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## Welcome to New Staff



ties. Along with his call to pastoral ministry, John welcomes the continuing academic challenge of leadership in the college-related context of BCMC. John is a runner, loves studying the Middle East, and values daily spiritual practices. John is married to Amy Tyson, also an EMU graduate in Social Work who has also earned an MSW degree and has been serving as a social worker with young children. John will be installed at BCMC during worship on August 17, with a congregational potluck at noon that day to welcome John and Amy to the BCMC community.

**John Tyson** will begin August 15 as Associate Pastor for Faith Formation, with primary responsibility for youth and young adult programming, and overseeing programs of education and nurture at BCMC. John was raised in the Nazarene Church, and then attended Christopher Dock Mennonite High School in Philadelphia, where he discovered and came to embrace Anabaptist / Mennonite faith. He graduated from Eastern Mennonite University in 2009 with a degree in Bible and Religion, and received his M.Div. degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in May 2014. During seminary he served as an intern at Salford Mennonite Church in Harleysville, PA, and earlier worked in an organization serving people with developmental disabili-

*Comments from John:* "I can't wait to join a very gifted leadership team in August. As I listen and learn the stories of the community, I hope to be a catalyst for the faith formation of all the generations represented in the congregation. While focusing on the faith formation of children, youth, and young adults, I am especially eager to shep-

herd them through the process of making sense of Christian faith and discovering their own faith story within our increasingly non-religious and digitally-based culture. Amy and I look forward to sharing life with the vibrant BCMC community."

and Vacation Bible School at church. Liz plays bassoon, Jill plays guitar, and both sing in choir at Bethel College. Besides that, Liz and Jill also work as baristas at Mojo's on the Bethel College campus, so stop in for a cup of coffee and say "hi" to them!

### Music staff:



Liz Schrag



Jill Siebert

**Elizabeth (Liz) Schrag** will be Junior Choir director and **Jill Siebert** will be Cherub Choir director beginning in September. Liz is from Faith Mennonite Church in Newton, and Jill Siebert is from Southern Hills Mennonite Church in Topeka. They will both be juniors at Bethel College this year, majoring in music education. In addition, both have served as counselors at Camp Mennoscah, been involved in children's music



**Bethel College student intern:**  
*Each school-year BCMC sponsors*

*a Bethel College student intern in an area of ministry related to their interests and academic studies. Pastoral staff coordinate the intern's involvement at BCMC.*

**Erin Doerksen** will serve as 2014-15 Worship and Arts Intern at BCMC. Erin is from Faith Mennonite Church in Newton, has served on summer staff at Camp Mennoscah and been

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involved with children's activities at church. Erin will be a junior at Bethel College, and is majoring in art with a minor in graphic design. She is involved in Bethel's new cheer program, and served as photo editor for the Bethel *Collegian*. She especially enjoys photography, and looks forward to exploring other connections between art, drama and worship at BCMC.

~ Heidi Regier Kreider

each of us. Each day began with the children gathering for worship. It was a time for singing, hearing a Bible story about the hospitality that God's people showed to others, learning memory verses and bringing together the offering for the Homeless Shelter here in Newton. The children then proceeded to rotate through four response centers that had to do with the daily theme: Active Response, where games were played that required teamwork and cooperation; Bible Response which was a Bible discussion time and how it relates to our everyday life; Creative Response, where children creatively made craft projects; and Mystery Response, where the children learned how hospitality is so important in our daily lives. Learning about the Homeless Shelter, putting together Mennonite Central Committee kits, seeing how specially trained animals help people feel welcome and loved, and learning techniques of what we can do to have peace within ourselves and with others. Our goal for the week was to have fun while learning about hospitality and the children were challenged to be more welcoming and hospitable in their own lives from what they had learned that week.

