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Waterford Delegation to Visit Benin Bible Institute

Mandy Schmidt along with **Velma and Sheldon Swartz** are preparing to represent our church on a fall 2017 visit to our partners at Benin Bible Institute.

This visit will build on a 14-year history of exchange visits between our communities. These exchange visits form the core of the WMC-BBI partnership, which was formalized in 2003. BBI faculty, staff and board members are the pool out of which a couple of delegates come to visit us at Waterford one year. The following year, two or three Waterford attenders will travel to Benin to spend time building relationships at the Bible Institute as well as to become acquainted with other ministries and learn about Beninese history and culture.

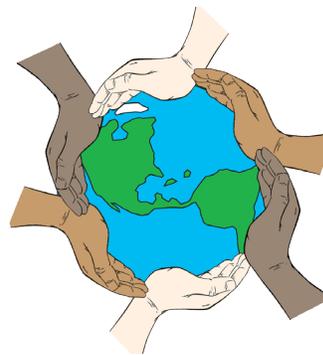
Sheldon, Velma and Mandy will be leaving the USA on October 26, and returning on November 6. In between those dates they will have the opportunity to taste Beninese styles of worship, food, and fellowship under tropical skies. We are grateful for their willingness to represent us in this ongoing relationship.

—Rod Hollinger-Janzen
for the BBI Planning Group



In February 2016, a delegation from Waterford, St. Jacobs, and MMN traveled to visit BBI.

Welcomed by Christ, Called to Welcome



For eight Sundays in worship this fall, we will have a series focusing on hospitality, as the Bible understands it. For those of us who already “know” that hospitality means the hosting of our friends or family members for food or lodging at our own invi-

tation, biblical concepts of hospitality will surprise and deeply challenge us. The last three Sundays of the series will be a narrower focus on sort of a “case study,” a more specific hospitality-related topic: immigration. In that part we will look at biblical material pertaining to migrants and refugees, which seems especially relevant in our local community and in today’s world. (More details in chart on page 3)

A few additional activity options will supplement this series:

- A nurture hour elective starting Sept. 10, studying Michele Hershberger’s book *A Christian View of Hospitality: Expecting Surprises*
- You are invited to join others at Waterford in a 40-Day Hospitality Experiment, running from Sept. 25 through Nov. 3. You can sign up for this experiment at the Participation Station and in adult Sunday School classes. The experiment basically has 3 parts:
 1. For 40 days, ask God daily to send you a hospitality opportunity
 2. Record your experiences in a journal
 3. Near the end of the 40 days, share your journal with one of the pastors (your permission will be obtained before anything is passed along to others)

—Pastor Neil Amstutz

WMC Library Additions

Purchased Books

Shearer, Tobin Miller – **Two Weeks Every Summer: Fresh Air Children and the Problem of Race in America.** The book is based on extensive oral history interviews with former guests, hosts, and administrators in Fresh Air Programs which brought inner-city children to rural and suburban homes for two-week summer vacations.

Cavey, Bruxy – **(re)union: The Good News of Jesus for Seekers, Saints, and Sinners.** Dig into scripture with Cavey as he unfolds God's message for the world.

Schott, Hanna – **That Love in a Time of Hate: The Story of Magda and André Tracmé and the Village That Said No to the Nazis.** This book tells the gripping tale of Magda and André, the couple that transformed a small town in the mountains of southern France into a place of safety during the Holocaust.

Becker, Palmer – **Anabaptist Essentials: Ten Signs of a Unique Christian Faith.** Becker writes Jesus. Community. Reconciliation. Sum up the core values of Anabaptist faith and life. This is a clear, readable guide to what makes Anabaptism unique and will equip readers to live out a more radical commitment to Jesus.

Yoder, Anita Hooley – **Circles of Sisterhood: A History of Mission, Service and Fellowship in Mennonite Women's Organizations.** The saga of Mennonite Women's Organizations is a story of struggle and triumph, productivity and misgivings, questions and celebrations. In this vibrant portrait of Mennonite Women USA, Yoder paints with both broad and subtle strokes the one-hundred-year history of an organization that nurtures local church women's groups and connects Mennonite Women across the world.

Roth, Brad – **God's Country Faith, Hope, and the Future of the Rural Church.** In this book rediscover the stunning abundance of God's presence in rural communities. Name the ways that the rural church testifies to God's glory and goodness. Learn to live and love and minister right where you are, no matter how small or unassuming it may seem.

