meal.

Soup will be provided. Bring food to go with it. Come as early as 8:30 a.m. and stay as long as you like.

–Deloris Wyse