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Stephen Ministry Training Continues

Nine Stephen Ministry trainees continue to meet weekly studying, discussing, experiencing, and practicing skills involved in sharing God's love and compassion with those who especially need these gifts. During the past four weeks they have:

- a) examined the very common problem of depression—its causes and symptoms, and the very special role Stephen Ministers have in the lives of people who are depressed
- b) worked with a questionnaire that deals with much significant information about suicide and shows how to minister to suicidal people
- c) learned how the sometimes-difficult process of bringing a caring relationship to a close can instead be turned into a relationship-strengthening event
- d) practiced how to engage in the process of peer supervision with each other so that they will be able to offer the highest quality Christian care possible for their care receivers.

Christmas Prelude Orchestra

The annual Christmas Prelude orchestra will be playing on December 10 before the worship services. If you would like to participate, let JD Smucker know and he will send you the details. The music will be the same as in past years, as well as the traditional chocolate bar. In the past the orchestra has ranged in size from 18 to 25 instrumentalists, and Waterford somehow seems to always have enough strings, brass and woodwinds to make a joyful noise. We are quite blessed to have many who share their gifts in music through instruments. We hope all can join in the celebration on December 10. It doesn't matter if you are young or old. So come early if you are a listener to enjoy a medley of Christmas Carols as we prepare for worship in Advent.

Light of the World: A Christmas Celebration

This year our children and youth will be helping to retell the Christmas story through drama, narration and singing during an evening Christmas service on Sunday, December 10 at 5:30. This service will have congregational singing throughout the evening as the children read and portray the Christmas story. The youth will present a skit on light and help to close our evening with tone chimes as we light candles. Following the service, we will have a potluck of finger foods in the fellowship hall. Come join us as we take time to reflect on this story of love, hope and light for our world!

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!



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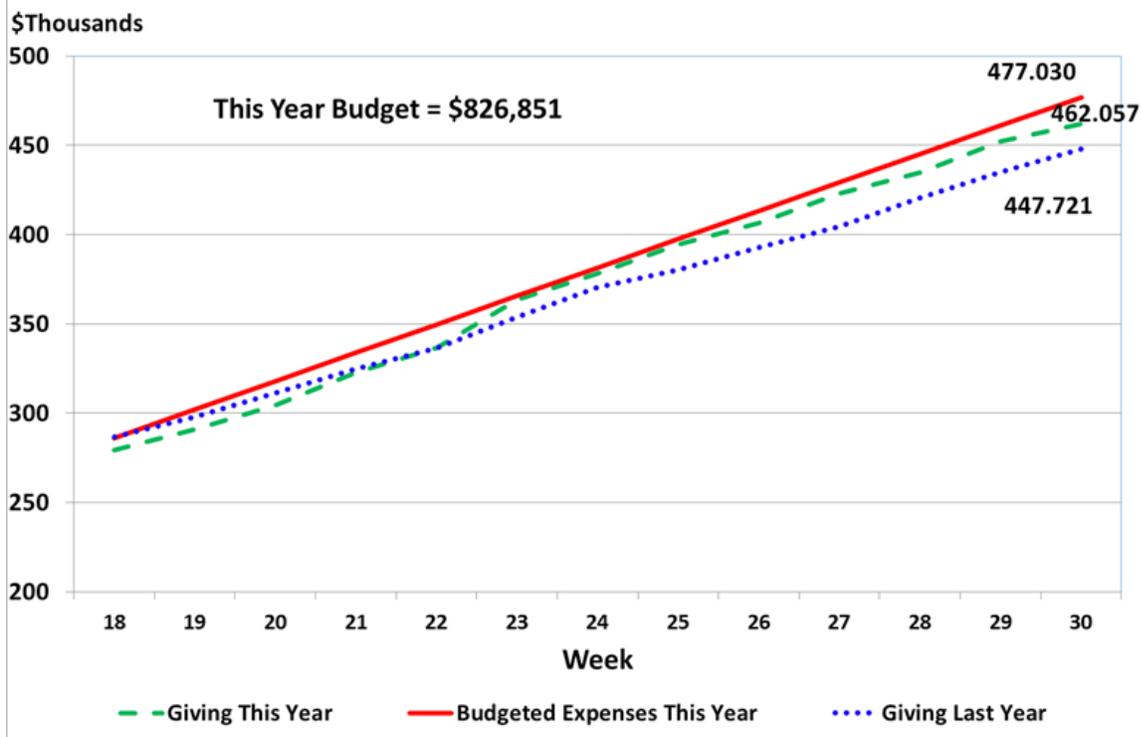
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Waterford Mennonite Church Cumulative Total Giving



At the end of November, total giving to Waterford is \$462,057. Our YTD expense budget is \$477,030. Giving at the same time a year ago was \$447,721. Thank you for remembering Waterford when you plan your year-end giving.

Conversations that Matter, November 15