A 'Celebration' took place Friday morning for family and friends where the children shared all they learned throughout the week. Grades 4-6 went shopping for items to give to the Homeless Shelter with over \$250.00 that was collected during the week. Assisting with Bible School from BCMC were: Weldon Martens, Megan Leary, Jeanette

Stucky, Barb Koontz, Barb Voran, Kathy Campbell, Crystal Gaeddert, Jill Robb, Norma Johnson, Renee Reimer, Adam Robb, Rebecca Schloneger, Sheri Lepard, Matt Koontz, Ben Kreider, Austin Prouty, Serena Wong, Laura Tran, Sarah Turner, Elizabeth Tran, Zoe Siemens, Christa Kondziola, Katherine Lamp, Ilene Schmidt (zwieback) with assistance from Monica Lichti and Mike Crawford. A special thanks to them for the commitment they made to make Bible School a special time for all.

~ Beaty Robb – Co-director

## Labels and Boxtops for Hopi Mission School

For many years Marv and Ruthann Dirks were involved with the Hopi Mission School in Kykotsmovi, Arizona collecting General Mills Boxtops for Education and Campbell Soup Labels. This work has been handed over to Barb and Dick Koontz. The Hopi Mission School welcomes the money received from this project as well as generous gifts from donors so everyone can help in a small way by clipping boxtops and labels. The UPC code and

## Vacation Bible School—2014



Bethel College Mennonite Church and New Creation Fellowship joined together for Bible School from June 2-6 at BCMC. Forty-three children participated in the week long Bible School. Six junior high youth helped bring the stories of God's people to life as well as help out where needed and five senior high youth assisted group leaders. Twenty-two adults helped the children discover ways to connect the biblical text to their own lives.

The theme of "Welcome! Give and Receive God's Great Love" invited the children from Preschool - Grade 6 to discover God's amazing love through the stories of God's people. God's people demonstrated kindness, made friends, and took care of those who were hurt. They demonstrated hospitality and reflected the love of a God who welcomes and cares for



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fun in the classrooms  
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Junior high girls  
helped with  
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There were fun  
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Great snacks!  
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icon must be included from the soup label. The front of the soup label is no longer needed and will be discarded. Only the necessary code and icon that has dotted lines surrounding the part of the label should be cut out. The box top must have the words, "official coupon" listed on top with an expiration date. The box tops also have dotted lines surrounding the coupon. It is most helpful if coupons can be cut on the dotted lines and placed in the "Campbell's Soup Label" wooden container inside the main door to the sanctuary beside the "Bulletin Recycle" slot. The most recent large purchase using the box tops and labels was a van for the Hopi Mission School. It took 1.2 million points converted into cash to obtain the van. Every box top and label counts. You can make a difference! Thank you for your help as the Hopi School continues to carry out their mission of sharing God's Word and love, giving hope and vision to many Hopi children. ~ Barb Koontz



## Youth Service Trip

Seven senior high youth, Pastor Weldon Martens, and youth sponsors David and Karen (Sheriff) LeVan spent a week in Colorado on a summer work project in June. They traveled by van to Denver and did their service through the DOOR program. DOOR stands for Discovering, Opportunities, Outreach, Reflection. One of the projects was painting a single wide



mobile home for a gentleman and his disabled brother. They also worked at a USDA warehouse filling order tickets and loading pallets of food for distribution to many places. It was estimated that each one involved helped process about 1800 pounds of commodities.

During their week in Denver their "home base" was the First Mennonite Church where their sleeping quarters were on the basement floor. In addition to sleeping, dodge ball was a frequent activity that they enjoyed in this basement. They visited a walk-in place for the homeless, attended a Rockies baseball game at the new stadium, went swimming, went bowling and throughout the week enjoyed a number of flavors of ice cream at various places. They listened to "Jimmy" whose story imparted the message to "be sincere, and care for people." On one occasion they enjoyed a drive to the mountains. One evening after returning to the church, they found a homeless man sleeping at the door of the church which opened their eyes a bit more to the lives of the homeless.

