

# KALEIDOSCOPE

BETHEL COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH

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## A Graphic, Interactive Timeline for BCMC

The Visual Arts Committee is helping us take a journey backwards to remember our past. Who have we been, what have we been doing, and what is important to our church? With the theme of “remembering who we are” as the focus for this fall’s worship, our committee thought it would be visually interesting to trace and interact with our past.

This graphic offers a unique, participatory opportunity. We’ve displayed a visual timeline with dates and photos of a few of the important events, groups and people in the church’s history. Now, for your part, you get to respond to the photos and add your own.

These mounted photos will likely prompt memories or make you curious as to who the people in the photos are. We want you to connect with the church’s events. We encourage you to choose one of your photos, some memorabilia, or write a short remembrance of some event or person in the church. Place these items in the basket that is near the Timeline. Austin Prouty will mount these in close proximity to the date

of the item. He will type up your written responses and post those as well. He plans to update the Timeline weekly. If you wish to have the photo or item returned, let Austin know. Contact Austin Prouty at prouty.austin@gmail.com or (316)217-3922.

We look forward to learning about others’ connections, reliving some events and seeing a different kind of “picture” of our church.

Our plan is to move these panels to the upstairs hallway sometime in 2019 so it can continue to remind us of who we are and inspire us. ~ Darlene Dick



The BCMC building under construction in 1953 from the book *Campus, Congregation, and Community: The Bethel College Mennonite Church 1897-1997* by Keith Sprunger



Where are we headed? This question is at the center of Mennonite Church USA’s two-year process, *Journey Forward*. Our congregation gathered feedback this fall in Sunday School classes and during a series of Wednesday night conversations held throughout October around the tables in Fellowship Hall between supper and choir practices. Responses will be forwarded by the Faith Formation committee to Mennonite Church USA writing and review teams (which include Western District’s Heidi Regier Kreider) in preparation for delegate discussions in Kansas City in 2019. Our Wednesday evening conversation groups used the same questions that had started this Future Church Summit process in Orlando in 2017. During Wednesday evening group reflections, participants were able to compare their own responses as members of our congregation with the initial responses reported out from the Orlando delegates. Initial questions were:

- What draws you to the Anabaptist faith?
- How might our history help us going forward?
- What should we lament, and/or let go?

- What can we affirm and take forward?
- ~ Pat Friesen

## Changes!

With this edition of *Kaleidoscope* we are delighted to welcome Pat Friesen as our new co-editor. We thank Florence Schloneger for her work on the two summer issues as interim co-editor. I have asked Pat to provide a “brief bio” so you will know her as more than “the lady at the piano” (and the new face in the bell choir).

~ Dianne Epp  
I am a retired English teacher and enjoy reading. I also value writing in its many forms - - this newsletter being one of the most local and personal kinds of journalism I know. My husband Chuck and I moved to Kidron last year. Helping edit this newsletter seemed a good way to learn about the many projects and people that make BCMC the active church it is. The editor (Dianne Epp) is a life-long friend from our days in Lincoln, NE who assured me that everyone helps by reporting - - which is true! Your tradition of featuring 12-year-olds and 80-year-olds is a wonder-

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ful way to mark these turning points in members' lives. I look forward to sharing, through writing, the news and stories of BCMC.

~ Pat Friesen

## The Pony Express

### Remembering Who We Are: People of God's Generosity

The original Pony Express only operated for 19 months, covering 2000 miles from Missouri to California in 10 days using 200 relief stations. The BCMC Pony Express has operated since 1978 to ask support for the BCMC mission for another year, connecting more than 200 households in 14 days. Local households are organized into over 35 neighborhood groups, each with a neighborhood captain. (Another 200 who live in outlying areas receive a letter through regular mail.)

A large manila envelope for each neighborhood lists names/addresses/phone numbers on the outside along with instructions. Inside are #10 envelopes for each household on the list containing a narrative budget and "intent" forms. The first household finds their envelope, fills out the intent form and keeps a copy. The form is sealed in the #10 envelope, placed back into the manila envelope, and then delivered to another name on the list. After all have been contacted, the manila envelope is returned to the captain.

