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Explanation of Current Worship Visual

by Loanne Harms

The worship visuals always start in my head, and when they stay there, they are terrific, and almost always, perfect! This series was no exception. I chose the colors: green for our relationship with creation (an easy pick), white for the holiness of God, blue for the reflective, inner relationship with self. But what color for "others." That was a hard one. Cindy suggested yellow because it's one of her favorites, and "everyone loves yellow" (her words). But yellow didn't seem quite right. It took me a while, but finally red came to mind. All of us, the world over, have blood that is red. It is universal despite skin tone, language, or religion. Our relationship with others is a blood tie.

So then with colors in mind, fabric on hand, I began my visual. The original idea was a braided cord of the four colors reaching high and spreading out at the base; the idea that our relationships intertwine as we reach for deeper connections in the open spaces above and beyond. But all did not go well. I figured out a four-cord braid and got the fabric to cooperate. I managed to conquer gravity well enough to get the braided mass of fabric a good nine feet in the air on a stand I rigged up, but in the coarse of setting things up no less than four people came in and commented on my maypole! Not a good sign.

That's when I took everything apart, except the initial knot, stood in the doorway of the visuals closet and looked for help. The hands I had made with Ariana Diener-Perez and Anna Smucker several Advents ago were high on a shelf. I had a new idea. Our relationships—the building, strengthening, and nurturing of our relationships–are in our hands. We have opportunities to experience and grow in those relationships. The white cloth of God circles around the light of the Holy Spirit, and the cloths of creation, others, and self spread out into the open spaces around us.

The final result may not have been the perfect picture I had in my head, but I am grateful for second chances. I am also grateful for a congregation that allows me to experiment and use my gifts, and is open enough to call a maypole for what it seemed.

Contacting Mark Thompson

Russ Hochstetler has been writing to Mark Thompson, son of George and Karen Thompson, in the Westville prison, Mark would like to hear from more of us as he has recommitted his life to Jesus and asked for devotional material. The prison will not accept printed material. Russ suggests that as you write to him, include scriptures meaningful to you. Mark may not be able to answer all of our letters. Let us pray for him in his new commitment to Jesus.

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School Kits

School supplies are beginning to be displayed in stores, so it's time to prepare a school kit for Mennonite Central Committee. Teachers and artists recommend Crayola colored pencils. The colors are brighter and smoother than cheaper brands. A pencil sharpener was added to the list this year. School kits are distributed in a useful double drawstring cloth bag (11 3/4 x 16 3/4 in). These will be available on a table under the mail boxes. Thank you for limiting your generosity to the items listed below:

Contents for School Kits—*new* items only, no used

4 spiral or perforated-page notebooks (8.5 x 10.5 inches with 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 metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

Note: The last two items (pens and sharpener) are new to the list this year.

One Service

We will continue with one service through Sunday, Aug. 19.

Mennonite Education Fund Review Process

Do you want to help shape what our Mennonite Education Fund review process looks like this coming year? Anyone from Waterford is welcome to attend a training and design retreat with consultant Phil Thomas, from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday July 22, here at the church. Phil will help us to ask the best questions, focus in on the real issues, and provide some additional tools for this process. If you want to speak into how this review process happens, this is a transparent meeting open to anyone.

—Pastor Neil Amstutz

Yoder Open House Today

Del(von) and Shirley Yoder's four children, Todd, Tonya, Troy, and Traci, who grew up at Waterford beginning 40 years ago, invite the Waterford family to an Open House celebrating their parent's 50th Wedding Anniversary, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, July 15, in the fellowship hall. No gifts please.

Address Correction

The ZIP Code for Henry and Fanny Mast's new adddress in last week's Buzz was incorrect. It should be 46528 (not 46526).

Photos from MYF Wilderness and Service Trip

Ariana Stoltzfus and Lauren Hoogenboom at the campground in Wisconsin

Matilda Graber-Ditzler rock climbs (with a little help from her mother Laurina)

Anna Smucker, Tyler Daniels, Isa Hartzler, Gabe Hartzler, Anthony Moser, Clay Stoltzfus, and Colin Judson take a lunch break from service with DOOR Chicago where they built a prayer labyrinth in a community garden.

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