



From the Pastor's Desk -

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:9-13 (NIV)

In the next week, the MYF, leaders, and our family will be headed to Harlan, Kentucky to serve with the Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) program from Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). As folks called to serve, we seek opportunities to help those who may be less fortunate than ourselves. However, the SWAP program follows the MCC model which encourages volunteers to work with and to share with rather than simply doing service. The hope is to build relationships with the people you serve.

SWAP promotes learning about the cultural contexts in which groups are serving. They emphasize learning how to work "in another culture, viewing service as relationship building and an opportunity for mutual learning, Bible study, and prayer." Like other MCC-related service opportunities, SWAP is designed to disrupt the paternalistic relationships that sometimes arise when good-intentioned volunteers serve in a disadvantaged community. We are called not to impose our value-systems but to learn about what is important to the folks we serve. We are invited to learn from their life experiences.

In his letter to the Romans, the apostle Paul urges followers of Christ to make their love sincere, full of devotion, and honoring one another. Paul speaks to a mutuality that honors those who are served as much as the ones offering their service. He urges a level of respect and camaraderie with each other regardless of our capabilities. We sometimes imagine that we need to solve or resolve other people's problems, but Paul is more concerned with our openness to relating to others and responding to other's needs as they arise through relationship. When we spend time with one another and learn to care for one another, we will recognize opportunities to serve.

The greater concern then for us is to be open to all people who may be in need. The people we serve cannot only consist of folks within our congregations. Our relationships must extend into other cultures and other spaces where we can continue to learn and grow. By entering into these spaces that are new to us, we can learn more about what God is doing in other parts of the country and world. We are reminded that God's presence is not limited to our churches or our experiences but extends to all people.

East Union is made up of so many folks who have engaged in service throughout their lives. Many of us have learned through firsthand experience that when we serve, we also receive. Receiving during service may seem counterintuitive, but this reality reveals the significance of relationships. I think we are reminded through service that relationships are lifegiving. In a time when there is a strong motivation to isolate, service can act as a way to inoculate us, to reinvigorate our relationship muscles.

East Union, may we continue to seek ways to serve one another. Whether inside the church or outside of the church, may we allow these opportunities to serve strengthen our relationships and help us to see God more fully all around us. May it be so.

Peace and blessings,
pastor Joel Beachy

Grateful for our Goodly Heritage



70 years ago: 1952

August 17 - Bro. Ivan Magal born in Russia now attending Medical School in Virginia, will speak following Young Peoples Meeting. He plans on being a medical missionary.

August 31 - Eugene Blosser recently returned from China and will be guest speaker Sunday, September 7.

60 years ago: 1962

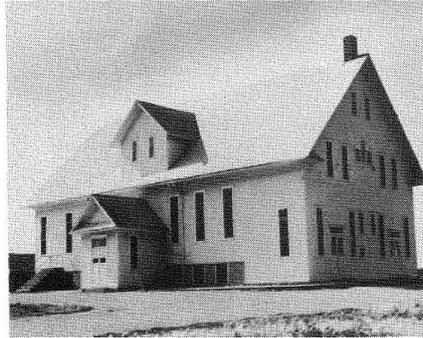
August 5 - Bradley Stanton is the name of the newly adopted son of Mr. & Mrs. George Widmer born April 30. They received him into their home August 1.

August 19 - The marriage of Dorothea Zook and Robert Moberly will be solemnized Saturday, August 25 at 6:30 in the evening. The public is invited to attend.

50 years ago: 1972

August 6 - We have been informed that today 50 years ago this East Union church building was dedicated.

August 27 - We extend congratulations to the members of our congregation who were married yesterday. Newlyweds are: Donald and Vicky Bauer Showalter, Sheldon and Letha Mullet Yoder, and Jerry and Lanna Rhodes Shank.



40 years ago: 1982

August 15 - We extend our congratulations to Dave and Kathy Showalter. They were married at Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Richmond yesterday afternoon.

August 29 - We welcome Pinkie Maxwell of St. Louis to our congregation. She is an IMS student staying with Loren and Elvesta Hochstedler and family.

30 years ago: 1992

August 30 - Congratulations to Jeff & Shauna Yoder on the birth of a son. Jordan Scott was born on August 20th. Also, congratulations to grandparents Gerald & Kathy Yoder.

20 years ago: 2002

August 11 - Congratulations and best wishes to Jeremy and Alyssa who had a baby boy on Monday, August 5. They named him Maxwell Ryan Yoder, and he weighed in at 8 lb. 9 oz. They will call him Max. Congratulations also to Gaylord and Shirley.

10 years ago: 2012

August 12 - Congratulations and best wishes to Shantell & Theodore Krabill and big brothers Aiden & Will on the birth of a son/brother, Gabriel Marion, born Fri., August 3. Gabriel weighed 7 lbs, 11 oz.

“A Puzzler”

Sometimes when father starts for town,

And soaking rains are pouring down,

Mother calls out, “You’d better stay

At home, it’s such a rainy day.”

Then father laughs, “It’s just a drop,

This weather wouldn’t make me stop.”

But Sundays when it’s but a sprinkle,

His face is just an awful wrinkle.

He says, “I’ll stay at home—the rain

Might bring my rheumatism again.”

And so sometimes I wonder why

Father has two rules to go by,

And why a rainy day on Sunday

Is different than a rain on Monday.

