

# Newsletter

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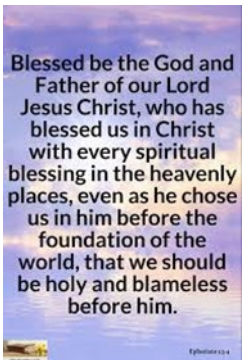
## Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

**"I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people!"**

Luke 2:10 KJV

Good tidings of great joy to all people? Sound familiar? Now I realize it isn't Christmas! And... I am CERTAINLY "not no way, not no how" an angel bringing this news to you! But, as I contemplate our true identity in Christ I am feeling good tidings of great joy! When we accept Christ as our Savior did you know;

1. We are declared "not guilty" of sin Romans 3:24
2. No condemnation awaits us Romans 8:1
3. We will be made alive at the resurrection 1 Corinthians 15:22
4. We are a new creation 2 Corinthians 5:18
5. We are one in Christ with all other believers Galatians 3:28
6. We are blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ Ephesians 1:3
7. We are holy, blameless, and covered with God's love Ephesians 1:4
8. We are adopted as God's children Ephesians 1:5,6
9. Our sins are taken away and we are forgiven 1:7
10. We are marked as belonging to God by the Holy Spirit Ephesians
11. We are God's work of art Ephesians 2:10
12. We share in the promise in Christ Ephesians 3:6
13. We can come with freedom and confidence into God's presence Ephesians 3:12
14. We will have eternal glory 2 Timothy 2:10



Ephesians

1:13



I could go on and on and on! These are but a few of the promises given to us from the scriptures in the Bible. So today, get out your Bible and read all about it! Jesus truly brings us good tidings of great joy.....and it is for ALL who believe in Him!  
Praying for great joy for all of you during this bountiful autumn season!

Teresa Miller

## **Mennonite Women Sewing** **September 3, 2020**

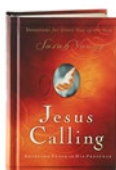
President Jeanie Miller called the meeting to order with seven ladies present. She shared a few comments about gardening and enjoying the out of doors. Our monthly project was an offering for the Relief Sale, in lieu of baking



pies for the sale which is being held virtually due to CoVid-19. We had prayer for many who are unable to attend due to health

issues.

Karen Kendall led in devotions. She shared the following quotes from Jesus Calling by Sarah Young that offer a glimmer of hope for these unusual times we are living in.



"No matter what is happening in your life, you can be joyful in me because you are my Savior."

***Habakkuk 3:18 says "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior."***

***"The quickest way to redirect your mind to me is to whisper my name." Jesus. Jesus. Jesus.***

***"Be patient and trust me with all those things you can't control. My answer may take a little time, but I can-and will-take care of whatever is worrying you."***

Did you ever just sit and think about all the things God has done for you just today? Our God is awesome.

We unpacked a number of boxes from the Rescue Mission. It is always interesting to see what treasures we may find. We repacked boxes of donations to give to The Depot in Goshen. We completed one comforter and began quilting

another quilt. It is a joy to serve in these ways.



In October, our project is Man-Up of Kokomo Urban Outreach. Linda Mast will have devotions. Please join us for a day of mission work on October 1. Bring your sack lunch.



Linda Mast, Secretary



### **Masks are not be required for worship**

(Providing there are no changes to health laws.). Disposable face masks (and a few cloth ones) are available at the Information Center if you need or desire one. Self-dispensing systems with no touching required are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please use them.



**Saturday,  
October 10, 7 am**  
**Come and enjoy a good meal, a good message and GREAT fellowship. Men's Bible study will follow breakfast.**



### **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE EVERENCE**

**Giving through your will.** Many of us are looking at life and death in a new way this year, and about what's important to us. If you want to learn more about giving to others through your will, our church's faith-based partner Everence offers information and assistance at [everence.com/wills-legacy-planning](https://everence.com/wills-legacy-planning).



