

# **EDEN ECHOES**

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"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can change unless it is faced." - James Baldwin

It's really hard to describe all the thoughts and emotions that went through me during and after the events in Charlottesville, Virginia. I guess, the question that rose to the surface above everything else was, "Is this really happening?" I was watching recorded video and reading first-hand reports and updates on Twitter, but I still couldn't quite believe my eyes. It remind-

ed me of the footage I'd seen of the school integration boycotts in Alabama. But, that was 50 years ago, right? The kind of racism that existed back then isn't still alive today, right? It boggles my mind that I would feel compelled, in 2017, to make sure that it was clear that recipied and notice alient are in complete compelled.

that racism and nationalism are in complete opposition to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Yet, here we are.

I am unsure exactly how to move forward. I know I want to move beyond racial distinctions and the problem of fear. Yet, perhaps that's the problem. Perhaps those of us in positions of privilege and power have been able to control the narrative so as to assume that we have transcended race and destroyed fear. "We live in the most democratic and safest nation in the world." "Barack Obama is president of the United States." We have allowed these realities to be played up in our minds and in the culture to the extent that they have silenced the voices that have attempted to highlight other realities, which are just as true.

We don't want to face the racism that persists at almost every level of our social structure (including the church), and we have the power not to, so we choose not to. We choose to believe one particular story about this "great" nation, because the other realities are too painful and feel like direct attacks to our hopes and dreams. This is why we don't know what to do with "Black Lives Matter". We feel threatened by the notion that things are not alright, so we attempt to numb the situation by affirming "All Lives Matter." In doing so, we effectively put our heads back in the sand so that we can tune out the voices of those who don't have the option to just ignore racism, because they are its daily targets.

In the story of the Man Born Blind from John 9, the man in question, who had just been given his sight by Jesus is brought in by the religious leaders to testify to the miracle. When the man asserts that Jesus must be from God, those in power scoff at him. When the man persists and says even more strongly that this man must be from God because of the evidence he witnessed first-hand, the leaders reply with palpable derision: "You were born entirely in sins, and yet you are trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. (John 9:34.) The religious leaders did not want to hear the reality that was presented to them. They had the power to ignore (if only for a short time) that reality by dishonoring the man and sending him away, so they did.

We find ourselves in a time in which we can use the power and privilege we have to listen to and the defend the cause of the people who have been trampled in this society. To do any less is to continue to dehumanize those who bear God's image. To make any real change, we must face the harsh realities that people have been experiencing for generations. There are plenty of places to start: *Trouble I've Seen* by Anabaptist author Drew Hart; *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander; the film *I am not your Negro*. The list goes on and on, but most importantly, the list must be filled with the voices of the marginalized.

It is absolutely true that race is an imaginary classification. But it is also true that that figment has had devastating effects on the entire world. We need to be willing to face those effects and own them as part of our history, American, Christian, human history. Until that happens, we will continue to be surprised by flare-ups of overt racism. We must continue to embody and pray for the realization of the kingdom of God, on earth as in heaven, described as the gathering of "every tongue and tribe and nation." May it be so. Amen.

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#### **Eden Leadership Team Minutes**

#### **Vision/Mission Statement**

**Mission:** To be a community that follows Jesus in all we say and do.

Vision: A people transformed by the Holy Spirit in worship and service, so that through us God's

ly Spirit in worship and service, so that through us God's love and peace are made known to the world.

The Eden Leadership Team met Monday, July 31 at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

**Present were:** Kyle Neufeld, JoLene Kaufman, Becky Koller, Keith Goering, Austin Goering, Pastor Derek King, Pastor Dianne Schmidt, Brenda Dalke, Pat Stucky, Jerry Schrag and Jean Regier.

Absent were: Gary Regier and Tim Regehr.

Kyle lit the candle to represent the Holy Spirit's presence. Kyle led in devotions. He read about the Philadelphia Eagles football team who have brought religion into their locker room and have turned a lot of players lives around. He led in prayer.

The minutes were approved as printed.

#### **Budget**

The church office renovation expenses are \$46,000.00; Fundraising income - \$14,000.00; Capital Fund Transfer - \$25,000.00; There is \$25,000.00 that will come out of the checking account.

