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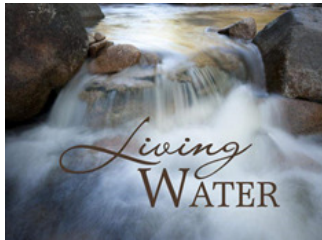
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Jesus will give Living Water

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "**Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of**



living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet, the Holy Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. John 7:37-39

Let anyone who is thirsty come to me. Out of the believer's heart will flow rivers of living water.

Very simply, Jesus is saying that the one who comes to him will be given the Holy Spirit. The one who receives the Spirit will never be thirsty again: their deepest needs will be met. And the Spirit will pour out of their hearts and spill into the lives of others.

As the children's song says:

"Running over, running over, my cup is full and running over; Since the Lord saved me, I'm as happy as can be; My cup is full and running over!"



I want to share a story with you about someone who has a cup that is full and running over. Her name is Kim Meeder, and she will be one of the speakers at Evana's Regen conference June 30-July 3 at Taylor University. I have heard this story from several people, so I think God is telling me to pay attention to it. I may have some of the details mistaken, but the point of the story remains intact.



One evening, the Holy Spirit spoke, telling Kim to go to the store and pick up a specific item. She went to the store, located the item, and went to pay for it. But when she got in line, the

Spirit sent her for another item. This happened a couple more times.

Finally, Kim ended up in the line of a very disgruntled check out lady. She was being rude and disrespectful to customers. When Kim got to the front of the line, she tried to be friendly. And the Spirit spoke to her, "Tell this woman your story."

She did not know why, but Kim simply and quickly told her story of faith to the irritated check out lady. Kim told her, "On the day my parents finalized their divorce; my dad killed my mom and then took his own life. I was young. By relying on my faith in Jesus, I have overcome this tragedy and have built my life on faith in Jesus." Kim had no idea why she was telling this story to this angry woman.

When Kim finished speaking, the woman burst into tears and collapsed into Kim's arms. Her mother had also taken her own life, and the woman never knew how to heal from it. Hearing Kim's story gave this woman the first hope she had experienced in some time.

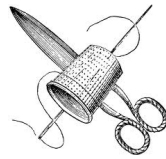
I don't know if the check-out lady became a follower of Jesus or not. I hope so. But Kim Meeder has received living water, the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised to his followers. She has been renewed by it. She listens to and obeys it. And the Holy Spirit spills out of her to provide hope and refreshment to the people around her.

Friends, we have also been given Living Water, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in us. It is meant to renew us and give us abundant life. And it is a gift to be shared with others. May you listen to and obey the Holy Spirit that we might share the gift of Living Water with the world that God loves!



Pastor Ben

Mennonite Women Sewing



Thursday, May 3, 2018



The Mennonite Women's sewing met for our regular time of quilting, knotting comforters, and visiting. Vice president Jeanie Miller opened the meeting with prayer.

Rose Horner shared her experience of working for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in Akron, Pennsylvania after WWII. She worked in the office. The ladies were all housed in the same facility. They had Group meals. Rose became ill and had to return home before her year of service was completed.

However in that time, she met a young man named Lesley Horner, who later became her husband.



Rose reported how 10,000 Villages began. She also said Voluntary Service began in 1949. We thank Rose for the time she served with MCC, helping those in need.

Our project was paper products for the Kokomo Rescue Mission.



The next two months our project will be school kits.

As always, bring a sack lunch.



Linda Mast, Secretary



MEN'S **PRAYER** **BREAKFAST**



Saturday, June 9
7 a.m.

Come join us for a good home made breakfast, and fellowship



SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL

**Summer Bible School at Howard-
Miami Mennonite Church**

6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 10 – Thursday, June 14
Children ages 4 through grade 8



Join us for a fun week of **discovering God's way of peace!** From learning how to resolve conflicts to figuring out ways to help others, this week will show us how to be peacemakers. Each evening will include worship, lessons, games, crafts, and snacks as we will learn what it means to follow Jesus's instructions to be peacemakers.

Treasurers' Update:

2018 Year-to-date: Jan. - May

Offerings.....\$79,995.82
 Expenses..... \$ 72,839.71
 Budget..... \$ 75,638.43



Average Weekly Offering\$ 3,809.32

May 6	57
May 13	84
May 20	60
May 27	77
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2018 Yearly Average: 72	



June Sermon Texts

Date:	Texts and Theme
June 3:	2 Samuel 13-18 David's Family
June 10:	Romans 12: 14-21 Bible School
June 17:	– David a man after God's heart
June 24:	Guest speaker Kenny Cole



HOWARD-MIAMI HERITAGE SOCIETY

Tuesday, June 26, 2:00 p.m.,

Speaker

Joan Hochstetler Shoup

Joan is the daughter of Alvin and Lula Hochstetler and grew up at Howard-Miami Church. She is also the author of the American Patriot Series, the only comprehensive historical fiction series on the American Revolution. You can find these books in our church library.

Joan also co-authored the Northkill Amish Series, which is also in our church library.

2018 Graduate

Graduation Open House!

Cornelio Gibson will be graduating from High School and you are invited to an open house on **Friday**

June 8, 5 p.m. 'til the party ends. 1769 E 1200 S. Kokomo, at Carey & Teresa Miller's,



Secret Sister Reveal & Dessert

Sunday, June 24th at 3 P.M. at Main Occasions in Greentown on E. Main Street. Mark the date and time on your calendars, Secret Sisters!



