

# Waterford Mennonite Church

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As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

February 11, 2018

**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.

## Together as One Worshipping with Goshen College Parables

Prelude Parables

Gathering songs JD Smucker, Ruthie Saunders  
*Come, let us all unite to sing* H 12  
*O sing to the Lord* SJ 12  
*God has chosen me* SS 114

Welcome and Lighting the peace lamp\* Neil Amstutz

Goshen College Parables

Offering (Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise)  
*Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.*

Children's Time

Congregational prayer Katie Misz

Benediction

Sending song *Peace before us*

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)**

## Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

This week we remember in prayer college student *Sophie Miller* who is a first year student at Hesston College.

For the *Stephen Ministers* and the people they are caring for, especially those beginning new relationships.

Our *Jr. High students* as they grow in faith and community at Winter Youth Retreat at Amigo Centre this weekend

Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for the *growth of Christ's body in Israel*. A mission worker reports that when the nation was founded in 1948, only 12 Jewish people counted themselves believers. Now, there are about 25,000-30,000 believers in approximately 300 Arab and Messianic congregations.

For *Christians* near and far as we enter the season of Lent this week, and as we join together on Ash Wednesday.

*Inez Culp*, who celebrates her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, 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.

The *Hope for the Future* gathering in San Antonio this week as leaders of color from across Mennonite Church USA explore the ways that power, privilege and racism function in our denomination.

The *Ross Richers* leading, traveling and interacting with Cofán youth on retreat this week in Ecuador.

Thanks for *Parables* and the message of God's inclusive love they are sharing with many congregations.

*Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference Offices* as they search for a new Administrative Coordinator and for *Vanessa Kellybrew* as she enters a new ministry.

## 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.

## Today

8:00/10:45 a.m. Worship  
8:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School Teachers meeting  
9:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship  
9:30 a.m. Nurture Hour – classes for all ages  
5:00 p.m. Ecuador Prayers/Room 15

## Special Events this Week

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service; begin the season of Lent with a service of ashes to remind us of our frailty before God. We will receive an offering to help displaced Congolese families through Mennonite Central Committee's Kasai Emergency Response Fund.

## Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts Loren & Miriam Stauffer; Sandy Kauffman  
Ushers Dale Miller, Jerry Golden, Len Harms (1<sup>st</sup>);  
Glenn Reinford, Joanna Yoder, Wade Ramer (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Nursery Cindy Yoder, Julie Zehr (1<sup>st</sup>); Barb Westerbeek,  
Kathy Myers (Nurture); Rachel Brenneman, Lori Judson (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Audiovisual Shawn Stutzman, Karen Sommers, Jeremy Stutzman

**Last Sunday Attendance:** Worship – 250 (101+149); Nurture hour – 234

### Finances – February 4, 2018

Operating Fund	\$ 11,014.25	Mennonite Education	\$ 2,138.75
Either Fund	\$ 3,340.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 16,493.00
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 16,207.00</i>
Children's Offering	\$ 22.46	Sharing Fund	\$ 320.00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$ 16,835.46</b>

### This Week at Waterford

Sunday	12:00 p.m.	JYF returns from Winter Youth Retreat
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	JYF and Venture Club
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday service
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers
	4:00 p.m.	Mission & Service Ministry Team/Room 6
	7:00 p.m.	Facilities & Finance Ministry Team/Room 15
Friday	5:45 p.m.	MYF leave for Winter Youth Retreat at Amigo Centre

### Looking Ahead

February 18	Sermon: Cindy Voth; First Sunday of Lent ( <i>Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15</i> )
February 11	Sermon: Neil Amstutz; Second Sunday of Lent ( <i>Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38</i> )

### Out of Office

Velma Swartz	February 11-18
Cindy Voth	February 11

### Pastoral Team

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