It was apparent that this fine group of high school youth got along well, had respect for each other and the adults with them, and they adapted well



Austin Prouty, Serena Wong, Angus Siemens, Laura Tran, Elizabeth Tran, Sarah Turner, Will LeVan, Karen LeVan, David LeVan and Weldon Martens

and worked hard on their work assignments. After they returned home they, with Weldon and sponsors prepared and presented a Sunday morning worship service. This helped bring home to the congregation what they had experienced on this trip.

In a brief phone conversation with Serena Wong, she expressed that the people in Colorado were inspiring and hard workers. They were motivated to do what they do, and she came back home more motivated herself. Highlights for her were getting to know the members of the youth group better, their Wednesday night activities of going out to eat, going to the baseball game, and enjoying their frequent visits to ice cream shops.

(Information taken from an interview with Weldon Martens and Serena Wong.)

*Editor's comment:* It was obvious to me through these conversations with Weldon and Serena that Jimmy's message to "be sincere, and care for people" were already attributes owned by these young people going into this trip. BCMC has good reason to be proud of this great group and their dedicated leaders. ~ Lois Goertzen

## Searching for ancestral roots: Home is where your people are – even if it leads you through Poland, the Ukraine and into Siberia!

Being without family must be a sad thing. Being alone is a scary thing. Not knowing where we come from is perhaps the worst fate of all. A proverb says that the best things parents can give their children are roots and wings. Knowing how deep our roots are anchored helps us to spread our wings and carry those who follow us to lofty heights. All our stories bring meaning and stability to our inner being. During our adult years of living, our lives are so filled with searching for tools for survival that we neglect to ask those who knew about our story. It is when we become more reflective that we step back and, sadly, realize that those who could answer our questions are often no longer there for us. It is then that we struggle to know how to connect the roots with the wings of our lives. A wonderful metaphor was described by someone who "bulldozed a path through the Paraguayan Chaco bush"! Since the bush is so dense and thorny, no guideposts could be placed ahead in the bush because it could not be penetrated. The only way forward was to place the guideposts behind the bulldozer so that looking back in the mirror one could line up the guideposts behind the cleared path so as to create a straight road ahead. Perhaps those guideposts behind us are the generations who have gone before us. Lining up those guideposts behind us gives us direction for the road of life ahead of us.

Five Boschmanns spent three weeks with thirty-

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## Happy 12th Birthday Nick Leopard!



As this newsletter was being prepared, Nicholas (Nick) Leopard was on his way to Colorado for vacation with his parents, Alan and Sheri Leopard, and younger brother Markus. This is one of many places Nick has traveled during his 12 years, including Pennsylvania, Florida, Utah, Ohio and the Black Hills of South Dakota. Nick was born Sept. 3, 2002, in Newton where he lived until his family moved to Valley Center when he was in kindergarten. This fall Nick will be a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Valley Center Intermediate School. He enjoys playing baseball, and reading fiction, adventure, and *Bike, Field & Stream*, and *Lego* magazines. Nick is also a fan of good food, citing spaghetti, fried noodles, meatloaf, goulash, pizza, mac & cheese, pork chops, cheeseburgers, buffalo burgers, and chicken nuggets as some of his favorites. Some highlights of Nick's involvement at BCMC are performing in *Godspell*, fun times at Vacation Bible School, telling about the Harvey County Homeless Shelter during Time with Children, reading scripture in worship with his dad, participating in Cherub and Junior choirs and Menno Ringers, and making new friends. As a Boy Scout, he has also enjoyed selling pop-

one Canadian Mennonites traveling through Poland and the Ukraine with the sole purpose of retracing the lives of our ancestors. We began in Poland where we learned much about the present day Poland and all of us were much surprised. Twenty-five years since independence and being part of the European Union, Poland has become a modern country in every respect – not unlike Germany or the Netherlands. The infrastructure such as roads, housing, transportation, the airports or shopping centers are every bit as advanced as in the other countries. What contrasted those “modern” experiences were the side roads to the former Mennonite villages. Here we visited many former homes, churches and cemeteries. Here our emotions were front and center as we discovered gravestones with familiar names such as Wiebe, Penner, Friesen, Neufeld, and others. It was touching to see members of our group become reflective as we discovered the names of those who lived in these homes, worshipped in these churches, and now witnessed from their resting sites in these long abandoned cemeteries. Mennonites first came to Poland in the 1540's fleeing from persecution in Holland and northern Germany. Mennonites have lived in Poland, the former Prussia, for four hundred years, longer than in any other country, abandoning this rich heritage only in 1945. The Polish people are proud of the Mennonite history in their midst and are eager to rediscover the influence Mennonites had on their culture and economy. They show their appreciation by establishing numerous museums in their honor. Some tour guides specialize in only Mennonite history.