Some additional information:

- This year Stewardship Sunday was October 28. However the Pony Express starts during worship on November 4 and ends during worship on November 18. The theme is *People of God's Generosity* as part of the larger *Remembering who we are* theme.

- Results will be confidentially tabulated by the treasurer. Totals will be used by the Finance Committee and Church Board to develop the 2019 budget that will be voted on by the congregation on January 27, 2019.

- There are many giving patterns.

- Most write a check once a month and place it in the offering plate.

- About 45 give regularly through electronic fund transfers. (See [bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org/community-life/stewardship/electronic-fund-transfers/](http://bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org/community-life/stewardship/electronic-fund-transfers/) for additional information.)

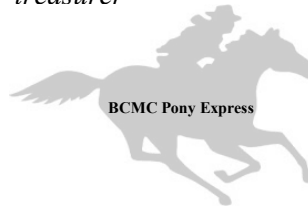
- Growing in popularity for those 70 ½ or older is the Qualified Charitable Distribution from an IRA. This is a good way to deal with Required Minimum Distributions. (See [bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org/community-life/stewardship/qualified-charitable-distribution/](http://bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org/community-life/stewardship/qualified-charitable-distribution/).)

- Many increase their giving from year to year, recognizing that church expenses also increase. More than a 5% increase will be needed to support requests from commissions and committees for 2019.
- Annual intents range from under \$500 (12% of giving units) to more than \$5,000 (8%) with \$2,087 as the 2018 average.
- Some find themselves facing very uncertain or challenging financial situations, making it difficult to know how to fill out the intent form. Smaller gifts are valued as much as larger gifts and show support for the mission of the church. The church knows that circumstances can change during the year, so it is called an "intent" and not a "pledge".

If you are not visited by the Pony Express directly or through the mail, contact the

church office or treasurer@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org if you are interested in participating.

~ Richard Friesen, church treasurer



## Update from the Search Committee

The Search Committee for our new Associate Pastor for Faith Formation has two new members, and is making progress.

Austin Prouty and Elizabeth Lamp joined us Oct. 11. Their perspective as college and high school students, respectively, already has been helpful. Suzy Burch, Marlene Ewert, Carol Flickinger, Dave Linscheid (chair), Dale Schrag and Dawn Yoder Harms (ex officio) are also on the committee.

Thanks to the 128 people who completed the Twenty Pastoral Areas survey in September. The results showed a strong desire for someone who will mentor youth and young adults, provide leadership in Christian formation, preach, emphasize peace and justice, and teach. Youth and young adults also value pastoral counseling skills, visionary leadership, and teaching and modeling Christian spirituality.

In mid-October, we added the survey results to the Congregational Information Form and shared it with the Church Board. Western District Conference liaison Kathy Neufeld Dunn is now making it available to pastors interested in the position. Kathy met with us Oct. 30 to go over Ministerial Leadership Information (MLI) forms from several of those individuals.

We're prayerfully considering their information, and may look at additional MLIs as they come in. We hope to narrow the focus soon, conduct confidential interviews, then interact with one individual in depth. Ultimately, that person and BCMC will discern God's call.

We continue to welcome the names of possible pastors, and invite your prayerful support. Thank you.

~ Dave Linscheid

## From the Education Scholarship and Service Committee (ESSC)

As one way of keeping the congregation aware of our scholarship-supported college students and their activities, the Education & Service Scholarship Committee (ESSC) is again featuring current recipients in this and upcoming *Kaleidoscope* issues. We are supporting 12 students at three different Anabaptist/Mennonite colleges this year. It is our hope that by sharing these brief glimpses into the lives of our (busy!) college students, we will strengthen our relationships with them, and enhance our support of their various campus involvements throughout the school year.

In this issue we focus on three of our Senior students, all of whom are attending Bethel College.

