

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

August 27, 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.

Lament: A Catalyst for Hope

Personal Lament

Prelude		John Zehr
Gathering songs		Nick Stoltzfus
	<i>Guide me, O thou great Jehovah</i>	H 582
	<i>You are my all in all</i>	
	<i>O Love that will not let me go</i>	H 577
Welcome and call to worship		Sheldon Swartz
Offering	Even If	Ruthie Saunders
	(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		WMC Directional Statement, Cindy Voth
Children's time		Marge Gingerich
Congregational song	<i>I will come to you in the silence</i>	SS 49
Scripture	Lamentations 3:19-20, 25-30	
Sermon	"Lamenting into Hope"	Velma Swartz
	Story of Lament	JE & Katie Misz
Candle-lighting ritual		
Song of Response	<i>Oh Lord have mercy</i>	SJ 47
Congregational prayers		Tim Burkholder

Benediction

Sending Song

Obey my voice

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 appreciate Mark Daniels giving artistic expression through painting during our worship services for the Dwelling in the Word series.

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

Bob & Leah Beth Shetler, who will celebrate 64 years of marriage on Tuesday, Aug. 29.

Ron & Esther Rose Graber, who will celebrate 65 years of marriage on Thursday, Aug. 31.

Deb Byler, based in the Indiana office, has served Mennonite Mission Network in worker care for many years. Now, she is returning to Guatemala to minister alongside women leaders in the Kekchi Mennonite Church. Pray for Deb as she renews relationships and encourages women to use their gifts.

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 and may we be a welcoming community for them.

For strength and stamina as Stephen Minister training begins this week for *Helen Bowman, Rachel Brenneman, Anita Myers, Marge Gingerich*.

Youth from the Cofán village of Zábalo: *Maicol, Ender, Davies, Indira, Jolesi, Delma, Jessica, Rolando, Kiki, Suco, Terkimo, Kendra, Charles, Crislin, Paul, Shaira, Jema, Juleni, Romi, Lucio, Dany, Fatima, Wilper, Irina, Jairo, Viki, Victor and Silvana*.

Ruby Hochstedler recovering from back surgery on Wednesday.

Cathy Hochstedler as she faces more tests after a report of the recurrence of cancer.

Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts	Doug & Janette Yoder; Lila Gascho
Ushers	Ken Otto, Lowell Stoltzfus, Dennis Myers (1 st); Glenn Reinford, Byron Yoder, Wade Ramer (2 nd)
Nursery	Mark & Mikki Bowman (1 st); Kathy Myers, Lorraine Reinford (Nurture); Zoë Brown (2 nd)
Audiovisual	Bob Hochstedler, Shawn Stutzman

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship – 296 (114 + 182); Nurture – 260

Finances – August 20, 2017

Operating Fund	\$ 10,246.32	Mennonite Education	\$ 1,851.25
Either Fund	\$ 2,883.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 14,980.57
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			\$ 16,080.00
Prairie View	\$ 430.00	Total:	\$ 15,410.57

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
12:15 p.m. Dove’s Nest teacher training lunch

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday 6:45 p.m. MLC, Pastors, LMP’s meeting/FH
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. MYF
Thursday 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers/Room 15

Looking Ahead

September 3 Sermon: Cindy Voth; Dwelling in the Word: Mystery of God
(*Lamentations 3:31-39*)
Fellowship meal hosted by Agape and Koinonia classes
September 10 Sermon: Katie Misz; Dwelling in the Word: Hope
(*Lamentations 3:19-24*)

Pastoral Team

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