

# KALEIDOSCOPE

BETHEL COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH

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## Pastor's Corner with Pastor John Tyson

### Busy Times at BCMC

The changing of seasons always brings new activities to the forefront of congregational life at BCMC. This probably rings true for everyone, but it's especially pertinent to those involved in programming for children and youth. As we wade through winter, awaiting the brighter days of spring ahead, the children and youth of BCMC and the volunteers who serve them will be busy!

In January and February, students ranging from 7 – 12 grades will be making the trip to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp for Snow Camp. Students and sponsors will retreat to the mountains for a time of worship, games, hiking, and other fun activities. The youth of BCMC always seem to grow closer in their relationships to one another and God at Snow Camp. It's a quick weekend, but always a blast!

For the third consecutive year, the Faith Formation Commission has organized a time for all children and youth to engage the Circle of Grace curriculum in Sunday School. Endorsed by Western District Conference, the Circle of Grace curriculum teaches age-

appropriate concepts to children and youth that empower and equip them to communicate their boundaries and be safe in their various settings. Most importantly, the curriculum teaches children and youth that they are beloved and cherished by God. On February 4, following the first morning of Circle of Grace, the Faith Formation Commission has also organized a mentor-student lunch for all mentor pairs. After lunch, the mentor pairs will put together care packages for all BCMC college students.

With the coming of spring, Wednesday night suppers and club routines shift back into gear. Junior High Club, led by Doug Siemens and Lu Ann Zook, and attended by over 20 students, will be gathering once again upstairs. Downstairs, the Journey Club (formerly Venture Club and coordinated by Megan Kohlman) will be meeting with Matt Schloneger and various guests to offer a fun and engaging time for children in K – 4 grades. Back upstairs, the Senior High Youth will continue to meet each Wednesday night for worship, conversation, games, and service projects alongside sponsors Ben

Lichti, Bethany Schrag, Tim Schrag, and myself. Beginning in late February and stretching through March, the Senior High Youth will embark on catechism with the hope that students will come forward for baptism this spring.

As we near summer, other exciting activities for children and youth are on the horizon. First off, make sure to save the date of May 5 – 6 for the BCMC Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah. A few weeks later, Vacation Bible School will take place immediately after Memorial Day on May 29 – June 3. And although the Sunday School program year will end in early May, the Faith Formation Commission is organizing a summer Sunday School program that will proceed well into the summer season. In July, the Senior High Youth are eagerly anticipating a trip to Destination Rehoboth in Gallup, New Mexico. It promises to be a week of service and learning on the Navajo Reservation and a fitting finale to a year full of activities for children and youth at BCMC.

As we look forward to upcoming programs, activities, and events, I feel a deep sense of gratitude. I have gratitude for all the volunteers who give time to children and youth at BCMC: teachers, helpers, sponsors, mentors, parents, Faith Formation Commission members, and beyond. I have gratitude for a congregation that cares for children and youth and supports them in a multitude of meaningful ways. Lastly, I

have gratitude for the children and youth of BCMC for their bountiful energy, for their desire to learn, and for their wonderful gifts.

### BCMC Chancel Choir Sings Paraguayan Mass

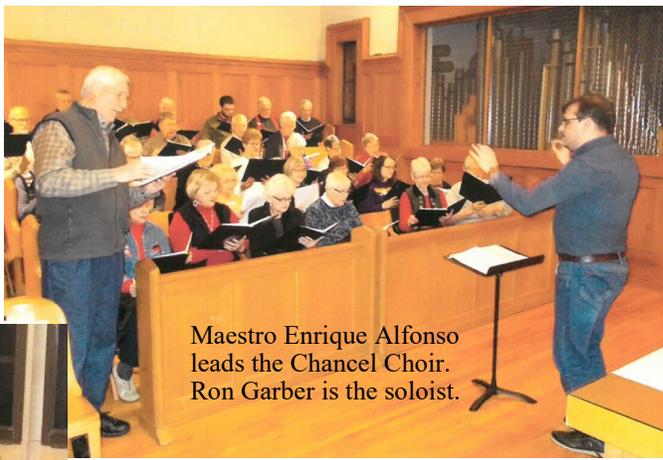
During the month of January the BCMC Chancel Choir had the unique opportunity of preparing several sections of a "Paraguayan Folklorica Mass" under the direction of Enrique Alfonso of Asuncion, Paraguay. Maestro Alfonso is in Kansas sponsored by the Kansas Paraguay Partners which celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Katherine Kasper writes: "Enrique is the director of Schola Cantorum, choir for the National Cathedral in Asuncion. He was also the director of the 450 voice choir for the Pope's visit two years ago. He is a Mennonite Seminary (CEMTA) graduate, very talented director, composer, arranger, and wonderful friend. Enrique earlier studied for the priesthood 3-4 years before switching to church music and going to CEMTA." Sung in Spanish and led by tenor soloist Ron Garber and accompanied by Verlene Garber, these selections were shared as part of the January 21 worship

