

# Newsletter

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## CARRYING ON THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

So, Christmas is over. The wrapping paper is in the trash. The sweaters and socks are in our closets and dressers. The toys are neatly put away in their designated places (HA!). What now?



Christmas is a day. One day out of the year when we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

But the birth was just the beginning!

Jesus would go on to change the world. To literally change everything humans knew about life. In everything he did, he was a model of what it means to love

other people, even when it is not convenient. He gave himself so fully that he died on the cross to forgive

our sins and provide for our healing. Christmas is just the beginning of the celebration of who Jesus is and all that he did!

So don't let the end of December be the end of the Christmas season. Yes, the wreaths and holly and mistletoe will all come down. Radio stations will stop playing Christmas music. Before you know it, stores will have out flip-flops and sunscreen!

The world will soon forget about Christmas.

But may it not be so with us! May we live everyday as a celebration of Christmas!

Christmas is a celebration of joy, peace, love, and hope. But because Jesus was born, EVERY DAY should be a celebration of joy, peace, love, and hope!

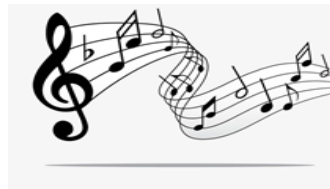
So smile at people because God loves them. Be generous in January and June and September as well as December, because God has given us Jesus. Pray for your enemies, because the Prince of Peace has come and brought reconciliation with him. Celebrate the big and little victories of life. And put all of your trust and faith in God. Hope in him, because he loved us so much that he

sent Jesus to us. And Jesus, in turn, has sent us the Holy Spirit. Have hope, because one day this mess of a world will disappear and will be replaced with an

existence where there is no death, or crying, or pain, or tears, or brokenness. In Jesus, everything will be made right.

**Let's live everyday of 2020 with the Spirit of Christmas alive in us!**

Pastor Ben



For God so  
loved the world,  
He gave his only  
begotten Son,  
that whosoever  
believeth in Him  
should not perish,  
but have  
everlasting life.  
John 3:16

**December 5, 2019**

Stitch a quilt, tie a knot, sort a box of donations...it's all a part of the work of Mennonite Women at Howard Miami.



We join together the first Thursday of each month to work on these projects. There is something for everyone to do. Bring your friends and neighbors and join us.



in Kidron, Ohio. For more information contact our Great Lakes Office at 574-534-4133 or [GreatLakes@mcc.org](mailto:GreatLakes@mcc.org).

Vice President Jeanie Miller opened our meeting with eleven ladies present. She shared a thank you note from Deb Zent who leads “Stitching With Deb” ministry of sewing gowns for hospice patients. She is quite grateful for the fabric we have donated to this ministry.



Joan Ebert led in devotions. Can we escape the chaos of our world? It seems we have been bombarded with chaos from every direction. She referred to Ephesians 3:14-20. Keep verse twenty in mind. “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work with us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.”



We enjoyed our annual carry-in  
Christmas lunch.

Back to our sack  
January!



lunches in  
devotions.

Linda Mast will have

Linda Mast, Secretary

**The Great Winter Warm-up is almost here!** Mennonite Central Committee will kick off our centennial celebration year with people all over the U.S., Canada and Europe knotting comforters during The Great Winter Warm-up on Saturday, January 18, 2020.

Visit [greatwinterwarmingup.org](http://greatwinterwarmingup.org) for information about locations near you, hosting your own event or knotting a comforter in your home. If you'd like to join a bigger group, in our Great Lakes region we are planning a large, two-day event on Friday and Saturday, January 17 and 18

**Saturday,  
January 11, 8 am**  
**Come and enjoy a good meal, a good  
message and GREAT fellowship.**  
**Men's Bible study will follow  
breakfast.**



### **Men's Ministry**

Beginning January 11, Dan DeAngulo will be leading a new men's study, 7 Challenges Facing Men. It is a video based series about men living as the people God has created and called us to be. There are many challenges from the world that keep us from being effective and grounded as followers of Christ. This series will help us think about those challenges and how we can meet them, as individuals and as the body of Christ.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall after Men's Breakfast on January 11. We will meet at the church on Saturdays at 8 am beginning January 18 until the end of the study



## **Children's Winter Bible School**

**Friday, January 10, 6-8 p.m.**

We will have Winter Bible School for children, age 4 to grade 5 on **Friday nights, January 10, February 7 & March 13, from 6-8 p.m.**

Children will enjoy a meal, music, story, crafts, games, and activities.