The Ukraine is struggling to establish its connec-

tions to the west. Many large scale reconstruction sites are completely shut down due to the uncertainty of what the future may hold for their country. And yet we were so graciously hosted wherever we went. They thanked us for “being brave and not afraid to come to the Ukraine”. Tourism has dropped by 90 percent! A stark reminder of the seriousness of the situation. Here, too, we went from village to village to revisit former Mennonite sites – including the now dying eight hundred-year-old oak tree in Chortitza. Many memorial plaques testify of the Mennonite presence there.

The highlight for us Boschmanns was visiting the village of Fischau in Molotschna where our father grew up. The owners of the home were so gracious by inviting us in. The only reminders left of the homestead were the root cellar and the hand-crank-operated well. To think that our father had drawn water from this well was very special indeed. Only the farthest Mennonite village of Waldheim in the Molotschna was off-limits because of the proximity to the eastern border with Russia. We came to within 90 miles of the conflict. And again and again we saw Ukrainians establishing small museums to honor the contributions of Mennonites. In one yard the owner had collected over forty threshing stones! In all, we visited seventy former Mennonite villages. Although we had rediscovered the footprints of both the Boschmanns and the



Käthlers in both Poland and the Ukraine, it was our trip to Siberia that immersed us in the real-life situation of our mother's family. After flying for over three hours east from Moscow to the city of Omsk, we were much surprised to find entire Mennonite villages about 70 miles west of the city. In the early 1900's fifty Mennonite villages were established around the city of Omsk, today a large city of nearly two million residents. Our hired driver took us to these Mennonite villages where the entire village is still Mennonite, where the children grow up speaking only low and high-German, and where these children learn Russian only when they enter school. Here we found our relatives, the descendants of our grandfather Käthler's youngest brother Heinrich who never made it out of Russia in 1929 as our grandfather did. We did not know of their existence until only 2008. One afternoon we met with over 30 of our “long, lost cousins” in Siberia! Here the Mennonites still hold on to the foundation of what it means to be Mennonite: adult baptism upon confession of our faith, refusal to bear arms – instead doing alternative service, not to swear the oath. In spite of much suffering and death, these people, these guideposts, had held on to their faith. The traces of what it means to be Mennonite had not been wiped away and they had indeed remained true to their heritage for almost 500 years! ~ Hugo Boschmann

Boschmann brothers at the well their father used in Fischau in Molotschna. See page 8 for a picture of all of the cousins in Siberia.

corn to friends at BCMC, and went this summer to Quivira Scout Ranch near Sedan, KS. Though his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday is still a month away, Nick hopes to celebrate with a cook-out. (Buffalo burgers, anyone!?) Like Jesus when he was twelve years old, we pray that Nick will continue to grow in wisdom and in stature, in divine and human favor. Happy Birthday, Nick!  
~ Heidi Regier Kreider

### Happy 80th Birthday Stan Eitzen!



Stan was born August 4, 1934 to David D. and Amanda Heidebrecht) Eitzen in Glendale,

CA, and later joined by a younger brother. His parents met in Newton where David was a student at Bethel College and Amanda was in nurse's training. They moved to southern California where his father taught at the University of Southern California and the Claremont School of Theology. Stan was baptized at a nondenominational church in Palos Verdes, CA, as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, and attended Redondo Beach High School. After his freshman year, he worked for the summer on the farm of Art and Edna Waltner near Pretty Prairie, KS. After several summers of farm work, Stan transferred for his senior year to Pretty Prairie High School, where he graduated. It was in Kansas that he met the Waltner's niece, Florine Voran. They both attended Bethel College,