**Celebrate with us!** Mennonite Central Committee invites you join **Celebration 2020: MCC at 100**, a livestreamed event commemorating a century of MCC's ministry on Saturday, Oct. 17, starting at 6:50 p.m. (EDT). The event will feature photos, videos and storytelling that highlight MCC's work over the years. Former MCC leader and pastor Leonard Dow of Philadelphia will inspire participants to walk boldly into the next century of MCC's ministry while talented musicians will lead in prayer and thanksgiving. You can find more information about MCC's centennial and log in for the livestreamed event at [mcc.org/celebration-2020](https://mcc.org/celebration-2020).

## October Sermons 2020

Matthew Yoder has consented to be with us again through the month of October. Matt is a dynamic speaker who preaches the scripture and can hold your attention.

Matthew was born and raised in Indiana and grew up loving Jesus. He has ministered in a variety of churches in both Indiana and Hawaii. He currently lives in Goshen with his wife of fifteen years, Liz, and their two children Isabella and Drew.

## Treasurers' Update

2020 Year-to-date: Jan 1, September 20

Offerings.....\$133,188.60

Average Weekly Offering .....\$ 3,504.96

**My Coins Count \$1,307.00**



### Attendance:

August 30	34
September 6	51
September 13	49
September 20	61

Yearly Average: 43

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### October 2020

10/1 Women's Sewing & Fellowship 9 am – 3 pm

10/4 Communion Sunday

10/5 CMT 6:30 p.m.

10/10 Men's Breakfast 7 a.m.,

10/12 Women's Ministry Team 7 p.m.

10/13 Church Council 7 p.m.

10/24 Ladies Coffee and Conversation 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Cross America

10/27 Howard-Miami Heritage Society 12 p.m.

Antique Road Show

10/27 Outreach team 6 p.m.



### OCTOBER

16 Brenda Rogers

19 Keith Hullinger

20 Dale Birkey

21 Megan Hannah



## THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF PARKVIEW MENNONITE CHURCH WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 18 AT 9:30a.m.

The celebration will take place during regular worship time and will be recorded. There will be pictures from the past, with emphasis on where we've been, where we are, and where we want to go. A more elaborate celebration will be held next year on October 17, 2021, when we hopefully will no longer need to restrict public gatherings.



## Anabaptist World

Anabaptist World has arrived!

Formerly Mennonite World Review and The Mennonite have merged and the first copy of the "magazine" has arrived.

Anabaptist World Inc. is an independent journalistic ministry serving the global Anabaptist movement. We seek to inform, inspire and provide a forum for Mennonites and anyone interested in Anabaptism to explore faith and culture.

Established 2020 merging

**The Mennonite and Mennonite World Review**

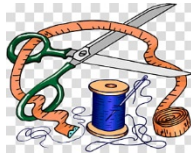
You can find the current copy on the library counter. You may borrow it any time. Let the office or an elder know what you think.

More information at [www.anabaptistworld.org](http://www.anabaptistworld.org).

# **CHURCH OFFICERS AND MINISTRY LEADERS AFFIRMED**

Terms begin September 1, 2020

**Mennonite Women Sewing 2020-21**



## **OFFICERS:**

**President:** Jeanie Miller  
**Vice President:** Karen Kendall  
**Secretary:** Linda Mast  
**Treasurer:** Verba Engel

## **COMMITTEES:**

**Comforter:** Verba Engel  
**Quilts:** Fran Gingerich, Elsie Horner  
**Kitchen Supervisor:** Joan Ebert

## **Funeral Committee:**

Darlene (co-chair) & Wayne Miller,  
Sherry (co-chair) & Ron Otto,  
Dee Troyer,  
Dale & Mary Faye Birkey,  
Elsie & Don Horner,  
Karen & Terry Kendall  
As needed; Linda Mast & Jeanie Miller

## **Hostess Committee:**

Larry & Cindy Miller (chair)  
Wayne & Teresa Overman  
Linda & Weldon Mast  
Dean & Margi Bontrager  
Joanna Miller  
Jeff & Kathy Cranor  
Keith & Linda Hullinger

**Take note , there are changes in the lists  
from September!**

## **Contact Information for coming months:**

**Buddy Bags—**Linda Miller  
**One Call—**Ruth Andrews  
**Pastoral Care—** Dean Bontrager  
**Funeral planning—** Dale Birkey  
**Worship for October—**Joan Ebert



The **pre-school children, ages 2-4** will be meeting in the green and orange room downstairs. Your teachers will be Linda Mast, Courtney Lawson and Joanna Miller.

