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Bob Regier's "Journey Through Time"



The strands of Bob Regier's journey as an artist have been multiple, interwoven and inseparable. His exhibit at Carriage Factory Art Gallery in Newton began Saturday, December 6, and is a

retrospective of his work over nearly six decades. During the opening reception the evening of December 6, Bob shared about the diverse activity that has been part of his visual journey.

"Several etchings completed in 1960 represent the earliest work included in the exhibit," said Bob. "The mediums of printmaking, drawing, painting, photography and graphic design illustrate my visual path between 1960 and the present. Currently my preferred medium is the soft pastel."

Born in Mountain Lake, Minnesota, Bob says that he can trace the begin-

nings of his artistic bent to carefree childhood days, each day filled with promise and possibility. He notes that three of those in his loosely-knit play group have spent lifetimes in the visual arts, even though the first art class offered in their local school wasn't until their senior year.

Attending Bethel College in North Newton, Bob majored in social sciences with a minor in art. He later attended the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and received a master of fine arts from the University of Illinois. He taught art classes at Bethel College for 30 years, and the college's fine arts gallery was named after him in 2014.

"Bob Regier is an acclaimed Kansas artist and an icon in our community," said

Susan Koehn, president of the gallery's board of directors.

"We are excited to showcase a retrospective of his work and to honor his contributions to the gallery and to the world of art." Bob says that most of his images are nourished by location -- the plains environment. "It's the landscape that has been given to me, the place that provides my bearings. I would hope that the work can be engaged on several levels -- pure visual language, symbolic content, and often oblique or direct allusions to our common, shared visual world. The greatest satisfaction comes when I sense that something in my work, whether it be pure visual language or shared visual experience, moves the viewer to a moment of heightened insight and awareness."

"JOURNEY

THROUGH TIME, Bob Regier: A Retrospective" will be on display at Carriage Factory Art Gallery, 128 E. Sixth St., Newton, through January 31, 2015. For more information, contact the gallery at 316-284-2749. Carriage Factory Art Gallery regular hours are Tuesday-Friday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ~ *Courtesy of Carriage Factory Art Gallery*

Welcome to New Members at BCMC!



BCMC had the privilege of adding 10 new members on Sunday, November 23. Pictured here from left to right: Erin Brubacher
Brett Dungan
Lora Dungan
Rose Haury
John Haury
Nadine Peters
Al Peters
Rachel Poling
Amy Tyson
John Tyson

BCMC is blessed to include these people in its membership.

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Happy 12th Birthday Elizabeth Lamp!



You may not realize this, but there is someone with an appetite for alligators in your midst. That person is Elizabeth Lamp and she is turning twelve on December 2!

On a family trip to Sanibel, Florida last summer, Elizabeth sat down to a large, heaping plate of alligator. “It tastes just like spicy chicken,” she says, but reluctantly admits it may not be for everyone!

Elizabeth is currently a 6th grade student at Hesston Middle School, where her subject of choice is social studies. A few years ago, Elizabeth developed an interest in Greek mythology and is now a virtual encyclopedia of the ancient culture and history of the Greeks. She is currently enjoying learning about other ancient civilizations in her social studies class.

When she’s not reading Greek mythology, Elizabeth enjoys spending time with vampires. Her favorite books and movies is the Twilight series. She also enjoys reading books from the Sisters Grimm series.

Recently, Elizabeth has begun to use her passion for literature as an editor. She is assisting Justina Neufeld in the process of writing a story geared toward kids of middle-school age. Elizabeth is enjoy-

ing this experience and thinking that maybe she’d like to do some writing of her own someday soon!

Elizabeth’s hobbies range from taking care of animals to knitting to playing piano and flute. She’s also been involved in gymnastics since she was three years old, but has decided that she will not participate in any competitions.

“It’s just something I do for fun,” she says.

One of her fastest growing interests is cooking. She is learning how to cook with her grandma, Evelyn Quiring. Her favorite dish that she was able to make lately is a sausage casserole. If she offers you some, you better make sure there’s no alligator in there!