The expenses up to now in the budget are \$296,000.00 Budgeted amount \$263,000.00

Difference - \$62,000.00 (\$46,000.00 is included in that difference).

#### **Peace/Witness Commission**

They are working on how to move forward with the refugee project. They will be in discussion with Kendra to figure out how we can help, at least let them know we are available for whatever they need.

They also have men in the community that could use some help that are not related to the refugee project.

## **Trustee Commission**

The painting at the office is finished. They are installing the trim. There will be a delay for carpet and electrical. They plan to have the project finished by September 1.

#### **Christian Education/Discipleship Commission**

There will be a thank you meal for the Sunday school teachers on Sunday, August 13. The new Sunday school year will start on September 3. They will hand out Bibles and Shine books.

Wednesday nights will begin September 20 and go through November 8.

Room 110 is locked and Education/Discipleship needs access to it. The Historical items are being stored there. Kevin has a key and the room will be reopened after the office renovation is complete.

# **Stewardship Commission**

There will be discussion groups set up on Sunday, August 6 and 13 talking about Stewardship.

They have a meeting Tuesday night to finalize these plans.

#### **Worship Commission**

Worship service at Pine Village will be August 20. There is an interest in starting children's choir. Worship Commission will try to find out if there is someone interested in directing it.

#### **Pastor Dianne Schmidt**

The MC USA convention process was very well planned. They talked about what things the church needs to let go of in the future. Also what the church will look like in the future. It seemed hopeful.

She will attend WDC Annual Assembly this weekend and then will be on vacation the following week.

They will be digging deeper into prayer and scripture in September. In October they will be looking into the book of Philippians.

#### **Pastor Derek**

His family spent a week in Laurelville Pennsylvania teaching Bible at summer camp. Then they spent a week with his family in Virginia.

The new director for Associated Ministries of Moundridge is Rick Krehbiel.

Eden will be hosting WDC Annual Assembly at the end of July in 2018. Friday the meetings will be held at another church because of our air conditioning situation. Saturday and possibly Sunday will be held at Eden.

What would it feel like for Eden to welcome Veterans in our church? They need opportunities to receive forgiveness.

He will be performing Nathan Knight and Jenny Watts wedding at Eden Saturday, August 5.

They would like to launch some discipleship groups. Three people that get together to read the Bible, share and pray for each other. The pastors would be a resource for these groups.

#### **ELT** change

Keith Schrag has resigned as Moderator-Elect. Kyle will meet with Gifts Discernment Committee on how to move forward.

The pastor review process for Pastor Derek will be organized next month.

The delegates for WDC Annual Assembly are Jeff and Becky Koller, Pastor Dianne and Dennis Schmidt, Jay and Linda Goering and June Krehbiel.

Changes were made to the Constitution from last month. The Deacons are discussing membership. A lengthy discussion followed.

No new business

Next meeting August 28 at the church at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Dianne will have devotions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m. JoLene Kaufman, Secretary

#### Minutes from the August 28 ELT meeting.

The Eden Leadership Team met Monday, August 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

**Present were:** Pastor Dianne Schmidt, JoLene Kaufman, Becky Koller, Gary Regier, Kyle Neufeld, Pastor Derek King, Austin Goering, Carina Knight, Brenda Dalke, Tim Regehr and Pat Stucky.

Absent was: Jean Regier

Kyle lit the candle to remind us of the Holy Spirit's presence and called the meeting to order.

Pastor Dianne led in Devotions titled *Walking in Rhythm*. She read from Deuteronomy 6 and then led in prayer.

The minutes from the last meeting were corrected to read that on Sunday, August 27 Renae Stucky would be speaking during the S.S. hour instead of focusing on stewardship. Minutes were approved as corrected.

## **Treasurer Report:**

Budget \$300,000.00

Expenses \$315,000.00

Income \$277,000.00

Difference (\$37,000.00)

Office renovations

Income \$43,792.00

Capital Building Fund \$25,000.00

Donations \$18,793.00

\$25,000.00 to come out of checking account.

Expenses \$50,116.00

There are approximately \$27,000.00 left in outstanding bills.

