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BETHEL COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH

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## Creation Care Sunday April 26, 2015

Listening to birds singing and twittering as we enter the sanctuary on Creation Care Sunday in the springtime, creates feelings of thanksgiving and joy for God's gift of creation and the creatures within our world. Creation Care Committee is again planning a special Sunday to reflect and give thanks for our surroundings, with ideas and ways we can preserve and care for our world.

Creation Care Committee members include Margaret Toews, convener, Glen Ediger, Duane Friesen, Lorna Harder, John Pannabecker, Dwight Platt, Lee Wheeler and LuAnn Zook. Duane Friesen, one of the planners for Creation Care Sunday on April 26, shares a few glimpses of what we can expect this year.

"We are planning the worship around several short reflections/meditations on the theme "Our Prairie Neighbors," as a way to celebrate the 45th anniversary of Earth Day. The celebration will continue with a noon potluck meal before our spring congregational meeting.

"The meditations will reflect on a plant, bird, reptile or amphibian, insect, and Na-

tive American forebear who lived on the prairie before European settlement. Each speaker will choose a specific neighbor for their reflection: Lorna Habegger (a plant), Dwight Platt (a snake), Marva Weigelt (a butterfly), a senior high youth (a bird), and Karen Kaufman Wall (a Native American). Karen has been working with MCC on justice issues related to our relationship to the indigenous people who lived on the land before Europeans arrived."

~ Karen Penner



## Art Auction at BCMC— June 27

When the newly formed Art Committee found stored and unused art in an upstairs closet, we wondered what to do with it. Then we realized the church had unused furniture also in storage. Why not sell these unused and

unneded items. So we talked to the Facilities Committee and decided a church auction would be a good idea. Soon we had the idea to solicit for other donations and have this auction be a fund-raising project that would provide needed money for each committee for projects we envisioned. Planning began in earnest.

The Art Committee has several major plans under way to add art to the new Gathering Place and the south entrance. The Facilities Committee has ongoing needs for repairs and upgrades that are not covered in the yearly budget. We need your help. Whether downsizing or finding unused items, we invite contributions of quality art, antiques, furniture or tools. The church would also like to sell many solid oak pews, children's furniture, and an assortment of unused art. BCMC will hold an auction on June 27, 2015, at 9:04 am on the church lawn. Wade Brubacher will donate his skills to help make this auction a successful fundraiser. This auction will be advertised locally for the Newton community to attend. The Mosaic Sunday School class will organize the sale of coffee and baked goods that morning. The proceeds of this auction will be divided equally between the Art Committee and Facilities Committee. Consider how you might help the church raise funds and make this a fun event. Questions: call Jerry Buller, 283-6157 or Darlene Dick, 283-7416.



A quilt wall hanging by Rose Wiebe Haury was recently added to the BCMC Gathering Area by the Art Committee.

## Vacation Bible School is Coming—May 26-29



**Save the date!** Vacation Bible School at BCMC will be May 26 – 29 with a Sunday morning worship service May 31. Children ages 4-12, grades preschool through 6th grade are invited to participate with Junior High and Senior High youth helping. Watch for more information about registration and VBS activities!

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## Update from Janet Stucky Mennonite Mission Network—Benin

The holiday season in Benin began in December with the Harmattan, a cold, dry and dusty trade wind blowing from the Sahara Desert into the Gulf of Guinea. This trade wind makes breathing difficult for many with an increase in asthma, a dry cough, and sore throat. Skin becomes very dry and hair brittle and dry. This year particularly seemed to be unusually difficult with a heavy haze hanging over the city of Cotonou for weeks lasting into the middle of January.

**Holiday Celebrations:** Christmas and New Year's Day are relatively low key events in Benin. Since Benin is mostly an animist society, other gods are given equal recognition. I did not see holiday decorations nor hear of any special events surrounding the holiday season. I attended Christmas morning worship services with my neighbors and was invited to their home to share their Christmas meal. New Year's Day is given more recognition with fireworks day and the night preceding and several days after the beginning of the New Year. The tradition is to visit family and friends and wish them a happy New Year. I was invited to a friend's home for a special meal made in my honor.