**Connor Born** participated in a research internship in aquatic chemistry and ecology in Miami, Florida, over the summer. He is hoping to continue his academic success at Bethel, while continuing to "solidify lifelong friendships." He is also beginning to look at post-graduation service opportunities.

**Emily Kondziola**, double-majoring in Peace & Conflict



Studies and Communication Arts, won a URICA research grant to perform a visual analysis of a Reuters special report covering Rohingya Muslims. She is looking toward graduate school following her graduation in May.

**Seth Larson** has completed the coursework for his education certification, and is taking BIFL and some upper-level history courses this fall, prior to student teaching in spring. He sends his thanks to the congregation for the generous support he has received!

We are grateful for these students, and the choice they made to further their education at Bethel College. Our prayerful and financial support go with them on their journeys.

As a reminder, the Bethel College Scholarship Fund is an above-budget fund, and contributions are always welcome. We look to continue our support of another large group of students next year!

~ Carol Flickinger, for ESSC

## Mennonite Women and Girls Retreat

Mennonite Women and Girls Retreat 2018 at Camp Mennoscah, September 7-9, featured service projects, comforter tying with five completed, scrapbooking, and a number of seminars. The Friday evening event featured a fashion show with outfits from Et Cetera Shop. One popular seminar was beginner and advanced handbells. Vada Snider was the director. The combined group played for both the Saturday evening general session as well as Sunday morning worship. Rachel Ringenberg Miller, pastor at Shalom Mennonite Church was the featured speaker on the book of Esther with the theme “Be Brave, Be Bold, Be

You.” Attending the retreat were Vada Snider and Marlene Faul. Part time attendees were Susan Jantzen, Marty Warkentine, and Brenda Turner.  
~ Marlene Faul

## Ten Thousand Villages International Gift Festival

An international gift festival featuring Ten Thousand Villages merchandise is coming to Newton again this holiday season. Put these dates on your calendar: Friday, November 23 (9 am–7 pm), Saturday, November 24 (9 am–5 pm) and Sunday, November 25 (1 pm–4 pm). It will take place on the mezzanine at Prairie Harvest 601 N. Main. Featured items will be nativities, Christmas tree ornaments, jewelry, scarves, and a wide variety of handmade gifts from artisans around the world.

Please note that this Ten Thousand Villages general merchandise sale is being held only this ONE weekend following Thanksgiving. HOWEVER, a booth featuring chocolate, Equal Exchange Coffee, tea and other food items from Ten Thousand Villages, along with Christmas Tree Ornaments, will be held as part of the Kidron Bethel Marketplace on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9am – 1pm at 3001 Ivy Drive.  
~ Dianne Epp

## Fun at the Pumpkin Ranch

BCMC was supposed to go to the P & M Pumpkin Ranch on Sunday, October

14. Unfortunately, the weather turned rather nasty that day and not only was BCMC’s event cancelled but the P & M Pumpkin Ranch closed due to rain and very chilly temperatures! The event was rescheduled for October 21 with a hot dog roast (and s’mores, of course!) from 5:30 pm to 7 pm at Jim and Beaty Robb’s home. It was a beautiful autumn day and the BCMC folks who attended the Pumpkin Ranch event had a great time. Thank you Jim and Beaty for hosting the hot dog roast! ~ Monica Lichti



Fun at the Pumpkin Ranch



Hot dogs at the Robbs



## Happy 12th Birthday Adah Hodge!



Adah Hodge turned 12 on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September. She is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Santa Fe Middle School, enjoys most of her classes, and is a reader and fan of several fantasy fiction series. One memorable book from elementary school was a collection of biographies of scientists and mathematicians. Their lives and their intellectual work made an impression on Adah, along with the line drawings of these thinkers that were featured in the collection.

Adah reflects on leaders with whom she interacts.

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Adah sees the strengths in strict leaders as well as in those who are more relaxed. “It is good to have had a mix,” she observes. The key for either style, says Adah, is a level of trust in the student, so that student and teacher move toward the learning goal together. She also appreciates those with a sense of humor. Adah has similar thoughts about counselors at camp – she has attended both Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp and Camp Mennoscah. She values the variety of counselors she has had and looks forward to reaching the required age so she can be a counselor herself.

