

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

March 26, 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.

Restore us, O God! We see.

Lent 4

Prelude

Anne Lehman

Gathering songs

Bob Brenneman

I'll praise my Maker

H 166

Lord, whose love in humble service

H 369

Welcome and call to worship

Cindy Voth

Leader: Here in this place we gather to worship.

All: *Open our eyes and our hearts.*

Leader: Here in this place we gather to see you.

All: *Open our eyes and our hearts.*

Leader: Here in this place we gather to perceive you in all your glory and beauty.

All: *Open our eyes and our hearts.*

Leader: Remove our blindness so that we might see ourselves honestly, and humbly worship you.

Congregational song

Will you come and follow me

SS 39

Confession and words of assurance

Leader: O God, you open our eyes to see what is true. We confess that sometimes it is easier for us to stay blind than to embrace the fullness of your truth.

People: **We admit that it is scary and unsettling to fully accept what you want us to see.**

Leader: Your truth exposes our hidden secrets, upsets our expectations, and establishes a new order where we are no longer leading the way. Forgive

us, O Lord, when we would rather stay in the darkness of our current reality instead of receiving your miracle of light and new life.

People: **Remove the cataracts from our eyes, that we may see and celebrate your goodness around us. Quicken our minds, and soften our hearts, that we may recognize that you are at work.**

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God who brings all things into the light,

All: ***restore us.***

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want. Though we cannot see through the valley of the shadow of death, God is with us. We will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

Congregational Prayers

Goshen College Parables “The Journey is Our Home”

Offering (Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)
Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.

Benediction

Sending song *Sizohamba naye* SJ 78

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

College students are invited to join the Goshen College Parables team for breakfast in the library during the nurture hour this Sunday morning.

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

John and Virginia Wenger, leaving this week for Phoenix, where they will serve with the SOOP program April 1-14.

Lee and Karen Pfahler as Karen has thyroid surgery tomorrow.

Family and friends grieving the death of *JR Graber*, especially *Curt and Joanna Yoder*, JR's sister.

College students as they continue working into the final quarter of the year.

Sierra, Naomi, Teresa, and Jordan Ross Richer undergoing studies while living with their parents *Jerrell & Jane* in Ecuador.

Beginning on Thursday of this week, local *leaders of Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service* program will gather in Tucson, Arizona, for four days of worship, fellowship, and to envision next steps. Pray for the Holy Spirit's unity in relationships and in purpose.

Traveling mercies and renewal for those leaving home on Spring break.

Bridgebuilders Sunday School Class on retreat this weekend.

Our 11th and 12th grade students participating in the B.A.R. (Building Authentic Relationships) Retreat this weekend.

The *more than 20 million people across Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan and northeast Nigeria* who are facing or are at risk of famine; and the relief agencies, including MCC, that are working to provide food assistance.

The *memorial service for Ken Houtz* Saturday.

Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts	Tim & Sharon Burkholder; Elmer & Deloris Wyse
Ushers	Ken Otto, Dennis Myers, Glenn Reinford (1 st); Joanna Yoder, Byron Yoder Wade Ramer (2 nd)
Nursery	Alan & Lyz Zimmerman (Nurture); Rachel Stoltzfus and Rose Shetler (2 nd)
Audiovisual	Len & Kathy Emery

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship—290 (133 + 157); Nurture—268

Finances – March 19, 2017

Operating Fund	\$ 8,441.50	Mennonite Education	\$ 2,715.00
Either Fund	\$ 3,401.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 14,557.50
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 15,102.00</i>
Children's Offering	\$ 1.75	MYF	\$ 55.00
MYF Meal & Auction	\$ 2,465.00	Total:	\$ 17,079.25

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
6:30 p.m. Immigration response exploratioin meeting

This Week at Waterford

Monday 7:00 a.m. Praying the Office
Thursday 7:00 a.m. Morning prayers/Room 15
Saturday 10:30 a.m. Ken Houtz memorial service

Looking Ahead

April 2 Sermon: Katie Misz; Lent 5
(*Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45*)
April 9 Sermon: Neil Amstutz; Palm Sunday
(*Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matt. 26:14-27, 66, 21:1-11*)

Out of Office

Neil Amstutz Friday, March 31 – Sunday April 9
Katie Misz Sunday, March 26 – Tuesday, March 28

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