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service. During his time in Kansas Maestro Alfonso is conducting several musical groups in south central Kansas including several church choirs in the area, choral groups at Emporia State University and a volunteer one time choir. ~ *Dianne Epp*



Maestro Enrique Alfonso leads the Chancel Choir. Ron Garber is the soloist.



Guitarist Suzanne Burch practices with Maestro Alfonso

### 100 Years Lived With Gratitude

The words gratitude and gift kept threading their way through my conversation with Jake Goering. I met him walking unassisted in the hall of his home at Kidron Bethel. I introduced myself and asked if we could visit.

“Thank you for refreshing my memory about your name,” he said as he graciously showed me the way to his room. With the flare of a true gentleman he offered to take my coat and indicated where I should sit. Our conversation flowed easily. When I asked about his reflections on the occasion of his 100th birthday, he said, “Life is such a gift.” He recounted how he was born sickly and the attending nurse said if he lives, he will have a long life. That prediction proved true, he smiled. He attributes good health as a gift he was given, not something he deserved or earned. He expressed how grateful he was to have celebrated his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday in China on a learning tour with a group of Bethel College students.

The elements of surprise and amazement added to that thread that kept him going. Beth Eldridge, his marriage



Jake Friesen visits with LaVera Schrag at his 100th birthday celebration held Jan. 13 at Kidron Bethel. Jake turned 100 years old on January 12.

partner for 69 years, came into his life in a way that amazes him. On a Bethel College recruiting trip to the Kansas City area, Willis Rich happened to talk with a Mr. Eldridge who was in charge of all the mail on the Santa Fe railroad. Willis asked if Mr. Eldridge knew of any possible students to attend Bethel. His daughter, Beth proved not only to be a wonderful match for Bethel College, but also for Jake! Jake’s sister and youngest sibling, Evelyn Lehman, recalls the excitement she felt as a twelve-year-old getting to go to Kansas City to attend their wedding.

When asked what advice he has for those of us a bit younger, Jake said to give thanks, to honor life in the other, to recognize that sometimes life’s surprises can be wonderful gifts, and to be aware that each moment we live is a gift.

Congratulations, Jake for living with grace and gratitude and for passing on this heritage to many of us.

Following Jake’s wisdom to stay curious and engaged with life, I wonder about other BCMC members who attained 100 years. That question will best be answered by historians. ~ *Elizabeth Raid*

### How does Art Enhance Your Worship Experience?

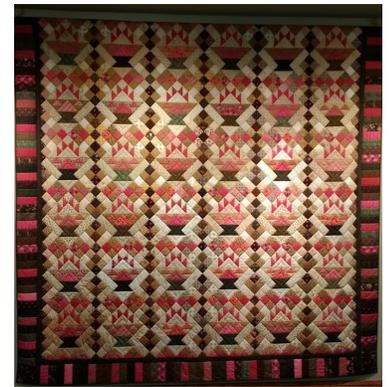
You’ve likely noticed that our church is adding artwork both inside and outside. One location in the Gathering Place has changing exhibits. The Visual Arts Committee’s purpose is to commission or purchase art that will enhance worship. In the past few years we have acquired John Gaeddert’s “Many Gifts, One Spirit,” Bob Re-

gier’s “Peace and Reconciliation,” and Conrad Snider’s “Remember and Reflect.” There are also eight panels for the front of church designed by Bob Regier. More art is either in process or planned.

When we are in church, perhaps seeing or meditating on one of these pieces adds to sensing God’s presence. How do you respond to these works?

This month we will get responses to John Gaeddert’s and Bob Regier’s art. In the next issue we will feature responses to other art.