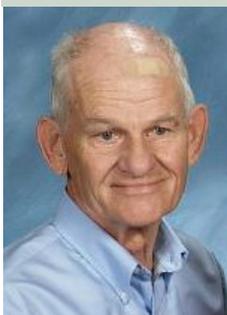
where Stan majored in history, and were married following graduation. Stan did two years of alternative service at the Menninger Foundation in Topeka, taught two years in Galva, then five years at Turner High School, Kansas City. He earned a master's degree in Social Science from Emporia State, and then went on to receive a master's degree and doctorate in sociology from the University of Kansas. Stan taught sociology for seven years at KU, then twenty-one years at Colorado State University, retiring in 1995. He has written a number of books including college-level textbooks. Shaped by the social protest of the 1960s, he aimed to bring new perspectives into the field of sociology, focusing on issues such as social inequality, racial and ethnic diversity, poverty, homelessness, crime and criminal justice, families, and the sociology of sport.

Stan and Florine participated in the founding of Southern Hills Mennonite Church in Topeka (where Floyd Bartel was pastor), and attended Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City, Mennonite fellowships in Lawrence, KS, and Fort Collins, CO, and other congregations where music was a special focus. After 31 years in Fort Collins, they moved back to North Newton in 2005 to be near to family, Bethel College, and friends from college days. Stan has been a volunteer and board member at Book Reviews, and participated in the BCMC Library Committee, Catacombs Sunday school class, and Chancel Choir. Stan's hobbies are reading and watching sports and politics, reading novels, playing at golf, and artistic

efforts in wood sculpture, and watercolors.

Stan's sociological insights are complemented by a favorite verse, Micah 6:8: *"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"* As we celebrate Stan's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, we give thanks for the ways he has nurtured justice and goodness in the world.~ Heidi Regier Kreider

### Happy 80th Birthday Marion Deckert!



Marion arrived in Richey, Montana, August 14, 1934, the third child born to Annie Laura

(Sawatzky) and Alvin. Siblings, Alison (Hiebert) and Kenneth are also part of the BCMC family. Farming wheat and caring for livestock occupied the family most days. For Marion, berry-picking outings, harvesting juneberries and wild plums, and exploring the wildness of the breaks with father were high points. The country school was two miles away and in the very cold winter transportation was a horse drawn sled with horsehide flannel robes keeping the wind at bay. High school years were in the town of Richey where the family lived during winter months. Bethel College was next - so off he went to join siblings in North Newton. Marion graduated in 1956 with a degree in English. He was inspired by the

discovery of great literature, as well as by hearing the Menno Simons lectures. He was the rare college student attending these enlightening lectures. New understandings about "being a Mennonite," were inspirational. Impactful, too, was Bible Professor Erland Waltner's counsel to consider service to the church as a scholar. After the first year in graduate school at University of Chicago Divinity School, Marion and Lois Duerksen were married at Bethel College Mennonite Church. Upon graduation with a BD degree they applied to Mennonite Central Committee for a three year assignment in Indonesia. While waiting for visa clearance they served in Rabat, Morocco. In Morocco, Marion worked with the European Mennonite church, establishing an alternative service program. Then with baby Alan they traveled to Jakarta, Indonesia. They studied Indonesian for several months in Java while waiting for a freighter to take them and the new MCC tractor to Tobelo Halmahera, Indonesia. Marion and Lois were involved in a teacher training school, helping the students to learn algebra and art. Marion also taught Old Testament at the local pastor training school. Daughter Alice arrived during these years. After Indonesia, Marion began doctoral studies in the philosophy department at the University of Chicago. After completing the PhD course work, he taught philosophy at Southern Colorado State College in Pueblo, CO, for five years. Fall of 1972 the family moved to Kansas for employment in administration at Bethel College. Three memorable sabbaticals were included in these years; a much anticipated season of teaching in Saletiga, Indonesia, abruptly altered