When asked what she hopes to be when she grows up, Elizabeth had a fairly typical response: “I want to be a dentist.” But when I asked her why she wanted to spend her life peering inside people’s mouths, she had a very untypical response: “I enjoy having my teeth pulled because it just feels so good afterwards.” Go figure!

Elizabeth enjoys coming to BCMC on Sundays and during the week. Her favorite parts of church are singing in the Junior Choir and helping out in the nursery. “I like just hanging out with the kids.”

It’s going to be much fun to watch Elizabeth continue to pursue all of these interests in the coming years! Elizabeth, we all wish you a happy birthday!

~ John Tyson

Happy 80th Birthday Ted Mueller!



Ted Mueller was born December 3, 1934, to Adam and Helen

(Hiebert) Mueller of North Newton, Kansas. He spent some years as a “campus kid” living on the Bethel College campus, first where Krehbiel Auditorium is now located, and later where the Mennonite Library and Archives now stands. He became a member of Bethel College Mennonite Church by baptism in 1949. Ted attended high school in Newton and Kingman, and graduated from Bethel College in 1958. He and Berneil Rupp were married in the Sister Frieda Chapel in Newton, August 26, 1956. Ted taught five years in Hutchinson, then did his graduate studies at the University of Northern Iowa, and served as secondary school administrator in Grinnell, Iowa. He returned to North Newton in 1997 to build a house for Berneil and him, and they moved into that house in 1999. Ted learned the “joys” of volunteering at a young age when at 8 or 9, while cleaning walls in the old dining hall on the Bethel College campus during renovation, he slammed his thumb into a protruding nail and still bears the scar. He carried mailbags out to the street for postmistress Anna Linscheid every weekday for some of his elementary school years and bears no scars from that

endeavor. During and after World War II he helped pack cans of Mennonite Central Committee meats for shipment to Europe. He helped build the first cabins for Camp Menoscah – a camp his parents played a major role in creating. Ted has been a long-serving volunteer at the Kansas Institute for Peace & Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) where he began helping Barbara Schmidt by recording data for the Community Mediation Center cases in 2002. He has also helped with renovation projects at KIPCOR and occasionally caters meals for events there. Ted built the pergola at Goerz House in memory of his father, and worked on renovation of Richard House (Agape Center). Ted expresses his spirit of volunteerism in this way: “Institutions such as KIPCOR, Bethel College, and the church must have volunteers to survive. The function and operations of institutions such as these are essential to society. In that spirit, much of this is done.” Ted and Berneil have three daughters (with two husbands and a friend), two grandchildren, a grandson-in-law, and a great-grandchild. Over the years, Ted has enjoyed amateur photography (now digital), camping, fishing, hunting, and alpine skiing. He and Berneil have made numerous long-distance bicycle trips both in the US and in Europe, and they now enjoy travel in a less strenuous manner. He continues to enjoy home workshop projects and carpentry. For his 80th birthday celebration, the family insists on no gifts but suggests contributions to KIPCOR. My prayer is that God bless you with strength, health, much peace, and great joy in the years to come.

~ Susan Wheeler

With Our Members



John Bergen-Christiansen Peace-maker Teams

By the time this newsletter hits the BCMC readers, John will be back in Kansas after a wind-up six-week fundraising speaking tour to New York City, Philadelphia, Oberlin, OH, and Nashville, TN which started on November 2. His fundraising is two-fold: CPT work in Iraqi Kurdistan for a new vehicle and day-to-day costs; and money for a Kurdish friend and partner Parween Saeed who volunteers helping elderly refugees, many with disabilities.

In an October 10 email to the church office John reported that a wonderful two weeks was spent learning about CPTs work supporting people displaced by Daesh, and villages fighting oil and gas extraction. The seven delegates from five countries had some powerful moments meeting with people across Kurdistan, and they had the privilege of meeting an Ezidi man who escaped a Daesh mass killing.