Adah is happy to be near her extended family. One set of grandparents is a few blocks away from her home in North Newton and the other set lives in the country outside of Topeka. This proximity allows lots of times of being together doing a variety of things. Adah realizes the richness of this arrangement. She has two older brothers, Simon and Jonah, both in high school.

Adah values being a part of Bethel College Mennonite Church. “We have a woman pastor!” she stated with enthusiasm, and women in other leadership groups within the church, she continued. Just as central for Adah are the friends she has here at BCMC. Friends are important for her both at church and at school. Adah values loyalty in a friend, values simply the feeling of having others to be with and talk to. Having another circle of people alongside family ties is a good thing. When Adah thinks of herself as a friend, she describes herself as sarcastic, loyal and truthful.

A challenge for Adah’s memory was with Suzuki violin -- mastering the last song in Book 1, *Gavotte!* How did she finally learn it? “I just finished it!” she says. “I’d be lying if I said I practiced it every day!” She is now working on the last song of Book

Two!

If she could be an animal what would she be? A giraffe, because they are so tall. Or, a cheetah because they are nimble. Adah doesn’t enjoy running that much herself. She states she learned that “Kansas and running make for a bad combination!

All things considered, Adah is happily engaged with her life as she turns 12. She contemplates ways of responding when people around her act in a manner that she does not agree with. She carefully considers what her role might be – standing firm in her own beliefs, perhaps talking to the person with whom she disagrees when the time is right. Adah names global warming as the world’s most pressing challenge. When asked how she imagines herself as part of a solution, Adah reflects that it might be in the form of a persuasive presentation, sharing reasons why this is happening and what can be done differently. She imagines it would be important to go to a larger city where more people are gathered, it would be important to carefully weigh what she would say and how long she would speak.

Happy Birthday, Adah!  
We celebrate your presence among us!

~ Susan Jantzen

### Happy 12th Birthday Lily Schloneger!



Lillian (Lily) Schloneger fills her days being with numerous friends and as many involvements. As a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Santa Fe Middle School, Lily’s classwork extends to homework this year, but she seems at ease with the demands. She is comfortable with the portions of class work that is computerized, which allows for the individual student to work at their own pace. On any given school day, Lily also enjoys the Interest Based Groups that students can join. Groups focus on cooking, learning about care of animals, and working in The Depot, a small school supply store within the school building, to name a few. As she looks ahead to possibly learning a second language, Lily is drawn to the Spanish language, since that is the “most commonly used” language in this area, after English.

Lily describes learning as a process of trying, making mistakes, then trying again. Parents and teachers have a role, she observes, as they offer the way forward in coursework as well as behavior -- being kind, being good. Students can listen to know what expectations have been established. Parents or teachers who encourage the view that life is a fight will have children or students that are fighters. Lily sees that the adult can create the setting so people get along well or not so well.

When asked what she might do if she had a large amount of grant money, Lily responded that she would support a school that was “without financial ability.” She would arrange the grant so that schools in need could receive computers, renovations, and things that would make the school “cool.” Schools should have equal resources, she stated.

Lily is happy and grateful for her school setting here in Newton. “Everyone seems nice, things are settled,” she

observed. She likes the way Norm’s Coffee Bar has free snacks available after school for those who don’t go home right away, as well as computers available. Lily sees this as important support for this community.

After school, Lily goes to basketball, dance, orchestra, children’s choir or church! She enjoys each of those activities. Relaxing after the day, she enjoys her room, her loft bed, and her special dog, Honey, a treasured companion.

Lily’s favorite time of year is winter!

Lily’s life challenge has been her sensitivity to certain chemicals in soaps and shampoos. After several frustrating years, she now sees a dermatologist who helps her skin stay healthy. She is grateful for this recent development.