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their plans with changes in Lois's health, a year at Wright State in Dayton, Ohio, completing an MS in computer science, and a "magical year" with the international community at Woodstock School in India. While at Woodstock he helped the staff put together a computer lab and computer science program. He loved traveling in India and hiking in the mountains. Marion retired from Bethel College in 1996 after 24 years, mostly as academic dean followed by some years of teaching philosophy and computer science. In retirement he invested much time in his garden and orchard. In 2001 he had the exhilarating privilege of a trek in the high Himalayan Mountains with friend Ron Flaming. Then in 2002 a long standing liver disease became critical. A liver transplant at Mayo Clinic rescued him from an early death. Twelve years later, Marion and Lois marvel daily at the goodness of God, attesting to the fact that faith in God has helped them have a good life, whatever trials, joys, and sorrows were and are their lot. I give God thanks for your 80 years of life, Marion. Many here at home and around the world have benefited, praise God! ~ Susan Wheeler

### Happy 80th Birthday Harry Neufeld!



I was born in a farm house on a small Sand Hill farm in McPherson County, September 13, 1934. The great depression and dust bowl were part of my growing up years. I learned to work during those years- tilling, planting, hoeing and finally picking watermelons to sell on the farm and to small

## With Our Members—60th Wedding Anniversaries



Lonabelle (Jantzi) and James Yoder—August 7, 1954



Carolyn (Bachman) and Omar Voran — August 22, 1954  
(see page 8 for a current picture of Carolyn and Omar)



Heidi (Friesen) and Roland Ensz—September 5, 1954

**With Our Members — Births** \* Owen Mario Boschmann to Mario and Kate, May 2  
\* Mason Allen King, to Ethan and Amy, June 5

towns around- particularly Goessel, where the Mennonites loved the small "Russian watermelons." After eight years in a one-room school house and four years in Inman High School, I had the opportunity (thanks to the Korean War draft) to work for Mennonite Central Committee-first at Brook Lane Farm Mental Hospital in the beautiful foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains where I learned the skill and art of working with people with mental illness. My initial choice of work site was the country of Paraguay- which after the end of its frequent revolutions, became open to me. I spent two plus years there, mainly in agricultural projects before returning to USA and Bethel College. Donna Kaufman and I renewed acquaintance from Inman High School days and married in 1959, prior to graduate school for both of us at Washington University School of Social Work in St. Louis. Our careers took us to Topeka where we were active in the early years of Southern

Hills Mennonite Church. Our next move closer to home came with a job offer at Prairie View Mental Health Center for me and teaching at Tabor and Bethel Colleges for Donna. We, with our children, Kristi and Scott, have enjoyed travels to ancestral homelands in Poland, Ukraine, Holland and Germany as well as a return to Paraguay. Our lives have been enriched by the years of active involvement in BCMC.

By the age of 80, no doubt, in everyone's life are unique lessons to share. The recent death of family member, Neva Adamson, as well as the tragic miscarriage of justice of other family members have caused me to rethink long-held beliefs about some of our important childhood teachings. Ten years ago, my idealized picture of our legal system was shattered as I learned first hand that the legal system did not guarantee "justice." It is hard to accept that federal prosecutors could care more about manipulating to win, rather than searching for truth; that how people *feel* about things is

more powerful than the *facts* of a situation, resulting in a verdict based on repeated emotional tweaking of material taken out of context by both the media and at the trial. Sadly, for the victims of injustice, truth may never emerge. I realize that it is in the nature of human kind to justify one's behavior, but I wonder about the higher moral authority of those who participate in the cruelty of the broken justice system that we see here and throughout our world. Life has many opportunities. Through the years, I have been privileged to participate in two life-enhancing activities-singing in the KS Mennonite Men's Chorus and Red Cross blood drives, donating 17 gallons, to date. With such "rejuvenated" blood, I am looking forward to many more adventures.  
~ Harry Neufeld

