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## New Intern Mariah Martin

The Pastoral Team is excited to welcome Mariah for her summer internship! She will join us from May 28-August 13 (a total of 400 hours). While she is with us we will receive the gifts and blessings of her ministry – preaching, worship leading, pastoral care, engaging with our children and youth, and more. Mariah grew up in a small congregation in Colorado and is currently completing an internship at Faith Mennonite. She is looking forward to being among us at WMC to also experience congregational life in a larger congregation.

Please join us in welcoming Mariah! Feel free to share with her a smile, a greeting, a meal, a card. We also invite you to welcome her into your faith journeys throughout the next several months. Mariah is eager to get to know us and to hear some of our stories. As she joins us in a couple of weeks you may reach her at [mariah@waterfordchurch.org](mailto:mariah@waterfordchurch.org)

–Cindy Voth, Pastor of Community Life

## Mariah Martin Bio

Waterford Mennonite, thank you for welcoming me as your new intern! My name is Mariah Martin; I am a second year MDiv student at AMBS with a concentration in pastoral ministry. I grew up in the mountains of Colorado with my parents, Lauren and Kim, and my younger sister Sierra. I live in Goshen with four other women that transferred with me from Hesston to Goshen College; we are our own lovely little family. I experience God in the simple joys of life, like hiking, going on bike rides with my boyfriend Nick Bouwman, being entertained by the squirrels that play in our backyard, and doing homework while drinking coffee from my favorite mug. I look forward to further sharing myself with you and experiencing how God is working in and through Waterford.

–*Mariah Martin*

## Everence Announcements

**Partnering with Everence Sharing Fund.** Our congregation helped 7 families or individuals in need with \$15,636.36 in financial assistance during the 2016 calendar year. Everence matching grants contributed \$2,999.73 of that amount.

Everence matching grants provided almost \$900,000 nationally to help people in need last year. Learn about this program from our Stewardship Advocate Miriam Stauffer.

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## Joint worship with Benton Mennonite Church

Within Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference's proposed "Renewing a Vision" document is the encouragement for inter-congregational activities for worship, fellowship and learning. The pastors of Waterford and of Benton Mennonite Church have worked together to do this on June 11. During the time when we have a single worship service (9:00) followed by nurture hour at 10:30 [see color brochures in church boxes on April 30], Waterford and Benton will have a "pastors and people" swap. A pastor from each church will preach at the other church, and each church will send 25 to 30 of its people to the other worship service. On June 11, Brenda Meyer will preach here at Waterford and Cindy Voth will preach at Benton. We will also host a joint fellowship meal about 11:45 that day here, complete with an outdoor tent.

Starting this Sunday the 14th, there is a sign-up sheet at the Participation Station for the first 25 or 30 people interested in visiting our sister church in Benton for worship. Please take note that their summer worship schedule has **worship starting at Benton at 9:30**, not at 9:00 as we have it. Benton does not meet for Sunday School in the summer. So worshippers at Benton will probably not arrive back to Waterford in time for the start of nurture hour. If taking part in our nurture hour that day is not a priority for you, (or perhaps sleeping in longer is a priority), then we encourage you to consider hearing Cindy preach to a different audience! Please sign up if interested. One more note: Worshipping at Benton is NOT part of the planned affinity group that visits other churches in the summer.

—Pastor Neil Amstutz

## E3 Year End Celebration

The organizers of the Survival Skills for Life Program invite their supporters to a Year End Celebration on May 19 from 4:45-6:30 p.m. E3 is completing its fourth year of the program which is designed to Engage, Equip and Empower young leaders at Goshen Middle School. The gathering will begin at 4:45 in the GMS cafeteria. At 5:00 there will be interactive presentations by the guys and their mentors on the east side of the school. At 6:00, on the GMS bleachers, everyone will gather to hear stories from the past year and give recognition to the 8th grade E3 graduates. Waterford mentors for the 8th graders are Curt Yoder, Mark Daniels, Conrad Breneman, Ron Weirich, Len Harms and Bob Hoshstetler.

## Vacation Bible School Registration Sunday

The excitement for VBS will be in full swing on Sunday, May 21! This year we will be hosting a VBS Registration Sunday. Some sneak peeks of the week will be given during the services and we will have some "guest" archaeologists digging for treasure near the library! Children, come by the library and help us dig, and bring your parent along to sign you up for VBS!

—Mikki Bowman

## Thank You

Thank you for your flowers, cards, thoughts and prayers. Thank you so much for the lunch you served after Ken's memorial service. You are family.

—Judy Houtz and Family

## Notice

If you loaned a "Streams of Living Water" book to the Seekers class, and it has not been returned to you, please talk to Elvina Schmidt. (The book does not have a name in it).