



Waterford Mennonite Church | April 8, 2018

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## **MYF Says THANK YOU for a Very Successful Auction**

This was a record year of fundraising for the MYF service auction. Thank you to everybody who donated or purchased items! We have raised \$18,200! What a gift it is for the youth to be supported by your generosity. We will remember you with great joy on our trip this summer, as the money raised from the auction helps to make our youth trips possible. We plan to leave June 28 for a combined wilderness and service trip. We will spend the first half of the trip connecting with creation and building relationships as a group in the wilderness of Wisconsin. We will stretch our limits as we go whitewater rafting, rock climbing, and camping. We will then make our way to Chicago to serve with Mennonite Mission Network DOOR for the second half of the trip. We will serve in the East Garfield Park neighborhood, learning about community gardens, homelessness, elderly care, and more.

A special thank you to Merrill Gingerich for volunteering to be our auctioneer. Additionally, a special thank you to the fundraising committee for their hard work: Kevin Miller, Rita Herrmann, Veronica Berkey, and Melanie Hire.

## **Thank You**

Thank you for your generous grant to Prairie View (Elementary School). With the amount that I received I was able to purchase three wobbly seats for my classroom. This will allow my students to have an additional option for seating. I have found that my students are more attentive when they are given choices for seating. Thank you so much, Rachael Thompson (4th grade teacher).

## **Another Conversations That Matter**

Our last CTM session for this spring is coming up on **Sunday afternoon April 15, at 4:00 p.m.** Please note the difference of day and time from previous CTM sessions. This is especially for sake of youth and children's sponsors who can't come on Wednesday evenings. We plan to conclude at 5:30, in plenty of time before evening events. This session will be drawing on things we learned and discussed in the first two spring sessions, broadly pertaining to homosexuality and related matters. This time we will have conversation that is more directly focused on LGBTQ issues. Focus question for this session will be adapted from the roleplay scenario at the last session: "Should LGBTQ persons be received as full church members?" Let's remember that this conversation is not aimed toward "taking a position" at Waterford. Please come in a prayerful and respectful spirit, to listen and share with each other.

## **All-church Hymn Sing**

**Wednesday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.**

Come for an evening of tag team songleading/singing, bring your requests, bring your friends, bring your voice, bring your finger foods. We will have more than three songleaders available to take your requests. This is an intergenerational activity, with a special invitation to our senior adults, so bring someone younger and someone older than yourself. Any song in the Hymnal, Sing the Story, or Sing the Journey is on the list for singing. Our only limitation is time. The joy and laughter and fun will follow.

We will meet in the sanctuary, but our voices will take us to Heaven.

—JD Smucker

## MYF Service Auction Pictures



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