NIGHT OF HOPE

When: Monday, June 11th, from 6-8 pm

Where: Foster Park.

This Event is being sponsored by The Turning Point and System of Care and the Addiction Impact Panel. This is a family event will also be on their Facebook page, Turning Point-System of Care.

Special Speakers will be recovering addicts.

Live Music

Free food! "Door" Prizes!

Community Agencies

Addictions Impact Panel



If you can attend s church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death . . . you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.



The Elders want to encourage the congregation to host Neighborhood Block Parties again this year. These gatherings are a way to connect with neighbors, new and old, and to invest in the lives of those who live around us.

Craig Miller shares his story of participating in a Neighborhood Block Party last year.

Last summer, Carson, Verb, Linda and I teamed with a few others from our community to produce our first "block party." We learned much in the hours we spent together that evening. Some we were meeting for the first time while others were people we had known since long ago. Regardless it was still a wonderful time of connecting or reconnecting.

One of our group was so thankful just for the opportunity to learn about our neighbors. He said "We've got to look out for each other. If any of us need anything let's be sure to let each other know." Several of our neighbors were unable to attend due to a local wedding. We were sorry they couldn't join us but that also gives us a good reason to do it again this fall.

The Elders hope that many people will be excited to work with their neighbors to plan a party sometime this Summer of Fall.

**FATHER'S
DAY**



JUNE 17, 2018

Is your faith standing in the wisdom of men or in the power of God?
— Robert Cobb

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 7/5 Women's Sewing & Fellowship 9 am-3 pm
- 7/5 Pastors/Elders 7 p.m.
- 7/9 Friendship Haven Board at HM 6:30 p.m.
- 7/9 Women's Ministry Team 7 p.m.
- 7/10 Church Council 7 p.m.
- 7/14 Men's Breakfast 7 a.m.
- 7/15 Pastor/Elders 8 a.m.
- 7/16 Women's Ministry Team 7 p.m.
- 7/21 FREE Community meal 4-5:30 p.m.
- 7/23 Outreach Board 6 p.m.



STEWARDSHIP STORIES

Thank you for your generous gift of \$609 [from the MCC International Meal Fundraiser]. We are truly grateful for your on-going support of MCC. Together we are sharing God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ.

Your gift supports MCC's work around the world. You are helping meet urgent needs; bring new opportunities for education and give people tools to work for peace or skills to build a better future.

Thank you for your gift of hope.

J. Ron Byler, MCC U.S. Executive Director



Women's Retreat Coming! SAVE THE DATE!

The HMMC Women's Council will be hosting an event at the church on Saturday, September 15th at 9 a.m. "Cozy Mountain Lodge" is a Bible-based women's retreat program designed to help women grow in their relationship with God and develop lasting friendships with each other. Using the story of Ruth and Naomi from the book of Ruth, this retreat brings home the meaning and significance of making God our foundation. Please plan to join us and invite your friends! More information to come



Amigo Centre is a retreat and recreation center for members of Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference congregations, their friends and the wider community. Amigo provides a unique environment where we gather to listen and share, pray and worship, enjoy creation, and experience God's presence.



Amigo's Mission is to facilitate the ministry of the church, encourage commitment to Jesus Christ and assist people of all ages to become the person God desires.

2018 Event Calendar

- June 2** Golf Scramble
- June 17-22** Road Scholar (Genealogy & Basket Quilt)
- Sept 9-14** Road Scholar (Genealogy)
- Sept 14-16** MCC Bike Michiana
- Sept. 21-23** Scrapbooking, Crafting & Quilting Retreat #3
- Sept 30-Oct 5** Road Scholar (Genealogy)
- Oct 12-14** IN-MI Mennonite Fall Women & Girls Retreat
- Oct 28-Nov 2** Road Scholar (A Shared Heritage & Women of the Bible #3)
- Nov. 12-15** Transitional Ministry Training
- Nov. 30 - Dec. 2** Scrapbooking, Crafting & Quilting Retreat #4
- Dec. 1-2** Mother-Daughter Crafting Retreat



Amigo Centre - WISH LIST

This list has items that would be helpful to Amigo Centre. If you have these items and would like to donate them or would like to donate funds toward the purchase of these items please contact Matt Ropp. info@amigocentre.org

- * Prayer and continued support for the ministry of Amigo
 - * **Volunteers**
 - * Funds to purchase needed kitchen equipment
 - * Box-Top for Education labels
 - * Adirondack Chairs
 - * 8'-12' Trailer
 - * Gator/Utility Vehicle
 - * Check out our Amazon Wishlist
 - * Heavy duty binoculars
 - * Utility cart
 - * Blackoil sunflower seeds
 - * 12" Sliding Compound Miter Saw
 - * Small or mid-sized car
 - * 40 HP outboard boat motor
 - * Pontoon trailer

WOMEN OF JOY RESCUED 2018 TOUR

JOIN WOMEN OF JOY FOR A 3-DAY WEEKEND!
INDIANAPOLIS, IN / AUGUST 12-14
Mandisa in Concert,
Speakers: Sheila Walsh, Liz Curtis Higgs,
Lysa Terkeurst, Jennifer Rothschild,
Mark Lowry, Comedy, Charles Billingsley
GET DETAILS & REGISTER TODAY AT WOMENOFJOY.ORG



Worship Services!

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Every Sunday

Pastors: Ben & Sarah Schlegel

OUR VISION

Howard-Miami Mennonite Church exists to love, glorify and worship God, to love and serve others, to share the Gospel, and to encourage each other to become fully devoted followers of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

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