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BETHEL COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH

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## Pastor's Corner with Dawn Yoder Harms

Life is seldom predictable. Like a winding mountain road, it has

twists and turns and ups and downs, taking us to places we have not anticipated. For some of us, the bends in the road add interest to the journey. For others, hills and curves bring anxiety.

These days at BCMC we are journeying into new territory: we are preparing to welcome three new staff people in the next number of months (Pastor of Faith Formation, Pastor of Pastoral Care, and someone to manage financial and some organizational aspects of BCMC's work); we are continuing congregational conversation about sexual misconduct and how we respond to it; and we are saying good-bye to long-term members of our congregation through death (six in the past month), even as we welcome new members, new ideas, and fresh energy.

At some points this journey is as smooth as a cruise on a Kansas freeway. But sometimes it feels as laborious and unpredictable as climbing a mountain road. What gives us strength and courage to keep going?

*We remember that this season of transition provides us with important opportunity for growth.* Along the way we are invited to ask: what are we being invited to release? What are

we being invited to take hold of? What are the spiritual practices that deepen our trust, patience and gratitude? How are we deepening our connection to each other? How might we open ourselves to experiencing God as creative presence and power in the midst of what is taking shape among us?

During times like these, I return to one of my favorite texts from Jeremiah:

***Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. J Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NRSV)***

I invite you to read this passage, pray it, memorize it, hold it in your heart, as we move into this space of new possibility and change together.

### Wednesday Suppers

Wednesday night suppers started Feb. 27. On the front of the brochure for Wednesday suppers it says: "Join with others from the BCMC church

*community for food, fellowship and conversation. Invite a new friend and meet long-time friends for the meal together in Fellowship Hall."*

The meals for this series of suppers are:

**Feb 27 Mardi Gras!** \*Red Beans and Rice, Cornbread, King Cake—Served by *Youth Group and Agape Sunday school class*

**Mar 6** \*Brisket of beef, roasted potatoes, green beans, \*Peach cobbler—Served by *Mosaic class*

**Mar 13** \*Chicken curry casserole, \*Ginger Ale Salad, Sugar cookies—served by *Sojourners and Catacombs*

**Mar 20** \*Verenike casserole, peas, \*Cherry Moos —served by *Open Circle*

**Mar 27** Chili, carrots & celery, \*Mom's cinnamon rolls—served by *Bible Study and Issues & Christianity*

**Apr 3** Open-faced chicken sandwich, chips, \*Springtime Pea Salad, \*Fudge Brownies—served by *Fellowship and Seekers*

*\*These menu items come from the Et Cetera Cookbook*

Following the supper on March 6 will be the Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary. On March 13 and 20 following the suppers there will be a program, *Continuing the conversation.....* from 6:30-7:30 pm. There will be opportunity to continue the conversation related to congregational process and response to sexual boundary violations among us. Topics will include: sexual trauma and its impact on victims, guidance from the wider church, and the

role of restorative justice. Stay tuned for specific information regarding the sessions in coming weeks.

The Bethel College Scholarship Fundraiser c/o Education and Service Scholarship Committee—(ESSC) will be March 27. Join the ESSC for the 3rd annual "Baskets for Bethel fundraiser" during and after supper. ESSC raises money to help support our students at Bethel College and our goal this year is \$5,000. All ages are invited to shoot baskets and earn money for the ESSC fund. Hear from current Bethel students about their experiences this year. Win Bethel souvenirs!

On April 3 we will go back to *Continuing the conversation....*

It should be an interesting and fun six weeks.

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## From the Education and Service Scholarship Committee

The Education and Service Scholarship Committee (ESSC) is supporting 12 students this year at three different Mennonite colleges. In this issue of the Kaleidoscope we are glad to hear from three students who completed their first semester of college life in December, 2018. We reached out to them during the last weeks of the semester and they all found time to send us a few thoughts – verbal and visual!

**Jason Wong** is attending EMU and writes “My first semester here at EMU has been filled with new adventures. I’ve had the chance to meet new people and experience a whole new life here which I am very grateful for.”

**Zoe Siemens** is at Bethel and shares “This semester has been full of individual growth and new friendships. It has been a crazy ride so far but the people here have kept me grounded. I’m very excited to see what this next semester holds for me!”

**Jon Voth** attends Hesston College. In response to my texted question “How are things going?” his immediate response was...