Are we at risk of missing mission payments because of office renovation? We will catch up with them as we can.

#### **Deacon Commission**

Tim shared that at the deacon meeting they shared congregational joys and concerns.

Richard Goering will be married on December 23. They worked on the membership part of the Constitution.

# **Stewardship Commission**

They planned for the S.S. hour discussions on Stewardship. Approximately 50 attended.

Christian Education/Discipleship Commission Sunday, September 3 is the S.S. kickoff. Bibles will be handed out.

September 20 is the first Wednesday night meeting. It will be a service project and there will be a potluck.

#### **Trustee Commission**

1 grave was added in the cemetery for Ardy Graber They removed long distance service from the church phone line. They left the one for the alarm system. He reported on the office remodeling. (*Refer to figures under Treasurer report.*) The office furniture they plan to purchase is a little more expensive but has a 12 year warranty. Each Pastor will receive a desk, a desk chair and two chairs for visitors. The total comes to \$2,654.68.

They plan to power wash the front of the exterior of the church office building put siding on the sides. The bid for the exterior work is \$11,000.00. The roof also needs to be replaced. The materials for that is \$2,100.00. They will use only volunteer labor to keep the cost down. The cost for the total renovation is \$94,094.05, which includes the roof and siding. The ELT gave approval to go ahead with roof and siding since it is still under the congregation approved projected cost of the total renovation.

What are the plans for the private consultation room in the back of the office? The current plan is that it will be a multi-use room for meetings, consultation and a place for Eden historical archive materials. There will also be a desk and computer for use by the Eden Historical Society.

The trustees plan to have a water filtration system installed at the church at the cost of \$1,500.00.

## **Worship Commission**

In response to interest in a possible children's choir, it was decided to simply have a time of singing (10 minutes) at the beginning of Sunday school for all children. Becky Setser has agreed to be the leader for this time along with others including Shirley Delk and Candy Unrau. Potentially the children could sing in a worship service at some point.

The fall quarter topic is Growing Deeper. They are going to have an open microphone to share concerns and joys before the congregational prayer. This might make it easier for people to share if they don't have to go up to the front.

#### **Pastor Dianne**

WDC Annual Assembly was a good experience. Having the Hispanic churches involved and the dual languages made it interesting. The fiesta event held on Saturday was very enjoyable.

The pastors were contacted by the Conference Minister about a Leadership seminar. WDC is applying for a grant, and will know later if they got it. If the grant is received, Pastors Derek and Dianne plan to attend and will possibly find 2 or 3 other Eden leaders to attend as well.

#### **Pastor Derek:**

FEWZ (youth from First Mennonite, Eden and West Zion) is starting up again. There are approximately twelve students in the group this year, with new additions to the group of 1 freshman, 2 exchange students and other friends they invite. The sponsors are Tyler and Kristin Stucky, Jacob and Katie Stucky and Shenese Allen. They will rotate meeting between the three churches.

#### ELT minutes continued

Discussion is taking place between the three Moundridge Mennonite pastors of starting up a middle school group. At this time there are 11 or 12 middle school youth between the three churches. They are real early in the planning stage. A high school youth participated in the Explore program through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and might be interested in helping with this group.

Pastor Derek expressed interest in starting up discipleship groups, with three people per group. His hope is that there would be at least 30 groups.

He will be teaching a class during the fall quarter on membership, using the *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*. He has reached out to individuals and couples attending Eden, who didn't grow up at Eden and has had some respond with interest in the class.

Pastor Derek shared that the events at Charlottesville are weighing heavily on him. What does white privilege and black lives matter mean for Moundridge?

Pine Village has requested a basket from our church to auction at the Benefit Day. Since Jerri Kaufman prepared a basket in the past for this event Kyle will contact her to see if she would be willing to prepare one again.

#### **ELT Position**

With the resignation of Keith Schrag as Church Moderator Elect, (due to his wife's health concerns) the Gifts Discernment Committee has compiled a list of people who might fill this role. They will contact them in the near future to see if they are interested.

#### **Pastor Review**

Pastor Derek and Kyle are going to meet after this meeting to discuss Pastor Derek's upcoming pastor review.

