

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

March 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.

Me & You & Darkness in View *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Prelude		Ruthie Saunders
Gathering songs	<i>Over my head</i> <i>Come as you are</i> <i>Be thou my vision</i>	MYF Worship Band SJ 18
Welcome		Steve & Debbie Fath
Call to worship		
Lighting the peace lamp*	<i>Longing for light</i>	SJ 54
Confession		
Words of assurance		
Offering	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise) <i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Scripture	Numbers 21:4-9	Carla Miller
Children's time and Offering of scarves	<i>Between me and you</i>	Fancheon Resler
Scripture	John 3:14-21	Kirk Martin (2 nd)
Sermon	"The One Lifted Up"	Neil Amstutz

Song of Response	<i>Don't be afraid / Between me and you</i>	SJ 105
Receiving new members, Ron and Esther Graber (2 nd service)		
Congregational prayer		Katie Misz
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Bless'd be the tie that binds</i>	H 421

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

Special Events this Week

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Conversations that Matter. How would you characterize what a good discussion looks like while engaging a difficult topic?

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.

Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts	Tim & Sharon Burkholder; Jon. & Mary Ann Wieand
Ushers	Ken Otto, Jerry Golden, Dennis Myers (1 st); Glenn Reinford, Joanna Yoder, Wade Ramer (2 nd)
Nursery	Alan & Liz Zimmerman (1 st); Darlene Miller (Nurture); Rachel Brenneman, Miranda Pfahler (2 nd)
Audiovisual	Bob Hochstedler, Jeff Claassen, Félix Pérez Diener

Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

This week we remember in prayer college student *Adam Yoder* who is a junior at Grace College.

Last month, Taiwan experienced a powerful earthquake that killed at least nine people. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the *people of Taiwan* as they grieve the loss of loved ones and rebuild their lives.

Carlos Ramos, whose situation in Mexico City has become very difficult recently.

MDS has many urgent volunteer needs and several job opportunities. Please pray for those *considering service with MDS and for the volunteers* as they travel to and from locations, handle tools, repair and build homes and bring hope to disaster survivors.

Andrew Smucker, Cedric Brenneman, Samantha Stoltfus, Miranda Pfahler and Teresa and Naomi Ross Richer, as they are halfway through their baptism exploration class.

Mim Meyer, who was hospitalized this past week, and for her doctors as they continue medical tests.

Pray for *Stephen Leaders* as they discern meaningful areas of focus for continuing education for Stephen Ministers.

Each Sunday throughout Lent, we will receive special contributions to support the Mennonite churches in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, administered through Mennonite Central Committee. Please place your gifts in the regular offering designated for "Kasai."

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship – 260 (98+162); Nurture hour – 259

Finances – March 4, 2018

Operating Fund	\$ 16,106.05	Mennonite Education	\$ 1,975.00
Either Fund	\$ 2,625.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 20,706.05
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 17,115.00</i>
Children's Offering	\$ 5.48	Kasai Emergency Relief Fund	\$ 1,367.00
The Window	\$ 145.00	Sharing Fund	\$ 125.00
Total:			\$ 22,348.53

Today

8:00/10:45 a.m. Worship
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

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. BBI Planning Group/Room 6
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Venture Club/JYF
6:30 p.m. Conversations that Matter
7:00 p.m. MYF
Thursday 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers
4:00 p.m. Youth Cluster/Room 15
7:00 p.m. Facilities & Finance Ministry Team/Room 15
Sunday 5:00 p.m. MYF meal and Service Auction

Looking Ahead

March 18 Sermon: Cindy Voth; Fifth Sunday of Lent
(*Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33*)
March 25 Sermon: Neil Amstutz; Sixth Sunday of Lent: Palm Sunday
(*Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; John 12:12-16*)

Pastoral Team

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