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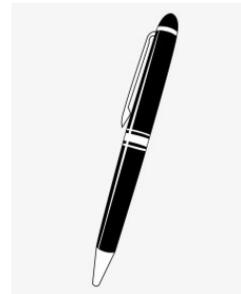
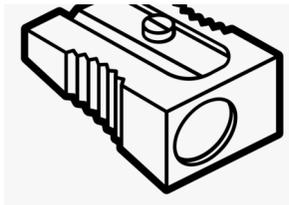
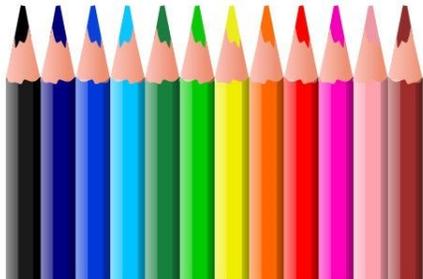
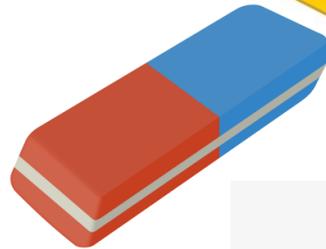
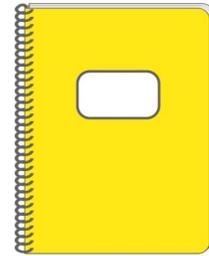
Connection!

Making a CONNECTION with one another

**The Congregational Ministries August Project
school kits**

Contents (NEW items only)

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
 - 8 new unsharpened pencils
 - 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
 - 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
 - 1 large eraser
 - 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener,



August BIRTHDAYS

- 5) Sarah Waltner
- 5) Ilene Schartner
- 7) Monica Hofer
- 10) Genevieve Kramer
- 10) Jarrod Kramer
- 11) Brandy Friesen
- 13) Aubree Tschetter
- 12) Norman Hofer
- 19) Derrold Hofer
- 21) Chris Hofer
- 21) Finley McCune
- 22) Marj Hofer
- 24) Aprille Birkey
- 25) Alyssa Hofer
- 25) Luke Rensink
- 25) Tanner Hofer

August ANNIVERSARIES

- 3) Kenny & Aprille Birkey
- 4) Ted & Charlotte Hofer Takasaki
- 6) Don & Marj Hofer
- 8) Derrick & Jessica Preheim
- 12) Jarrod & Bekka Kramer
- 14) Eric & Michelle Neuharth
- 18) Norman & Darlene Hofer
- 19) Brandon & Jaime Barta
- 26) Donovan & Sherryl Friesen
- 29) Lillie & André Eisenbeis

Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. Proverbs 6:6-8

It is time for us to bid farewell to July, Lord. It is time for the ripe days of August – those days that tempt our minds and bodies to become languid and lackadaisical. We know you would have us rest, Lord, but lead us away from the temptation of a lazy, laid-back attitude that becomes a lifestyle. Help us to keep in mind that Your work knows no season, and as we go about being “your people”, help us to put aside fretful thoughts from the past, honor our neighbor with some ice-cold lemonade, pray, and smile! Amen

July	Attendance	Income
July 5	29	\$1,887
July 12	25	\$1,996
July 19	65	\$1,561
July 29	36	\$1,305

August Projects
School kits



The Mennonite Central Committee story continues ...
by Norman Hofer

Mennonite Central Committee was formed in the early 1920's to feed the starving in Russia from the Revolution that swept the land. Never in their wildest dreams, could they have imagined that 20 years later they would be called upon to again feed people, but this time in the United States, not some foreign country suffering starvation.

World War I brought the first military conscription to the United States. No provisions were made for conscientious objectors. The attitude was put conscientious objectors in a military training setting, make life so miserable for them, and they will become good soldiers, and if that doesn't work, put them in prison. Approximately 4,000 ended up in military detention camps or prisons, such as Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. About 1/2 of them were Mennonite.