**Guests from Senegal:** At the end of January, Jim and Paula Hanes, MMN workers in Senegal, came to visit. We had the opportunity to do some sightseeing. One afternoon we journeyed to Ganvie, often called the Venice of Africa. This village established in 1717 by the Tofino (ethnic group), is located on Lake Nokoue just outside of Cotonou. The unique floating city, with a population of about 30,000 inhabitants, is built completely on water, with the exception of a school, the only building on dry land. Generations of Tofinu people have lived in simple bamboo houses on stilts fully relying on Nokoue Lake. The only means of transport are simple wooden boats cut out of tree trunks. Ganvie relies on a complicated network of underwater fencing to corral and farm various types of fish.

The month of February I co-lead a nutrition class to 100 gardeners in an area outside the city limits of Cotonou. The gardens supply Cotonou's and Porto Novo's markets and restaurants with fresh vegetables. The gardeners and other Beninese have not learned to incorporate the fresh

produce in their daily diet. The impact we are making on the participants, many which are illiterate, has been life-changing for them and their families. Through the voice of my French teacher

speaking in the Fon language, the gardeners have been convinced that half their meals need to include the wonderful fruits and vegetables they are growing. Praise God for their interest and desire to lead healthy lives.

Pray for...

- Bethesda as they celebrate 25 years of serving the community and beyond.
- for the families of Benin as they face every day struggles of finances, day to day life events, disappointments and life challenges.
- that I will be effective in the nutrition classes I teach to the staff at Bethesda so that they will begin to understand the importance of a healthy diet, and in turn will teach their patients how good nutrition will keep them healthy and prevent illness.

## Venture Club Missions in Our World

Over the course of eight weeks this Spring, the Venture Club completed a series on "Missions in Our World." Alan Leopard coordinated the series which included sharing from a special guest each week. After Alan kicked off the series by sharing about his experience in Mali, he invited Ron Sawatzky, Ben Lichti, Megan Leary (via Google Hangout), Dorothy Nickel Friesen, and Lee Wheeler to share their experiences with the club. Each guest shared about their specific involvement with a mission project, in either local or global contexts. After each sharing session, a member of the Venture Club placed a thumbtack in the region of the world where the mission took place. The students finished up each evening by learning about a story in scripture that connected to the mission.

~ John Tyson



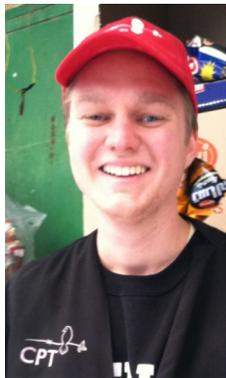
On March 11, Dorothy Nickel Friesen told Venture Club about Janet Stucky's work in Benin. Club members prepared a "prayer poster" for Janet!

## Update from John Bergen In Hebron

*Note from "Kaleidoscope" editor, Karen Penner:*

John Bergen is finishing his first three-month stint in a two year assignment with Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) in Hebron, a Palestinian city in the West Bank, south of Jerusalem. BCMC members had hoped to be able to visit with John while on the Jerusalem Seminar with Bethel and Tabor Colleges in January. However, just as we arrived he was called to help an elderly Palestinian woman who was being evicted from her home. We passed him as we walked into the city, and again as we were leaving Hebron. Taking his picture was the extent of our visit. Margaret Toews, Chair of the Witness Commission, writes the following:

"We are delighted that Diana Graber has agreed to be the contact person from our congregation for John Bergen who is with CPT in Hebron, West Bank. Her son, Jesse Graber, was a mentor to John during his years at BCMC, so it seems very special to have Diana involved in sharing John's work and also conveying our support to him." *And a note from Diana:* In reviewing some of John's recent posts, I notice that he often asks for email or Facebook communication, and prayers for the Palestinian people. John's email address is: john.eric.bergen@gmail.com or you can reach Diana at ccg@southwind.net with any questions or concerns, or offers of other kinds of support for John during the rest of his term. The email from John follows:



It's been a while since I sent an update. I know I have so much support and love from each of you, I hope you know that I am thinking of you and care about you, even if I wait a month to send you an update. February 25 marked the 21st anniversary of the Ibrahimi Mosque massacre. The Open Shuhada Street protests were my first experience with live ammunition and rubber bullets. I actually didn't know soldiers were firing live ammunition (they were using silenced 22s and we were hiding around the corner) until a Palestinian man picked up a bullet and showed it to me. I wrote a blog post that describes the experience, and it will be in the next CPT newsletter, but you can read it here: [medium.com/@johnwrites/unbind-him-and-let-him-go-life-amidst-death-ad066169d385](https://medium.com/@johnwrites/unbind-him-and-let-him-go-life-amidst-death-ad066169d385) Other than that excitement, and some changes in who is on the team, we have also had some more harassment from soldiers and Border Police. In February, soldiers were repeatedly raiding the house belonging to our friends in the International Solidarity Movement, and sometimes I wake up in the middle of the night and think that soldiers are knocking on the door (they were on our roof today, but that was probably unrelated to us being CPT and more just because we have a really good roof). The soldiers have settled for shouting my name when they see me, and, today, trying to engage us in conversation to prove that we are doing the wrong thing. I actually really appreciated the soldiers who talked with us today - it is very humanizing to talk with some-

