

# Waterford Mennonite Church

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As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

September 24, 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.

## Welcomed by Christ, Called to Welcome



### *Biblical Storytelling: A Window into Hospitality*

Prelude		Lorraine Reinford
Gathering songs		Monica Stutzman
	<i>Come, let us all unite to sing</i>	H 12
	<i>Holy God, we praise thy name</i>	H 121
	<i>Open, Lord, my inward ear</i>	H 140
Welcome and call to worship		Timothy Burkholder
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Congregational song	<i>As rain from the clouds</i>	SJ 40
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	Introducing Conversations that Matter	Neil Amstutz
Children's time		Fancheon Resler
Scripture	I Kings 17:8-16	
Sermon	"Promise and Provision"	Karla Minter
Song of Response	<i>Lord, you sometimes speak</i>	H 549
Congregational prayer	Cindy Voth	
Benediction		
Sending Song	<i>Peace before us</i>	SS 16

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](http://www.waterfordchurch.org)**

## Today

- 8:00/10:45 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship
- 9:15 a.m. Mentor Information/Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Nurture hour—classes for all ages
- 9:30/10:45 a.m. Safe Spaces Training/FH Room 14

## Welcome Team

- Greeter/Hosts Maurice & Carol Lehman; Sheldon Swartz
- Ushers Ken Otto, Lowell Stoltzfus, Dennis Myers (1<sup>st</sup>);  
Glenn Reinford, Byron Yoder, Wade Ramer (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Nursery Cynthia and Emma Bontrager (1<sup>st</sup>); Waneda Miller, Veronica Berkey (Nurture)  
Laurina & Josiah Graber-Ditzler (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Audiovisual Shawn Stutzman, Jeff Claassen, Mark Daniels

## Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

*Evonna King*, who celebrates her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday, 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.

*Charlene Christophel*, who celebrates her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on Friday, 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.

We remember this week our 11<sup>th</sup> grade students *Wesley Beck, Emma Bontrager, Cedric Brenneman, Axel Brown, Colin Judson, Kassy Miller, Felix Pérez Diener, Mason Richer, Naomi Ross Richer, and Ariana Stoltzfus*, their shepherd *Cynthia Bontrager*, and their teachers *Sheldon Swartz, Galen Kauffmann, Dave Gingerich and Loanne Harms*.

This week we remember in prayer college student *Evan Beck* who is a sophomore at Goshen College.

Pray for *participants in Journey*, AMBS's distance-friendly non-degree leadership development program. May God use the program's focus on spiritual disciplines, theological and biblical studies, character development, mentoring and gifts development to deepen their faith and strengthen their leadership.

*Staff from DOOR*, a Mennonite Mission Network partner that provides service opportunities, are traveling to Austin, Texas, for a gathering that starts tomorrow. Pray for them as they fellowship, share best practices, and prepare for the future.

*Rohingya refugees* seeking a safe place from the genocide and destruction of their villages, and the *Bangladeshi's* who have welcomed them into their country.

*Cathy Hochstetler* and *Bruce Snyder* recovering from surgeries this past week.

*Miryam Akowanou*, daughter of Benin Bible Institute Administrator Bonaventure Akowanou, still healing from injuries suffered in a serious traffic accident last month in Benin.

*All those suffering* loss of loved ones and homes by repeated hurricanes and earthquakes.

<p>Thank you to Loanne Harms for creating the visual at the front of the sanctuary, and to Anna Smucker for creating the logo for this series on hospitality.</p>
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## 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.

**Last Sunday Attendance:** Worship – 280 (119 + 161); Nurture – 244

### **Finances – September 17, 2017**

Operating Fund	\$ 7,935.91	Mennonite Education	\$ 707.50
Either Fund	\$ 5,063.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 13,706.41
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 16,311.00</i>
Least Coin Fund	\$ 21.00	MDS Hurricane	\$ 1,100.00
Sharing Fund	\$ 100.00	Carol Bauman Memorial	\$ 165.00
The Window	\$ 75.00	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 15,167.41</b>

My Coins Count jar            151 lbs.

### **This Week at Waterford**

Wednesday    6:30 p.m.    Stephen Minister Training/Room 22  
                    6:30 p.m.    Membership Exploration Class/Room 15  
                    6:30 p.m.    Jr. MYF and Venture Club  
                    7:00 p.m.    MYF  
Thursday       7:00 a.m.    Morning Prayers/Room 15

### **Looking Ahead**

October 1        Sermon: Cindy Voth; Hospitality; World Communion Sunday  
                          (*1 Cor. 11:17-34; John 15:1-17*)  
                          Fellowship meal hosted by Pathfinders class  
                          Congregational meeting following meal  
October 8        Sermon: Neil Amstutz; Limitations/Shadows of Hospitality  
                          (*Luke 14; John 3:16-24; James 2:18*)

### **Pastoral Team**

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