~ *Darlene Dick for the Visual Arts Committee*



Currently hanging in the Gathering Place is this quilt pieced by Lois Stoltenberg, Newton, for the MCC Relief Sale. Quilting was done by the BCMC Mission Quilters

Here are responses from church members regarding John Gaeddert’s and Bob Regier’s artwork in the church.



*Many Gifts, One Spirit*  
By John Gaeddert

“When I see John Gaeddert’s artwork I am taken back to my childhood and to our family farm. Walking near the hedge rows I could hear the creaking of the Osage Orange trees as they moved with the wind and it felt as if they

were speaking to me. John has brought out the life within trees no longer standing. The new forms continue to live on and speak to me as I walk near them. What a gift!  
 ~ Jeanette Leary

The eight panels for the front of the church created by Bob Regier



Ordinary Time

Following is a response from a church member about Bob Regier's artwork.....

The artwork created by Bob Regier has always had a strong impact on my life. The humility of this artist shows up in his pieces, but the message they give is strong and present. They supply such a fine addition to the aesthetics of our house of worship, and are testament to what a fine gift he has given. ~ Anonymous



Baptism

Pentecost



Communion



Music/Celebration

## Peace Garden

At the January 28 congregational meeting, BCMC members will discuss and vote on a Peace Garden. This prairie garden, a place for worship, meditation, and education, provides two alternatives for handling ashes when cremation is chosen. It integrates a columbarium with niches for ashes and garden spaces where ashes can be scattered and raked into the soil.

### The Church Board recommends that:

- The Congregational action of April 24, 2016 to expand the columbarium north of the church is rescinded.
- The church board is authorized to begin construction of the scatter garden using the Peace Garden Fund.
- The church board is authorized to expand the columbarium in its current location at such time as the church board may determine with funds from the Peace Garden Fund. Internal borrowing (not to exceed an amount that can be paid back from the sale of niches or agreements to scatter within 5 years) is also approved as deemed necessary.

~ Sondra Bandy Koontz, church board chair



Illustration of the Peace Garden

Courtesy of Glen Ediger

## The Peace Garden: Creation Care In Motion

*The world in which we live is a place of beauty. It contains the resources necessary to sustain life...earth's design is truly elegant and often mysterious. Humanity is free to live in ways that disrupt or enhance creation's original design, a design that encourages the flourishing of all life. Making a commitment to greening the life of a faith*

community is necessary if we are to model our belief that the earth is the Lord's and fulfill our primary charge to serve and protect creation. Pursuing a creation care vision for spaces for worship and ministry is an opportunity for faith communities to assess and intentionally alter our patterns of living in the world...<sup>1</sup>

The Creation Care Committee continues to consider how we as a congregation can nurture a creation care vision that models our primary charge to serve and protect creation. In the face of a growing list of environmental challenges, to be intentional in that responsibility has never been more important.

To that end, our committee is developing plans for a Peace Garden that will be submitted to our congregation for approval. The Peace Garden is a small gesture perhaps, but it models our active commitment to greening the life of our faith community. Filled with native plants, the garden will function to sustain the full circle of life. From the plants and small creatures that call it home, to the ashes of those who would like their remains to be scattered, all become part of the cycle of life.

Creation's original design encourages the flourishing of all life. The Peace Garden has been designed with that in mind. Within a series of small, carefully planted beds, the garden will protect earth's resources and create habitat that can support life in all its forms. Underground, the deep, spreading root systems of native plants will recycle nutrients and capture water that filters into the soil. Above ground, native plants will cover and protect the soil surface from wind and rain. This garden will also foster biodiversity by creating year-round habitat for a small sample of members of our local prairie community, from the tiniest insects living in the soil to the pollinators and

other small creatures that find food and shelter among the native plants. Native plants and the creatures that inhabit the Peace Garden are not only adapted to each other but also to local weather and climate conditions – cold, heat, drought, and precipitation. Thus survival of the Peace Garden depends less upon frequent watering, tilling, fertilizer application and mowing. Instead it relies upon the life-sustaining resources that are recycled within it.

Life in the Peace Garden includes one more important element – us! It beckons us to observe, to meditate, to be still, to remember, to educate, to nurture a personal relationship with creation, to live our belief that the earth is the Lord's, to fulfil our primary charge to serve and protect creation. We are Creation Care in Motion!

~ Lorna Harder, Creation Care Committee

<sup>1</sup> Torgerson, Mark A. 2012. *Greening Spaces for Worship and Ministry*. Alban, VA: Herndon Institute.