Donated Books

Jefferson, Carole – **Mystery of Silver Peak Series.** (We now have books #1 - #9)

Brunstettler, Wanda – **The Amish Millionaire** (a six book series)

Supportive Care in the Congregation: Providing a Congregational Network of Care for Persons With Significant Disabilities.

Foster, Richard – **Streams of Living Water: Celebrating the Great Traditions of Faith.**

Graber, Esther Rose – **The Daily Feast: Everyday Meals We Love to Share.**

WMC Endowment Fund Applications

Applications for the Fall 2017 Waterford Mennonite Church Endowment Funds will be accepted through October 1, 2017. Applications can be found in the information rack beneath the bulletin board or online at the church website. Please submit all requests to Jeff Miller, Endowment Fund Chair.

The committee will meet in October to review new requests and distributions will be made this fall.

This past spring the following awards were made:

- Amigo Center – E3 Survival Skills for Life program - \$800
- Prairie View Elem School – Peacemaking Academy - \$1500
- Faith Mennonite Church – Hospitality House - \$1500
- WMC resources for “Conversations That Matter” - \$1500
- Nature Explore – Campus Center for Young Children - \$1500
- Goshen Interfaith Hospitality – remodel project - \$1500

Feel free to contact one of the following Endowment Fund Committee members with any questions: Kathy Myers, Jon. Wieand, Vyron Schmidt, Neil Amstutz, Jeff Miller (chair)

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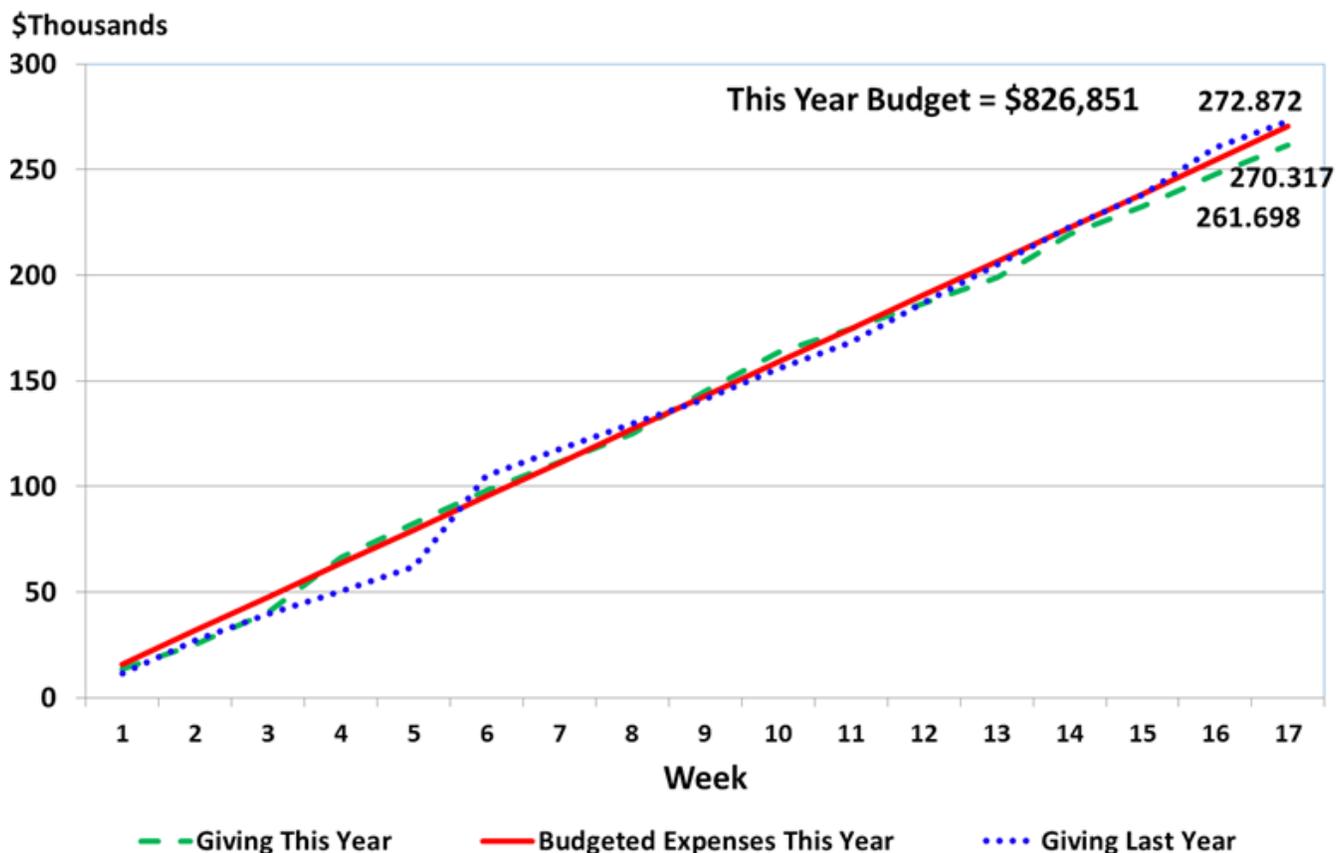
Thank you so much for another year of overwhelming support in preparing four Welcome Baskets for new Goshen College students! Campus peer Ariana Perez-Diener has added notes of welcome and invitation for the international students to visit us at WMC. We hope for personal interactions to come!

