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Thank-you, Mim!

On November 2, Stephen Ministers and Leaders gathered around Mim Meyer to show appreciation for her contributions as a Stephen Minister since 2009. Mim was in the first group of trainees when WMC began its Stephen Minister program. However, Mim had been trained several years earlier when she and her husband, Fred, led a Stephen Ministry program at Oak Grove Mennonite Church in Ohio. Mim learned then the value of this program which provides trained lay persons to walk along side persons who are experiencing some difficulty in their life.

During the course of the last eight years, Mim has graciously walked with 11 individuals from our congregation. Her calm, gentle spirit and love for encouraging scripture provided comfort for many. As Mim faces her own health challenges, it was mutually decided to relieve her of her Stephen Ministry responsibilities. We miss her willing spirit, quick affirmation and sincere love for all. Bless you, Mim!

—Stephen Ministers and Leaders



Mim Meyer, front row right, stands with some of Waterford's Stephen Ministers and Leaders.

MCC Study Evening on Immigration Issues

This Wednesday, Nov. 29, Jorge Vielman of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) will present a program of 30-45 minutes on immigration (including the proposed detention center in Elkhart County) at Waterford at 7 p.m. This is open to anyone, but would be of particular import to anyone considering participating in a learning tour as Vielman will also answer questions and provide a possible schedule for the MCC learning tour following the program.

The learning tour will be April 1-8, 2018 and can accommodate 10-11 people; Waterford people have first priority until late December, at which point MCC will open unfilled spaces to people from other congregations. Anyone interested in more information on the trip should contact Kevin (Kevin.Lorene@gmail.com).

Prayer Partners Needed

Will you commit to regularly pray for one of our children at WMC? Our goal is to pair each child (birth to grade 5) with a praying partner. We currently have six children waiting for a praying partner (with more to come in the year ahead).

If you are willing to make this commitment, please pick up a commitment sheet located under the mailboxes, or let Ron or Vicki Weirich or Pastor Katie know.

VBS Dates Have Been Set

Vacation Bible school this summer will be during the week of June 11-15. We are planning for a morning time VBS this year. Mark your calendars and don't miss it!

—Children's Cluster: Mikki Bowman (chair),
Amanda Stoltzfus, Kent Myers,
Ron and Vicki Weirich, Katie Misz



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Nurture Hour Electives

Adult Nurture Ministry Team strives to offer an elective class most quarters. Elective Classes provide space to study a specific topic, book, etc., as well as a space to interact and build relationships with others from our faith body. As ANMT dreams about future electives we welcome your input! Specifically, is there a topic or book study that you are interested in seeing offered at Waterford? And/or is there an elective that you would be interested in providing leadership for? Please contact Aaron Lehman, lay ministry partner for ANMT, by December 15 with your ideas!

Mailbox Announcement

If you will be leaving the area for a month or more this winter and would like to have your church mailbox closed during that time, please contact Karen Hostetler at karen@waterfordchurch.org.

Thank you from E3

The E3 program is focused on engaging, equipping and empowering middle school boys who struggle either at home or at school to find a place where they can feel secure and confident. Several men from our congregation serve as mentors to Goshen Middle School boys. Cheryl Mast, Amigo Centre's Outdoor Environmental Education Coordinator writes, we are "so blessed by the support of your congregation both financially and with mentors! Thanks for helping us impact lives in your community."

Thank You

Thank you for your cards, prayers and the plant during my time of recovery from knee surgery.

—Jane Otto

Waterford Mennonite Church family,

We thank you for the many ways you've supported us during this difficult time of surgery, rehab and adjusting and learning new ways to live. We also thank you for the potted violet plant, the many cards and the prayer support we've experienced. Love to you all,

—Cathy & Russ Hochstetler