In an October 29 message he stated he will miss the people and the incredible beauty of the mountains of Kurdistan. He said he was more nervous about his November speaking tour than he was about his initial coming to Iraqi Kurdistan. The team drove up into the mountains to lead a nonviolence workshop at an all-girl

high school. Around 100 11th and 12th-graders attended a two hour talk about violence in their lives and received creative non-violence responses. This very articulate group named different types of violence they experience and how they as individuals and members of a community can respond in a nonviolent manner.

After such positive experiences with this CPT team and their partners there it would be hard to leave as someone asks "Why are you leaving? Do you not love Kurdistan?"

His November 1 message announced his safe arrival in New York City, had a good night's sleep in Eastern Standard Time, but struggling a bit with some sort of cold/flu. He experienced how much he has learned in the seven weeks he has spent there. He left Kurdistan on November 1 for the speaking tour, and plans on traveling with his sister to spend Christmas with their parents in Ghana. Beginning in January he will start his three-month stint in Palestine.

~ Lois Goertzen
(John Bergen spoke at BCMC on December 7 about his CPT experience.)



Lee Wheeler— Team Turkana Gardens— Kenya

For several weeks in November, Lee Wheeler worked with Crossroads Christian Communications from Canada at their Turkana Eden Agricultural Ministry in Kenya, Africa. Working with Glory Outreach Ministries in Lodwar,

Africa, he volunteered with a team continuing to work on irrigation wells to help alleviate drought in the Turkana region of Kenya. This was Lee's third trip to the area to work on this project. His first was in May 2012 as part of the design EMI team, then follow-up trips in January and November of 2014.

Around 1,273 families spread out over four villages have been struggling to grow crops close to the Tukwel River. There are 20 square kilometers of usable farmland along this river and the area receives only about three inches of rain a year.

Earlier, seven wells were located; some operated with hand pumps and were just used for domestic water supply. The goal was and is to provide solar powered irrigation wells and reservoir tanks for use in irrigating the 40 acres of land suitable for growing crops. This land is divided into ¼ acre parcels with plantings around each plot to separate them. Each of

the 1,273 families is assigned a plot and it is their responsibility to plant and irrigate crops to provide food for them. There are many challenges to making this all work, but with Lee's experience as an Agricultural Engineer and the expertise of the other volunteers and their hired local workers, they accomplish much.

While in the area he and other members of the volunteer team had their food and lodging at a Catholic Retreat Center. This provided a respite from the days' work under the 80-degree sun.

Editor's note: It was quite obvious to me while interviewing Lee, that he has his heart and soul in this project, and feels it is God's leading that he does this work. Lee, your service must be so appreciated by the organization and the residents of these villages. You definitely have our blessing as well.

~ Lois Goertzen



↑ A Turkana woman fills in a ditch where irrigation pipes were laid. Reservoir tanks in the background.



Reservoir tanks →



Meet Frank Midkiff

At BCMC Leadership Retreat this fall, participants

were invited to identify ways to help BCMC be a vibrant, healthy and growing church. One suggestion was to have “More opportunities to become aware of people’s life and commitments beyond church structure, their vocation, service involvements.” The suggestion was that the newsletter team could choose a church member for an interview. I visited with Frank Midkiff now retired for some time from his vocation. Here is his story.

Frank grew up in West Virginia the son of a railroad engineer on a coal train. Frank had a paper route for 180 people which lasted eight years. He had to collect for the papers he delivered on a weekly basis, and had opportunity to visit with the folks he contacted. His route included educated people, and these folks influenced him in what he later chose to do with his life. His father had died when he was 14, so being guided by him was no longer an option. Stemming from this paper route he received a scholarship, and he attended Morris Harvey College for one year then on to Morgantown and West Virginia University in their School of Mines where he graduated in 1955 with a degree in petroleum engineering. His courses in geology coupled with a love for math led him to this degree. In addition to his geology courses in college he took a course in ethics, which became an im-

portant part of his life. Oil companies came to campus to interview students. Frank hitched a ride with another student to El Dorado, Kansas where he started his first job. This included a six month training program, three months as an oil field worker, and on to Louisiana to a drilling rig. He met Emmy in El Dorado and they were married in 1957. He had another job in Midland Texas for six months, which was interrupted by a time in the military. In his career he worked with five companies in eight states. He was registered as a Professional in Petroleum Engineering.