College life

and texted back “Things are going well.”

We wish these young students every success in their second semester!

~ Margaret Toews, for ESSC

## Mentor—Mentee Lunch

M&M’s were on the Fellowship Hall tables as we gathered for our Mentor/Mentee lunch on February 10. Ten of 12 existing BCMC mentor/mentee pairs were present. We visited, ate some great pizza, fruit, vegetables and cookies as we explored ideas for future activities or projects the group could do as a whole.

The last 30 minutes were spent assembling care boxes for post-high school students. Adam Robb, Faith Formation Commission chair, had requested items from our BCMC adult Sunday school groups. They responded generously, providing ramen noodles (Mosaic class), mac and cheese packets (Catacombs class), granola bars and hot chocolate packets (Open Circle class), popcorn and post-it notes (Fellowship class), laundry detergent (Bible Study), quarters (Seekers class), gum (Agape class), snacks (Sojourners), and pencils and pens (Dialogue group). A hearty thank you, BCMC Sunday School classes! Not to be missed was the remarkable teamwork of mentors and mentees as the boxes were assembled, carried to a place of storage and the tables and kitchen cleaned. A joyful group!

BCMC Mentors and Mentees will be gathering three times a year for a noon lunch. Several new pairings are in process. While we will soon lose our high school seniors, we look forward to new 7<sup>th</sup> graders and new possible mentor/mentee pairings in the fall. Thank you, BCMC

community, for participating multi-age, multi-dimensional relationships that form our community. May God be with us in our life together.

~ Susan Jantzen

Assembling Care Boxes



Mentors/Mentees assemble care boxes for post-high school students

## Know Jesus

“What can you see that no one else can?” and “What can you do to fix it because no one else will?” These were two important questions our Jr. High youth were challenged to consider during a weekend retreat, February 9-10, where we learned to “Know Jesus” better. Know Jesus is an event sponsored every other year by the Western District and South Central Conference Youth Ministry Committee of Mennonite Church USA, and hosted by Hesston College. Together with youth and their sponsors from other churches in Kansas, we spent three sessions focusing on the verse from I Corinthians: *For no other foundation can one lay than what is already laid, which is Jesus Christ.* We spent time thinking about what it means for Jesus to be our foundation and about the foundation he has given us in the Lord’s Prayer.

In addition to our sessions together, we also divided into groups for service projects. BCMC youth joined with youth from Kingman Mennonite Church to bake monster cookies and make cards for Hesston College students. Alice Claassen and Katherine Friesen outworked all others, masterfully



mixing and scooping batch after batch of monster cookies. Other service projects included cleaning at the homeless shelter and tying quilts.

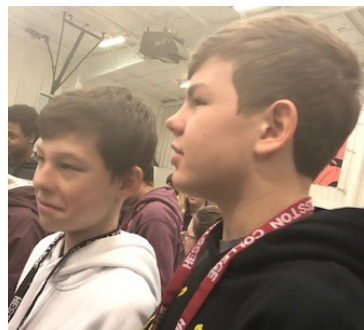


A highlight of the weekend involved playing the Anabaptist game. This interactive game, played in the late evening darkness, allowed us to search in teams for Anabaptist “safehouses” across the Hesston College campus where we learned about early Anabaptist figures such as Dirk Willems, Michael Sattler, and Conrad Grebel (played convincingly by Hesston College student and BCMC celebrity Jonathan Voth). We had to be careful to avoid detection and questioning by state soldiers, who upon capture, took us to be tried by the Magistrate, where we had to answer for our crime of being Anabaptist. Abby Koontz made eloquent and convincing arguments, but we were sentenced to the dungeon nonetheless. It may come as no surprise that this was the favorite part of the weekend for Justin Zerger and Ian Voth, who enjoyed their up-close and personal encounter with our dungeon-master, Mennonite Youtube star Derek Klingenberg. In the end, BCMC’s team and only one other team were able to make it to all nine

safehouses, winning an early trip through the ice cream and hot chocolate line.

Late night games of basketball, bingo, board games and spike ball rounded out the activities on Saturday, after which we retired to our sleeping quarters where some slept more than others.