## In Touch With Education and Service Scholarship Committee

Continuing this series of updates on the Mennonite college students our congregation is supporting, we focus in this issue on four Bethel College scholars. We hope this gives you a glimpse into the very busy lives of these young people!

**Emily Kondziola**, junior, continues her full-time attendance at Bethel with an emphasis on Communications. A highlight of this semester was placing 12th (out of 98 nationally) in a forensic warm-up tournament. She is hoping that

translates well to a successful performance at the actual national tournament in April. Emily also sends her appreciation for the financial aid from the congregation.

**Seth Larson**, senior, has plans to graduate with a History Education major and Music minor. Along with being a musician in various instrumental and vocal groups on campus, Seth is a faithful member of the tenor section in the Chancel Choir here at BCMC. He is looking forward to participating at the KMEA convention in Wichita in February, where the BC Wind Ensemble will be highlighted.

**Elizabeth Tran**, sophomore, has had a “whirlwind” of a semester, with activities that include the steel drum band, student government, continuing involvement at BCMC through ushering, Chancel Bells, and helping with Sunday School, and a part-time job! Next semester she is looking forward to doing more ceramics work, as well as volunteering with Hospice.

**Austin Prouty**, junior, has had an extra-heavy course load this semester, both to accommodate a double major (Graphic Design and Business Marketing), and to make up for some non-transferable credits from KU. He is on track to graduate with his class in May 2019. Austin is “absolutely loving” his Bethel experience, and can't wait to see what the next few semesters hold for him.

We hope this brief update gives you a better picture of the lives of our college youth. They are obviously taking advantage of the varied opportunities available to them at Bethel, and we continue to offer them our financial and prayerful support.

~ Carol Flickinger, for the  
ESSC

## Why Should BCMC Drink Equal Exchange Fairly Traded Coffee?

The Hospitality Commission has discussed whether BCMC should be purchasing cheaper coffee than the Equal Exchange Fairly Traded coffee. It's probably fair to say that churches consume a lot of coffee, and BCMC is no exception. We enjoy our coffee during Fellowship Time, funerals, Wednesday night suppers, potlucks, and other occasions. At BCMC, we do not have a special coffee fund, the purchase of coffee comes from the Kitchen Fund. The Kitchen Fund is primarily funded through proceeds from Wednesday Night Suppers and donations to the fund from funerals which are held at BCMC.

The Kitchen Fund also pays for the paper goods used at the church such as cups, napkins, plates; kitchen supplies such as plastic bags, plastic wrap, aluminum foil, dish soap, bleach, dish scrubbing supplies, dishwasher soap; and for the food used to make Wednesday night suppers. If there is money in the fund after these purchases, it is used to buy needed cookware and improvements for the kitchen. Recent purchases have included a new microwave (the old one gave out) and a stand mixer.

Now, back to the issue of Equal Exchange Fairly Traded Coffee – a purchase in December for regular and decaffeinated coffee was \$631.00. BCMC (Monica Lichti, administrative assistant does the purchasing) buys it through Equal Exchange-Fairly Traded. It is \$6.90 per pound for regular and \$8.20 per pound for decaffeinated. Monica does admit that she purchases regular coffee pillow packs for the Fellowship Time coffee

upstairs in the Gathering Place because it makes it easier for the Sunday school crew in charge of coffee that Sunday. It is in packs that are pre-measured and costs about \$7.53 a pound. Equal Exchange gives churches a good price for coffee.

To quote an article from a blog, "Why now is the time to start drinking fair trade coffee" by Kelsey Timmerman on the *HuffPost*, Jenna Larson of Fair Trade USA says, "Fair trade provides stability in the face of volatile markets....." Kelsey Timmerman states in the article that coffee is how farmers from Colombia, Nicaragua, El Salvador and other countries feed their families and send their kids to school. It is everything to them.

From a blog called "Keeper of the Home" comes an article by Ann Timm titled, "What is Fair Trade Coffee (and should you buy it?)" She writes, "Coffee is the second most-traded product worldwide, largely produced by the poorest countries in the world, but consumed by the richest countries in the world. Coffee farmers represent some of the poorest people in the world. And it doesn't help that coffee seasons can be fickle. A year of plenty, a year of nothing." She states that there were kind-hearted people who desired a way "for poor farmers (coffee and otherwise) to get a fair price, a price that wouldn't depend on the kind of growing season they had, how much product was produced or how fair the buyers were." There are critics of the Fair Trade movement, of course. Timm states, "The Fair Trade movement may not be perfect, but it's a start."

