

Show and Tell (Or *SERVE* and *SHARE*)

Foothills Mennonite Church



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Hello my name is **Kate Janzen** and I spent most of my career as a Kindergarten teacher. A very popular event was 'Show and Tell'. Often it felt like 'Bring and Brag'! I serve as a committee member of Community Building/Program for MCA and I attend Foothills Mennonite church. One of our goals in Community Building is to find ways of connecting our stories with each other. I want to name our story 'SERVE and SHARE'

When the COVID virus first invaded our lives we, like most of you, felt stuck. We wanted to follow the rules but how could we continue to be the church? At Foothills we felt

doubly challenged as our two pastors, interim pastor and office administrator all moved on to new positions.

We tried social distancing but sitting in the sanctuary 6 feet apart and not being allowed to visit after the service seemed hollow. Then God's spirit began to move! Under the capable leadership of our board and technological expertise of a few of our members we began to find meaningful ways to worship.



It didn't take long before everyone knew what ZOOM meant! It was a bit shaky at first. Screens showed only foreheads or we forgot to mute or unmute! Now we see the benefits of Zoom at Foothills. Weather and road conditions don't keep us away. We can invite speakers from other countries to deliver a sermon at no cost!

Various groups socialized outdoors, around fire pits, and pathways. Thankfully the weather cooperated quite often. We live on a farm and the young

people came several times to stretch their legs, play in the snow and visit around the fire pit.

A small group regularly volunteered at the Mustard Seed where meals are prepared and served to many in need. The Chin Church renovated their church and needed some funds to instal some technology. We were able and willing to help. A Care Group was formed that included a retired nurse. This group visits folks who appreciate a meal, a visit, and advice for medical concerns. A new initiative from our internal missions is TAG "Targeted Acts of Generosity". It works like this: if you receive a card, flowers, or a simple meal, etc. then you have been tagged! Now you reach out and bring joy to someone else during this time of isolation.

Every Wednesday the office sends out information that keeps us connected. Some examples are photos from nature, artwork and devotionals. One Wednesday a boy in grade 3 sent a picture of his math test that got a 100%

All the ADDITION Facts You Ever Need to Know (C)

8+2=10	5+3=8	2+9=11	1+1=2
9+9=18	6+9=15	7+7=14	8+0=8
6+8=14	9+3=12	8+5=13	2+3=5
3+1=4	3+4=7	5+4=9	7+5=12
1+2=3	4+9=13	9+7=16	6+4=10
7+4=11	2+2=4	1+9=10	5+5=10
8+3=11	6+0=6	0+1=1	1+7=8
0+9=9	2+5=7	6+7=13	2+0=2
4+8=12	4+1=5	4+0=4	8+8=16
0+3=3	3+7=10	8+9=17	7+0=7
1+8=9	4+4=8	6+5=11	6+2=8
5+0=5	6+1=7	2+7=9	3+3=6
3+6=9	5+9=14	6+6=12	2+4=6
7+8=15	1+5=6		

Column 1 Column 2 Column 3 Column 4

Name _____ left to learn _____

54/54 Great Job!!

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mark! This week we will find out the answer to a riddle sent via video last week.

Our worship service includes a wide range of participants. The children's feature has become an important and popular part of worship. Folks who want a recorded version of the service rather than Zoom can do so. After the Zoom service we are invited into 'rooms' where we can visit with a small group. I love this feature as you never know who you will meet. It's like visiting in the foyer but better!

But Zoom isn't perfect. It's odd to sing during worship. Rituals like funerals, farewells and weddings feel empty. Kids who love going to Camp Valaqua feel disappointed. The screen gets tiresome at times. But we are doing the best we can.

There is hope on the horizon right? Vaccines are beginning to be available and infections are decreasing in some areas. We pray that all will be well soon. To all the MCA churches we greet you in the name Christ and look forward to your turn at 'Serve and Share'!