He and Emmy moved 17 times in their married life. He was always employed, and never terminated a job until he had another one to go to. He retired in 1997 and in 1998 moved to Kansas where they have lived since.

Editor’s note: Frank shared much more with me, and all this proved to me his passion for what he did. He continues to keep up with the industry.

~ Lois Goertzen



Congratulations to Lois and Jim Brubacher who celebrate 50 years of marriage. They were married December 26, 1964.



Congratulations to Merrill and Boots Raber who celebrate 60 years of marriage. They were married December 31, 1954.

Rachel Pannabecker wins Distinguished Service Award

Rachel Pannabecker, former director of the Kauffman Museum at Bethel College, was presented a Distinguished Service Award by the Kansas Museums Association, Nov. 7 at the KMA annual conference in Salina. Rachel was recognized for her spirit of collaboration and her ongoing commitment to advancing the mission of museums during her 30-year career in the field. Her broad interests in and acquaintance with ideas and people in the museum world statewide, nationally and internationally made her a consistent, stable resource and mentor to the staff at Kauffman Museum and colleagues across Kansas. Kim Legleiter, director at the Staath Memorial Museum in Montezuma, said, “Rachel was very influential in the beginning of my career. She was indispensable as I learned about the logistics

and aesthetics of exhibit installation. “Over the years, Rachel has continued to be a source of information on many museum topics, and an important mentor for me.”

Under Pannabecker’s leadership, Kauffman Museum created numerous traveling exhibits, bringing high-quality exhibitions to other museums. Pannabecker also fostered collaborative relationships with other local and regional organizations such as Mid-America Arts Alliance and Flint Hills Design of North Newton. ~ *Courtesy of Thresher E-View*

Pictured are Murl Riedel, KMA Awards Chair, Rachel and Andi Andreas of Kauffman Museum (Andi is the KMA Central Region Representative)



November 15, 2014 Western District Conference Reference Council

This fall, Western District Conference, responding to a resolution from the Rainbow Mennonite Church, invited Western District congregational members to answer a twenty question survey. The survey requested opinions on the Confession of Faith in a Mennonite perspective; Mennonite Church -USA (MC-USA) membership guidelines; church polity and unity; and same-sex relationships and covenant ceremonies. Seventeen hundred people answered the survey; 120 from BCMC.

On November 15, seventeen delegates from BCMC joined 150 other Western District members at Eden Mennonite Church to worship, hear the survey results, read a letter from Hispanic pastors, and focus, in round-table discussions, on questions of church polity and church unity.

Jim Schrag, Discernment Task Force Chair, taught delegates some history: how conversations/compromises made during the General Conference-Mennonite Church merger impact the conversations we are having today. Jim also provided an overview of the survey results. Gilberto Flores described the conversations and process Hispanic pastors undertook to write their letter to delegates. Terry Shue, MC-USA Liaison to Western District, described what MC-USA is learning from their survey of credentialed pastors. Results will be sent to pastors in early December and then released to MC-USA members. Patty Shelly, Moderator Elect for MC-USA, noted the current polity work ongoing in the

MC-USA executive board. What new structural models might work for our denomination?