one, even if that person virulently disagrees with you and thinks you support terrorism.

The Border Police, on the other hand, have decided to stop letting us through the checkpoint that connects our part of the Old City to the Ibrahimi Mosque and the schools. Practically, this means that we have to spend an extra hour or two a day walking way around the checkpoint to monitor schools, walking kids to kindergarten, and respond to any emergencies near the mosque. The Border Police are definitely targeting CPT, and we think that it is because of our efforts to document Border Police harassment and the teargasing of children. Its good to know we are being effective.

Additionally, we have started putting more pressure on the Hebron Fund for their support of illegal settlements here, and last week they spent 20 minutes out of their weekly tour of the Old City to call us terrorists (that's a quarter of the tour, aka a huge waste of their time but another sign we are being effective). You can sign our petition here: [www.cptpalestine.com/stop-the-hebron-fund/](https://www.cptpalestine.com/stop-the-hebron-fund/) One of the brightest parts of my day is children! For the last few weeks, we have been walking several kindergarteners to school because they have faced harassment by settlers and Border Police (if you think that the idea of police harassing kindergarten children is absurd and terrible, you are absolutely right). The kids have to walk to school up a path that is split between the "settler side" and the "Palestinian side." At first, the children were allowed to walk up the settler side, which is clean and paved.

Then, the Border Police decided that the children posed a security risk (really), and now they have to scramble over rubble, trash, and dirt (the "Palestinian side") to get to kindergarten. The kids are, of course, adorable, and some days they are really sweet and fun and some days they are not so much - on Thursday we spent 20 minutes in the rain chasing them around before they agreed that it was time for school. The team has written several pieces about it, but here is a beautiful reflection from Adriana:

[www.cptpalestine.com/al-khalil/reflection-the-broken-path/](https://www.cptpalestine.com/al-khalil/reflection-the-broken-path/)

I only have a few weeks left here on team. I am very excited to spend Holy Week and Easter here and in Jerusalem. I fly out the night after Easter, and I hope that the story of the Jesus and the God Movement's confrontation with imperial and collaborationist Powers will help me process my time here bring some deeper understanding to the chaos and absurdity that we live in. I am nervous about going through airport security - my interrogation in January is still the worst part of the last few months for me - and I will appreciate your prayers and thoughts in that week. As for the rest of April, I am still figuring out where I'll be and when, but I am looking forward to seeing many of you and relaxing and sleeping and sharing the stories of my time here. You are all in my thoughts and prayers this Lenten season, and I ask you to keep praying for the people of Palestine. I am continually amazed by the strength, creativity, and compassion of the people of the Old City.

*John will be in this area in April and looks forward to seeing his friends here at BCMC. Photos taken in Hebron are on the next page.*



Israeli soldiers on patrol



CPT staffer walks kindergarten children to school on the "Palestinian" side of the path



Palestinian man shows John a bullet picked up on the street

## MCC Learning Tour to Kenya February 8-18, 2015

The purpose of this learning tour to Kenya was to experience first-hand the projects and meet the people with whom Mennonite Central Committee partners. We saw four sand dam projects and met the local people that worked on the food for work projects. A sand dam is reinforced rock and concrete walls built on a rock bed across seasonal rivers to capture and hold water under the sand during a rainy season. A sand dam changes the lives of people providing water near their homes. What used to take six

hours to reach water is now available within an hour. Increased farmers plant trees, dig terraces, plant indigenous drought resistant crops, grow gardens and fertilize with manure. We visited two Global Family schools where a MCC educational advisor provides teacher training. MCC school kits are appreciated and distributed. Bottled water placed in the sun for 24 hours provides safe drinking water for students. The health program known as WASH (Water And Soap Hygiene) has improved health considerably. A nutritious snack and hearty lunch equip students for learning. Following the visit to classrooms at Menno Kids Academy we ate lunch with teachers and learned about their joys and challenges. The principal of Starlight Academy also invited us to visit classrooms.