**Sign up at the Information Center by Sunday, Jan. 5,** so the Children's Ministry Team knows how much food to prepare for supper.



Go Pro - Drone – Point and Shoot Camera - Trip  
Trailer - Portable Saw Mill - "Pack-N-Play" Baby  
Changing Station- "Large" Smart TV - Trail  
Camera



Amigo Centre is a camp and retreat facility that belongs to the IN-MI Conference congregations and is located near Sturgis, MI. In its effort to be good stewards of Amigo's resources and your resources, Amigo Centre heats its three largest buildings with wood from the Amigo property. *Amigo is for all types of groups--families, churches, business groups, and more. Amigo is special every season!*

## Upcoming Events for 2020

### Winter Youth Retreats

Jan. 10-12 - Senior High  
Feb. 7-9 - Junior High  
Feb. 14-16 - Peace Camp



### 2020 Schedule

#### **June 14-19 – Week 1**

Encounter • Discovery • Day Camp  
First Camp (June 18-19)

#### **June 21-26 – Week 2**

High School • Day Camp

#### **July 5-10 – Week 4**

Discovery • Encounter • Day Camp

#### **July 12-17 – Week 5**

Encounter • Experience Camp • Day Camp

#### **July 19-24 – Week 6**

Day Camp

### 2020 Event Calendar

Whether you scrapbook, quilt, or have another craft that you love, Amigo invites you to join us for a weekend to enjoy crafting and fellowship. 2020 Retreats

**January 3-5**

**March 6-8**

**April 3-5**

**September 25-27**

**December 4-6**

**March 23-25** Transitional Ministry Training

**April 10-12** Amigo Work Weekend

**May 10-15** Road Scholar #1: Amish/Quilting & Labor of Love:

### 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](mailto:info@amigocentre.org)

## **Treasurers' Update:**

### **2019 Year-end info:**

Offerings	\$186, 292.61
Expenses	\$ 177,189.14
Budget	\$190,960.00

Average weekly offering: \$3,582.55

### **Worship Attendance:**

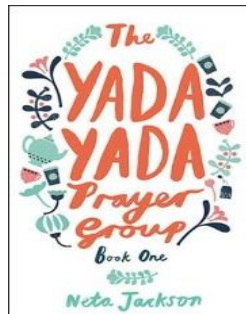
Dec. 01	64
Dec. 08	71
Dec. 15	70
Dec. 22	99
Dec. 29	61

**2019 Yearly Average: 68**



## **Women's Council Book Club**

On Saturday, January 25, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Women's Council will host the first of two Book Club meetings. The book discussion will be based on the first book in the ever-popular series titled "The Yada Yada Prayer Group" by Neta Jackson.



Here is an excerpt from the novel: "What do an ex-con, a former drug addict, a real estate broker, a college student, and a married mother of two has in common? Nothing, or so I thought. Who would have imagined that God would make a prayer group as mismatched as ours the closest of friends? I almost didn't even go to the Chicago Women's Conference -- after all, being thrown together with five hundred strangers wasn't exactly my 'comfort zone.' But something happened that weekend to make us realize we had to hang together, and the 'Yada Yada Prayer Group' was born! When I faced the biggest crisis of my life, God used my newfound Sisters to show me what it means to be just a sinner saved by grace."

Watch the bulletin for information about the location for the book club meeting.



## LIBRARY NEWS

Do you know we have more than just "books" in our church library? There are all kinds of reference material, VHS video tapes, (yes they are still there) and DVD's of all kinds. Some are for children, some for adults and those in between.



### Beyond the Gates of Splendor: DVD

#### **A true story of ultimate sacrifice**

Is one of these wonderful DVD'S? Based on a true story that inspired Elizabet Elliot's bestseller, *Through Gates of Splendor*, comes an incredible documentary film.

When five missionary families travel to Ecuador, they find creative ways to connect with an isolated tribe, the Waodani.

Although at first they find acceptance, eventually, some meet with hostility, and ultimately death.

In a testament to unsurpassed forgiveness, however, members of the slain missionaries' families return to the Amazonian basin and live among the tribe.



