

UMC Children's and Youth Committee (C&Y) Report

on Nov. 21, 2021 congregational meeting for August 15- Nov. 2021

The C&Y committee continues to meet via zoom. We have focused our discussions on nurturing children and youth in new ways during this period of not meeting in the church building for Sunday School.

Actions:

Children's Activity cards- Families with children with older preschoolers and older, have been offered the creative card deck "Pause: Play, Breathe, Pray". Developed by Mennonite Church USA Faith Formation leaders, each card has a different image on one side and a prayerful pause on the other. Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/pause-play-breathe-pray> . Initial responses are very good!

Collected MCC school kit supplies- We the UMC Children's and Youth Committee thank the UMC congregation for the great response in collecting MCC school kit supplies and cash to send school kits all around the world! We are able to give MCC the following: 121 notebooks, 57 erasers, 28 rulers, 72 sharpeners, 44 boxes of colored pencils, 158 pens, 374 pencils, 49 colorful cloth bags to hold school kit contents, and \$250.00!!! the above was delivered to MCC Ephrata in September.

Engaging children in Fellowship: Picnic lunch and fellowship after church services took place from August 22 to Nov.7th. We wanted to encourage fellowship for children in lieu of Sunday school this fall.

Menno Media Shine Qtr. curriculum -was orderd for families who want to use these materials at home.

Advent- Advent materials for families and a hands-on kit related to UMC children's advent, will be delivered to interested families.

Prayer-Our UMC Children and Youth Committee continues to pray for our UMC children by name and welcomes *prayer requests* from families.

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