

Waterford Mennonite Church

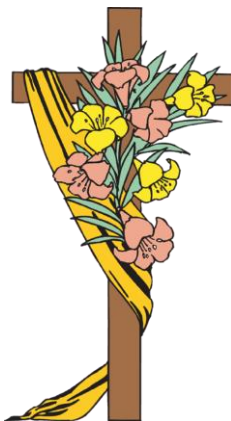
As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

April 1, 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.



Nothing between Us *Easter*

Pre-service singing		JD Smucker
Prelude		Esther Graber (2 nd)
Scripture	John 20:1-18	
Congregational song		JD Smucker, Anne Lehman (1 st)
	<i>I sing the mighty power of God</i>	H 46
Welcome and Lighting the peace lamp*		Mark Haarer
Call to worship		
Congregational songs	<i>Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah</i>	H 50
	<i>This joyful Eastertide</i>	H 276

Offering	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise) <i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Confession		
Children's time	Katie Misz <i>Between me and you</i>	
Congregational prayer		Velma Swartz
Congregational song	<i>Praise the One who breaks the darkness</i>	SS 1
Sermon	"Lifting the Veil"	Neil Amstutz
Song of response	<i>Allelulia, the Great Storm is over</i>	SJ 71
Communion		
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Christ who left his home in glory</i>	H 283

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

As we prepare ourselves in our relationships with others, with ourselves, and with God, today we share the bread and the cup. As did the early church (Acts 2:43-47), we will also collect offerings for the Sharing Fund. Ushers will have baskets available as we leave the sanctuary. This fund benefits people in need within the congregation.

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	Elmer & Deloris Wyse; Harold & Esther Helmuth
Ushers	Bruce Snyder, Jerry Golden, Dale Miller (1 st); Byron Yoder, Don Miller, Wade Ramer (2 nd)
Nursery	Esther Farmwald, Sheldon Swartz (1 st); Darlene Miller, Becky Bateman (Nurture); Julie Yoder, Mariah Stoltzfus (2 nd)
Audiovisual	Bob Hochstetler, Colin Berkey, Jordan Kauffman

Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

Christians around the world as today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus; that all might be empowered by God's Spirit to embrace the new life that is found only in Jesus.

This week we remember in prayer college student *Evan Judson* who is a junior at Purdue University.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Guests who stayed at St. Mark's this week, for God to continue to be a companion and guide on their life journeys.

The *administration and board of Benin Bible Institute* as they train and recruit for staffing needs in coming years, with pending retirements. This includes Pastor Alphonse Godonou retiring at the end of this school year.

Russ and Cathy Hochstetler in their continued journey with health and healing.

Prayers for our Evergreen residents: *Cora Askren, Esther Deal, Blanche Hartzler, Rosie Hershberger, Claramae Klink, Lena Pettiford and Jane Lehman.*

On this Easter Sunday, meditate on the words of Clarence Jordan, co-founder of Koinonia Farm in Georgia (a Mennonite Mission Network SOOP placement): "The good news of the resurrection is not [only] that we shall die and go home to be with [Jesus], but that he has risen and comes home with us, bringing all his hungry, naked, thirsty, sick prisoner brothers [and sisters] with him."

Traveling mercies and renewal for those on Spring break.

For those participating in the learning tour to the US/Mexico Borderlands this week: *Kevin and Lorene Miller, Bonnie and Lyle Miller, Denise and Camila Perez Diener, Melissa and Maddie Chupp, and Krista and Lindsey Daniels.*

Conrad and Cedric Brenneman as they travel to Cape Town, South Africa for a week of service.

This is our final Sunday to 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 – 268 (103+165); Nurture hour – 231

Finances – March 25, 2018

Operating Fund	\$ 7,208.50	Mennonite Education	\$ 2,060.00
Either Fund	\$ 2,665.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 11,933.50
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 19,618.00</i>
Children's Offering	\$ 13.99	Kasai Emergency Relief	\$ 2,110.00
Sharing Fund	\$ 50.00	MYF Auction	\$ 1,010.00
Total:			\$ 15,117.49

Today

7:40/10:30 a.m. Pre-service singing

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

9:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship

9:30 a.m. Easter Brunch hosted by Seekers

This Week at Waterford

Wednesday 12:00 p.m. OWLS/Juniper Place

Thursday 7:00 a.m. Morning prayers

Looking Ahead

April 8 Sermon: Phil Habecker; Holy Humor Sunday

(1 John 1:1-2:2)

April 15 Sermon: Neil Amstutz

(1 John 3:1-7)

Out of Office

Cindy Voth April 1 – 5

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