

Waterford Mennonite Church | April 15, 2018

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## Shake, Rattle and Roll

The bus and the cars roll into the lot, the door rattles a little as it opens. This. This is your moment to shine. You stretch out your hand with a smile on your face. Sharing this small moment with each person as they enter the north door of the church building \*might\* be one of the most important things you do today. It takes about 45 minutes total over the course of a Sunday morning.

Similar to how we share the responsibility for potluck meals, the Sunday School classes will now begin sharing the responsibility for the greeting at the north doors of the church. We ask that at least one person sign up for each Sunday morning in your month. If you would like to sign up along with a friend, your spouse or child, with your mentee, with your prayer partner ...that's all welcome! Each Sunday school class will likely be responsible for one or two months per year. A link to the sign up spreadsheet can be found on the church's website at [waterfordchurch.org](http://waterfordchurch.org). The month of May is being covered by the Sojourners class and June will be in the hands of Pathfinders.

The total commitment for a Sunday morning is about 25 minutes, broken into two time periods – 7:45 – 8:05 a.m. and 9:10 – 9:30 a.m. during two service times of year; 8:45 – 9:05 a.m. and 10:10 – 10:30 a.m. during June and July. Imagine your moment, then take your pencil (or cursor) and sign up for it!

## Calling all 2nd, 5th, and 8th graders!!!

Hey kids and youth! On Wednesday, April 25, we'll have a special preview night! This means that you can try out next year's club for one night and see what it will be like! 2nd graders are invited to Venture Club (6:30-8:00), 5th graders are invited to JYF (6:30-8:00) and 8th graders are invited to MYF (7:00-8:30). Come get excited for what next year will bring!

## Introducing Alan and Sheila Moser



Hello we are the Moser's. Here is a little bit about us. We have been married for 15 years and have three children: Anthony, Julia and Brianna. Alan grew up in Castorland, New York. Alan attended Goshen College and Ivy Tech Community College. He is currently working for Ivy Tech Community College as a math tutor and tutors high school students. Sheila grew up in Millersburg, Ind. Sheila attended Hesston College, receiving an associate's degree in Liberal Arts, before attending Manchester College, where she received a bachelor's degree in elementary education with special education endorsements. She went on to attend IUSB and received a master's degree in special education. She currently teaches special education at Waterford Elementary school. Sheila enjoys baking, cooking, bike riding and playing games with the family. Alan enjoys Sudoku puzzles and playing games with family. Anthony, our oldest, is 15 and a freshman at Bethany. His hobbies include playing baseball, soccer and basketball.

Julia is 13 and is a 7th grader at Bethany. Her hobbies include playing volleyball, softball and basketball and bike riding. Her favorite subject in school is math.

Brianna is 8, and is a 3rd grader at Waterford Elementary school. She enjoys baking, riding bike, playing sports, reading books and writing stories.

## Borderlands Learning Tour: Encounters at the Wall

*Borderlands Learning Tour participants (7 adults and 3 youth) will report orally in the Apr. 29 worship services. Over the next three weeks the Buzz will provide glimpses into the learning tour on Encounters at the Wall, Encounters Over the Wall, and Encounters with Migrants. Following is 9th grader Maddie Chupp's reflections on Encounters at the Wall.*

We traveled to the border wall between Southern Arizona and Mexico. Our first stop was at the Tohono O'odham Nation, where we met with Bernard Siqueiros, one of the O'odham people. The O'odham people are concerned about the wall because it makes it more difficult for them to cross and visit family on their reservation that extends into Mexico. But their biggest concern was that the wall would be disrespectful to the native animals who would no longer be able to migrate.

After praying at the wall between Douglas and Agua Prieta, we participated in a vigil. This vigil takes place every Tuesday to remember those who had lost their lives migrating to the United States. We were also able to experience the desert climate on both sides of the wall that makes it so difficult for those crossing.

On Thursday we met with Border Patrol agents who explained to us the details of their job. Although while in uniform they were not allowed to reveal what they personally thought of the wall, they encouraged us to write to Congress if we disagree with the laws they are upholding.

On the Mexico side of the border we were amazed to see how the rusty, uninviting wall was turned into a welcoming environment. There were many beautiful murals encouraging unity. Benches, exercising equipment, and a bike path were installed, creating a park-like atmosphere.

Even though the wall is there to divide us I learned that we are more alike than different from our immigrant neighbors.