### **February:**

- 2/3 CMT 6:00 p.m.
- 2/6 Women's Sewing & Fellowship 9 am – 3 pm
- 2/7 Children's Winter Bible School 6-8 p.m.
- 2/8 Men's Breakfast 8 a.m.
- 2/10 Women's Ministry Council 7 p.m.
- 2/11 Church Council 7 p.m.
- 2/22 Women's Book Club 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- 2/25 Outreach Team 5:30 p.m.



### **In remembrance of those who went passed in 2019:**

Clarence Cobb	Wife Beulah
Jim Birky	Wife Erma (deceased)
Rose Horner	Husband Leslie (deceased)
Martha Miller	Survived by her Children
Carl Lowe	Wife Sadona
Andrew (Andy) Overman	Parents, Wayne &
Theresa Overman	



**Thanks** to all who volunteer their time and resources to help when and where there is a need. Here are just a few of many ways in which we have helped each other and others in God's family in 2019.

**The Cattle Project:** Thanks to all who donated in any way to this project in 2019 We no longer have this project to give our resources to, but there are other worthwhile projects to put our strength toward.

**Maconaquah Buddy Bags:** Thanks to all of you who regularly donate plastic bags. (There is a container in the Fellowship Hall.)

**Cookies for Prison Ministry:** In December we packed 193 dozen cookies. We also had 4 people deliver cookies to the prison. Thank you to everyone who baked, packaged, and delivered cookies!

The following happenings also have many volunteers. Each time the church is open for Sunday morning services or on an evening where the community at large is invited. Your commitment to helping with these events is greatly appreciated.

**Community Meals**  
**Men's Breakfast**

**Women's Ministry events**  
**Bible School**



### **MEMBERS OF THE GOLDEN AGE CLUBS OF HOWARD-MIAMI**

#### **90 + years of age**

Leonard Mast	Mandy Miller
Beulah Cobb	Hilda Schrock
Glen Mishler	Vernon Schrock
Pauline Rhine	

#### **80 + years of age**

Harold Mast	Edna Mast (Harold)
Emery Bontrager	Jerry Mast
Edna Mast (Jerry)	
Danny Miller	Sadona Lowe
Rex Chism	Fran Gingerich
Marilyn Mast	Alvin Marner

# RECIPES-



## Dream Bars

*Martha Mast*

Crust:

¼ C. butter, ½ C. brown sugar, 1 C. flour.

Cream butter and sugar, add flour. Spread into greased pan. Bake at 350° 8 min.

TOPPING:

2 eggs 1 C. corn flakes

1 C. brown sugar 1 C. cocoanut

1 t. vanilla 1 C. nuts

¼ t. salt

Beat eggs. Add sugar and beat until light. Fold in remaining ingredients. Spread on top of baked crust.

Bake 20-25 min. Cut into squares while warm.

*Recipe from a Cook-book compiled by the  
Howard-Miami Homemakers in 1958.*

## A larger Recipe for Dream Bars:

Crust:

1 C. butter, (or shortening), 1 C. brown sugar, 2 C. flour.

Cream butter and sugar, add flour. Spread into greased pan. Bake at 325° for 10 min. let cool

TOPPING:

4 eggs 2 C. brown sugar

2 C. cocoanut 2 t. vanilla

1 tsp. baking powder ¼ t. salt

Beat eggs. Add sugar and beat until light. Fold in remaining ingredients. Spread on top of baked crust.

Bake 20- min. or more. Cut into squares while warm.

*This recipe Lola Mast had written by hand in the  
front of the cook-book*



## **Snappy Sentences!**

- ❖ The church is full of willing people. Half are willing to work, and the rest are willing to let them.
- ❖ A good thing to have up your sleeve is a funny bone.

- ❖ Another good thing about telling the truth is you don't have to remember what you say.

A few years ago, Jamie Overholser came and shared a weekend with us. He shared about finding our true selves as we learn to trust God. Jamie is also a brother to Jeanne DeAngulo.

Jamie and his wife, Julie, have been called by God into a new kind of ministry. They will be “Pastors to Pastors” through an organization called Standing Stone. Their work will be to help pastors grow and navigate the challenges of ministry in helpful and healthy ways.

Jamie and Julie appreciate prayer support and are also seeking financial support. If this is something you would be interested in supporting, more information about the Overholser’s and Standing Stone ministries is available at the Information Center.



**You are Welcome here!**

**Sunday**

**9:30 a.m. Sunday School**

**10:30 a.m. Worship**

**Pastors: Ben & Sarah Schlegel**

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