It became evident that in the later 1930's in Europe that the Nazis party in Germany, under the leadership of Adolph Hitler was preparing for war. It was feared that the United States would be drawn into the European conflict. Nobody wanted a repeat of the conscientious objector situation of World War I. President Franklin D., Roosevelt designated Major General Lewis B. Hershey, head of the man power division of Selective Service to meet with the "historic peace churches" leadership (Quakers, Mennonites and Church of the Brethren) concerning the military draft and develop a Civilian Public Service program.

It was proposed that religious conscientious objectors would assigned to "work of national importance under civilian direction". The men would serve for the duration of the war, would not receive any salary for service or veterans benefits. Government would supply housing (they still had Civilian Conservation Corp camps from the depression of the 1930s), transportation to camps, supervision and equipment for soil conservation and forestry work. The churches would supply "subsistence, hospital care, and generally all things necessary for the care and maintenance of the men. Approximately 12,000 conscientious objectors came under this program, of which about 40% were Mennonite. The three historic peace churches would be responsible for feeding the men in the camps for the duration of the war.

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This was a monumental undertaking, it lasted from 1941 to 1947 and eventually cost \$4,400,000.00 to carry out. No church or individual Mennonite conference was large enough to carry out this program. The only organization broad enough to carry out this program was Mennonite Central Committee. MCC had no assurance the membership would donate to this project. Remember the men received no salary. MCC set a goal of every man receiving from \$1.50 to \$5.00 per month for "tooth paste & postage money.



SHIPMENT OF FOOD FROM FREEMAN TO HILL CITY, SD

Churches would collect offerings, food was canned and collected and sent to the camps. There were a total of 151 CPS camps. The nearest camp was at Hill City, SD in the Black Hills. The men built the Deerfield Dam. The 9 men from Hutterthal served a total of over 22 years of labor. They served in camps all the way from Norristown, Pennsylvania to Lapine, Oregon, to Colorado Springs, CO to Terry, Montana. and of course Hill City, SD.

Those that served were Moses Glanzer, his brother Paul Glanzer, Paul Gross, Amos Hofer, Joe Hofer, Jakie Hofer, John M. Hofer, Paul Hofer, Peter A. Hofer. Some of the men joked years later, their \$5.00 must have gotten lost in the mail, they never received the \$5.00 from MCC, only the money sent by mom and dad from back home.

VACATION PLANS
submitted by Brigitta Hofer

The following questions were asked: Did you have any special vacation/traveling plans that were canceled due to COVID? Or maybe a special event or two? Are you planning a trip?

CHAD AND REBECCA HOFER - Ha, funny you should ask that. We were supposed to be in Florida at Disney World right now. (6-28-2020) We booked the trip in the beginning of the year as a 10-year anniversary trip for us & kids birthday vacation, as this has been Alyssa & Brynlee's dream forever. It was going to be a surprise for them, but then COVID moved in & changed all of our plans. Currently we have booked it to next summer as a place holder & we will see what happens. So instead, we have been trying to do things such as hike or bike ride on the trails in Yankton & other outdoor, social distancing type of activities & are hoping to go camping in the Black Hills later this summer.

RODNEY AND AMANDA METTLER - We did not have any travel plans prior to COVID and so we haven't changed anything! And we aren't planning anything either...but that's more related to farming and the associated unpredictability than COVID.

LEROY AND KATHY PULLMAN - We didn't have much planned, but we did miss some family gatherings. Both of our daughters are involved in health care and were not allowed to go out of state without being quarantined for two weeks upon returning. That has now been lifted. I was unable to visit my Mother in a care facility. The end of May we were able to visit her on an outdoor patio for her 94th birthday. Recently I received word that the facility is now allowing one visitor per resident. It will be so nice to visit her in her own place! Several concerts I planned to go to have been postponed until next year and a few have been canceled. We do plan to go to Yellowstone this summer. We plan to travel smart, keeping away from large crowds, wearing masks, and frequent hand washing.