Therefore, that is why BCMC is committed to Fair Trade coffee. And, that is why the Hospitality Commission has placed a basket out on the table during Fellowship Time for everyone, if they wish to contribute to the Kitchen-

Coffee Fund of BCMC. Because it helps to benefit poor farmers in Third World countries and it helps bolster the BCMC Kitchen Fund! If you feel supporting fairly traded coffee is important, email the church office.

~ *Monica Lichti with help from Kathryn Simmons, Hospitality Commission*



### Hospitality Commission Announcements



**BCMC can help to make a difference** in the amount of waste contributed to the local landfill with your help. There are recycling receptacles on every floor at BCMC, with a goal of making the recycling process more convenient. Hospitality Commission and Creation Care Committee are working on several recycling projects. We will be recycling both coffee and plastic water cups. Please don't forget to deposit your empty cup in one of the conveniently located blue (with the recycling symbol) bins, or even better, bring your own cup from home and no waste will be created!



### Do you have a new North Newton neighbor?

Al Peters would like to know. As the only church in North Newton, BCMC has a tradition of welcoming new North Newton neighbors with an informational brochure and a light goody. If you know of a new neighbor, please contact Al. Email: [alnapt@mainstaycomm.net](mailto:alnapt@mainstaycomm.net) Phone: 316-804-7141 ~ *Hospitality Commission*



### February 25 has been designated as "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" Sunday!

Please consider signing up as either a host or guest to participate in a fun event to become better acquainted with fellow church attendees. Everyone contributes to the meal, but the goal is to get to know each other a little better—not a color coordinated meal. Sign up will begin Feb. 4 at the back of the sanctuary and continue on Feb. 11. Food assignments will be in your church box on Feb. 18. February 25 will be "reveal day" and you will finally find out where you are going for Sunday noon dinner. Let's all step outside the box and sign up for a new adventure!

~ *The Hospitality Commission*

### Obituaries



**Martha Elizabeth Wiens Koehn**

**February 13, 1919 –**

**November 15, 2017**

Martha Elizabeth Wiens Koehn died November 15 at the age of 98.

Martha was born Feb 13, 1919 just a few minutes before her twin sister, Frieda, in Mahaudi, India where her parents, Peter and Agnes Harder Wiens were missionaries. She attended Woodstock Boarding School in the Himalayan Mountains of India before coming to the states to attend Bethel College. It was at Bethel College that she met Galen Koehn, whom she married in 1941. Once her own children were all in school, she returned to teaching. She taught 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade English at Chisholm Junior High School, Newton, Kansas for 23 years.

Martha is survived by her children: Galen Roy Jr. (Paulette) of Gaithersburg, Md.; Diana Macauley-Koehn of Wheatland, Md.; Wendy Jones (David) of Ankeny, Ia.; and Larry (Mary) of North Palm Beach, Fl.; ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, son Kenneth, her parents and siblings Ferdinand, Rudolf, Agnes (Mieka) Bailey and Frieda Epp Kaufman.



**Ruth Quiring Mueller Boese**  
**December 10, 1925 – November 30, 2017**

Ruth Quiring Mueller Boese was born in Goessel to Peter P. and Anna Reimer Quiring. Ruth was baptized in 1941 at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church in Goessel and attended Hochfeld Grade School, Goessel High School and Bethel College.

Ruth married Ernest Mueller Aug. 10, 1945. Ruth and Ernie raised their family on a small farm east of Halstead. Ernest died Feb. 5, 1966. She married Paul L. Boese on Aug. 23, 1968. They ran the Newton Dairy Queen together until his death July 7, 1976. Ruth then became a realtor in Newton.

Ruth had always loved the mountains of Colorado, and in 1980 she decided to pursue a long-held dream and moved to Woodland Park, Colorado. Ruth continued to sell real estate while in Colorado, and also began her own business, "Gram's Cookie Cutter," selling decorated cookies. In 1992, she made the decision to move back to Kansas, where she could be closer to family.