In round-table discussions during the morning, delegates discussed the survey results. We saw responses to the questions in percentages of agreement or disagreement. We learned how age, gender, and rural or city living impacted responses. We asked one another what we learned from the results and what surprised us. What should our response, our congregation's response be to these results? All who attended were privileged to hear many opinions and all were heard with respect. In the afternoon, the focus shifted to polity, church structure and organization. "Congregationalism" was the term used. What are the strengths and hazards of congregationalism? How does our understanding of this term affect our own church, our conference, or our denomination? Three different styles of congregationalism were presented and discussed. As our day together ended, each of us walked to

the front of the room, carrying colorful stickers, placing them on a grid that indicated our preferences for particular styles of congregational structure. While this meeting focused on survey results and church polity, the next resource council meeting on April 11 will center more on responses to the Rainbow Resolution. Survey results and some of the reports heard on Nov. 15 are available on the Western District website. DVDs of the meeting will also be available. Other BCMC delegates to WDC are Ron Peters, Carol Peters, Norma Johnson, Lou Gomez, Duane Friesen, Liz Friesen, Ron Preheim, Lois Preheim, John Tyson, Adam Robb, Jill Robb, Dorothy Nickel Friesen, Heidi Regier Kreider, Frank Nachtigal, Helen Nachtigal, Susan Wheeler, Vern Preheim.

~ Sondra Bandy Koontz
(from a Kingdom Report on November 16.)

degree in mathematics, and went on to teach at his home high school in Richey, at Freeman Academy and Junior College in South Dakota, and then several years at Bethel. He earned his doctorate from Iowa State University, which led immediately to his career position with IBM. There he received several awards for mathematical computation work on computer disk reading heads, and a number of patents. He served on the Bethel Board of Directors from 1989-2001, the years 1993-1996 as Chair. Ken was a lifelong member of the Mennonite Church. In retirement he was very much devoted to his family-his mother (then still living), to siblings, and to his nephew and three nieces. He is survived by his sister Alison Hiebert and husband Harvey, and brother Marion and his wife Lois both of North Newton, Kansas.



**John Orlin Schrag—
April 30, 1914—
October 15, 2014**

John Orlin Schrag (J.O.), 100, died at Kidron Bethel in

North Newton, Kansas. The middle child in a family of seven, he was born on the family farm three miles west and four miles north of Moundridge, Kansas, April 30, 1914, to Adina Pearl (Kaufman) Schrag and Jacob D. Schrag. From childhood to the beginning of high school, he attended the Hoffungsfeld (Hopefield) Mennonite Church where he was baptized in 1931. About the same year, he and his family joined the Eden Mennonite Church in Moundridge. He transferred his membership two more times, first to the McPherson Mennonite Church, and after retirement to the Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton. On June 12, 1943, he married Esther Frieda Ratzlaff, a Bethel College

Obituaries



**Kenneth Laurel Deckert,—
July 29,
1931—
September
11, 2014**

Kenneth L. Deckert, 83, who retired to North Newton in 1989 from IBM in San Jose, California, died September 11, 2014 while in hospice care. He was born in Glendive, Montana to Alvin and Annie Deckert, who preceded him in death, and lived through his high school years on a farm near Richey, Montana. Ken graduated from Bethel College with a



Above is a picture of the participants in the BCMC Mentoring Program taken October 8 during a group mentor event.

The BCMC Mentoring program seeks to:

* Provide 7th-12th graders an opportunity to build a lasting relationship with an adult from BCMC, outside of their immediate family

* Support youth as they sort through their values, goals and faith in a pluralistic world. The mentoring relationship does not replace or diminish the role of parents. Rather, the mentoring relationship is intended to offer youth an additional support figure and role model.