COLE HOFER - I didn't have any travel plans or events besides Schmeckfest that were changed due to COVID. And I don't really have any plans or the desire to go anywhere else either. We are really blessed living in SD. Life has been pretty much normal for me, but the biggest challenge was marketing and selling our pigs when the slaughter plants were shut down. Through Facebook we've connected with people and sold pigs to people as far away as Grand Junction, CO and the "4 corners area" and even to people in MT and LA.

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MARCELLA GLANZER - Sometimes my daughter, Deb, from MN, comes and picks me up and takes me to her place for a while, but not recently. But she came to see me on Mother's Day, and also on my birthday on June 2nd. My son, Ron, from KS, is coming at the end of July.

BRIGITTA HOFER - COVID did not change any personal plans for me, but it certainly did for my family! Grandson Jayke was planning a trip to Ireland, related to his major of Biomedical Engineering at the University of MN, Grandson Brody, who plays hockey for Sioux Falls Power, was to travel to Detroit, MI for the National Tournament, the tournament they look forward to all year, and two weeks beforehand they had beat the #1 team in the nation. Granddaughter Berit, who plays hockey for the Sioux Falls Lady Flyers, was to play their National Tournament in Philadelphia, PA, and it was canceled, as well as her mission trip to Portugal, with hopes of going next year. Granddaughter Ellie's trip to Los Angeles with the O'Gorman marching band was also canceled. Daughter Stephanie and her family were planning a trip to Hawaii for their 20th anniversary, and daughters Kelly and Robin, and their families had a trip booked to Spain and Portugal.

JOHN AND MONICA CLEM - Yes!! I was all set to go to TX in April for another of my birding trips, but obviously that didn't work out. Fortunately, I received almost all my money back from the reservations I had already made. Not being able to go was a definite bummer, but otherwise I can't complain too much about the impact of COVID on my life. Monica and I did go to Oregon in January to see Sara and Matthew (and their dog Nola). We flew out with Kate and Richard, and spent about a week there. We ate a lot of sushi, went to a hot spring in the mountains, and I got to do some birding stuff on my own. It was a very pleasant trip.

DONOVAN AND SHERRYL FRIESEN - We didn't have anything special planned for traveling. We like going to the Hills and that might happen sometime. We did spend 4 days in Norfolk, NE helping Denise and Eric move into a house. This was special for us all. We might take in the Nebraska Junk Jaunt this fall. This involves us driving to different towns to look at junk. We did some small town driving this summer touring local towns on Sunday afternoons when we didn't have church.

VERNON AND NORMA HOFER - No plans, just staying close to home. Others responding in a similar manner were JOANN, CARROL AND GLENDA, MERLIN AND SYLVIA and CAMERON AND RINA.

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ALVINA HOFER - I left on a bus trip to the Deep South with friends on March 7, just when the pandemic started. The updates we got from people back home were interesting. We were sent pictures of empty toilet paper shelves etc. in stores and it seemed like more of a shortage scare than the virus itself. We always had a private dining room and the motels were quite empty. We did a lot of hand washing and sanitizing.

Our first stop was Hattie Land, MS and then Nashville, TN, where we visited the impressive Graceland home of Elvis Presley. It included a well-established museum. It's interesting to see how the rich and famous live, and yet it doesn't bring happiness.

At Mobile, AL we had an educational tour of the USS Alabama Battleship. The 65-acre azalea garden at Bellingrath Gardens and Home was beautiful and well worth seeing. Isn't God good to give us eyes to see all the beauty around us? I marvel at this every day. Biloxi, MS was the next stop for a shrimping trip and a visit to the Maritime Seafood Factory Museum.

