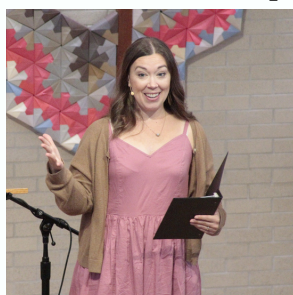


This Sunday in Worship

July 13, 2025

9:30 am Worship



Talashia Keim-Yoder

11:30 CMC en Español



David Maldonado

[Watch e-worship](#)

[Online Giving](#)

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, July 15

12:00 pm - Menno Action Prayers
1:30 pm - CMC Executive Committee

Wednesday, July 16

4:00 pm - Stewardship Committee
5:00 pm - Prayer Choir

Thursday, July 17

10:00 am - Volunteer Day

Sunday, July 20

9:20 am - Gathering Songs
9:30 am - Worship
After Worship - Fellowship Time
10:45 am - Adult Sunday School
11:30 am - CMC en Español

News Items from the Church Board

1. Our next congregational meeting is Sunday, July 20 from 3:00-4:15 in the Koinonia Room or through Zoom. The change in time is to accommodate anyone wishing to be part of the country fair activities or to avoid post-parade traffic. The [agenda for the meeting](#) and [minutes](#) from the June 15 meeting are attached.
2. The next three congregational meetings will be important as we address focused questions and needed decisions to determine our future ministry leadership needs. We encourage all CMCers to pray for the Spirit's guidance as we seek to be faithful to God's future for us.
3. Last week the board announced a plan for CMCers to identify unasked or unanswered questions related to our ministry transition discussions or to name concerns that have not surfaced to this point. We have provided all adult Sunday School coordinators with a purpose overview of this plan and questions for Second Sunday discussions. That overview with questions is attached with this news item.
4. A board member will be available in the Fellowship Hall during this coming Sunday School hour to meet with small groups or individuals who would like to discuss the board's questions. Board members will also be available on July 20 and 27.
5. An email with a Google Form link containing the plan overview and questions will be sent early this coming week for anyone who prefers for their responses to be anonymous.

Rebecca Slough, Board Chair

[Unasked/Unanswered Questions](#)

From the Discipling Commission:

Membership Update: Phil Bender, Caryl Guth, Willie Kanagy and Charleen Kanagy have transferred their membership from College Mennonite Church to Waterford Mennonite Church. We are grateful to these dear ones for the many years that they were part of our worshiping community, we are glad they continue to be part of the family of God, and we bless them in their continued walk with Christ.

From the Worship Commission:

Welcoming opportunity!

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the church office for volunteers to greet and welcome folks to 9:30 worship services. Plan for standing a half hour from 9:00-9:30 at either south entrance to the church. Sign up, include a friend, bring your family. By the week, by the month; you choose.

Thank you.

College Mennonite youth are needing adult leaders to come alongside them in their faith walk. A specific age is not required; only that you are interested in sharing of your gifts, time, and care with the youth and can commit to working with a leadership team to plan ways to help the youth engage with matters of faith on Sunday mornings and some Wednesday activities. Please reach out to **Ben Graber**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, if you have interest and more questions and he will gladly let you know of our needs and more details. Thank you! (574-607-7733, ben@collegemennonite.org)

You are invited to participate in the **35th annual Michiana fasola Singing from B.F. White's shape note tunebook, The Sacred Harp**, one of the best collections of sacred songs, hymns, odes and anthems. The all-day singing starts at **9:30 am on Saturday, July 19, at Assembly Mennonite Church in Goshen**. Books are available to use at the singing, and a pot luck dinner will be held at noon. Come join us for a great day of singing and fellowship; no experience is required. For more information, contact **Matthew Lind** at 574-535-8068. Thanks!