–*Waterford Mennonite Women*

Hospitality Series “Welcomed by Christ, Called to Welcome” – Fall 2017

Date	Preacher	Possible Scriptures	Themes
Sept. 17	Neil Amstutz	Luke 14:12-24; Gen. 18:1-15; Rom. 15: 7 (key verse for series)	How do we think about hospitality? What does the Bible say?
Sept. 24	Karla Minter, church relations associate with MMN	1 Kings 17 & 18	Biblical storytelling and group lectio divina from an intriguing text
Oct. 1	Cindy Voth	1 Cor. 11:17-34; John 13:1-17	World Communion Sunday; hospitality extending both horizontally & vertically
Oct. 8	Neil Amstutz	Matt. 25:31-46; 1 John 3:16-24; James 2:1-8	Limitations of hospitality, and small steps forward to practice it
Oct. 15	Cindy Voth	Philippians. 3:20-21; 1 Peter 2:9-12	Being hosted by God; our identity as citizens of God’s kingdom
Oct. 22	Saulo Padilla, U.S. immigration education coordinator for MCC	??	Living out hospitality with and among our immigrant & refugee neighbors
Oct. 29	Cindy Voth	Gen. 12:9-13:1; book of Ruth; Lev. 19: 9-10, 33-34	Old Testament and immigration
Nov. 5	Neil Amstutz	Matt. 2:13-23; John 4:1-42; Mark 2:23-28	New Testament and immigration

Waterford Mennonite Church Cumulative Total Giving



We are 17 weeks into the fiscal year at Waterford. YTD giving after 17 weeks is: \$261,698. That is about \$8600 below the YTD budget of \$270,317. YTD giving at the same time last year was \$272,872.

Congregation Leadership Meeting

MLC, Lay Ministry leaders and the Pastoral Team met August 29 to discern and dream together toward a new directional statement.



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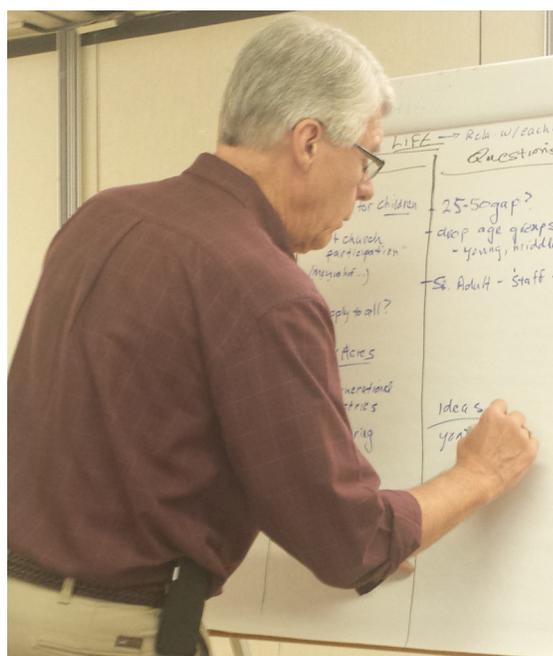
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