

HEMLOCK FRIENDS MEETING

The Fun Church With Firm Convictions

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Our Purpose: "To Know Christ and Make Him Known."

Welcome to Church in the Barn September 13, 2015

11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP

Message: "From Above"

Scripture: John 3:3

STEWARDSHIP

September 6, 2015

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sunday School	8	\$ 49.00
Morning Worship	13	\$ n/a

Our desire is to know Christ more each day and to make Him known to others. We pray each one who attends today will receive practical insight from the Lord into daily living whether through music, fellowship, personal reflection or preaching.

A bit about us.....

It is a Friends tradition to believe in the *continuing personal revelation* of God to all His people. In our worship service you will find a time some call "open worship" or "quiet waiting". This time for reflection and "centering" on God, may include people sharing what God has done or is doing in their lives.

22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, 23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God. 1 Peter 1:23 NASB

Being "born again" in the New Testament

The expressions "born again", "born of the Spirit", or "born of God" are used about 15 times in the New Testament of becoming, or being, a Christian. It is one of John's favourite ways of describing a Christian, but Peter uses it twice and Paul once.... The Greek word translated "born again" could equally well be translated "born from above". What did he mean?

"It is not the turning over of a new leaf, but the receiving of a new life - not just a new start, but a new heart"

...For the relationship with God to come alive, as Jesus said, "You must be born again" (John 3:7). The life must be given to us by God; we cannot generate it ourselves. *John 1:13; 3:3, 5,6,7,8. Galatians 4:29. 1 Peter 1:3, 23. 1 John 2:29; 3:9; 4:7; 5:1; 4, 18. Dick Tripp <http://www.christianity.co.nz/born1.htm>

George Fox took reformation further than any reformer before him by proclaiming that the Holy Spirit alone is qualified to lead and teach individual believers, and that true Christianity is not a matter of church attendance, certificates, or any ritual or legalistic practice, but is simply the condition of one's heart before God. He preached salvation comes only by being born again and that only God Almighty has the authority to call a believer into ministry. http://www.godsgenerals.com/bio_g_fox.htm

Announcements

Good morning! We welcome you to worship & experience the love of the Lord with us!

- **Happy Birthday to:**
Bob Flynn, Thursday, September 17.
- **Happy “50th” Anniversary to:**
Allen & Rachel Baird, Friday, September 18.
- Our **Monthly Missions Offering for September** (to go to the **Mesquakie Friends Center** in Iowa) was \$224. Thanks to all who gave!
- **2nd Annual Hemlock Community Rummage Sale is this Saturday, September 19th, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM** in the church parking lot. (Rain location - the church basement). Free booth space to anyone who wants to set up. Free Hot Dogs and Pop!

IYM Superintendent, Doug Shoemaker continues to appreciate Hemlock serving as prayer partners in his ministry. Please also pray for the locations/events he will be at.

Doug’s Schedule

Sept.21-24 Attending annual meeting of Superintendents & Secretaries
Sept. 27 Speaking at Hemlock Friends
Oct. 4 Speaking at Dewart Lake Community Friends
Oct. 11 Speaking at Arba Friends