This weekend allowed our Jr. High students to reconnect with and learn to know kids from other churches, learn about our Anabaptist history, and think about what we can learn about Jesus and ourselves from Scripture. (We also learned that we are not very good at building towers with index cards!) Conference attendees included: Alice Claassen, Katherine Friesen, Abby Koontz, Ian Voth and Justin Zerger and sponsors Matt and Jenni Koontz and Jon and Heather Zerger. Thanks to the congregation for the continued support of our youth. ~ Heather Zerger



## Snow Camp

### Warm Feels Happen in the Snow

On February 15, amid flurries of snow, seven members of the youth group and three sponsors climbed in a van and headed for Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Around Hays the snow stopped, and by the time we reached Colorado the sun was shining. Luckily, there was plenty of snow on the ground at the camp this year, as the last couple of years had been more mud camp than snow camp. Snow



Camp activities include a tubing hill, broom-ball (similar

to hockey but with brooms and a volleyball) and life-sized hungry mountain hippos on the frozen pond, a snowshoe hike, ping pong, board and card games, trivia night, meals, and a hike up to Monkey Rock.



The weekend also included four worship sessions with singing and reflections by Clayton Gladish from Hesston Mennonite Church. His first message focused on the context of scripture and how it can often be used to suit one’s individual interests. The second message focused on the idea of what

it truly means to receive and use God's blessing instead of the concept of #blessed, as it is often used on the internet when small things go favorably for a person. Saturday evening's session focused on reinterpreting scripture to make it relevant to today. In his last session on "Being the Church," Clayton reminded us that a church is not a building or a set of rules but a group of people whose individual talents combine to praise God. At the end of this session he challenged the youth to think of what they would say in an open letter to the church.

In our discussion following this call to action we listed the differences between an average worship at BCMC and the camp worship sessions. Each camp worship started with a mix of songs and hymns led by a band. While the youth enjoyed the variety of songs and instrumentation, many felt a deeper connection with the hymns than with the praise songs. Each group was asked to do a skit based on a subject given to us by Clayton. Two groups would perform their skits after the music. The improvised nature of the skits made them nervous, but they enjoyed seeing everyone participate in the worship sessions. After the skits, Clayton began each of his messages by showing some memes (humorous pictures with captions) on a screen. He also used the screen at different times during the bodies of his messages. The visual element was engaging and helped us all to stay focused. There is no pulpit or podium at the camp, and the youth liked the informal feel. Clayton would often interact with the listeners with questions or simple activities. They felt they were able to relate to the messages; of course snow camp is designed to be a weekend for and about the youth. There

was a strong feeling that church should be driven by the talents and passions of all participants, members or not, rather than tradition or doctrine. For the youth, community is the most important aspect of worship; it is about bringing people together, having fun, supporting each other, and a time to disconnect from the world in a safe space.

Snow Camp is always a time that brings the group closer together. As sponsors we have commented that we wish it were earlier in the school year for this reason. Despite 16 hours spent in a van, it is a meaningful weekend that youth group members look forward to each year. A few years ago we decided to attend snow camp every year instead of every other year. We wouldn't be able to do this without the support of the congregation. A big thank you to Orvin and Janet Voth for the use of their 15-passenger van, and thank you to the entire congregation for the donations that made this trip possible!  
~ Ben Lichti, youth group sponsor

[Editor's note: For those of us who are not familiar with the term "Warm Feels" it is described as "A wave of emotions that cannot be adequately explained"  
— Urban Dictionary]



## Happy 80th Birthday Lee Suderman!



Lee (Leland) Suderman has lived a full and adventurous life in many places. He sees it as a life of unfolding as

he has followed God's leading. He was born in Hillsboro to Levi and Sally Suderman in 1939, the oldest of three sons. His brothers are Allen and Bob. Lee graduated from Tabor College and Wichita State University with degrees in music education. Following that, he taught music in three church-related colleges and was Director of Admissions at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School where he completed his seminary training. Another career unfolded in resourcing the church through Christian publishing, including Scripture Press, Cook Communications, Gospel Light,



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and Multnomah Press. He and his first wife, Shirley Friesen had two children, Verlyn, who is married to Julie, and now an attorney in Chicago, and Vonette Carter, who is in public relations and married to Darryl in California. Together there are five grandchildren. Lee served as a pastor in Baptist and Mennonite churches in Minnesota, Illinois, and Kansas.