* Communicate to youth that they are a significant part of BCMC.

classmate. Their two daughters (Sandra Zerger and Rebecca Fretz) survive him. His youngest sibling Milo E. Schrag and wife Anne Zerger Schrag and a sister-in-law Dorothy Witter Schrag (widow of Martin H. Schrag) are the only survivors of his siblings. Other siblings include: Melinda (Mrs. Martin M. Goering), Alvin (and wife Marie Goering Schrag), Clarence (and wife Leona Goering Schrag), and Marie (and husband Waldo Wedel and later Arnold Wedel). In-laws (all deceased) were Ruie Ratzlaff (Henry) Becker, Walter Ratzlaff (Alice), Sadie Ratzlaff Harms (Edwin), Paul Ratzlaff, Kathryn Ratzlaff Blair (Milford). Sons-in-law are John D. Zerger and Thomas H. Fretz. Grandchildren include: Jonathan Zerger (Heather Esau), Mark Fretz (Wibke Wojanowski), Brian Zerger (Kristin Bohnenblust), and Amy Kristine Fretz (deceased). Great-grandchildren are Piet Fretz, Til Fretz, Justin Zerger, Addison Zerger, Allison Zerger and Madelyn Zerger. In addition, he leaves behind cousins and many nieces and nephews. J.O. attended Pioneer School and then Moundridge High School and Hesston Academy. After farming for several years to help the family during the Depression, he enrolled at Bethel College. He credited Bethel College with shaping his life. After graduation from Bethel College in 1938 with a bachelor's degree in Industrial Arts, he taught high school and coached at Macksville, Burlington, McPherson, and Hillsboro High Schools in Kansas. He then entered Kansas City—Western Dental School (now the University of Missouri—Kansas City School of Dentistry), from which he graduated at the top of his class. He practiced one year in Macksville before moving to McPherson,

where he practiced for over thirty years with two years in alternative service in Aibonito and Pugillas, Puerto Rico. John was actively involved in the community. He was on the Bethel College Board of Directors and served as board chair, Church Congregational Chair at Eden and McPherson, President of Mennonite Men of the General Conference, a life member of the American Dental Association, elected to Omicron Kappa Upsilon, a member of the Peace and Justice Commission of the Western District Conference, and chair of the Knife and Fork Club. In retirement, he and Esther served in voluntary service on three Native American reservations. As a member of the Silver Haired Legislature, he wrote several pieces of legislation that became law. He enjoyed traveling, became involved in the fine arts by painting, ceramics, silversmithing, wood carving, and writing poems, children's books, and short narratives.



**Tina Block Ediger—
April 25,
1931—
October
16, 2014**

Tina was born April 25, 1931 in Steinbach, Manitoba to Julius H. and Katharina (Penner) Block. She was baptized May 14, 1951, and died on October 16, 2014. She attended high school at Steinbach Collegiate High and further trained at Red River Secretarial College in Winnipeg, and then worked as a secretary in Manitoba. From 1955-81, she worked at the General Conference Mennonite

Church Board of Missions in Newton, Kansas. During this time, she organized visits to U.S. by many missionaries and was known as "Aunt Tina" to the missionary kids. Tina spent two years in India as the secretary-bookkeeper at the Union Biblical Seminary in Yeotmal. She is the author of the book "Window to the World" which describes 100 years of overseas missions of the General Conference Mennonite Church. While Tina worked fulltime for the Mission Board, she was a part-time student and completed a Bachelor's Degree in English at Bethel College. She often mentioned how grateful she was to Bethel for the scholarship that allowed her to finish her degree. From 1986 to 1996 she worked in the development offices at Prairie View Mental Health Center. In 2001 Tina volunteered to be a Low-German interpreter for the Kansas Department of Health and Human Welfare in order to provide services to the Old Colony Mennonites who had emigrated from Mexico to Kansas. In 2008 she moved into independent living at Kidron Bethel Retirement Community. Throughout her life she was able to travel to 38 countries, making many friends around the world. She developed close friendships with a number of Bethel College students from China, Japan, and India. Tina enjoyed cooking, entertaining, reading, writing, giving speeches, gardening, and serving high teas. She was a long time member of the Bethel College Mennonite Church. In 1975, Tina married Elmer Ediger of North Newton. She is survived by three children: Elaine (Bob) Burdette of Mulvane, Carol (Ron) Peters of North Newton, and Mark (Jocelyn Milner) Ediger of Madison, Wisconsin; six

grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, brothers William (Dolores) Block and Jim (Helga) Block of Morden, Manitoba, Peter (Mary) Block of Steinbach, Manitoba, sister Martha (Leonard) Epp of Brantford Ontario, and many nieces, nephews, and dozens of missionary kids who considered her Aunt Tina. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Elmer Ediger, brothers Jacob and Henry Block, sister Anna Isaak, sister-in-law Betty Block, nephew Terry Block and grand-daughter-in-law Jana Peters.



