

BYRON COMMUNITY MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

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Supporting Churches

Banner of Christ
Byron Center Baptist
Byron Center Bible
Byron Center UMC
Carlisle United Methodist
Compass Church
Corinth Reformed
First Byron CRC
First Cutlerville CRC
First Byron Reformed
Friendship CRC
Frontline Bible
Heritage CRC
High Pointe Community
Pathway Church
River of God
Rivertree Community
Rush Creek Bible
St. Sebastian
Second Byron CRC
South Wyoming UMC
Woodhaven Reformed

Letter from the Director

I will be sharing some of my favorite meditations with you in the next several newsletters. I will be giving full credit to the writer of each. This mediation was written by Rev. Harvey Brink of Everitt, Washington,

MUSTARD SEEDS

“He has been mindful of the humble state of his servant”. Luke 1:48

Today we have read Mary's song, in which she ponders what God is doing in and through her. Among other things, she points us to something we've been learning lately: God loves to sidestep the mighty people of the world and accomplish his will through people from whom no one expects great things.

Years later the little one that Mary is carrying within her will use a visual symbol - the mustard seed- to teach about small beginnings (Matthew 13:31-32). The mustard seed is as small as the point of a pen, but it grows into a plant so big that birds can nest in it!

God's mustard seed approach to building his kingdom is evident in the baby of Bethlehem and the cross on which he eventually died. Through the atoning death of Christ, God has established his powerful kingdom, against which no gate or army can stand.

In the past there were also other stories of God using small or unlikely instruments to accomplish his will: elderly Abraham and Sarah; the powerless Hebrew slaves in Egypt; Rahab; the woman from Jericho; David, Jesse's youngest son. Mustard seeds.

Are there still mustard seeds today? Well, God continues to build his kingdom, often using people from whom no one expects great things. Can you think of some mustard seeds spouting in your community or church today?

A wonderful act of kindness

Byron Community Ministries would like to thank all the kids who came and planted the beautiful flowers during Kids Games. The flowers look great and the kids worked hard. Thank you also to Kaptyn Nursery for supplying the flowers.



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11th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING IS A SUCCESS!

This years golf outing held at Railside golf course was another outstanding fund raiser for BCM. The weather was great and along with entry fees, sponsorship and gifts BCM raised \$30,000. Our gratitude to Gord VanVuren for making this outing happen every year!



THROUGH THE EYES OF LILLY



I have been coming to the ministry since I was eight weeks old. I came with my owner who I think of as my "dada", I help him by greeting all the people that come to visit the ministry. My dada thinks I show some wonderful Christian qualities by the way I greet everyone, unconditional love: and the way I show special care to those who seem to need it. He said I was a good example of how all people should reach out to others. I will be telling you more about how I see things at the ministry in later news-letters.

**Lilly is a six year old Golden Retriever*

Food collection Schedule

July

Byron Center Bible
 Friendship CRC
 Heritage CRC

August

First Reformed
 High Pointe CC
 Woodhaven Reformed

September

First Cutlerville CRC
 Corinth Reformed
 Banner of Christ CC

*St Sebastian each month

Food and Clothing Pantry Usage

April... 617 individuals
 May... 520 individuals
 June.. 434 individuals



*When you care
 about a cause,
 you want to be involved
 in whatever way you can.*

Byron Community Ministries has recently found a new and unique way to support our passion by partnering with **Awareness Home Funding**. Their company started around the idea of first giving back to the communities they serve with the program, **Awareness Works 4 U**.

For every home loan they close - either a purchase of a home or a refinance of your current home - **they will donate \$250 to Byron Community Ministries**. When you complete a loan application they will ask you who your favorite organization is. **Simply mention Byron Community Ministries**. What better way to show your support for our cause than to use this program to provide additional financial support.

Anyone can participate so tell everyone about this great way to care and get involved.

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