The **elementary ages K- 5<sup>th</sup> grade** are meeting in the JAM area downstairs. Lynelle Mellady and Mary Birkey are the teachers. Adult helpers are Jeanie Miller, Cindy Miller and Ruth Andrews.

The **Jr Hi-High School** will be meeting in the MYF room. Teachers are Tom Andrews, Joan Ebert and Craig Miller.

These rooms were selected for their size. We hope to space children out. Masks will be encouraged for elementary children on up until the elders decide otherwise. At this time, we do not plan to staff the nursery but it is available for use.



During the sermon, ages 2-1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to the basement for Children's Church. They will have a Bible story, a snack and playtime. The Children's Ministry Team had hoped to get a group of 8 leaders to rotate on a 2 month basis. We need a few more volunteers to have a full crew of 8. A volunteer would be responsible for 1 Sunday every other month. We will not have Children's Church on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. If you can help us, please let one of the CMT know. Current members are Cindy Miller, Courtney Lawson, Mary Birkey and we welcome our newest member Sara Thompson.

Plant seeds of faith in your children and watch them grow! Great Big Beautiful World is an interactive vacation Bible school curriculum where children explore, celebrate, and care for God's good creation! The five Bible stories in this VBS lead children on an awesome adventure through the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. Through worship and drama, Bible study, nature-themed art projects and snacks, active games, and fun science explorations, children will discover God's love for all creation.







### Fall Camping

There is something great about camping in the fall. Cool temperatures, fewer bugs, and fewer people. Amigo Park is still open and will be until October 18. Call 269-651-2734 to reserve a spot.



### Nuthatch is Ready!

Nuthatch is a small one bedroom one bath cottage located a short walk from the nature center and program office. This small personal retreat space is a great place to write, read rest and relax. Call 269-651-2811 to make a reservation.



### Financial Need

As we move into the slower season there is continued financial need. Please

consider a financial contribution to Amigo Centre to help us stay on top of building and grounds Maintenance

Matthew Ropp | Executive Director | Amigo Centre  
| 269-651-2811 | [www.amigocentre.org](http://www.amigocentre.org)

### Amigo Centre - WISH LIST 2020

- \* Prayer and continued support for the ministry of Amigo
- \* **Volunteers**
- \* Box-Top for Education labels
- \* Adirondack Chairs
- \* Used or new sound equipment
- \* Heavy duty binoculars
- \* Utility cart
- \* Blackoil sunflower seeds
- \* 12" Sliding Compound Miter Saw
- \* Small or mid-sized car
- \* Slightly used furniture

THE BAD NEWS IS...

*Thanks for letting me use your car this morning, Dad. By the way do you have any touchup paint?*

## A FALL RECIPE!

### Oriental Coleslaw

This is a really good recipe from Marty Miller

- 1 16 ounce bag of shredded coleslaw mix;
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced;
- 1 3oz package of chicken flavored Ramen Noodles, broken up;
- 4 teaspoons of toasted sesame seeds;
- ½ cup oil; 1/3 cup vinegar;
- 1 Tablespoon sugar; 1/8 teaspoon pepper;
- ½ to ¾ cup almond slivers;
- ¼ to ½ cup shelled sunflower seeds.

Up to 1 hour before serving, combine coleslaw mix, onions, Ramen Noodles (save seasoning packet for dressing), almonds and sunflower seeds in a salad bowl. Cover and chill.

In a shaker jar or blender, combine oil, vinegar, sugar, pepper, and seasoning mix from the ramen noodles. Cover and shake. Chill.

At serving time, shake dressing again, pour over salad and toss to coat.

**Note:** if you make this ahead, do not add the Ramen noodles until 1 hour or less before serving time. You want the noodles to be crunchy.



