

**Bedrock Scripture:**

But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

John 4:4-15 (NRSV)

**Passion:  
Have we Lost it  
As Christians? \***

Come hear Lindsay Thomas, a Sophomore at Pacific Lutheran University, share her thoughts and experiences of this question and participate in a small group discussion around the subject.

**July 23 & 30  
6:30-8:00 pm**

*The Babbling Brook* by Pastor Morie

I hope the Summer will be restful, fun, and a time to participate in the life of Living Waters!

During the next two months, July and August, we are focusing on preparation for Fall and spreading the word about our new church.

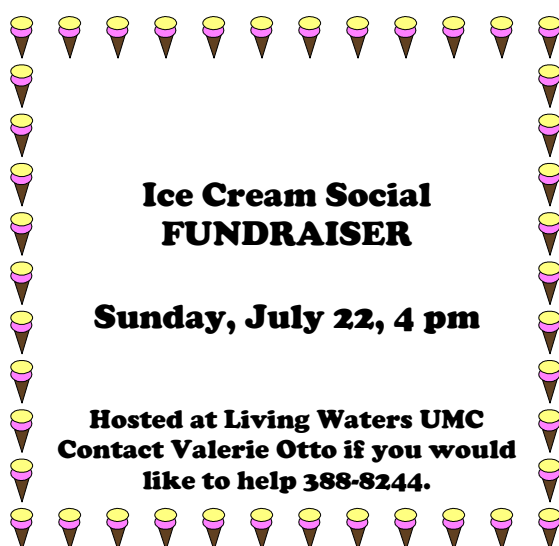
First, our preparations include planning, organizing, and "sprucing up". In "barn-raising" style, we will spruce up the two buildings we now occupy. We will dedicate two full days, **July 14 & 15**, to painting the exterior of the main church building, and the interior of the education building (the double-wide trailer). Between now and then, anyone wanting to help prepare these buildings by either power-washing or wiping down walls are welcomed with open arms (not to mention a power-washer and cleaning rags ☺). The more hands we get the quicker the project will go, so please consider the time you can be present within these 12-hour time frames, and bring your own paint brushes and ladders!

Part of the planning and organizing also includes honing details of our "style" and times of worship. Please read the article entitled *Our Worship Experiences Coming in Fall* for further explanation. You are also invited to attend **worship on July 22 from 10-11:30 am** in order to experience one of these styles.

Secondly, we are spreading the word about Living Waters because we believe in our core values and unique faith perspective. Our identity is something we want to share with those who will benefit from and grow out of our **Welcoming, Authentic, Transformational, Empowering, Relationship-based, Service-oriented** community. The most powerful way to spread the word about Living Waters is by talking with your own family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors. However, we are also intentionally involving ourselves in community events like the **Gallatin County Fair (Bozeman), the Potato Festival (Manhattan), and the Fall Festival (Belgrade)**. Using our name as the basis of our outreach, we will offer people a place to cool off with the help of a "mister", and will hand out free, reusable water bottles printed with our contact information. You are invited and encouraged to be present during these events to share your belief in who we are and what we're about. Please contact the church office today and sign-up for a block of time.

Over and above these events, I will be spending many days going door-to-door in various neighborhoods introducing our church to people in the community. I don't attempt to persuade or coerce people into faith, but I share our identity and vision because I firmly believe that there are many people who are waiting for us to come along and invite them to be part of a community of faith like Living Waters.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!



**Ice Cream Social  
FUNDRAISER**

**Sunday, July 22, 4 pm**

**Hosted at Living Waters UMC  
Contact Valerie Otto if you would  
like to help 388-8244.**

**Our New Website!**

Thanks to the help of Sarah and Dan Simser, we now have a website up and running. The website will be the best way to keep informed about what's happening at Living Waters. Currently the site includes our core values, a greeting from the pastor, and a detailed calendar. Over time, the site will evolve.

Please check out the website at [www.living-waters-umc.org](http://www.living-waters-umc.org).