At the French Quarters we had a lesson on making jambalaya and gumbo. We are ready for next Year's Mardi Gras in New Orleans. We learned how to make masks, and we brought them home with us, and we'll be ready to go. We toured their float construction factory, which is a yearlong process. We also stopped at the city cemetery. Loved ones are buried in large, concrete family vaults, buried one on top of the other like they do in Germany. The vaults are large enough to hold a number of caskets. This type of burial prevents their caskets from floating away during a hurricane. Cremation is unnecessary because the vaults reach 310 degrees on the inside.

After supper we ventured out to Bourbon Street. It was packed with people, and not wanting to be exposed to the virus, we took a quick look and left.

We had a self-guided tour of the WWII Museum, which was very interesting. We also toured a submarine, and after that I could understand why my friend, June, who served aboard a sub, disliked portholes!

We toured Melrose Plantation, one of the few left. The Tietje Crawfish Farm was our next stop. They were draining the fields and harvesting the crawfish. When the fields are drained, they will plant rice and cover the fields with water again.

LYNDON AND BARBIE HOFER - Travel plans have changed more because of money due to low prices for grain rather than COVID. We would have gone to MN a few times, but can't visit Mom anyway. MN is still more locked down than SD. We have gone to the Black Hills and will go to the Sturgis Rally. We don't see that many people. We ride alone. Very lax out west. Our friends in the Hills are handling COVID in different ways. One couple is still hankering down, as he has an elderly Mother. The other couple does not believe in masks and are happy to get together.

Hutterthal Provides Food for Yankton Area Banquet

Submitted by Suzanne Koerner

On July 12, Hutterthal was scheduled to serve at The Banquet in Yankton. Due to COVID 19, the Banquet changed the way they served their guests from serving a sit down meal at United Church of Christ to sending out “to go” meals for all of the families.

Instead of sending our usual 15-20 volunteers to help prepare and serve the meal, Hutterthal was asked only to provide food or send a cash donation. A team of volunteers has been assembled to prepare meals & box them up for take-out.



In March, as we have the past several years, Hutterthal purchased 85 pounds of Schmeckfest sausage to serve at The Banquet. Todd grilled it (pictured on the left) and we cut it up into bite sized pieces. The Koerner family repurposed 28 quarts of sweet corn that had originally been frozen and stored to use at Clara and Billy’s wedding reception in June. Jada baked 18 loaves of bread, and friend/classmate Autumn Rouse (pictured on the right) baked several batches of cookies.



Charlene Friesen, Monica Clem, and Barbie Hofer also baked and donated cookies. Rounding out the meal were tater tots, easier to prepare for the small kitchen staff than roasted potatoes from past years’ menus.

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Jada baked 18 loaves of bread



Dagmar Hoxsie (who is pictured on the left), who has been working with the Yankton Area Banquet since its inception in 1997, said they have been serving around 200 guests each Thursday since reopening the first of June after the pandemic shut things down in mid-March. “We have to keep it under ten volunteers,” Dagmar said. “About 3 or 4 in the kitchen, 2 at the door, and a couple of runners who relay the boxes of food to the waiting families outside.” There are families of various sizes. Dagmar spoke of one family of twenty who often come. She hopes by next year we can all be working together again, and said to greet all those from Hutterthal who have served in the past.

Dear Todd and Hutterthal Mennonite members,
“In our “new normal world” we at the Yankton Area Banquet wish to thank you very much for preparing food and providing groceries for our kitchen staff to prepare carry out meals for our guests on July 7. They enjoyed the meal very much!” In God’s Peace, Julie A Stevens



Never regret a day in your life.
Good days give you happiness,
bad days give you experience,
worst days give you lessons,
and the best days give you memories