## Obituaries



**Maynard D. Janzen—  
February 21,  
1935—June 7,  
2014**

Maynard D. Janzen was born to Otto R. Janzen and Irma L. (Klassen) Janzen in Hillsboro, KS. He died June 7 at the age of 79. He grew up on a farm East of Goessel and attended a one-roomed country school. Maynard graduated from Goessel High School. Maynard received a bachelor's degree in elementary education and music from Bethel College and taught both general education and music at the elementary level for several years. He sang with the Chapel Airs Men's Quartet, accompanied several musical groups including the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus and the Menno Brass. He gave private piano lessons to students and also served as church organist. He owned and maintained a number of rentals and worked as a realtor for some time. He also owned and operated the Hesston Sale Barn for 15 years. Maynard married Ginny Ramsey on Sept. 27, 1980. They divorced in 1998. Maynard was preceded in death by his parents, Otto and Irma Janzen, a brother, Stuart, and sisters, Delpha Dean, and Sharon Weldeghebriel. He is survived by good friend and former wife, Ginny Ramsey, of Peabody; two stepdaughters, Dawn (Tony) Cuellar of Newton, and Danielle (Shaun) Vandiver of Emporia; two brothers, Junior (Joyce) of Hesston, Leon (Juanita) of Hesston, brother in law Tecele (Janet) Weldeghebriel of Coweta, OK and a number of step grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



**Otto Solomon Regier—  
July 21, 1925 –  
June 14, 2014**

Otto was the second child and first son of Cornelius R. and Margaret (Epp) Regier born near Elbing, KS. He lived with his older sister, Mildred and his youngest brother Howard on the farm the family moved to in 1931, east of Elbing. Otto was baptized in 1942 by Rev. H. J. Dyck at Zion Mennonite Church in Elbing. He attended the Missionary Alliance church for a while in Elbing and later in Newton. When his father died in 1945, he helped take over the farming operation with his brother Howard. Otto attended grade school in Elbing. For a couple of years he also attended German School at Zion Mennonite Church. He graduated from high school in White-water in 1943. He attended Ft. Wayne Bible College in Indiana for three years. Later Otto studied Bible and Industrial Arts at Bethel College. Otto graduated from Bethel College in 1957. Dr. Delbert Preheim invited Otto, Mildred and Howard to come to Bethel College Mennonite Church and they became members in 1968. Otto enjoyed the congregational singing at BCMC. One of his favorite hymns was *What is this place*. A well-liked scripture text is John 3:16. Otto's faith was personal and he firmly believed that it was important to live a Christian life. Otto was preceded in death by his parents and siblings: Mildred, Menno and Howard Regier. He is survived by sister-in-law, Doris Regier; nephews, Myron Regier and James Regier; and their families.



**Louise Anna (Goertz) Bartel  
January 7,  
1926—June 24,  
2014**

Louise A. Bartel 88, died at Kidron Bethel Healthcare in North Newton, KS. She was born in Hillsboro, KS to John F. and Adelia (Schmidt) Goertz. She attended a one room schoolhouse for grades 1 through 8 and graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1944. She attended Bethel College briefly. On August 27, 1946 she married Harold D. Bartel at Johanna Mennonite Church in Rural Hillsboro, KS. Louise was a member of the Bethel College Mennonite Church and was retired as a custodian and baker at Bethel College. She was a caring mother and wife and greatly looked forward to spending time with her loving family and many friends. At BCMC she was a member of the Mission Quilters, a church kitchen helper and coordinator, nursery and Sunday school helper and a member of the church's Women's Fellowship and Circles. Louise is survived by her husband Harold of North Newton, Kansas; son Fred and his wife Susan Wedel of North Newton, Kansas; daughters Judith Bartel of North Newton, Kansas and Natalie Hand and her husband Gary of Colwich, Kansas; brothers Linferd Goertz and his wife Pearl Buller of Lynden, Washington. Grandchildren Amanda Bartel and her husband Dierick Perez Rosalez, Justin Bartel, Jordan Hand and Rachel Hand. Louise also has four great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents and sister and brother in law Elda and Milton Penner.