(everywhere you see a \* in this newsletter means to check out the website for updated details)

**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
9:00-11:00 a.m.**

Pastor Morie and Carolyn Simser, volunteer Office Assistant, will begin holding these Office hours for your convenience. Please call or stop by to take care of business or just say "hello".

(THANK YOU CAROLYN!)

**\* — Keep posted to the website for more details**

## Our Worship Experiences Coming in Fall

Pastor Morie would like you to call (388-1265) or e-mail (livingwatersumc@bresnan.net) your thoughts regarding these two worship experiences he is proposing for the start of weekly worship on Sep. 9, 2007:

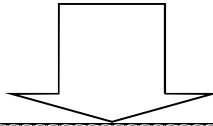
### WORSHIP A

- One hour in length
- Follows church-year scriptures
- "Familiar" in style (i.e. Call to Worship, Hymns, Children's Time, Scripture, Sermon, Offering, etc.), with creative content
- Sitting in the pews
- Children stay through Children's Time and then go to *Godly Play* (church for children)



### WORSHIP B

- 30-40 minute worship (singing, prayer, scripture, sermon)
- 10-20 minute break for those staying or leaving (used for visiting or personal needs)
- 30-40 minute learning experience that follows topics of spiritual growth (i.e. prayer, scripture, history, stewardship, etc.)
- "Sermon" will ground the topic in scripture
- Each topic is covered over a 4-6 week time period.
- The learning experience will be catered to specific age-groups (adults, youth, and children) so that whole families are learning the same topic
- Children stay in the worship service
- Seating will vary depending on nature of topic and format of learning experience.



Experience This Worship Style While Simultaneously Participating in the Topic of Our Mission Statement!

WORSHIP \*  
SUNDAY, JULY 22, 10-11:30 AM

## Current Needs:

- **Food Bank Grocery Distributors**—to train and work with the Gallatin Valley Food Bank to create a grocery distribution out of Living Waters UMC.
- **Cleaners**—to prepare the walls for painting in the new education/office annex that used to be the parsonage. This will need to occur before July 14.
- **Kitchen Manager**—to keep kitchen organized and clean. This is a long-term job, but most of the work comes in the initial set-up of organization.
- **Carpenter Skills**—to build a ramp to the front door of the education building.
- **Booth/Table Greeters**—for the special community events (i.e. Gallatin County Fair, Potato Festival, Fall Festival).
- **Painters**—on July 14 and 15 (bring your brushes).

**Call or e-mail if you would like to help:**  
**388-1265 or livingwatersumc@bresnan.net**

**FAMILY HIKE TO PALISADE FALLS**  
(a paved 1/2 mile nature hike in Hyalite Canyon that everyone can enjoy!)

**Tuesday, July 24**  
**10 am**

Please RSVP  
Jessica Amende by July 22:

Phone: 388-0165  
OR  
E-mail: amende5@yahoo.com

## July 2007 @ Living Waters

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Office Hours 9-11 am	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5 Office Hours 9-11 am	6 Pastor Morie's Day Off	7 Pastor Morie's Day Off
8	9	10 Office Hours 9-11 am	11 Launch Team 5-7 pm	12 Office Hours 9-11 am	13 Pastor Morie's Day Off	14 Pastor Morie's Day Off  Painting Days * 9 am-9pm
15 Painting Days * 9 am-9 pm	16	17 Office Hours 9-11 am	18 Mission Statement Group 6-8:30 pm	19 Office Hours 9-11 am	20 Pastor Morie's Day Off	21 Pastor Morie's Day Off
22 Worship "B" * 10-11:30am  Habitat Fund- raiser 4 pm	23 Passion for God 6:30-8:00 pm *	24 Office Hours 9-11 am  Family Hike 10 am	25  Launch Team 5-7 pm	26 Office Hours 9-11 am	27 Pastor Morie's Day Off  —Pastor Morie @	28 Pastor Morie's Day Off  Flathead Camp—
29	30 Passion for God 6:30-8:00 pm *	31 Office Hours 9-11 am  —Pastor Morie	Aug. 1	Aug. 2 Office Hours 9-11 am	Aug. 3 Pastor Morie's Day Off	Aug. 4 Pastor Morie's Day Off