Randall, Morgan
and Vivienne Koehler

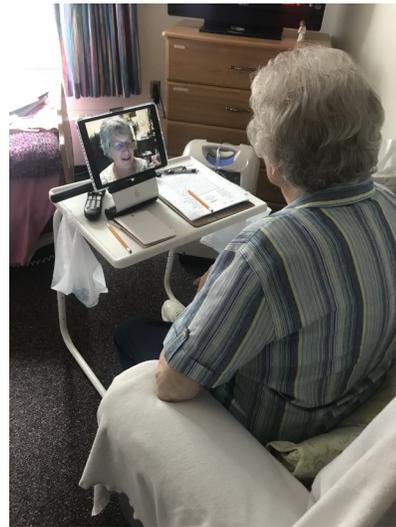
The HMC Search Committee has been in communication with Randall and Morgan Koehler for some time regarding his interest in pastoral work. Interviews were conducted, documents were studied and references were reviewed. There was also time of informal getting to know one another. When the process had advanced to the stage of a visit to the community, the committee was happy to host the Koehler family. They arrived at

6pm on Friday evening and left for their home in Benson, IL following the worship service on Sunday. On Saturday, each committee member took the responsibility to introduce them to one or more aspects of the community. Saturday evening there was a joint Search Committee and Church Board meeting to get to know them. It was a very good weekend and we were so grateful they were interested in making the trip, even in this Co-Vid 19 world in which we now live. It was a special treat to also have their 9 month old daughter Vivienne visit, too.

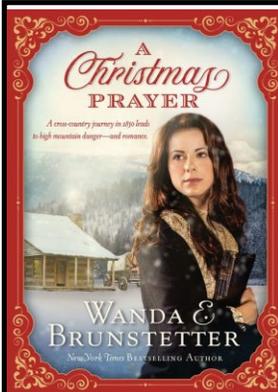





 Keeping
 in Touch



The Deacons are keeping in touch with our members at Oakview, via video chat. Above is Emma Hofer keeping in touch with Deaconess Charlene Friesen (picture on the right).



A Christmas Prayer
 by Wanda E Brunstetter.
 submitted by Rebecca Hofer



Hallmark has been playing Christmas movies all month long as part of their “Christmas in July” celebration. So reading and reviewing a Christmas book seemed to fit, even if it is summer. Additionally while titled “A Christmas Prayer” the Christmas holiday is not the central theme of the book. Readers glimpse into the lives of a small band of strangers traveling west in a wagon train during the 1850s. One character’s thoughts are shared through her personal journal entries. This short historical fiction book is a quick and enjoyable read for anyone who likes the genre. This book was a donation given by Barbie Hofer. Barbie, thank you for sharing your book with us at HMC.

The garden beautifies our yard
and adds fragrance to the air...
The Glory and the Power of HE
who made the universe lies
hidden in a flower



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Thank you to Merlin and Sylvia
for their hard work
and dedication.





In the
Spotlight
Addison Waltner

I am eight years old and I just finished second grade. My parents are Brandon and Kylea Waltner. I have two sisters, Isabel and Avery, and one brother, Ethan. I have one dog that lives outside named Grace and two cats. Some things I like to do are play softball, do gymnastics, ballet, and swim. I also like to do crafts, bake, ride my bike with my family, sing, and play outside with my sisters and brother. I love to play with my dog and cats. My favorite thing to do is catch cats and try taming them. My favorite colors are purple, pink, blue, green, and black. My favorite chores are feeding my calves. I look forward to learning how to mow the lawn, getting my ears pierced, and learning how to ride a horse. I like eating ice cream!

Mom and Dad describe Addison as an energetic and bubbly person. She is always smiling and she is a great singer. She can listen to a song once and repeat it back to you. Rarely do you find Addison not singing or listening to music. She can be a hard worker. Addison loves eating baked goods and treats- it's a good thing her Mom and Dad make her eat meat, veggies, and fruit ☑. Addison has a good heart!





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THANK YOU to everyone at Hutterthal who supported the 2020 SD MCC Relief Sale efforts. It was a year that made us think and plan outside the box

so we are so

grateful for Hutterthal's response.

MY COINS COUNT \$117.53

July 12 special offering \$10,035.00

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Sylvia and
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