---Alice Jean Cleator

Submitted by Grace Rempel

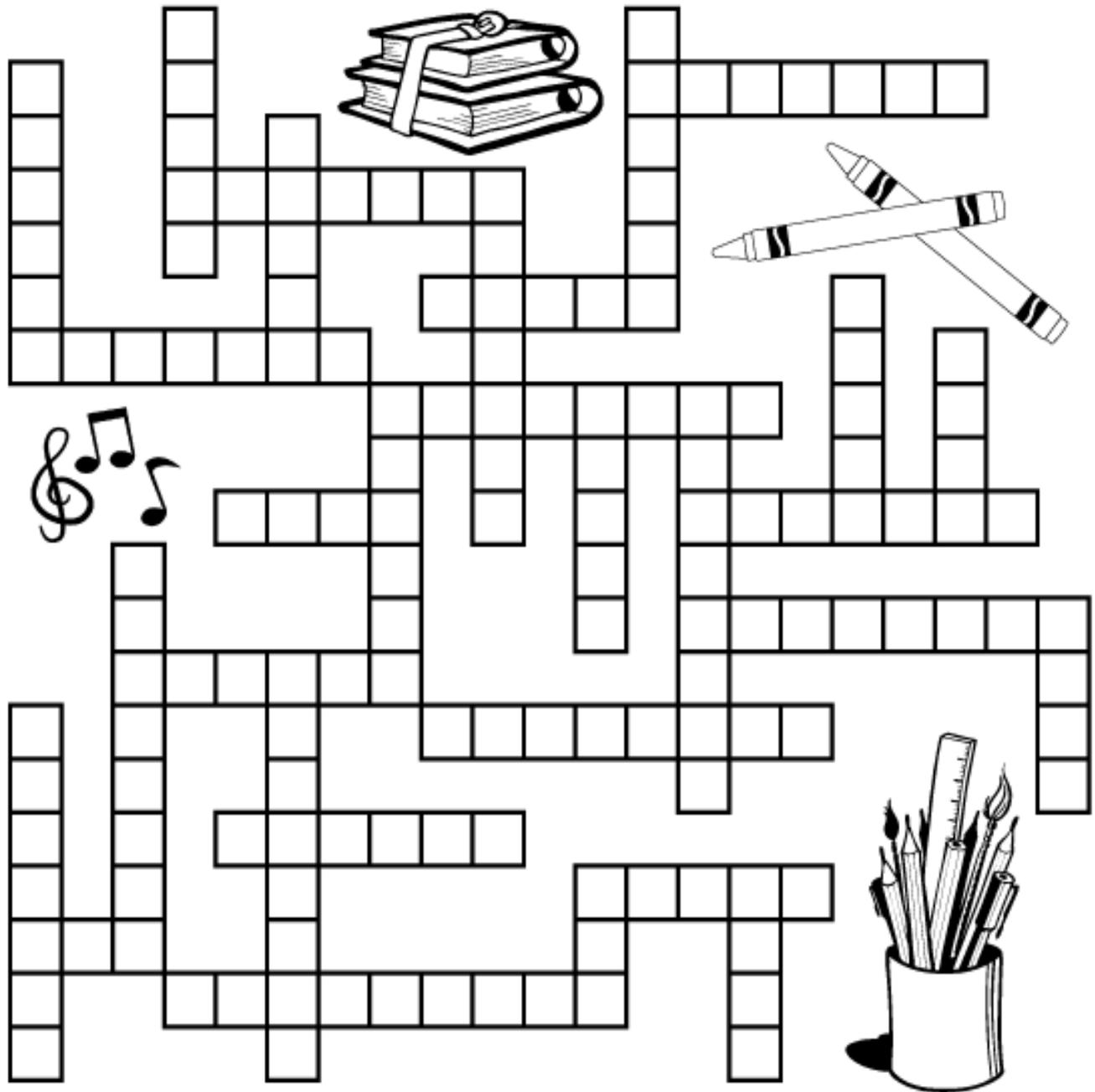


The East Union Mennonite Women are asking for your help in the annual MCC School Kits project for the month of August. A table is set up in the foyer to collect the school kit items. Now is the time to purchase these items at the best prices.

Each school kit needs the following items:

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 1/2 x 10 1/2 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm markings)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 large eraser
- 1 small **metal** pencil sharpener (We will supply these.)

BACK TO SCHOOL



3 letter words

Art
Gym

4 letter words

desk
glue
kids
Math

5 letter words

learn
lunch
Music
paper
ruler
grade

6 letter words

eraser
lesson
pencil
recess
school

9 letter word

classroom

7 letter words

crayons
library
numbers
reading
student
teacher

8 letter words

alphabet
backpack
calendar
notebook
scissors
spelling



AUGUST 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 George Miller	2 Mennonite Women Meeting James Erb	3 Gabriel Krabill	4 Paul Miller	5 Max Yoder Heather Herschberger Doug & Jill Moberly '00	6 Nelson Miller Jill Hemachandra Jeff & Carol Boller '94
7 <i>Morning Worship</i> Summer Sunday Activities East Union Pool Party at CCCC	8	9 Jada Dachtler	10 Jerry Miller Steven Rhodes Frank & Yvonne Nixon '91	11	12	13 Matthew & Tamar Rhodes '05
14 <i>Morning Worship</i> Summer Sunday Activities & Potluck Marvin Slabaugh	15 Steve & Kara Groenewold '98	16 Madison Higdon Libby Miller	17 Marlin Brenneman Landon Slabaugh Ingrid Detweiler	18 Wanda Yoder Denny & Becky Yoder '73	19	20 Deb Loss
21 <i>Morning Worship</i> Summer Sunday Activities	22 Estelle denBleyker	23 Lola Faye Erb-Yoder Bob Moberly	24	25 Jill Hartsock Bob & Dorothea Moberly '62	26 Loren & Elvesta Hochstedler '72 Sheldon & Letha Yoder '72	27 Brian & Lynn Yoder '88
28 <i>Morning Worship</i> Summer Sunday Activities Songfest	29	30 Wilma Copeland Jacob Moberly	31 Larry Detweiler Jeff Swartzendruber			