If there was one world problem Lily would want to give her energy and gifts to, it would be stopping abuse -- abuse toward children, and abuse toward animals that are neglected and left without food. She paused and admitted, “I don’t understand how people can treat other people and animals in this way.”

Happy Birthday, Lily!  
(Lily’s birthday is November 14) We celebrate your presence among us!  
~ Susan Jantzen

### *This is the World that God Gave: a “cumulative tale”*

By Susan Jantzen

This is the plain  
where the water drained  
from the great big sea.  
Now it’s you and me  
and our footprints that see:

this is the world that  
God gave.

This is the watershed  
found on the plain  
where the water drained



from the great big sea.  
Now it's you and me  
and our footprints that see:

this is the world that  
God gave.

Look, a river bed  
flows in the watershed  
that sits on the plain  
where the water drained  
from the great big sea.  
Now it's you and me  
and our footprints that see:

this is the world that  
God gave.

This is the Ninnescah,  
home to Camp Mennoscach.  
It flows in the river bed,  
part of the watershed  
that rests on the plain  
where the water drained  
from the great big sea.  
Now it's you and me  
And our footprints that see:

this is the world that  
God gave.

This is the breeze  
which gives souls ease,  
here at Camp Mennoscach  
on the banks of the Ninnescah  
which flows in the river bed,  
part of the watershed  
that rests on the plain  
where the water drained  
from the great big sea.  
Now it's you and me  
and our footprints that see:

this is the world that  
God gave.

This is the heron  
that glides on the breeze  
which gives souls ease,  
here at Camp Mennoscach  
on the banks of the Ninnescah  
which flows in the river bed,  
part of the watershed  
that rests on the plain  
where the water drained  
from the great big sea.  
Now it's you and me  
and our footprints see:

this is the world  
that God gave.



Give thanks, then to God  
who fashioned the heron  
that glides on the breeze  
which gives our souls ease  
here at Camp Mennoscach  
on the banks of the Ninnescah  
which flows in the river bed,  
part of the watershed  
that rests on the plain  
where the water drained  
from the great big sea.  
It's for you and me  
and our footprint to see:

this is the world that  
God gave.

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### Camp Mennoscach celebrated it's 70th year in 2018.

**The River is Here**  
by Michael Unruh,  
Camp Mennoscach  
Executive Director

Earlier this month, a large portion of Central Kansas received a lot of rain. A lot of rain. Before the water from these heavy rains reached the Gulf of Mexico, or even the Arkansas River, the runoff from our area passed right through Camp Mennoscach via the Ninnescah River, and the floodwaters came up to their highest level in over 40 years! The observation deck was underwater, water spilled into the picnic area, and the canoe shed was half underwater. It was quite the phenomenon, and even a bit scary. With waters on the rise, I posted a short "river update" video on Facebook to keep Camp Mennoscach friends informed on the state of the river. The response to this video update was vast, garnering attention from people at least as far away as Oregon, and even a Wichita news station! I was compelled to make two more videos during various stages of the flooding as a result. We were initially shocked at the number of people interested in hearing about the river, but upon further reflection, it didn't take long to conclude why.

To hundreds who have been to Camp Mennoscach, the

Ninnescah River is more than just a body of water:

- The river is a defining feature of creation at camp, which reveals God's presence in the natural world here.

- The river supports an abundant biological life: fishes, birds, mammals, insects, and much more, which makes the river a constant source of activity.

- The river has been the site of many baptisms over the years, which highlights the special role camp can play in campers' faith journeys

In short, the river can represent the entire camp experience, which has been a formative one for 70 years. It's no wonder Camp Mennoscach friends wanted to witness the impact a flooding river was having at camp, because camp and the river have had an impact on them.

A flooding river is one way I've come to think of the love of God. Though I could probably write a page or more to develop this metaphor, I have decided to simply summarize the most prominent parts:

1. God's love creates and sustains abundant life, like the river does, except to an infinite degree.
2. Like a river, the love of God is a force, always coming toward us, with the capability to break into and spill over every area of our lives. Sometimes this is a scary force, too!
3. The love of God, like a river, has the power to shape and change us, either immediately or over time. Sometimes these are welcome changes, and at other times we resist.