**Marvin Dale Esau—
May 21,
1930—
October
25, 2014**

Marvin Dale Esau passed away at Via Christi St. Francis Hospital in Wichita. He was born on May 21, 1930, in Walton, Kansas, to Otto and Emilie Esau. He attended Walton Grade School and Walton High School, graduating in 1948. He was originally a member of the Zion Lutheran Church. He married Gladys Ruth Woelk on November 6, 1949, at the Walton Mennonite Church, and in 1956 joined the Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton. He spent his entire life in Walton. While in high school, he was the star of the basketball team and helped on the family farm right outside of Walton delivering milk and cream to local residents. Upon

graduation, he worked at a local dairy, John Deere, and the privately owned Walton Grain Company until 1957. In 1958 he organized local farmers to invest in the Farmers Grain Cooperative where he was general manager until his retirement in 1995. In 1984, he and his son John organized local investors to buy the Walton State Bank where he was Chairman of the Board from 1984 until his death. Marvin's favorite thing to do was to support and attend his families' events. He and Gladys loved to travel. He was an accomplished carpenter and woodworker. Upon Gladys' diagnosis with Parkinson's Disease, he became her primary caregiver. Marvin was on the Walton Fire Department for 53 years, with more than 20 of those as chief. He was a member of the Walton Lions Club for over 50 years and the Walton City Council for over 50 years. He volunteered at both the Walton Grade School and Asbury Park. Marvin is survived by his children, Donna (Keith) Woolery, Linda (David) Miller, Becky (Dwayne) Esau, and John (Shirley) Esau. He was preceded in death by his son, Dwayne, and his wife, Gladys. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Jacki (Chris) Epp, Jesse Woolery (Libby Quigg), Danielle Woolery (Orlando Scalia), Joshua Esau, Matthew (Jennifer) Esau, Brianna Esau, Andrew Esau, and Adam Esau; great-grandchildren, Tyler and Austin Epp, Avery Gates, Logan Esau, Seth and Kamryn Esau, Venezia Quigg-Woolery, and Isaac Esau; brothers, Lawrence (Hattie) Esau, Merlin (Bonita) Esau, and Glenn (Claudette) Esau; and many nieces and nephews.



**Roland Herbert Enszt—
June 13,
1930—
November 6,
2014**

Roland Herbert Enszt was born June 13, 1930 in Newton, Kansas to Henry R. and Olga Richert Enszt. His twin sister, Sara Marie, preceded him in death on the 10th of March 1955. He was baptized in the Bethel College Menonite Church on May 28, 1944. Roland attended Newton Public Schools graduating in May of 1948. He then attended Bethel College. In August of 1951 he was drafted into the US Army serving two years in the Medical Corp. Returning to Bethel, he graduated with a B.S. degree-double major in Industrial Arts and Social Science in May of 1954. That fall he began his teaching career of 41 years. In 1995 he retired from 27 years of teaching Social Science at Butler County Community College in El Dorado, KS. Roland had a lifelong interest in farming. He was active in the Newton High School FFA, Boy Scout Troop 123 and Lucky 13 4H Club. Beginning at age 13 he spent the summers working on various farms. Graduate school and his marriage to Heidi Friesen on Sept. 5, 1954 broke the farming cycle. Heidi graduated from Nurses Training on Saturday night, Sunday morning they were married and on Monday morning Roland began his teaching career. Farming was picked up some years later starting north of Sedgwick, then south of Newton and eventually north of Potwin, KS. Their two sons, Daniel

born in 1955 and Quentin in 1956, provided the farm help for various crop and livestock enterprise.