#### **Constitution Review**

Kyle made the changes to the constitution that were suggested at the last meeting.

The Deacons are very close to bringing the membership part of the Constitution to ELT for approval.

#### **No New Business**

Next meeting is September 25 at the CHURCH OFFICE at 7:00 p.m. (Note change of location) Pastor Derek will have devotions. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. JoLene Kaufman, Secretary



The Peace/Witness Commission working with Episcopal Migration Ministries

The Peace/Witness commission has decided to work with Episcopal Migration Ministries. For more than 75 years, Episcopal Migration Ministries has lived out the church's commitment to be a presence of hope, comfort, and welcome to refugees. Each year, EMM provides a wide spectrum of services, including resettlement, employment, and intensive medical and mental health services for more than 5,000 refugees, asylees, special immigrant visa holders, and Cuban/Haitian entrants. The Kansas EMM is located at 401 N. Emporia, Wichita, KS.

Kendra Alison will be our contact person as she is currently working with refugee families in the Hesston community. Kendra recently visited Eden and gave us a number of ways to become involved in the resettlement of three immigrant families. Each of these families are expecting a baby in a few months and we have to decided to help them with a baby shower. Details regarding the baby shower will be announced as we get more information from Kendra.

We are excited about this outreach mission for Eden and look forward to find new ways to support the Episcopal Migration Ministries.



Our worship theme for this fall is "Growing Deeper," where we will be looking at ways to deepen our spiritual lives. One way to encourage this deeper growth will be the formation of **Discipleship Groups**. Everyone will be invited to become part of a group of three that will meet regularly (ideally once a week). Each Discipleship Group will meet to discuss scripture readings, share personal joys and concerns, and pray for each other. You can form your own groups of three or you can use the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall to be placed in a group. We plan for groups to get started around October 1. Watch for additional information in weekly bulletins throughout September.

#### **Fundraiser Planned**

A fundraiser fish fry is planned for October 15 at noon at the church. The congregation is asked to bring side dishes and desserts. The



fundraiser is being held to complete the funding for the church office renovation project.

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped with the project. Many hours were spent with the demolition, and renovation of the interior. We extend our appreciation to Larry Kaufman who faithfully led the volunteers on a daily basis. At the time this is written, most of the interior work has been completed with the exception of the carpet and tile being installed in the front half of the office.

See an update on the financial aspect of this project below



# Church Office Renovation Financial Update

We are pleased to announce that we are nearing the final stage of the renovation project.

The following figures are correct as of September 1, 2017.

Projected expenses to complete this project will be \$94,000.00. Donations received so far are \$18,792.00. We have been allocated \$25,000.00 from Capital Building Fund and \$25,000.00 from church checking account. This leaves an outstanding balance of \$25,208.00. Any contributions towards this project would be greatly appreciated.

The Trustee Commission would like to thank everyone who has supported this project with your prayers, your monetary support, and also the many hours of volunteer labor.



You are invited to join the choir! No prior experience required. Come join us for a lot of fun! Choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 6. If you have questions please call Becky Setser at 620-386-4145.

7:30 pm: Ladies Chorus 8:00 pm: Chancel Choir 8:45 pm: Men's Chorus

#### DIG IN: Wednesday night meals, activities begin Sept. 20

Kids and adults are invited to Wednesday nights meals, activities and Bible study this fall. Activities planned by the Education/Discipleship Commission begin on Sept. 20 and conclude Nov. 8. On Sept. 20 is a 6:00 p.m. potluck meal (bring one large dish). After the meal, all ages will join together to pack school kits as our fall service project.

Beginning Sept. 27 and running through Nov. 1 will be meals (served from 6:00-6:30 p.m.) provided by groups, activities for kids, and Bible study for adults.

Both kids and adults will be digging into scripture.

From 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. Shayna Smith and others will lead kids' lessons and activities titled "Digging for Treasure, Parables Revealed." Our own Becky King and other local writers wrote these lessons, published this year by Menno-Media. We are excited to be able to showcase Becky's work in our church.