## Change of Address

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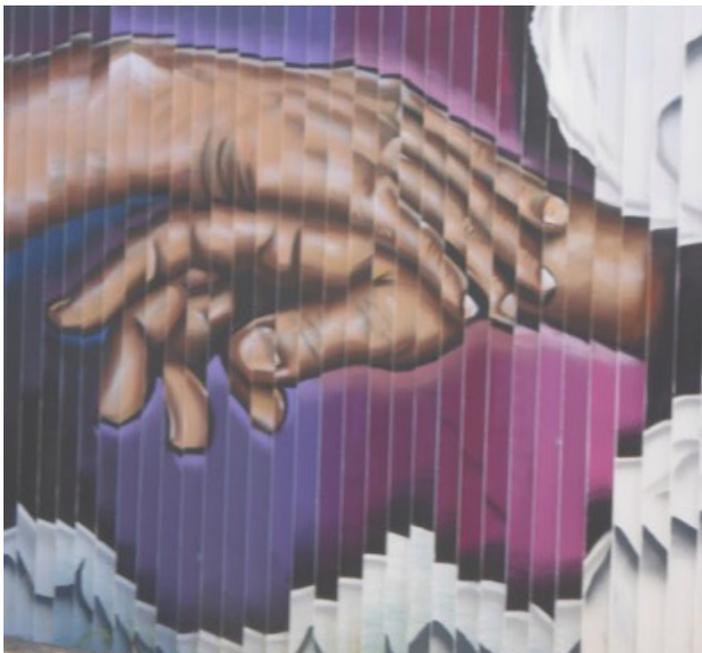
Bernard Siqueiros (center back) of the Tohono O'odham Nation with our group: (front) Lindsey and Krista Daniels, Kevin Miller, Maddie Chupp, Lyle Miller; (back) Denise and Camila Perez Diener, Jorge Vielman (MCC tour coordinator), Jack Knox (tour coordinator from Douglas, Ariz.), Bernard, Lorene Miller, Melissa Chupp, Bonnie Miller.



The group with Border Patrol Agents.



Krista Daniels and Lorene Miller participate in the migrant vigil.



Mural on the border wall in Agua Prieta, Mexico.

## Thank You

Dear Waterford,

We cannot thank you enough for all your generosity and support! We were blown away that you wanted to support us through the pastoral debt reduction matching grant through Everence and the Lilly Endowment. What a blessing it is to us! Thank you for all the ways you have adopted us into the community and made Waterford our home. It is such a gift to serve here and to simultaneously receive your service to us.

Blessings and peace,  
Katie and J.E. Misz

## Mis-Taken

Last Sunday, to my surprise,  
My topcoat did not appear to my eyes.  
I'm sure it was not a theft,  
But my coat was no longer left.  
My coat looked much like yours,  
But mine was not Michael Kors.  
The one I'm missing was merely wool.  
You're missing one cashmerely cool.  
Both of them were long and black,  
And I'm guessing we'd both like them back.

–Jon. Wieand

## Stephen Ministry Network Celebrates

During the evening of March 26, Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders from three local Mennonite congregations – Waterford, Berkey Avenue and College – gathered for a social time to renew acquaintances with their colleagues serving in this ministry. Hosted by College Mennonite, thirty-five individuals gathered around tables for sharing, fellowship and laughter while engaging in creative group games. The evening ended with opportunity for more informal conversation around tables while enjoying a dessert bar provided by the College Mennonite Stephen Leaders.

–WMC Stephen Leader Team



From left, Stephen Ministers Len Harms (WMC), Larry Rupp (CMC) and John Birky (WMC), and CMC Stephen Leader Barbara Thomas work with their table group in a group game.

## *Young at Heart*

Will Feature

*Ruthie*

at

**Goshen First Baptist Church**

on

**April 21 – 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

Ruthie Saunders tells her story through music. She shares the message of hope and healing in the person of Jesus Christ through her music which includes hymns, contemporary Christian & Southern/Country Gospel.

Come, relax and be blessed!  
Cost is \$1.00 – Snacks provided

## Holy Humor Sunday, April 8



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Christina Herrmann and Colin Judson present the 2018 top 10 clean jokes.



Phil Habecker presented the message – after presenting the bad-joke-teller-snatcher to Neil.



Waterford celebrated God's greatest practical joke on the powers of darkness with bright colors and lots of humor.



Even one of our youngest attendees joined in the spirit of the day wearing a UPS uniform.



Matt Herrmann, masquerading as Batman, interrupts Gabe Hartzler's attempt to lead the children's time.