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God's Revelation

Romans 1:20 (NIV) 20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

While at the annual meeting of Central Plains Mennonite Conference in Ashland, Montana, creation affirmed God's truth and comfort to me. On one of my morning walks I saw the turbulent skies of Montana and a rainbow in the west. I knew I needed to watch the skies as rain was coming and thunder was in the distance. The skies were dark gray waves and swirls with a deep blue appearance just above the hills in the horizon. It was an awesome sight.

And then, adding to the turbulent wonder in the horizon was opportunity to see a morning rainbow. The sight immediately gave me the reality of a turbulent world and God's holy promise of peace and comfort.

Latter in the Conference meetings we heard powerful testimonies from two Cheyenne women. Their lives were turbulent but God's promises gave them hope and victory in Christ.

In our own lives there can be turbulence and threatening skies. We need to remember God's promises as well. God promises to be with us and help us. God does not promise to make life easy or get us out of our own trouble. God promises to love and forgive and empower us that we might reveal God in Christ to the world.

May God so empower you in turbulent times and that you may know the promise of His love, forgiveness and Holy Spirit power.

Make it a great day!

Pastor Jay

Notes From Past Bulletins:

60 years ago: 1953

July 12 – Sermon by Josef Heschkowicz, Harrisonburg, VA.

July 19 – Evening service: A program by the Junior Chorus.

July 26 – On July 31, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Miller will have open house for their 25th wedding anniversary from 5 to 7 pm.

Canning Committee for the coming year is: Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Zook, and Mr. and Mrs. William Logan.

50 years ago: 1963

July 7 – If you have been wondering what took place at the Youth Meetings years ago be sure to attend the coming meeting here at East Union on Thurs. evening at 7:45 pm. The entertainment will be given by the back two SS classes as they relive their “Good Old Days”. They are sure to bring along their families and the evening will be topped off with some homemade ice cream and cookies.

July 14 – At our recent Church Council meeting the need was discussed for having an Extension Committee. To serve on this committee until our annual business meeting appointed to serve were Clarence Hostetler and Jim Marner.

Dorothy Logan left to serve in Secretarial work for the Mennonite Hour Broadcast in Harrisonburg, VA.

40 years ago: 1973

July 1 – We extend congratulations to Larry and Carolyn Detweiler who were married at Kalona Mennonite on Friday evening.

July 8 – Morning service included receiving of new members: Mrs. Lowell Guengerich, Mrs. Tom Yoder and Gaylord Yoder.

July 22 – Commissioning service for Donald and Verna Zook who will be leaving for a term of service at the Albert Schweitzer Hospital in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti.

July 29 – Funeral Services were conducted for Nettie Gingerich on Thursday afternoon.

30 years ago: 1983

July 3 – Morning service devotional by Robert K. Yoder, Sermon by Dean Swartzendruber. Voice of the church was taken in the morning service.

10:30 a.m. Sunday classes for Pr/Jr Departments. Adult will be giving their voice concerning future leadership.

July 10 – In receiving the voice of the church last Sunday, the proposed question didn't carry by the required percentage.

Church Council notes: In discussing Lonnie's relationship to East Union, the following statements were prepared and approved: We as a Council invite Lonnie to continue in his present role as assistant pastor until August of 1984. However we as a council feel he is under no obligation to remain until then.



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Mennonite Women meeting
Tuesday, July 2, 2013.
Feasting for All; Amos 8
Devotional leader : Linda Woolridge
Project: Cash for towels and soap for MCC
Potluck for lunch

A PERSON'S TRUE CHARACTER IS REVEALED
BY WHAT HE DOES WHEN NO ONE ELSE IS
WATCHING

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – BOOK OF JAMES

East Union is starting a weekly Women's Bible study group in September 2013. We will study **JAMES: MERCY TRIUMPHS, BY BETH MOORE**. Beth Moore is an author and Bible teacher of best-selling Bible studies and books for women. She is the founder of Living Proof Ministries and speaker at Living Proof Live women's events across the US. Beth's mission is to guide women everywhere into a richer, more fulfilling relationship with the Father.

James, Jesus' own brother, started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple with Beth Moore's 8-session DVD study. And, in the process, learn how you can put your own faith into action.

Come along with Beth Moore on a journey to get to know both the man and the Book of James in this 8-session DVD study. You will never be the same again. Topics in this study include: joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above, single-mindedness, the dangers of the tongue, humility, and prayer.

We will show a short promotion of the study in July or you can look up the information on the internet. You can Google Beth Moore. There is a Member Book for each person to use with the DVD study. The cost of the Member Book is approximately \$15.00. More information will be posted in the Church bulletin.

We will have a sign-up sheet in July and will negotiate a leader and meeting dates after we have enough to start a group.

Contact Paulette (ph: 656-3208), if you are interested in this faith journey with other women.

Paulette Hershberger, Elder