

October 2021



Indiana-Michigan
Mennonite
Conference

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
(Lamentations 3:21-23, NIV)

October 3 – 9

Waterford Mennonite Church

**Pastors: Neil Amstutz, Deron Bergstresser,
Katie Mitz, and Cindy Voth**

Thank God for worship and faith formation activities made possible by the new outdoor pavilion, dedicated on Sept. 12. May the Holy Spirit work through Waterford's new Pastor of Senior Ministries Deron Bergstresser, to establish and strengthen relationships with the senior adults.

October 10 – 16

Wildwood Mennonite Church, Engadine, MI

Contact Person: Jonathan Miller

Covid has created a time of change at Wildwood. It has changed how we look, how we worship, and ways we can relate to others. It has not changed the core of who we are and who's we are.

Pray for us as we seek God's guidance. May God bless as we try new things and find new ways to be generous neighbors sharing God's grace and love in our community and within our group. Pray for His leading as we seek direction and leadership for Wildwood.

Thank God for the success of our yard party/back to school community event and His leading in the fall party we are planning.

October 17 – 23

Ann Arbor Mennonite Church, Ann Arbor, MI

Pastor: Chibuzor Ozor

October 24 – 30

Belmont Mennonite Church, Elkhart, IN

Pastors: Phil Schmidt and Mandy Yoder

On September 12, we celebrated and affirmed our new statement of inclusion and began a 3-week worship series and 15-week formation series to help us learn to live more fully into these commitments. We praise God for where we are on our inclusion journey and request continued prayers for God's grace and guidance as we seek to keep Jesus at the center of our faith by extending greater welcome to all people.

October 31 – November 6

Belmont Neighborhood Fellowship, Elkhart, IN

Pastor: Kevin Yoder

Our 5 year goals invite us to look for ways to be engaged in our neighborhood and the city of Elkhart. Pray that the Holy Spirit will direct us to see how we can join what is happening around us.

Other items to pray for in October:

The **Transitional Ministry Training** as they equip pastors to lead congregations through a process of preparation for entering a new chapter in congregational life, taking place online October 18-20, 2021.

Where there is no specific prayer request made, please pray for the congregation and pastor(s) as the Spirit directs you.
This monthly prayer memo will be found on the IMMC website.