

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

April 15, 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.

The Book of I John

Prelude	Ruthie Saunders (1 st) BCS Strings (2 nd)	
Gathering songs		Josh Tyson
	<i>Come, we that love the Lord</i>	H 14
	<i>God is here among us</i>	H 16
	<i>Like a mother who has borne us</i>	SJ 91
Welcome and Call to worship		Ursula Hess
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise) <i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Congregational song	<i>Wehrloss und verlassen sehnt sich</i>	SJ 93
Children's time		Len Harms
Scripture	1 John 2:28-3:7	
Sermon	"Good News for the Simple-minded"	Neil Amstutz
Song of response	<i>Behold what manner of love</i>	
God's work among us		Ecuador Learning Tour participants
Child dedication		Katie Misz, Neil Amstutz
	Josiah, Laurina and Matilda Graber-Ditzler (2 nd)	
Song of blessing	<i>Lord, we bring to you our children</i>	SJ 90

Congregational prayer

Velma Swartz

Benediction

Sending song

Go my children (v. 2-3)

H 433

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

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 Darrel & Karen Sommers; Harold & Esther Helmuth
Ushers Bruce Snyder, Ken Otto, Jerry Golden (1st);
Glenn Reinford, Byron Yoder, Lynda Hollinger-Janzen (2nd)
Nursery Melissa and Maddie Chupp (1st); Darlene Miller, Becky Bateman (Nurture);
Scott & Michelle Richer (2nd)
Audiovisual Colin Berkey, Jeff Claassen, Gabe Hartzler

Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

Eldon and Rachel Stoltzfus as Eldon has knee replacement surgery tomorrow.

Dale and Darlene Miller as they both have experienced health challenges.

This week we remember in prayer college student *Zack Yoder*, a senior at Purdue University, as he makes decisions about his future.

Galen & Esther Yoder celebrating 70 years of marriage on Tuesday, April 17.

Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder of Mennonite Mission Network ask for prayer for peace in Burkina Faso. They write: “We feel safe, but are aware that periodic violence has become part of life. We try to be prepared for the unexpected.” Pray for the witness of Mennonite churches as they follow the Prince of Peace.

Chris Judson, Pastors Katie and Cindy as they spend today at Pathways Retreat Center for a day retreat with those in the faith exploration class: *Cedric Brenneman, Miranda Pfahler, Andrew Smucker, and Samantha Stoltzfus*.

Our *Conversations that Matter* session this afternoon, for respectful dialogue and careful listening.

Russ and Cathy Hochstetler, that they may sense God’s presence through the support of the community, and for Cathy’s physical comfort.

The *Christian church in Syria* struggling to maintain their ministries among the suffering.

That we can learn from the growing majority of the Mennonite Church in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Velma Swartz as she enters two weeks of rest, renewal and reflection during a sabbatical time.

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship – 240 (117+123); Nurture hour – 223

Finances – April 1, 2018

Operating Fund	\$ 4,395.00	Mennonite Education	\$ 5,278.80
Either Fund	\$ 3,065.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 12,738.80
The Window	\$ 20.00	Sharing Fund	\$ 100.00
MYF	\$ 125.00	Total:	\$ 12,983.80

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
4:00 p.m. Conversations that Matter

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Family Life Ministry Team/Room 15
7:00 p.m. Ministry Leadership Council, Worship Ministry Team/Room 22
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. MYF
Thursday 7:00 a.m. Morning prayers

Looking Ahead

April 22 Sermon: Cindy Voth
(1 John 3:16-24)
April 29 Sermon: Cindy Voth
(1 John 4: 7-21)

Out of Office

Velma Swartz April 16 – 29

Pastoral Team

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