—Matthew Lind



There IS something you can do to help bring about world peace! PRAY! People who believe in prayer and peace will gather July 15, 2025, from noon until 1 p.m. in the College Mennonite Church gathering rooms (141-142). Come to pray and be in solidarity with others with spoken prayers, songs, silence, scripture reading, and candle-lighting. Along with others in **Mennonite Action**, we will lament losses throughout the world, praying for permanent ceasefires in Gaza and Ukraine and the end to occupation, oppression, and violence in all places, and praying for immigrants everywhere, including in the United States.

Join a Mennonite Action Zoom call on Thursday, July 24, at 8 p.m. This month Mennonite Action delegate members who recently traveled to Palestine's West Bank will give reports. They met with the Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ramallah, who urged Mennonite Action to continue the work. He told them to continue organizing, and keep pushing other Christians to join the movement for a free Palestine. At the Tent of Nations, on a hilltop southwest of Bethlehem next to the village of Nahalin, the delegation heard from the Nasser family, who have been farming the hillside land since 1916. They talked about their own work of Sumud, or steadfastness, as they continue to work their farm in the face of encroaching settlements. **Join the July mass call on July 24 at 8 PM ET to hear more stories and lessons from the participants of the recent solidarity delegation. [Click here to sign up for our July Mass Call.](#)**

Rachel Nafziger Hartzler



A MOMENT IN ANABAPTIST HISTORY

"The regenerated do not go to war or engage in strife. They are the children of peace, who have beaten their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, and they know no war. Since we are conformed to the image of Christ, how then can we kill our enemies with the sword? Spears and swords made of iron we leave to those, alas, who consider human blood and swine's blood as having well-nigh equal value." (Menno Simons.)



It's time to renew our group subscription to Anabaptist World, the successor of two beloved and longtime publications, Mennonite World Review, and The Mennonite, which merged in the summer of 2020. The new magazine continues its predecessors' legacies of inspiring readers while offering a fresh, updated design and renewed commitment to thoughtful journalism. Anabaptist World is an independent and nonprofit journalistic ministry serving the global Anabaptist movement. Through timely news reporting and insightful commentary, Anabaptist World seeks to inform and inspire Mennonites and anyone interested in Anabaptism.

The group rate for Anabaptist World is \$44 per subscription, \$10 less than the individual subscription rate.

You have two ways to sign up!

- [Fill out the form on our website](#) and make an online payment.
- [Or click here to print and return a paper copy](#) with payment to the church office by Sunday, July 13.

Make your check payable to College Mennonite Church with "Anabaptist World" in the memo line.

Indiana-Michigan Conference Summerfest Report

Our congregation belongs to a conference of 36 Mennonite churches stretching from northern Michigan to southern Indiana. Each year, representatives from member congregations meet to worship and make decisions together. These annual meetings are now called Summerfest; Summerfest 2025 was hosted by the Waterford Mennonite congregation on June 13-14.

One of our conference delegates, Art Smoker, presented a brief overview of College Mennonite Church during the Saturday afternoon worship session. Every year, at each of the three Summerfest worship sessions, one congregation is introduced, helping the different and scattered member congregations learn to know each other a bit better.

IN-MI conference provides help during leadership transitions. Conference co-minister Sharon Yoder coordinates information from congregations looking for leaders and from prospective pastors looking for positions. CMCers Richard Kauffman and Becky Horst are two of the volunteer search guides who assist pastoral search committees of other congregations.

IN-MI conference also provides resources to support pastors in their work, overseen by conference co-minister Joanne Gallardo. CMCer Kent Miller chairs the Leadership Enhancement Team, and Phil Waite serves on the Ministry Credentialing Team, which is chaired by Suella Gerber. Congregational coaches include CMCer Marty Lehman (coach for Waterford and East Goshen congregations) and Phil Waite (coach for Kern Road Mennonite Church).

Each member congregation contributes to the budget for IN-MI conference expenses, but shifting demographics and priorities are making old fiscal models less reliable. Like many church-related organizations, IN-MI conference plans to cultivate closer relationships with individual donors who value its work.

Report by Becky Horst