The family grew with the addition of two daughters-in-law, Debbie (wife of Quentin) and Kathy (wife of Daniel) and seven grandchildren: Brian, Alison, Audrey, Todd, Kevin, Collin and Sara. Added to that next generation were Andrew Sagmoe (husband of Alison) and Rebecca Wiebe (wife of Brian) and their two children, Roland's great grandchildren, Ellie and James.



**Pastor's
Corner—
Heidi Regier
Kreider**

One of my favorite ways to prepare for the season of Advent is to order copies of *Salt of the Earth: A Christian Seasons Calendar* to give to family and friends, and to hang in my office. The University Hill Congregation in Vancouver, BC annually publishes this calendar featuring contemporary art, scripture references, and special days in the church year. The calendar begins not with January 1, but with the first Sunday of Advent.

The calendar's pages vary in length, highlighting aspects of the Biblical narrative and church year: The Advent page has four weeks, anticipating the coming of Christ. The Christmas page begins December 25 and lasts twelve days. Epiphany season is several weeks beginning on January 6, celebrating Christ's manifestation to all people. Ash Wednesday starts the peni-

tential season of Lent, forty days (not counting Sundays) retracing Jesus' forty days of temptation in the desert, and the Israelites' forty years of wandering in the wilderness. The calendar devotes a whole page to Holy Week, recounting Jesus' final days before his crucifixion. Then comes a seven-week page for Easter season celebrating Jesus' resurrection and new life. Pentecost Sunday celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church, beginning five pages of "Ordinary Time" focusing on the life and witness of the church in the world.

Attention to the Christian seasons calendar provides an alternate way to experience time. It invites us again and again to wait patiently and persistently for Christ, to joyfully receive Christ, to humbly renew our life in Christ, to boldly share the good news of Christ with all people, and to be the Body of Christ in the world. In contrast to the drumbeats of holiday sales, work routines, school calendars, sports schedules, political campaigns, or military holidays, the calendar of faith reminds us that to follow in the footsteps of Jesus is to walk to another rhythm. Happy New Year!



An image from the "Salt of the Earth" calendar-used by permission *Embracing the World*, detail copyright 2011 Janet McKenzie www.janetmckenzie.com Collection of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary, Holyoke, MA

Return service requested

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

December 2014

December 7, 2014 — Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 a.m. Prelude by Christopher Shaw, organist
9:30 a.m. Worship with music by Junior Choir; sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider

December 14, 2014—Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 a.m. Prelude by Howard Glanton, guitarist
9:30 a.m. Worship with music by the Cherub Choir and Chancel Choir; sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider

December 21, 2014—Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 a.m. Prelude by Chancel Bells
9:30 a.m. Worship with music by Menno Ringers and Chancel Bells; sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider

December 24, 2014—Christmas Eve

- 7:00 p.m. Worship led by children and youth
11:00 p.m. Candlelight service of Lessons and Carols with Anthems by Chancel Choir and congregational singing

December 28, 2014—Sunday after Christmas (note time changes)

- 9:30 a.m. Prelude of vocal solos by members and friends of BCMC
10:00 a.m. Worship with Christmas carol singing; meditation by John Tyson
11:00 a.m. Fellowship and coffee—bring goodies to share
No Sunday school

January 2015

January 4, 2015—Epiphany (regular Sunday morning schedule resumes)

- 9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider
7:00 p.m. New Year Memorial and Communion Service

January 11, 2015

- 9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider
Music by Chancel Choir

January 18, 2015

- 9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by John Tyson
Music by Chancel Choir

January 25, 2015

- 9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider
Music by Chancel Bells and Junior Choir
12:00 noon Soup luncheon fundraiser served by the Senior High Youth Group—Fellowship Hall
12:45 p.m. Congregational Meeting—Sanctuary



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