At the same time the kids are meeting, Pastor Dianne Schmidt will lead adults in a study of "Digging Deeper into Scripture." In the six sessions, participants will look at the various genres of literature in the Bible, discovering how these different types of writings affect how we read, understand, and live out scripture in our lives today.

Babysitting will be provided in the nursery from 6:30-7:30 p.m. each Wednesday so parents can participate in Bible study. If you would like to help with child care one or more of those evenings, contact a member of the Nursery Committee: Pat Stucky, Samantha Doane, Brenda Dalke.

Contact June Krehbiel if your group/class is willing to prepare/serve one of the meals - perhaps as a fundraiser for your group. Or, join with another group to serve a meal if your group is small. Dates for meals that are not potlucks are Sept 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Nov. 1.

On Nov. 8 will be another potluck, followed by a Game Night for all ages. Anyone want to volunteer to lead games for all ages that night?

FEWZ (made up of the youth of First, Eden and West Zion) will meet every Wednesday night at one of the three churches throughout the fall. Their first session will be on September 20.

#### **Know Your Target**

Businesses must know their target market. Writers must know their target audience. And we all make better decisions when we consider the target of our actions.



A college religion teacher set up a cardboard target in his classroom. "Draw someone who has upset you," he instructed. Students sketched ex-boyfriends or -girlfriends, coworkers who'd mistreated them, childhood bullies. Each, in turn, then placed their drawing over the bull'seye and took aim with a bow and arrow. Afterward, the bull'seye was riddled with holes. The students congratulated one another ... until the teacher pulled back the target, revealing Jesus' scarred, torn face.

Silence fell as he read: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these ... you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40, NRSV).

In choosing actions — no matter the human target — remember who else will be struck by your arrows. Let's take aim with love, not hurt.

#### **Camp Mennoscah News**



What a roof-raising success! The annual Camp Sing for Camp Mennoscah gathered over 200 people at Faith Mennonite Church for an hour of songs, popcorn, and fellowship. The event

raised \$3465 for upgrading the sound system at Camp Mennoscah. Thank you for your generosity, your smiles, your prayers, and for supporting Camp Mennoscah!

Here's what's up with the new playground structure at Camp Mennoscah. We're going with a wooden structure similar to the previous "whale" structure because we think it better fits the Camp Mennoscah ambiance and natural setting. Our artistic architect Aaron is working with a structural engineer and things are moving forward. We do not have a timeline yet, but we will have a whale of a party when we finally have our fishy friend back. (Yes, we do know that a whale is not a fish.)

#### 7000 Comforters Needed by MCC

All the Mennonite Central Committee Material Resources Centers in the U.S. need a combined total of 7000 comforters by November! Yes, you read that right, 7000 comforters are needed to fulfill the requests from MCC partner organizations in Iraq, North Korea and Syria! Save the dates to join the effort at the MCC Mini Comforter Blitz at the MCC Center in North Newton, Kansas on September 29 and 30. Check <a href="mailto:mcc.org/comforter-blitz">mcc.org/comforter-blitz</a> for more details, or contact <a href="mailto:katemast@mcc.org">katemast@mcc.org</a>, <a href="mailto:316.283.2720">316.283.2720</a>.

#### **Bible Quiz**

In memorable language in Revelation, God tells the church in Laodicea, "I am about to spit you out of my mouth," because it is metaphorically \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank).



- A. too hot
- B. too cold
- C. tasteless
- D. lukewarm

Answer: D (see Revelation 3:16)

#### A taste of heaven

When an admirer asked renowned pianist Vladmir Horowitz how he could play so beautifully, he's said to have replied that anyone could play the notes, but the true music lay in the pauses between them. The same can be said of life.

Rabi Evan Moffic (Shalom for the Heart) writes, "It is the pauses — the rests, the spaces in between — that meaning is made and that holiness is felt." Nowadays we keep so busy there's hardly a pause or space in our day.

"But that's not the way God created us [or] the world," Moffic continues. "God worked, then rested. God created, then paused... Thus, our Sabbath is the day when we can marvel at the beauty of the world God created. It is the day we enjoy what the ancient sages called 'a taste of heaven.' It is a day when we stop thinking about the *what* of life and remind ourselves of the *why* of life."

# THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The family of Ardy Graber wishes to express our deep appreciation for the many acts of support through the time of Ardy's passing. The many cards, flowers, the food, hugs, visits and many words of comfort demonstrate a caring and loving church family. Thank you to the pastors for visits, prayers, and words of hope. God's face shines in each of you and we feel God's grace in your compassion.

#### Gail Graber

Travis and Penny Graber, Bailey and Brody Nathan and Krista Graber, Elaina, Peter and Daniel



#### **A Benefit Ride for Mennonite Central Committee**

The MCC Flatlander Benefit Bicycle Ride will be held Saturday September 16. The ride will begin at the MCC Center, Highway 15 & 30th St. in North Newton with registration at 7:00 a.m. and the ride beginning at 8:00 a.m. Come and enjoy fellowship, catered food, and the beautiful autumn harvest season of Kansas!

The goal this year is \$8,000. The money will be used to help build a gravity water system for villages in eastern India. Villagers are provided with durable piping to lay in channels from a reliable water source. One system provides water for 250 or more people and the ability to grow crops for food and income. Eight more systems are needed to complete this MCC project.

There are three main routes, with lengths of approximately 35, 45, and 65 miles. Also available is a family ride of 8-16 miles, depending on rider discretion. For more information go to <a href="https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride">https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride</a>. Please <a href="pre-register-by-september-2">pre-register-by-september-2</a> individuals \$30, families \$70. After September 2 the cost is individuals \$35, families \$75. T-shirts are not guaranteed if registering after September 2.





Nelson Goering, (79) passed away on Thursday, August 31 at Mercy Hospital. Funeral and graveside services were held at Eden on Monday, September 4. We extend our sympathy to his wife Joan, and children Bobbi

(Darrell) Schrag, Darryl (Christy) Griffin, and Jim Griffin and all of his extended family and friends.

#### **Deaths of Associate Members**

Bryce Krehbiel (Eugene, OR)...... August 18, 2017 Mary Ellen Stucky (Moundridge)...... August 26, 2017



We choose not to print our members' addresses online. If you would like an address of one of our members, please contact the church office at 620.345.8320.

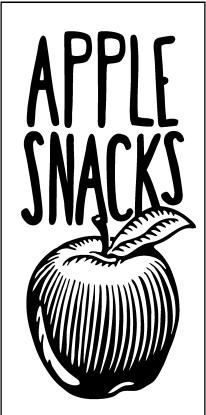


**Invitation to Share** 

The Invitation to Share project for the month of September is school kits:

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (70 sheets),
- 4 unsharpened #2 pencils,
- 1 ruler, (flat, flexible plastic; (indicating 30 cm and 12"),
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging),
- 1 large pencil eraser.
- Place contents in a 11" x 16" fabric double drawstring bag.

If you would like to support this project you may write a check to Eden with "invitation to share" in the memo line and mail it to Eden at P.O. Box 406, Moundridge, KS 67107.



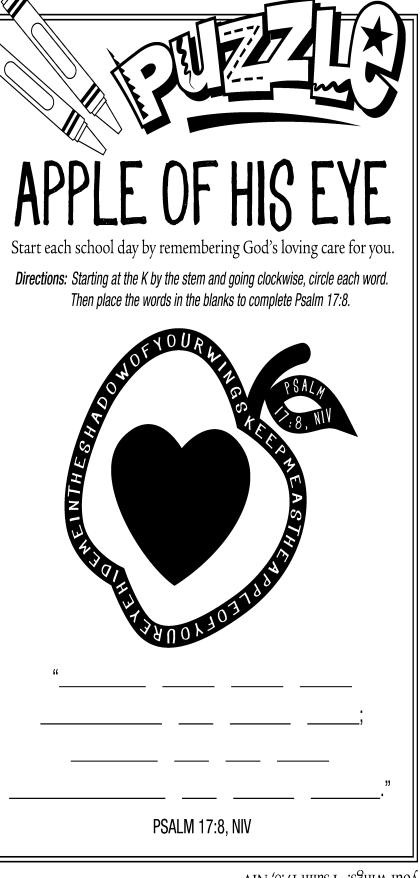
These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

# What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

# What you do:

- 1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
- 2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
- 3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.



