

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

November 12, 2017

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.

Child Safety Sunday

Prelude

Anne Lehman

Naming our Joy in the Children among us

Gathering songs

JD Smucker

Over my head

SJ 18

Freedom is coming

Welcome

Liz Gingrich

Lighting of birth candle

Zimmerman family (1st); Claassen family (2nd)

Call to worship

SJ 120

Congregational song

Let the children come to me

SS 47

Offering

(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise)

Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.

Naming the Vulnerability of the Children among us

Naming the reality

Katie Misz

Voices of lament

Joy Yoder, Janette Amstutz,
Veronica Berkey, Neil Amstutz

Response:

Pastor: As church leaders we hear you and we believe you. We grieve the pain and loss you have had to bear.

Congregation: As your church community, we hear you and we believe you. We grieve with you. We scarcely know how to respond.

Congregational song

Kyrie eleison

H 144

Confession

Naming the Vision of Safety for our Children

Scripture

Ezekiel 47:1, 6-12

Voices of Hope

Response:

Pastor: As church leaders we hear you and we believe you. We long for restoration, and we give thanks for the signs already present.

Congregation: As your church community we hear you and we believe you. We long for restoration, and we give thanks for the signs already present.

Congregational song	<i>Hope is a candle</i>	SS 15
Children's time		Ron Weirich
Scripture	Revelation 22:1-7	Gretchen Bateman, Lacy Stoltzfus (1 st) Cori Chupp, JoLee Stoltzfus (2 nd)
Sermon	"A Vision that Sustains Us"	Cindy Voth
Song of response	<i>Hope is a candle (v. 4-5)</i>	SS 15
Presentation by Family Life Ministry Team		
Congregational prayer for our children		
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>The peace of the earth be with you</i>	SJ 77

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 services are live streamed at www.waterfordchurch.org

We recognize that this service may be particularly difficult if you or someone you love has been a victim of physical, sexual, or emotional abuse. There will be someone available to pray with you in Pastor Neil and Pastor Cindy's offices if you need to remove yourself from the service.

Thank you to Lorraine Reinford for creating the visual at the front of the sanctuary for today's service.

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 invited to bring infants through age two children to the nursery. Pick up the newsletter, *Buzz*, from the welcome kiosk in the foyer.

Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

We remember this week our 4th grade students *Gretchen Bateman, Corinne Chupp, Isaac Pfahler*, and *JoLee Stoltzfus* and their teachers *Helen Bowman* and *Lorene Miller*.

This week we remember in prayer college student *Simon Hurst* who is a first year at Goshen College.

For *those experiencing loss and challenges* heightened by the upcoming holidays, and our *Stephen Ministers* as we offer support.

Matilda Jean Graber-Ditzler, born Wednesday night, and her parents *Josiah and Laurina*.

Rita Herrmann, who remains hospitalized in Chicago.

Galen Yoder, who fell and has spent time in the hospital and is now being moved to The Gables for rehab.

Today

8:00/10:45 a.m. Worship
8:00 a.m. Mentee/Mentor breakfast
9:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship
9:30 a.m. Nurture hour—classes for all ages
5:00 p.m. Ecuador prayers

Special Events this Week

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Conversations that Matter: You read about miracles in the Bible, but “Do miracles still happen today?” That question, generated from our MYF, will be our focus around tables. Bring your curiosity and honesty, ready to engage with others.

Next Sunday Fall Mission Sunday. We will collect a special mission offering and share in a fellowship meal, hosted by the Sojourners class, following second service. Please bring plenty of food for any guests who may join us.

Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts Jon. & Mary Ann Wieand; Velma Swartz
Ushers Bruce Snyder, Ken Otto, Darrel Sommers (1st);
Glenn Reinford, Byron Yoder, Bob Shetler (2nd)
Nursery Julie Zehr, Diane Bodiker (1st); Waneda Miller, Veronica Berkey (Nurture);
Rachel Brenneman, Julie Yoder (2nd)
Audiovisual Bob Hochstedler, Colin Berkey, Félix Pérez Diener

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship – 292 (144+148); Nurture – 260

Finances – November 5, 2017

Operating Fund	\$ 12,129.90	Mennonite Education	\$ 1,640.00
Either Fund	\$ 3,145.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 16,914.90
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 16,210.00</i>
Children’s Offering	\$ 5.50	Sharing Fund	\$ 200.00
The Window	\$ 75.00	Joyce Golden Memorial	\$ 425.00
Shirley Toole Memorial	\$ 840.00	Total:	\$ 18,460.40

This Week at Waterford

Monday	6:30 p.m.	“Krafting” work you love seminar/Room 22
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Senior Adult Ministry Team/Room 6
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Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Minister training/Room 22
	6:30 p.m.	Conversations That Matter/Sanctuary
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers/Room 15
	7:00 p.m.	Facilities & Finance Ministry Team/Room 15

Looking Ahead

November 19	Sermon: Sarah Thompson; Mission Sunday (<i>Revelation 6:1-8</i>) Fellowship Meal hosted by Sojourners class
November 26	Sermon: Neil Amstutz; Thanksgiving

Pastoral Team

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