She was a cook and baker extraordinaire. She will never be surpassed in her ability to crank out the most delectable batches of peppernuts, gingerbread houses or zwieback, and her beautiful holiday tables were a sight to behold.

Family was important. She had a very close relationship to her siblings and their spouses. There were many enjoyable times spent together playing games and singing.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; siblings, Edna Cook Schmidt, Martha Wedel, Ernest Quiring (who died in

infancy), Hilda Ratzlaff, Bertha Friesen and Otto Quiring; son, David Boese; and by her great-grandson, Maddox Crabtree.

She is survived by her children: Patricia and Charles Friesen, Elaine Mueller, Jody Boese and Flo Rutherford, James and Melanie Mueller, Joan and Bruce Reed, and Paul Boese; seven grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.



**Betty L. Weinbrenner Funk**  
**July 21, 1925—December 7, 2017**  
Betty L. (Weinbrenner)

Funk 92, died at Schowalter Villa in Hesston, Kansas following a brief illness.

She was born in Newton to Albert A. and Vida D. (Aurenheimer) Weinbrenner. On August 22, 1947, she married the love of her life Ray N. Funk in Reedley, California and he preceded her in death on Dec. 27, 2008. Together they welcomed five children into their family Jan, Miriam, Mark, Rodney and Carole. She was a graduate of Reedley, California, High School and earned a Bachelor's of Home Economics from Bethel College. Education was important to Betty and she was a lifelong learner and instilled that value in her children and their families.

Betty was a longtime resident of Hillsboro where she worked closely alongside her husband owning and operating the former Gambles Hardware Store and the Trail Lanes Bowling Center. While living in Hillsboro they were members of the Trinity Mennonite Church and attended Bethel College Mennonite

Church after moving to Newton nearly 14 years ago.

Those who knew Betty could always expect a warm genuine smile when they encountered her. Of all of Betty's accomplishments and adventures in her life she considered that of being a loving and supportive wife, mother and friend most important of all. She loved to be surrounded by her children and their families.

Betty is survived by her children: Mark E. Funk and his wife Donna of North Newton; Rodney W. Funk of Hillsboro; Jan Kelly and her husband John of Newton; Miriam Siebert and her husband Rick of Marshfield, Missouri; Carole and her husband Marcus Brown of LaQuinta, California. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren: Kerry, Colton and Cassidy Funk; Jennifer Rewkowski, Julie Lindenmeyer, Jamie Harris, Kristi Harris, Tennille Terry, Lisa Burbridge, Nathan Brown and Autumn Brown. She has 11 great-grandchildren and a very special "Granddog" Chevy.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents and husband.



**Maxine E. Ruth Fast**  
**June 15, 1928 – December 13, 2017**

Maxine E. (Ruth) Fast died at age 89 at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, Kansas, from complications after a fall. She was born in Newton, Kansas to Homer G. and Lydia (Krehbiel)

Ruth. Maxine grew up on the family farm near Moundridge that was purchased by her grandfather Henry G. Ruth from the Santa Fe Railroad in 1874 for \$782.75.

Maxine attended Bethel College for two years, earning an Associate Degree in Secretarial Studies. While working in the Dean's Office at the college, she met Orlando, her future husband, on a blind date arranged by her friend Alice Dirks (who was dating and eventually married Orlando's brother Irvin).

Maxine and Orlando were married in 1949, and after living in Goessel for one year, they moved to her family's farm near Moundridge. They became members of the West Zion Mennonite Church, Moundridge In 1954. Their family grew to include four children: Barbara, Arlen, Russell, and Galen.

Living on the farm, Maxine was a consummate homemaker with an enormous garden and orchard. It was not unusual for her to can 60 quarts of beans and 80 quarts of peaches in the course of one summer (she never bought a jar of jam until this past year). She also sewed a lot of the clothes for her family, but she also loved helping out in the fields, driving an array of tractors for haying and even the combine at harvest. In the afternoons she drove her kids to music lessons.

Using her secretarial skills, Maxine worked at the Bethel Deaconess Hospital in the medical records department, the Moundridge bank, and from 1984-1996 in the Alumni Office at Bethel College. Interspersed between these positions, she worked with Orlando in a painting/refinishing business for a number of years.

A love of music permeat-

ed Maxine's life. She played the flute, was a member of a longstanding flute quartet, and also taught privately. She also loved the harp, and learning to play the one that Orlando recently made for her was her latest musical pursuit.

