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Thank You, Elmer!

Since 2009, Elmer Wyse has served the WMC congregation as one of the originally trained Stephen Ministers. After careful discernment, he has decided to step down from this role. During the last 9 years, Elmer walked along side 10 different persons who experienced a variety of difficult situations. We will miss Elmer's sincere desire to provide the best Christian care possible. At the December Peer Group Supervision meeting, Stephen Ministers and Leaders celebrated Elmer's contributions. We pray for many blessings in the next chapter of his life.



Elmer, seated second from left, with the Stephen Ministry Team

New Members Being Received

Pastoral team and Ministry Leadership Council recommend to the congregation the following persons for membership reception by transfer:

- Carolyn Chupp, from Emma Mennonite Church, Topeka
- Bob and Rachael Hochstedler, from Howard-Miami Mennonite Church, Kokomo, IN

They have been attending Waterford for over a year now and have joined in numerous aspects of congregational life. We look forward to receiving them as members in the 2nd worship service on Dec. 17.

Winter Weather Cancellations

With the possibility of winter weather interrupting our regular schedules, we will have a system to notify the congregation of any cancellations.

The decision to cancel worship will be made Sunday morning by 6 a.m. All other weekly activities will be decided two hours prior to scheduled event.

We will post Sunday morning cancellations and those of other activities, on WNDU (TV and online), WFRN radio, on our Website home page, and send out an all-church email. If we cancel first service, there will be no nurture hour, but we may still have second service, depending on conditions. Be sure to check the posting to obtain the proper information.

Thank You

Dear WMC family,

Words cannot express the feelings of love and support our family has experienced over the past month. Thank you so much for the flowers, cards, text messages and, above all, the overwhelming prayers for healing. What a blessing to have such a supportive church family. We thank God for each of you!

—Rita and Jason Herrmann

Dear Friends in Christ at Waterford Mennonite Church,

Thank you so much for your kindness to us as we mourned and celebrated the life of our dad, John King.

You were, indeed, the kind of spiritual home that both Mom and Dad needed in their last years. I think Dad, especially, was aware of this and deeply grateful.

Among so many other things, thank you for the beautiful, strong, green plant you gave in honor of John!

Warmly,

Julie (King) Keim, for the King family



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New Attenders, Jerry and Barb Landes

Jerry and Barbara (Barb) Landes are the new kids on the block and new to many things. New to retirement, new to Medicare, new to Indiana, and now new to WMC.

Their early roots were grounded in Pennsylvania. Jerry was raised in Doylestown, Pa. and Barb's home was Wellsboro, Pa. Jerry did VS in Frontier Boys Village in Colorado then graduated from EMU in 1973. Barb graduated from a nursing school in NY in 1967, and later with a BS in Nursing. Jerry has had 45 years of teaching kids with special needs and Barb had 50 years of nursing mostly in nursing education and diabetes education.

West Liberty, Ohio was home for 43 years and Bethel Mennonite was their church. Many memories and friendships were formed during those years. Now new friendships and memories will be gathered. Their sons suggested moving closer to one of them and Goshen won!

They have two sons who graduated from Goshen College. Wendel (Goshen, teaches at Wawasee High School) is married to Cheryl Shreiner and they have two children. Mark (CFO at Hesston College) is married to DeeDee Martin (from Cheraw, Co.) and they have three children.

Both Barb and Jerry say that Anabaptist values and being a follower of Jesus are very important to them.

They say that it is difficult to move from fulltime work to total retirement.....so they are volunteering. Jerry has connected with The Window and Goldenrod and Barb works as a diabetes educator/nurse at Center for Healing and Hope and Ten Thousand Villages. They are also busy taking care of grandchildren after school. Both of them like to bike, read and entertain.

Jerry and Barb live at 1814 Kentfield Way. Phone: 574-971-5008, cell: 937-597-1590



Advent

waiting, silence, listening, receiving

We wait for God to come and deliver us.
 We wait for God to change us, to remodel us, to shape us according to His image
 We wait for God to change our unjust laws, to free the captives, to change our degrading, racist systems, to change our politicians.
 We wait for God to answer our prayers.
 We wait.
 We pray and trust that God will bring about change
 We long for God to act.
 God remains silent.
 He calls us into His silence, into the dark night, a night without light, only us and God.
 And God speaks into the dark night: I AM WHO I AM.
 Are we ready to listen?
 Are we ready to be clay in the Potter's hand?
 God waits and longs for us.
 God longs to embrace us and receive us.
 God longs for us to see HIM in the unexpected,
 to see HIM as Who He is.
 God longs to make us one with Him and allow Him to make the changes according to His plan and purpose.
 God wants us to receive Him in all His mysterious, unexpected ways.

—Ursula Hess