### Sunday Services

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

### 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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## PUTTING THE SCRIPTURE IN TODAY'S WORLD

Written by Craig Spaulding (Son of Joyce Dittfield)

### ***Jeremiah 4***

- 1 "If you, United States of America, will return, then return to me," declares the Lord. "If you put your detestable idols out of my sight and no longer go astray,
- 2 and if in a truthful, just and righteous way you swear, 'As surely as the Lord lives,' then the nation will invoke blessings by him and in him they will boast."
- 3 This is what the Lord says to the people of: The United States of America "Break up your unplowed ground and do not sow among thorns.
- 4 Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, circumcise your hearts, you people of the United States of America and inhabitants of its cities, or my wrath will flare up and burn like fire because of the evil you have done— burn with no one to quench it. Disaster from the North.
- 5 "Announce in the United States of America and say: 'Sound the trumpet throughout the land!' Cry aloud and say: 'Gather together! Let us flee to the fortified cities!'
- 6 Raise the signal to go to the Lord your God! Flee for safety without delay! For I am bringing disaster from the street thugs and rioters, even terrible destruction."
- 7 A lion has come out of his lair; a destroyer of nations has set out. He has left his place to lay waste your land. Your towns will lie in ruins without inhabitant.
- 8 So put on sackcloth, lament and wail, for the fierce anger of the Lord has not turned away from us.
- 9 "In that day," declares the Lord, "the politicians and the officials will lose heart, the priests will be horrified, and the prophets will be appalled."
- 10 Then I said, "Alas, Sovereign Lord! How completely you have deceived this people and the United States of America by saying, 'You will have peace,' when the sword is at our throats!"
- 11 At that time this people and the United States of America will be told, "A scorching wind from the barren heights in the desert blows toward my people, but not to winnow or cleanse;
- 12 a wind too strong for that comes from me. Now I pronounce my judgments against them."
- 13 Look! He advances like the clouds, his chariots come like a whirlwind, his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe to us! We are ruined!
- 14 United States of America, wash the evil from your heart and be saved. How long will you harbor wicked thoughts?
- 15 A voice is announcing from Dan, proclaiming disaster from the hills of Ephraim.
- 16 "Tell this to the nations, proclaim concerning: the United States of America. A besieging army is coming from a distant land, raising a war cry against the cities of the United States of America
- 17 They surround her like men guarding a field, because she has rebelled against me," declares the Lord.
- 18 "Your own conduct and actions have brought this on you. This is your punishment. How bitter it is! How it pierces to the heart!"
- 19 Oh, my anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain. Oh, the agony of my heart! My heart pounds within me, I cannot keep silent. For I have heard the sound of the trumpet; I have heard the battle cry.
- 20 Disaster follows disaster; the whole land lies in ruins. In an instant my tents are destroyed, my shelter in a moment.
- 21 How long must I see the battle standard and hear the sound of the trumpet?
- 22 "My people, the people of United States of America are fools; they do not know me. They are senseless children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil; they know not how to do good."
- 23 I looked at the earth, and it was formless and empty; and at the heavens, and their light was gone.
- 24 I looked at the mountains, and they were quaking; all the hills were swaying.
- 25 I looked, and there were no people; every bird in the sky had flown away.
- 26 I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert; all its towns lay in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger.
- 27 This is what the Lord says: "The whole land will be ruined, though I will not destroy it completely.
- 28 Therefore the earth will mourn and the heavens above grow dark, because I have spoken and will not relent, I have decided and will not turn back."
- 29 At the sound of rioters, street thugs, and distant armies every town takes to flight. Some go into the thickets; some climb up among the rocks. All the towns are deserted; no one lives in them.
- 30 What are you doing, you devastated one? Why dress yourself in scarlet and put on jewels of gold? Why highlight your eyes with makeup? You adorn yourself in vain. Your lovers despise you; they want to kill you.
- 31 I hear a cry as of a woman in labor, a groan as of one bearing her first child—the cry of the United States of America gasping for breath, stretching out her hands and saying, "Alas! I am fainting; my life is given over to murderers."