In 1992, Maxine and Orlando made the decision to leave the farm and move to North Newton, where they joined the Bethel College Mennonite Church. In 2011 they moved to Kidron Bethel in North Newton and had just recently moved to Pine Village in Moundridge. At the time of her death, Maxine and Orlando had been married 68 years.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Emry Ruth and sister Elinor (Ruth) Ewy.

Survivors include her husband Orlando Fast; daughter Barbara of Norman OK; son Arlen and his wife Anne Ediger of Teaneck NJ; son Russell and his wife Irma of Dickinson ND; son Galen and his wife Cindy of Wichita KS. She is also survived by five grandchildren: Elise, Jonathan, Renee, Evan and Sarah Fast.



**Bonnie L. Tangeman Goering**  
July 8, 1922 – December 18, 2017

Bonnie Luella Tangeman was born to Henry and Lillian Work Tangeman in Newton, Kansas. She attended Highland School through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, then graduated from Newton High School. She was baptized in the Highland Evangelical Church, now Highland Trinity United Church of Christ, and attended there until her marriage to Eldon C. Goering on June 3, 1943. She has been a member of the Bethel College Mennonite

Church since her marriage.

Bonnie and Eldon had four children, Larry, Lauren, Karen, and Laverne. She and Eldon raised their children on the farm where she grew up. Bonnie worked for several different employers during her career including: Hesston Corporation, Jantz Manufacturing, Dalke Trucking, and Bethel College. She retired from Bethel College at the age of 75 with over 20 years of service there. She became the sole caregiver of her husband, Eldon, during the last eight years of his life as he had Parkinson's Disease.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her step-mother, Lillian Dreier Tangeman, her husband, her brother, Dwight Tangeman, and her son, Lauren Goering.

She is survived by her sons, Larry (Margaret) Goering and Laverne (Katy) Goering, her daughter, Karen Dickson, all of Newton, daughter-in-law, Krista Goering of Lawrence, sister, Donna Campbell, Newberg, Oregon, brother-in-law Jacob Goering, North Newton, sisters-in-law Evelyn (Ralph) Lehman, North Newton and Verna Goering, Moundridge, grandchildren, Crystal Goering Taylor, Kim Goetze Pineda, Kate Goering Lowe, Sandy Goering Hiebert, Kevin Goering, Suzie Goering Schultz, and 14 great-grandchildren.

## Christmas at BCMC



**The children's program was Christmas Eve morning, December 24, 2017.** The children sang songs, read scripture and presented "A Spontaneous Nativity". The Youth Group presented a Readers Theater. The illustration above, drawn by Eva Dungan, was on the bulletin cover.

The Lessons and Carols program began at 10:45 p.m. with a prelude by the Chancel Bells. Lessons and Carols then followed at 11 p.m. with the *Magnificat* by composer Marc-Antoine Charpentier performed by the BCMC Chancel Choir, scripture readings and hymns sung by the congregation, ending with lighting of candles.

Following are pictures from the Children's program, courtesy of Jennifer Koontz.



Junior Choir with director, Dawn Yoder Harms



Cherub Choir with Jill Siebert, director on guitar and Jill's husband, Braden Unruh on banjo



Members of the Cherub Choir read a prayer that they wrote

**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. Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place with coffee, water and tea available is at 10:30 a.m. Faith Formation is at 10:50 a.m. Everyone is welcome! Note: Any given Sunday's events may be subject to change*

**January 7, 2018—Epiphany**

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Rebecca Schloneger, violin  
4:00 p.m. Memorial Service to remember BCMC members who died in 2017

**January 14, 2018**

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by the Chancel Bells

**January 21, 2018**

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by the Chancel Choir led by guest director, Enrique Alfonso, Paraguay

**January 28, 2018**

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms and John Tyson; music by Cherub Choir

**Congratulations to Pastor John Tyson**, who will be ordained for congregational ministry Jan. 28 during the Sunday morning worship.

11:45 a.m. **Senior High Youth will be hosting the annual soup luncheon fundraiser in Fellowship Hall**

12:45 p.m. Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary

**February 4, 2018**

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Menno Ringers

**February 11, 2018**

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Bells

**February 14, 2018—Ash Wednesday**

7:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday service

**February 18, 2018—Lent 1**

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Choir

**February 25, 2018—Lent 2**

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Chancel Choir and Junior Choir