Answer: "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 17:8, NIV

#### **September Birthdays**

1- Dick Gehring 14- Tenae Alfaro 23- Brittaney Addis (Curtis & Janine) Will Krehbiel Pixie Doane (Heath & Samantha) Cade Graber 2- Zoe Burnett (Shane & Chris) Mark Graber Evelyn King (Derek & Becky) Bethany Odell Kristopher Rath 24- Cameron Clark (Becky) 4- Reagen Dalke (Jerrod) Jill Zerger Timothy Graber 5- Brian Kaufman 15- Hayden Schrag (Brian & Amy) Lindsey Begnoche Emily Neufeld (Jerry & Kathy) 16- Vaughn Goering 25- Ron Goering 6- Nellie Waltner Betty Heritage Sheri Marsh Carol Zerger (Mrs. Dan) Peter W. Schrag 26- Janine Addis 7- Cade Klassen (Scott) Robert D. Schrag 27- Kristeen Goering 8- Elden Austin 17- Jan Craig Goering Shawn Rath 18- Jaeden Dalke (Jerrod) Shirley Delk Robin Schrag 9- Kason Graber (Zach & Kali) Irvin Harms Brenda White Aaron Vogts Gracelyn Stewart (Kimberley Kaschke) 28- Michael Hayes 10- Marcia Goering Saylor Stucky (David & Shelley) Tony Janzen Coy Kaufman (Brandon & Morgan) 19- LuVerna Goering Sandra Krehbiel 11- Nathan Knight Joe Lichti 29- Carolyn Goering Becky Koller Ruth Ann Ritthaler Valeria Graber Valeda Krehbiel 20- Jenny Schrag 29- Howard Knight 21- Jerome Goering Annette Krehbiel Irma Schrag Cheryl Stucky Aubree Schrag (Matt & Rashelle) 30- David G. Goering Pat Stucky Arlene Thiesen Edwin L. Schrag 12- Trent Stucky (Kevin & Gayle) 22- Jeffrey Kaufman

Jamie Mulder

Bobbi Schrag

Rebecka Stucky

Lorita Zook

13- Kathy Ensz

Michael Gehring

Sharon McCown

If there has been an omission or mistaken date please notify the church office.

#### **September Anniversaries**

1-	Jim Haag & Carol Lichti	18-	Elden & Neva Austin
2-	Robert & JoLene Kaufman		Lanny & Linda Stucky
3-	Darren & DeeAnn Graber	21-	Donald & Dorothy Wedel
4-	Heath & Samantha Doane		Allen & Lauren Bonde
	Billy & Sara Hocking	22-	Brian & Erin Stucky
	Howard & Neva Kaufman	24-	Jay & Jane Krehbiel
5-	Greg & Jackie Zerger	27-	Darwin & Pat Mead
6-	Jay & Linda Goering		Jason & Shelese Newmark
8-	Sam & Marcia Goering		Kenneth & Glenna Schrag
15-	Terence & Katherine Goering	28-	Reese & Meghan Gehring
	Ç	30-	Wayne & Marlene Waltner

#### **Up-Coming Events**

Sept 3: New Sunday school quarter begins

Bibles presented during worship

Sept 4: Eden Church Office closed for Labor Day

Sept 5: 7:00 p.m. Edu/Disc Commission mtg. at church office

Sept 6: 7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir

8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus

Sept 6, 7, 8: MDS Parking Lot build at First Mennonite in Newton Sept 8-10: Women's and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

Sept 10: Popcorn and Pop with PET 7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus

Sept 19: 6:00 p.m. Deacons mtg. at church office

Sept 20: First Wednesday night meal, followed by Service Project

6:00 p.m. Potluck meal served in fellowship hall

6:45 p.m. Service Project (packing School Kits for MCC)

7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus

Sept 27: 6:00 p.m. Meal served in fellowship hall

6:45 p.m. Bible Study for all ages

7:30 p.m. Ladies Choir 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:45 p.m. Men's Chorus

Oct 15: Noon fish fry fundraiser meal for office renovation project

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