

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

August 28, 2016

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.

Dwelling in the Word: "It is I . . . Come!" Come and Bring Your Fears!

Prelude		John Zehr
Gathering song	<i>Great is thy faithfulness</i>	Nick Stoltzfus H 327
Welcome and call to worship		Debbie and Steve Fath
Congregational songs	<i>The Lord is my light</i> <i>I will come to you in the silence</i> <i>Come, bring your burdens to God</i>	SJ 97 SS 49 SS 50
Children's time		Carolyn Kauffman, Joy Yoder
Offering	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise) <i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
God's Work Among Us		Matt Ropp, Amigo Centre
Scripture	Matthew 14:22-36	Jerry Detweiler
Sermon	"Take Heart—Do Not Be Afraid."	Velma Swartz
Song of response	<i>Healer of our every ill</i>	H 377
Sharing and congregational prayer		Cindy Voth
Benediction		
Lighting the peace lamp		

H = *Hymnal: A Worship Book*; SJ = *Sing the Journey*; SS = *Sing the Story*

*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world.

Living Stream Worship: The service is live streamed at www.waterfordchurch.org

Matthew 14:22-36

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴**but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.** ²⁵**And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.** ²⁶**But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.** ²⁷**But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."**

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.

³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

³⁴When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. ³⁵After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, ³⁶and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

The *Argentina Mennonite Church*, a *Mennonite Mission Network* partner, operates Life School and Little Seeds Preschool in Neuquén. Pray for Andrea Pineda, the new director of the high school, and others who contribute to the school administration, as they seek to improve the financial status of their institutions.

All of our ministry teams as they experience transition of team members and seek to use their gifts for God's glory among us at Waterford.

College and university students beginning classes in the next few weeks. May the coming year provide many opportunities for academic growth and spiritual development.

Lila Gascho as she recovers and heals from back surgery last Wednesday in Ft. Wayne.

Bob and Leah Shetler, who will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary on August 29.

Gratefulness for *Fanny Mast* as she steps back from being our gifts and cheer coordinator for many years, and for *Len and Loanne Harms* as they pick up this ministry to our congregation.

All those rebuilding their lives after the recent floods, fires, tornados and earthquakes in our community, country and other parts of the world.

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

Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts Maurice & Carol Lehman; Harold & Esther Helmuth

Ushers Ken Otto, Glenn Reinford (1st);
Joanna Yoder, Herb Resler, Wade Ramer (2nd)

Nursery Cynthia and Emma Bontrager (1st); Alan & Lyz Zimmerman (Nurture);
Jane, Naomi, and Teresa Ross Richer (2nd)

Audiovisual Shawn Stutzman, Karen Sommers, Tony Miller

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship—350(171 + 179); Nurture—281

Finances – August 21

Operating Fund	\$ 8,135.00	Mennonite Education	\$ 1,616.25
Either Fund	\$ 2,595.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 12,346.25
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 14,413.00</i>
Children's Offering	\$ 2.50	Sharing Fund	\$ 1,235.50
Total:			\$ 13,584.25

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday	4:00 p.m.	Mission & Service Ministry Team/Room 6
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	MYF
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Morning prayers/Room 15
	7:00 p.m.	Gifts Discernment Ministry Team/Room 15

Looking Ahead

September 4	Sermon: Cindy Voth; "It is I . . . Come" 3 (<i>Matthew 14:22-36</i>) 12:00 p.m. Fellowship meal hosted by Agape class 1:15 p.m. Baptism of Sierra Ross Richer
September 11	Sermon: Neil Amstutz; "It is I . . . Come" 4 (<i>Matthew 14:22-36</i>)

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