Another MCC Partnership with a long history in Kenya was a tour of the Eastleigh Fellowship Center. Refugees from Somalia and community people come to find a place for language and academic study, a gym for activities, a place to learn about peaceful alternatives, and to receive counseling for HIV/AIDS prevention and care. Our Learning Tour returned Sunday for worship and fellowship. The choir from this congregation is in the process of attaining visas to attend the Mennonite World Conference in Harrisburg, PA, July 21-26. Muslims rent this space to celebrate weddings so there is a healthy respect for each other. Meeting with artisans who provide wire, bead, and pottery items for Ten Thousand Villages was included in our itinerary. Time spent at the Nairobi Museum, a walk in the preserved Karura Forest, a visit to the Giraffe Center, and seeing the Wildlife Trust pre-

serve that specializes in caring for orphan elephants prior to release, acquainted us with many aspects of African history and life. We highly recommend participating in a Learning Tour with MCC.

~ Lois and Ron Preheim



While in Kenya, Ron and Lois visited their MCC Trainee from 2000, Samuel Parkesian, his wife, Kristine, and their three sons, Jesse 10, David 8, and Lenny 2 1/2 living near Ngong. They are from the Masai tribe. They also met Samuel's parents and some of his brothers



## Casa Betania Mennonite Church

Casa Betania Mennonite Church is a church plant of the Western District Conference in 2008. WDC offered a five year subsidy with area churches participating, including Bethel College Mennonite Church. The subsidy concluded in 2013, and Casa Betania became an independent church in 2014. First Mennonite

Church is their host and sister church. Representing BCMC as part of the continuing Casa Betania WDC Support Team are Witness Commission member Lois Preheim and Pastor Heidi Regier Kreider. The support team meets quarterly. Casa Betania now meets for worship services each Sunday in the sanctuary of First Mennonite at 3 p.m. Their attendance is approximately 30 to 40 adults and 25 children each Sunday. They hold a Bible study on Wednesday evenings. Their pastor, Jaime Cazares, is also on staff at Etcetera Shop, which is a good place to connect with people in the Newton community. Not only does this give him an opportunity to minister to others, but to invite people to worship at Casa Betania. He also leads in Anabaptist classes.

With Casa Betania becoming an independent congregation, finances have become a real challenge. They hold a variety of fund raisers, such as tamale sales, and a large garage sale in the fall of 2014. Their Seventh Anniversary Fellowship Meal will be held this summer. Watch the bulletin for date and place. Supportive congregations are invited to support Casa Betania's projects and attend their anniversary meals. Individual or private donations given directly to Casa Betania are always welcome.

Music ministry is another area the church would welcome help from others. Hilary Harder, Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, served Casa Betania in 2013 through a Ministry Inquiry program. They invite anyone with interest in music to partner with them.

A goal of Casa Betania is to train members in Anabaptist theology, although cost again is a real challenge. There is a program in MC USA identified as Instituto Biblico Anabaptista (IBA), whose mission is to

provide educational resources. Classes led by Pastor Jaime promote theological biblical training. It is an eight course program, with each course taking three months. Cost is \$100 for each of the eight courses for each person. There is a great deal of interest in the courses with seven to nine persons interested in enrolling, and Pastor Jaime would like to offer scholarships to those wanting to take the courses. If anyone at BCMC is interested in providing scholarship funds, it may be sent to Casa Betania Mennonite Church, c/o First Mennonite Church, 427 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Newton, KS 67114.

The Witness Commission is exploring whether there is interest among BCMC members to study beginners conversational Spanish. Anyone interested in doing so may contact Lois Preheim at 316-804-4713, or send an email to [loispreheim@gmail.com](mailto:loispreheim@gmail.com).  
~ Karen Penner

### Happy 12th Birthday Jonah Schloneger



On April 1, Jonah Schloneger is turning 12 years old. He is currently wrapping up 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Santa Fe

Middle School and is an active participant in the Junior High club at BCMC.

Jonah is passionate about music. At a mere three years old, he began playing the violin, his first instrument.