All this talk about rivers has brought to mind "The River Is Here," by Andy Park, a song my youth group worship band always used to play. Verse two of the song reads:

*The river of God is teeming  
with life  
And all who touch it can be  
revived  
And those who linger on this  
river's shore*

*Will come back thirsting  
for more of the Lord*

Let us continue thirsting for God's river of unending love to break into, revive, sustain, and shape our lives, both now and always.



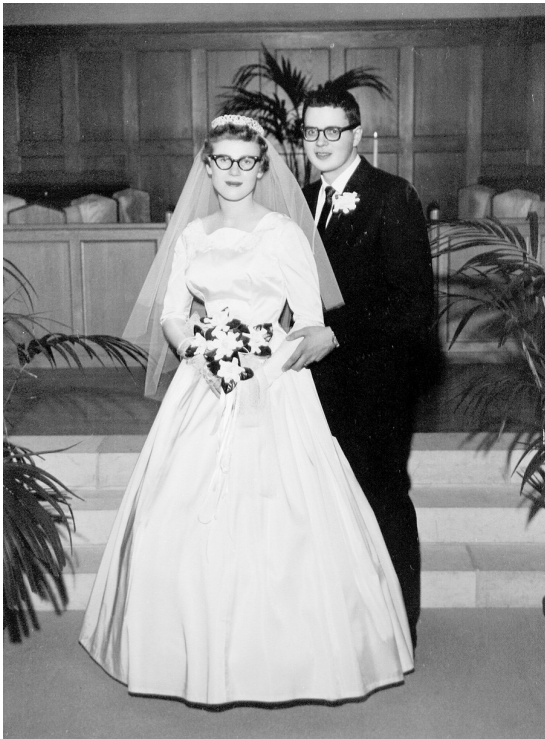
### An opportunity to support Camp Mennoscach's ministry: Camp

Mennoscach is an important faith formation ministry to this congregation--25 children and youth went to camp this past summer! Camp Mennoscach's general fund allows camp to provide the staff, facilities, and activities that foster this faith growth. Between now and the end of the year, all new, renewed, and increased gifts to camp's general fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$8,000. Donations can be contributed directly to Camp Mennoscach at PO Box 65, Murdock, KS 67111 or online [www.campmennoscach.org](http://www.campmennoscach.org).

*The Michael Unruh article is  
courtesy of the Western  
District Conference*



## Anniversaries



Congratulations to  
Margaret and John Hiebert  
60 years of marriage—  
November 7, 1958

**Congratulations also to LuAnn Zook and Doug Siemens who will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on December 31!**

**We would also like to acknowledge that Murray Penner, son of Larry and Karen Penner spoke at the Bethel College convocation on Friday, October 26. Murray is the Executive Director of NASTAD.** NASTAD is a leading non-partisan non-profit association that represents public health officials who administer HIV and hepatitis programs in the U.S. and around the world. Their singular mission is to end the intersecting epidemics of HIV, viral hepatitis, and related conditions. They do this work by strengthening domestic and global governmental public health through advocacy, capacity building, and social justice. Since May 2016 they have been “doing business as” NASTAD (National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors) *(from the NASTAD website)*

Murray lives in Washington, D.C.



