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**From the Pastor's Desk: "Between Two Worlds" by Firman Gingerich**

Two old songs that I remember from my youth capture some complex perspectives about life in our world these days.

Retuning to Iowa this summer offered amazing visual summer landscapes. Seeing rolling hills and beautiful summer colors made it easy to remember words to the song, *"This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought."* And now as I see again the beauty of autumn as harvest unfolds on the Iowa landscape it's easy to sing, *"This is my Father's world."*

A song I also remember from childhood speaks of our relation to the world in a contrasting way. The lyrics to verse one are, *"This world is not my home I'm just passing through my treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue, the angels beckon me from Heaven's open door and I can't feel at home in this world anymore."* I've spent a good bit of my life lamenting the sense of despair and withdrawal in this song and am surprising myself that I'm drawn to remember the lyrics again.

I have many helpless feelings of sadness when I ponder all the death and destruction so much a part of our world these days. Up to the minute news reports of wars in the Middle East, terrorist threats, Ebola, all make me long for a better place for all.

This reminds me of the verse calling us to imagine hope for God's people and all of God's creation in Romans 8:19 & 22. *"For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; we know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now."*

There seems to lots of groaning from so many parts of creation. May God grant us hope as we who are created in God's image seek to live inspired by God's hope in a world whose story line is more often about death and fear.



## *Who's that in the Pew Next to You?*

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This month we are getting to know Mark Beary and Ella Groenewold, 10 year old daughter of Steve & Kara Groenewold.



**What do you like best about East Union?**

All the friendly people and the fact that my friend and cousins go here too!

**Who is your hero and why?**

Harriett Tubman because she helped to free slaves.

**What do you want to be when you grow up?**

A teacher.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your family?** Go to movies and play games.

**Where do you go to school and what is your favorite subject?**

I'm in fourth grade at Kalona Elementary. My favorite subjects are reading, P.E. and Language Arts.

**What is the silliest thing you've ever done?**

Slide face first down a slide and stopped myself with my face.

**What is your favorite restaurant? What do you order most there?**

I love, love Noodles and I always get spaghetti.

**What is one of your greatest talents?** Dancing.

**Where is the farthest place you've ever been? What did you like most about it?**

Colorado. Visiting my cousins and going horseback riding.

**What is your favorite toy?** All my teaching stuff.

**What is your favorite color?** Red.



Badlands South Dakota, 2014

**“What is your favorite thing about EU?”**

I find this crowd entertaining and friendly.

**“What are 3 words that best describe you?”**

God fearing, husband, dad

**“What is your favorite childhood memory?”**

Attending Catholic grade school with nuns.

**“If you could spend 15 minutes with any person, past or present, who would it be and why?”**

Winston Churchill. This guy saved our world from another dark age.

**“What is your favorite quote?”**

‘Some people are going somewhere and some people are going nowhere.’

**“Where would you like to retire and why?”**

Next to Angie cause that's where it's at.

**“What do you like to do in your spare time?”**

Nap and cat.

**“What is one thing most people wouldn't know about you?”**

I tear up big time watching hallmark movies.

**“What do you love best about your family?”**

They love me.

**“What is your favorite dessert?”** brownies

**“What is your favorite season and why?”**

Fall because of the beautiful weather and ND football.

## Our History



~ 60 years ago: 1954 ~

**November 7** – Bro. and Sister J. John J. Miller wish to express their thanks to those who assisted in picking corn for them Friday.

~ 50 years ago: 1964 ~

**November 1** – A Cradle Roll has been placed in the entry near the Mother's Room by the Young Mother's Sunday School Class.

**November 15** – A number from our congregation are attending Freshmen Parent Days at Goshen College this weekend.

~ 40 years ago: 1974 ~

**November 3** – Those receiving baptism today are Patricia Hochstetler, Paulette Miller, Paula Yoder, Paul Miller, Willie Miller and David Yoder.

**November 10** – The rosebud this morning is for Denise Barbara who was born November 4 to Loren and Elvesta Hochstetler. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

~ 30 years ago: 1984 ~

**November 4** – Torchbearers meet Wednesday, November 7 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Gaylord Yoder's garage.

**November 25** – Congratulations to Pam and Doug Stoltzfus on the arrival of Kara Jo on November 21.

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## Mennonite Women Meeting

*Our women's group has been invited to join the West Union Mennonite women on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. A noon meal will be furnished. We will not be meeting for our regular meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>.*



*Fall MarriageCare Breakfast  
Mentors & Mentoree Couples  
Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*8:00 am*

*Childcare & Food provided  
RSVP to Kendra 679-4020*