When he turned six, Jonah developed an interest in piano. Remarkably, before he even reached 10 years old, Jonah found that he also really enjoyed playing percussion. His wide repertoire of musical talents and experience is why Jonah doesn't get nervous for concerts. "I've been doing it for too long," he says. Though music is his first passion, Jonah is also heavily involved in sports, particularly basketball and baseball. He often travels with his teams to participate in tournaments during the season. When he's not playing sports, Jonah likes to watch a game or two. His favorite teams are the Kansas City Chiefs and the Kansas Jayhawks.

Thriving in school is important to Jonah. Along with reading, he particularly enjoys math because "there are so many things you do with it." Jonah hopes to parlay his interest in math toward a career as a computer programmer. In fact, Jonah tells me that he hopes to get a computer for a birthday present!

Never one to turn down a good meal, Jonah especially enjoys dishes that include cheese. Even better is when that cheese is draped over an enchilada. Jonah loves Mexican food and thinks Casa Fiesta is the best restaurant in town. If it's not Casa Fiesta, you might find Jonah ordering a sandwich at Subway or dinner at Cracker Barrel. Traveling is also important to Jonah. He has particularly enjoyed previous trips to St. Louis and Chicago. Jonah has fond memories of climbing Sears Tower and seeing the famous Arch in St. Louis. In the future, he's interested in learning how to

ski – maybe at Snow Camp next winter!

For now, Jonah enjoys spending time at BCMC. "Junior High club is the most fun." He is really looking forward to visiting the Pumpkin Patch again next fall and getting to know everyone in the Junior High club better.

Jonah, BCMC wishes you a happy birthday!  
~ John Tyson

### Happy 80th Birthday Howard Lohrentz



May 21, 1935, Howard joined an older brother and sister in the family

of Peter R. and Emma (Ortman) Lohrentz. Another brother and sister completed the family who lived on the farm near Moundridge, KS. They attended Hebron Mennonite Church where he was baptized by Rev. Elbert Koontz in 1951. Howard attended grade school at Liberty, Harvey county district 78, located 1 ½ miles from his home. Most of the time he walked or rode bike to school. He graduated from Moundridge High School in 1953. Next came two years of I-W service with the Department of Health and Hospitals of Denver, CO. He worked in the Plant Engineering Dept. which included maintenance and housekeeping. He did most of the printing with old "ditto" and mimeograph machines that were handed down from City Hall. Larger jobs were sent to City

Hall where they had better machines. Printing included: surgery schedules and reports of autopsies from the city morgue. Another interesting part of this job was hauling county jail inmates every morning from the jail to the hospital where they worked in housekeeping and yard maintenance. In his spare time he did a little house painting and also got in plenty of skiing. On Sundays Howard drove the First Mennonite Church's Sunday School bus, a 1938 Chevrolet, "that could hardly get out of its own way!" Returning to Central Kansas after 1-W service he had begun working for the Hesston Manufacturing Company when in June, 1960, he and Evelyn Franz were married. While Evelyn kept busy as a public school teacher and floral designer, Howard's new job occupied him for 27 years. Positions were: machinist, experimental mechanic, service representative, field test technician, manufacturing engineer, numerical programmer for machine tools, and senior product engineer. This work took him to 28 states, four Canadian Provinces, and to Mexico. Howard is listed as either inventor or co-inventor of 12 U.S. patents owned by Hesston Corporation (now Agco). In 1986 he went to work in sales for a machine tool distributor located in Kansas City, traveling central and western Kansas to call on manufacturing plants and machine shops, from Boeing down to 2-person machine shops. Retirement came in May, 2000. Howard and Evelyn moved from the home they built in Hesston in 1964 to Schowalter Villa's Lake Vista, in July, 2014. Their full lives have also been blessed with two children. Janelle is a RN and lives near Tucson, AZ., with husband Denis and chil-

dren Matthew and Melanie. Greg and wife Jane live in Manhattan, Kansas, where Greg works as Chief Financial Officer for the Kansas State University Foundation. They have two daughters, Alexa Kate and Amanda. A favorite Bible passage for Howard is Ephesians 4: 1-6. The years you have been given are God's gift and you have used them well, Howard. May your 80th birthday be filled with joy!

## With Our Members

■ **Congratulations to Elizabeth Schmidt and Greg Nye on their marriage February 14 in Hesston.**

■ **Congratulations to Tina (Schmidt-Tieszen) and Dan Graber on the birth of a daughter, Adaline, March 2, Freeman, SD.**



■ **Amy Tyson Social Worker**

Here's another look at the chosen profession of one of

our more recent members, Amy (Boshart) Tyson. Amy grew up in Wayland, Iowa and lived there through high school. She went on to EMU (Eastern Mennonite University) and received her BSW (bachelors in social work) degree. After working for a couple years, she went to graduate school at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia. There she received her MSW (masters in social work) degree.