Congratulations to Dorothy  
Nickel Friesen and  
Richard Friesen  
50 years of marriage—  
December 27, 1968

## Obituaries

**Doris Celeste Nikkel Schmidt—August 10, 1928—August 12, 2018**

On August 12, 2018, Doris Celeste (Nikkel) Schmidt, of South Hutchinson died peacefully at the Mennonite Friendship Communities in South Hutchinson at the age of 90. Doris is survived by her husband, Menno Schmidt of South Hutchinson; stepchildren Ron (and Susan) Schmidt of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Sharon Schmidt of El Dorado; sisters and brothers in-law Orletta and John Goe-ring of Gresham, Oregon; Joyce and Ken Christopher of Olathe; sisters Josephine Voth of Goessel and Arzella Dirksen of Denver, Colorado; and many beloved nieces and nephews all across the country. Doris is preceded in death by her brother and sister in-law Abe and Kathy Nikkel, and brothers in law Mel Dirksen and Elmer Voth. Doris was born to Jacob P. and Eva (Unruh) Nikkel on August 10, 1928, in Goessel, Kansas. She attended Maple Hill Grade School and graduated from Lehigh High School. After high school Doris obtained her teaching certification and briefly taught all grades in single-room school houses, Lighthouse Rural (near Goessel) and Plain View Rural (Marion County). She earned a nursing degree at Bethel Deaconess School of Nursing in 1952 and went to work at Bethesda Hospital in Goessel, where she eventually became the Director. Doris decided to go back to Bethel College and completed a bachelor's degree. Upon graduation, Doris worked at a hospital in Henderson, Nebraska and after several years she became Hospital Superintendent. Doris re-



turned to Bethel Deaconess Hospital to work as an operating room supervisor and instructor. While Doris enjoyed teaching, she had a strong interest in anesthesiology and followed that interest to complete a nurse anesthetist degree from Barnes Hospital School of Anesthesiology, St. Louis, Missouri, in 1963. She returned to Kansas to take a position as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at Halstead Memorial Hospital. Doris married Menno Schmidt on August 20, 1966. Together they lived on a farm near Buhler, Kansas, while Doris continued as a nurse anesthetist in Halstead for a couple of years before taking an anesthesiology position at McPherson Hospital. In 1978 Doris retired from nursing and a couple of years later she and Menno moved to Hutchinson. Burial was at Buhler East Cemetery, August 20. The memorial service was at Mennonite Friendship Communities, Hutchinson, August 20. Doris became a member of BCMC May 25, 1958 and remained a member until her death.



**Lonabelle Christina Yoder—**  
*January 1, 1929 - September 2, 2018*

Lonabelle Christina (Jantzi) Yoder was born January 1, 1929, to Michael and Alma (Zehr) Jantzi in Alden, New

York. She was baptized as a youth at Lowville Mennonite Church. She attended Eastern Mennonite High School, and college at Eastern Mennonite and Goshen College. She married James D. Yoder of Garden City, MO, on August 7, 1954. She graduated from Goshen College in 1955 with a B. S. in education. Later, she received her Masters Degree in Library Science from Central Missouri State.

She taught school for many years, beginning in Bristol, IN, and twenty-five years as an elementary teacher in Hickman Mills District of south Kansas City, MO, completing her professional years as a head librarian at Hickman Mills High School.

She and her husband retired in Hesston, KS. In retirement Lonabelle was a faithful member of Bethel College Mennonite Church, where she served on the Library Committee. She served for Mennonite Central Committee at Et Cetera, in Newton, KS and also sewed over 1,200 book bags to donate for students through Mennonite Central Committee. Prior to retirement she was a member of the Rainbow Mennonite Church, of Kansas City, KS.

She is preceded in death by a daughter, Angela Maria, a brother Donald Jantzi, of Goshen, IN, and brother-in-law Alfred Yoder, of Hesston, KS. Lonabelle is survived by her husband James D. Yoder, Newton, KS, son Michael Lynn Yoder, and daughter-in-law Karen Seibel, Lawrence, KS, grand-daughter-in-law Jamie Seibel of Phoenix, AZ, a brother, Glendon Jantzi of Goshen, IN, a sister-in-law, Irene (Hershberger) Yoder of Hesston, KS, and nieces and nephews Glenda Jantzi Holey, Don Jantzi and Carol Jantzi, all of Goshen, Barbara Jantzi, Chicago, IL, Cynthia Jantzi, Miami, Lowell Jantzi,

Lititz, PA, and Melody (Yoder) Meyer, Goshen, IN. Lonabelle always had a cheery disposition and a large, friendly smile she shared with everyone.

