

Exodus

This morning I was thinking of the moving now underway by some of our Amish neighbors and friends. Then a word came to mind which I was not sure how to spell. I knew the word would be in my dictionary but still could not put my finger upon the spelling. About then I realized I was looking in the wrong book. Of course the bible was the correct place, not the dictionary, to find exodus. It is with sadness that I realize that these Amish who are to depart will no longer be seen with a smile and a friendly wave as they go by. Happily others will be staying and they will be joined by new families. I'm sure I was not the only one who welcomed the Amish coming in 1986. Their arrival has been a bright spot in my life. Webster's defines exodus as "going out on faith, departure". This desire to see new territory is as old as time. It has caused oceans to be crossed, mountains to be climbed and, yes, unfortunately wars to be fought.

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