Since she was a teenager Amy knew she wanted to pursue a social work degree. An aunt and uncle who lived just down the road from her family home played a key role in helping her make this decision. Her aunt was a social

worker, and she and her husband adopted an international child who is now a teenager.

Employment through the years included working in a local hospital in community outreach. She was in case management for pregnant teens. This job included home visits all through their pregnancy, accompanying them at doctor's visits, counseling and teaching them about taking care of a baby, and keeping contact until their newborn was one year old. This was a very satisfying job for Amy. A large percentage of these teens kept their babies, and in many cases the father took an active interest.

After graduate school and a move to New Jersey, Amy soon took a job dealing with adult mental health situations. After nine months, she transitioned into a new role dealing with the early intervention of very small children from birth on as an intake manager. This was a very satisfying position.

Since coming to Newton and more recently North Newton Amy currently works in foster care and adoption for the St. Francis Community Services in Reno and Rice counties. Her base office is in Hutchinson. Part of her responsibilities includes recruiting foster families, she works with placement of children in foster homes, and deals with training and support with these families. She is on call 24/7 and the calls come in to her when there are children who need homes immediately. Usually there is a small list of families who are willing to take a child or children. These children come through the Department of

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Children and Families and have been through the court system. Often these foster families choose to adopt the children who have been in their care.

In our visit it was soon clear she is enthusiastic about the home she and John recently purchased here in North Newton. Plants are coming up in the landscaped areas in their front and back yard, so it's fun to see what all is there, and their kitchen is of a better size (she even has hopes of trying out making zwieback).

*(Editor's note: It didn't take long into the interview process with Amy for me to realize that she is the right person for her career choice. She feels fortunate being chosen for her current job, and finds it to be very fulfilling.) ~ Lois Goertzen*



John Gaeddert's "Elijah"



Shirley Harms' "Zentangle S"

■ **Art is Ageless**

Five BCMC members were designated winners in the annual *Art is Ageless* juried art competition held by Newton Presbyterian Manor. John Gaeddert and Deane Frey were "Judge's Choice" with their entries:



Deane Frey's "Feathers and Roses"

John in the Sculpture/3 Dimensional division with his sculpture "Elijah" and Deane's quilt, "Feathers and Roses." Shirley Harms won 2<sup>nd</sup> place with her drawing "Zentangle S." Rachel Poling won an Honorable Mention with her painting "Night Light" in the amateur



Rachel Poling's "Night Light"

division. Eldine Harder won an Honorable Mention with her painting “A Kansas Tradition” in the professional division. Congratulations to each of the winners! The Manor describes this *Art is Ageless* program as affirming the agelessness of human creativity.  
~ Karen Penner



Eldine Harder's  
“A Kansas Tradition”

## Obituaries



**Thelma May Bartel—May 1, 1932—February 10, 2015**

Thelma was born to Albert C. and Rosina (Gaeddert) Bartel in Hillsboro, KS. She graduated from Newton High School in 1950. Thelma graduated from Bethel College in 1954 majoring in Physical Education and studies in art. She was employed at Bethel Deaconess and Newton Medical Center Hospital dietary for over 30 years. She was baptized as a teen in the Bethel College chapel by Lester Hostetler and was a member of Bethel College Mennonite Church for 68 years. Thelma was preceded in death by her parents, Albert C. and Rosina Bartel, sister Ruth Ann Giggy, and brother Melvin Bartel. Survivors include: brother Lewis Clark Bartel of Albuquerque, New Mexico; nieces Cynthia “Cyndy” Reneau (Willie) of Montgomery, Texas; Jill Elizabeth Bartel of Albuquerque, New Mexico; nephews Hugh Kenneth Giggy (Terry), Edmond,

Youth received a generous \$2,700 donation from January's soup luncheon, but still needs an additional \$2,800 to cover the cost of having a large group attend convention. Stay posted for future

fundraisers this spring, including the hamburger fry in May. The Senior High Fund accepts contributions at all times.