The disposition of Lonabelle's ashes will be at Clearfork Cemetery, near Sycamore Grove Mennonite Church, in Case County, MO, near the gravesite of her daughter Angela Maria and Al and Zella Yoder, the parents of her husband James.



**Lou Gomez, Jr.—**  
*November 14, 1949—October 17, 2018*

Lou (Lucio) Gomez, Jr. was born November 14, 1949 to Lou (Lucio) Gomez, Sr. and Frances Gomez in Newton, Kansas. Lou grew up in a third generation Spanish American family. He graduated from Newton High School, did art work for Hallmark Cards and worked for Santa Fe Railroad for 27 years. He married Connye Scott and they had two children: Joselyn Kisha and Christopher Phillip. They lived in Halstead and Wichita. After eight years of single life he moved back to Newton and taught catechism for youth at Our Lady of Guadalupe. In May of 2003 he married Elizabeth Ann Raid. He graduated from Hesston College with an associates' degree in Pastoral Ministry in 2006. After graduation he served seven years as pastor of Calvary Mennonite Church in Liberal, Kansas

where he was ordained. There he helped start the Spanish speaking church, Camino de Santidad, with Moises Romero as pastor. He volunteered and later worked half-time as case manager for Offender Victim Ministries in Newton. In 2013 he and his wife Elizabeth began serving as the pastoral team for South Hutchinson Mennonite Friendship Communities. Lou continued in that ministry until the time of his passing. At Bethel College Mennonite Church, he served on the church board and in various other capacities. He led worship there September 23, the Sunday before he suffered a stroke. He passed on October 17 with his loving wife at his side. He leaves behind his wife, Elizabeth, mother Frances, son Christopher, daughter Kisha and husband Eric Slay and grandchildren Hunter, Chase, Ryder and Francesca; siblings Victoria Adame (Frank) and Ventura Porter (Warren) and their families; inherited children Rachel Pankratz (Tim Hallacy), Ronan, Tynan; Lisa Pankratz (Scott Dooley), Katrina, Owen, Miles; Matthew Pankratz (Michelle Roth), Abraham, Leo, Otto, Hugh. His father, Lou, Sr. passed away April 1, 2014. A brother, Gilbert is deceased, May 10, 2016. His gentle, generous and welcoming presence will be missed by many friends and relatives. He leaves us a loving legacy of faith, family and friendship. Lou's motto he carried out in all aspects of his life is the following: "People do not care how much you know until they know how much you care!"

~ John C. Maxwell



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**Worship schedule** *(Check weekly bulletins and church website, [bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org](http://bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org), for updates and details on worship and other events) Sunday worship is at 9:30 am, unless otherwise noted. Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place with coffee, water and tea available is at 10:30 am. Faith Formation is at 10:50 am. Everyone is welcome!*  
*Note: Any given Sunday's events may be subject to change. "The Kaleidoscope" can be viewed online on the website.*

**November 4, 2018—Remembering who we are:  
Dedication of Pony Express Process**

Worship with sermon by Dr. Safwat Marzouk; music by Chancel Choir

**November 11, 2018—Remembering who we are:  
An Intergenerational Community**

Worship with sermon by Susan Jantzen; music by Junior Choir and Cherub Choir

**November 18, 2018—Remembering God's Faithfulness  
to our Congregation**

Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Bells

**November 25, 2018—Thanksgiving Sunday**

Worship with sermon by Susan Jantzen

**Advent Preludes will be at 9:00 am followed by worship at 9:30 am**

**December 2, 2018—Advent 1**

Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Choir; communion will be served

**December 9, 2018—Advent 2**

Worship with sermon by Susan Jantzen; music by Chancel Bells

**December 16, 2018—Advent 3**

Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Choir

**December 23, 2018—Advent 4  
Children's Christmas Program**

**December 24, 2018—Program of Lessons and Carols at 11 pm**

**December 30, 2018—Christmas Sunday**  
Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms