

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

November 1, 2015

Welcome everyone to faith and fellowship in Jesus Christ,

Minister to the needs of one another and our neighbors through the Holy Spirit, and

Call out each other's gifts for the joyful work of God's reconciling mission.

Finding Hope in Christ, Community and Creation Goshen College Parables

WORSHIP

Our worship this morning is being led by Parables, an ensemble from Goshen College that combines music, original drama and personal stories to create an experience designed to inspire, comfort, and challenge us as disciples. The group's theme for the year is "Finding Hope in Christ, Community & Creation." From the college's Web site:

In what seems to be a more and more chaotic world in which we live it is sometimes hard to find hope. This year Parables explores Biblical stories and scripture that help us find this hope in Christ, community and creation. One of the songs we sing this year is entitled *I Dreamed of Rain*. Rains come amidst both trials and blessings. They both soak and drench, yet refresh and renew. Rains bring hope, and hope brings us closer to creation, closer to community, and closer to God. As Christians, may we hold on to that hope, to that dream, with the blessed assurance that, yes, indeed, these rains will come. Parables explores these themes through scripture, drama and personal stories, augmented by songs that cover a range of styles from classical to world music and gospel. Their words and their witness will inspire you.

WELCOME

We welcome the group and other visitors who are with us today. Please join us in worshipping the God who gives us hope and who rains down love upon us.

OFFERING

Our offering today is for the Operating Fund unless designated otherwise. While the offering is being received, please pass the friendship pads that are located in the chair back or pew located nearest the center aisle.

Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

Mary Helmuth, who celebrates her 94th birthday on Monday, for God’s grace and joy to be poured out on her. Join in her celebration by signing a card for her at the table in the foyer.

Sixth grade students – *Isaac Damer, Lindsey Daniels, Joel Graber, Owen Miller, Jenna Oostland, Camila Perez-Diener* – and their Sunday School teacher *Janette Amstutz*.

Siaka Traoré, president of *Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso*, offers thanks for praying for the country after a coup d’état in September. Mennonite Mission Network requests continued prayers for peaceful elections and for a spirit of reconciliation between political factions.

All affected by Monday’s earthquake in South Asia.

Members of our Mennonite Education Fund Committee as they use their gifts to provide oversight to this ministry among us.

Parables worship ensemble as they continue to share their message and gifts in congregations and other settings throughout the school year.

Jeff and Kay Miller and Karon and Vance Weaver as they grieve the loss of Jeff’s father and Karon’s brother, Wayne Miller, who died on Tuesday.

Fanning the Flames visual



As part of our recently completed Fanning the Flames worship series, we “grew a flame visual” at the center of the sanctuary. Each Sunday, a different colored piece of flame was made available to everyone present to write a response to a question relating to spiritual giftedness. New pieces of flame were added to the visual each week. What you see today is the “fanned flame” representing the gathered community’s commitment to finding and using our own spiritual gifts and helping others to find theirs.

Living Stream Worship: Both services are live streamed at www.waterfordchurch.org

Welcome, Guests

Large print copies of the bulletin and the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. Sermon boards for children are available at the back door; please pick one up as you enter. You are encouraged to bring infants through age two children to the nursery. Pick up the newsletter, *Buzz*, from the welcome kiosk in the foyer.

Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts Dan & Diane Bodiker; Del & Shirley Yoder
Ushers Bruce Snyder, Dennis Myers (1st);
Glenn Reinford, Byron Yoder, Wade Ramer (2nd)
Nursery Alan & Lyz Zimmerman (1st); Luke & Cindy Voth (nurture); Lori Judson, Denise Diener
Audiovisual Len & Kathy Emery; Gene Leinbach

Today

8:00/10:45 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship
9:30 a.m. Nurture hour—classes for all ages

Nurture Hour

Nurture hour classes begin at 9:30 a.m. Our thirteen adult nurture classes all welcome you to join them. Please see an usher for additional information on classes and classroom locations.

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship—257 (118+139); Nurture hour—227

Finances – October 25

Operating Fund	\$ 8,223.15	Mennonite Education	\$ 550.00
Either Fund	\$ 5,385.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 14,158.15
Children's offering	\$ 4.60	Journey Church	\$ 3,375.00
MCC	\$ 50.00	Total:	\$ 17,587.75

This Week at Waterford

Monday	4:00 p.m.	Creation Care Ministry Team/MYF Room
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Praying the Office/Room 15
	7:00 p.m.	Gifts Discernment Ministry Team/Room 15
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Noon OWLS/Juniper Place
	7:00 p.m.	MYF/MYF Room
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Morning prayers/Room 15
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers/Rooms 22, 15

Looking Ahead

November 8	Sermon: Velma Swartz; Celebrating All Saints Day <i>(Selections from the Psalms)</i> Nurture hour: Safe Spaces training hosted by Gelassenheit & Koinonia classes
November 15	Sermon: Stanley Green; Fall Mission Sunday

Pastoral Team

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