~ John Tyson



Oklahoma; David Clark Bartel (Becky) Houston, Texas; grandnephews Todd Christopher Giggy, Patrick Lynn Giggy, and Kenneth Windell



**Irvin Edgar Peters—Jan. 31, 1926—March 2, 2015**

Edgar Peters, was born to Ernst and Hermina Schmidt Peters. He graduated from Walton High School and married Irma Woelk July 1, 1945. They resided in Newton until 1961, and then moved to Buhler, where they have lived ever since. Irvin was a resident at the Sunshine Meadows Retirement Community for the last year and a half of his life. Irvin was a master electrician and master plumber. He owned Builder's Electric. He is survived by sons, Ronn (Pat) of McPherson, Jim (Terry) of Overland Park, and Greg (Liz) of Prairie Village; daughters, Pat Peters of Hutchinson and Barbara (Joe) Montgomery of Columbia, Mo.; a brother, Eddie (wife Evelyn); 15 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Irvin was preceded in death by his wife, Irma; three infant children; his parents; Irma's parents; three brothers; a sister-in-law; and a great-grandchild.



**Fernan C. Loganbill—August 4, 1921—March 2, 2015**

Fernan C. Loganbill, 93, a business owner formerly from North Newton, died on March 2, 2015, at Hilltop Manor in Cunningham, KS. He was born on Aug. 4, 1921, in Newton to Jesse and Evange-

line (Becker) Loganbill. He married Elaine (Houseworth) Loganbill July 11, 1943, in Lima, Ohio. She survives. He was a member of Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton. He was a World War II Air Force veteran. He loved collecting antique car parts and loved to attend classic car shows. He is survived by children, Judy Loganbill of Wichita and Michael (Denise) Loganbill of Pratt. His brothers and sisters are Denard (Marguerite) Loganbill, Varden (Lu) Loganbill and Lanoy (Mary Esther) Loganbill. Grandchildren are Amy and Angela Loganbill of Wichita.



**Pastor's Corner—Susan Wheeler**

The sabbatical granted me early this year brought joy, hope, and satisfaction into my life. In part this was because of the serendipity of traveling with the Jerusalem Seminar on that most artfully planned trip. I continue to marvel at the depth of our encounters; the people and stories that moved us so and the many varied types of sites we encountered and learned about in a land vastly rich in ancient history, filled with Biblical significance. I have realized this trip has aided me in thinking about a much more comprehensive, larger, image of God; of God as love, and of the most human life of love and tragedy that Jesus lived out in that land. Although difficult, such knowledge comforts me. I read recently from *Between the Dark and the Daylight*, by Joan Chittister, “The sense

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**Pastor's Corner continued**

of being stranded in the midst of life, of having no way out of this smothering nothingness, this cul-de-sac of the soul, is enough to drain a person... Where did the joy go all of a sudden?" It was a dark, bleak period in my life in the early months of 2014. Not only was my

father actively engaging the dying process - all the while living courageously - in his "shoebox" (tiny health care room in Colorado), I also began to recognize the deepening impact of several monumental, life-changing factors; brokenness, the loss of dreams held close to my heart. I found grief, loss, and disappointment disorienting.

Losing my bearings I floundered about in the darkness. Chittister goes on to say, "There is a light in us that only darkness itself can illuminate. It is the glowing calm that comes over us when we finally surrender to the ultimate truth of creation: that there is a God and we are not it. Life is not about

us; we are about the project of finding Life." The sabbatical weeks brought "Life" to my soul by opening my heart, and my world, and my eyes; I was able to catch a saving glimpse of the bigger picture. Thanks be to God.

**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.*

**April 5—Easter**

**7:00 a.m.** Sunrise service – Prouty home, 332 N. Hoover Rd., Newton

**10:00 a.m.** Worship with prelude by organist Verlene Garber, music by Chancel Choir, children and brass ensemble; sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider. No Sunday school.

**April 12**

Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Junior Choir

**April 19**

Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Chancel Choir

**April 26—Creation Care Sunday**

Worship planned by the Creation Care Committee; music by Menno Ringers and Chancel Bells

**12 noon** Potluck Lunch in Fellowship Hall

**12:45 p.m.** Congregational Meeting—Sanctuary

**May 3**

Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Chancel Choir

**May 10**

Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Cherub Choir and Junior Choir

**May 17—10:00 a.m. Bethel College Baccalaureate Service**

Worship planned by Bethel College; music by college musicians—No Sunday school

**May 24—Pentecost**

Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Chancel Bells; Communion served

**May 31—VBS Sunday**

Worship and music with VBS participants

**12 noon** Hamburger Fry—fundraiser of the Senior High Youth Group