**Irva Lavonne Schmidt—  
February 9, 1931—  
July 9,  
2014**

Irva Lavonne Schmidt died at Harry Hynes inpatient Hospice in Wichita, KS. She was born 1931 in Goessel, KS to Carl and Martha (Epp) Schmidt. She married Gerald "Red" Schmidt and he survives. She was a member of the Bethel College Mennonite Church. Lavonne worked as a furrier at several fur retailers including Henry's and Plaza Fur's both in Wichita. Lavonne is survived by her husband Red Schmidt of Hilton Head, SC; sons: Douglas Schmidt and Donavon Schmidt both of Hilton Head, SC; sisters: Vera Koehn of Maize, KS and Dee Dee Scherer of McPherson, KS. She is also survived by two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



**Pastor's Corner—  
Susan Wheeler**

Six Tuesday evenings this spring I participated in a final AMBS/Great Plains Seminary class, "Biblical Spirituality," with Professor Jerry Truex. Although many class attendees were auditors, like myself, most participated well and our discussions were lively. Jerry's opening lecture covered definitions of spirituality and included one from Sandra Schneiders as she writes in her superb book, *The Revelatory Text, Interpreting the New Testament as Sacred Scripture*.

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**Pastor's Corner continued**

“Spirituality is the experience of consciously striving to integrate one’s life in terms not of isolation and self-absorption but of self-transcendence toward the ultimate value one perceives.” Next, he lectured on the theory of Spiral Dynamics. I had been exposed to this theory before, but found it gripped me differently this time around. I quote from Spiral Dynamics guru, Don Beck. “By exploring and describing

the core intelligences and deep values that flow beneath what we believe and do, Spiral Dynamics offers a profoundly incisive, dynamic perspective on complex matters.” He explains that a vMeme, or values meme, is a particular values system that has emerged in a given culture in response to life conditions. vMemes, in an evolving spiral and coded by color, begin with beige/Archaic Consciousness and move toward turquoise/Global Consciousness. I was

acutely aware of my struggle to reconcile and embrace the realization of my very blue/Traditional Consciousness origins - as I became more open to how profoundly this consciousness had impacted choices and the flow of my life. Although today, yellow/Integral Consciousness resonates more clearly, with its theme, “live fully and responsibly as what you are and learn to become,” I continue to feel a nagging inner conflict – one

that longs to draw me back toward the certainty of that blue base. I yearn...with idealistic passion...for life to be simple, true, and good. Yet life is messy, and much, much more complex than I ever want to truly believe. Coming to teams with life as it IS, learning to accept and not deny or push away the pain of messiness...that is the true challenge. May God in mercy give grace and peace.

**Worship schedule** (*Check weekly bulletins and church web site, [bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org](http://bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org), for updates and details on worship and other events*) Sunday worship is at 9:30 a.m., unless otherwise noted.

**August 2014**

- August 3** Worship with sermon by Peter Goerzen; music by the Sunflower Trio; no children’s Sunday school
- August 10** Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Josue Coy Dick, violin; Kingdom Report by Eric Litwiller, Everence representative; Mennonite Voluntary Service commissioning of Megan Leary; No children’s Sunday school
- August 17** Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Andrew Voth, cello; Installation of John Tyson, associate pastor for faith formation; Commissioning for Sunday school teachers and club leaders; Backpack blessings; Presentation of Bibles for 3rd graders; Fall Sunday school begins
- August 24** Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Joel Linscheid
- August 31** Worship with music by Vada Snider, Ellen Neufeld and Heidi Regier Kreider

The Carolyn and Omar Voran clan had a family reunion including kids, grandkids, and great grandkids at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in Divide, CO. There were 16 in attendance and they occupied the entire Chalet Emmental during their stay. Omar writes: “We had a great time and really enjoyed the fellowship as well as the many features of the beautiful Rockies. Our adventures included a trip to the summit of Pikes Peak, where the current picture was taken.”



The Boschmanns and long-lost cousins in Siberia