After their divorce he married Dilores Rempel in 1996. They moved to Kansas in 2004, where he served as interim pastor in six Western District congregations: Alexanderwohl, Hoffnungsau, West Zion, Buhler, Eden, and his last ministry assignment took him back to his birthplace, Hillsboro, with First Mennonite Church.

Lee's focus at age 80 includes helping his children and grandchildren understand their family history. He is writing his memoirs, and hoping they can go on heritage tours together. He prays regularly for his children, grandchildren and Di's family. Lee is concerned for the state of the wider church. As he looks back on his work with the church, he sees himself as having been "a resource from the outside, and a catalyst from the inside" and wants to share what he's learned along the way.

When he reflects on what heaven will be like, he said "I hope it will include the smell of a freshly turned furrow." He certainly knows where his roots are.

Now that Lee's life has unfolded for these 80 years, he looks back on it with gratitude for the grace, direction, and provision of God.

Lee, in the years ahead, may you be blessed by a sense of meaning, joy, and a continuing openness to God's unfolding in your life.  
~ Dawn Yoder Harms and Donna Friesen

## Dormant Seeds Sprout Through Sorrow By Elizabeth Raid



Sometimes seeds take a long time, years and years, to sprout. Ever since Clarence

Jordan, founder of Koinonia farm in Americus, Georgia in 1942, had me and other students sitting on the edges of our seats during a week of Bible lectures at Bluffton University (then college), Bluffton, Ohio, I have dreamed of visiting Koinonia. I've wanted to discover how Jordan, a humble Georgia farmer who spun stories of real-life in the south in the late 1960s while reading directly from the Greek New Testament text, practiced his faith in Christ. Jordan considered Koinonia's intentional community that embraced differences across race and class a contemporary demonstration plot for the kingdom of God.

In a most serendipitous way, Mennonite Mission Network's SOOP (Service Opportunities with Our Partners) program provided the opportunity for my dream to finally take root this past January. Through a SOOP assignment in Tucson, Arizona in February 2018 for my husband, Lou Gomez and me, the soil for those seeds to sprout was softened. Because then he still worked part-time as a chaplain/pastor at a retirement community, our first SOOP assignment was short—getting our toes wet, we called it. Our interest in Koinonia rose to the top for an assignment after his

anticipated retirement in fall of 2019. Due to Lou's unexpected death in October 2018, my dream was dashed. However, an early Christmas letter from long-time friends, Rachel and Ivan Friesen (retired pastors living in Bluffton, Ohio) provided a spark to rekindle that dream. "We're planning a SOOP assignment at Koinonia Farm in January 2019," they wrote. I read that sentence several times and knew I must respond.

A series of rapid emails and telephone calls affirmed their openness for me to join them. Communication with SOOP and Koinonia personnel echoed the affirmation and invitation. Due to our previous SOOP assignment the necessary paperwork was in place. Through my husband's flight miles account I was able to arrange flights.

Koinonia's "Come and See" program provided lodging, some meals and varied volunteer activities. We packaged products from the pecan farm for their on-line marketing business that provides a major source of income for the community. We helped with meals served to visiting groups, pruned grape vines in their large vineyard, sent out donor mailings, assisted in the Americus food pantry, did general repair work of farm buildings and residences, and assembled backpacks for immigrants and detainees and delivered these packs to the nearby Steward Detention Center.

Morning and noon time worship, prayers at 10 am and 3 pm called us to pray for peace through scripture and Jesus' example. Interactions with two young people, siblings from the Bruderhof exploring Koinonia as another expression of intentional Christian community, brought a delightful mix of energy and interest to us and the small group of middle-age members currently living the Koinonia

community commitment. Dr. Martin Luther King Day celebrations with the black community of nearby Americus and a visit to Albany Civil Rights institute gave insight into the beginnings of the civil rights movement and the continuing call for confronting injustice today.

Attending Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia and participating in



the Sunday school class taught by 94-year old former U.S. President, Jimmy Carter

and being asked to sing in the church choir for worship (because you Mennonite really know how to sing!) and another Sunday worshipping with the vibrant Mennonite Fellowship in Americus added to my meaningful worship experiences.

This surprising SOOP assignment provided the answer to my long-time desire. It also served as a vessel for healing and renewal of spirit during this time of deep sorrow and loss in my life. In two short weeks did I make a difference?

Change the world?

Perhaps the invitation and challenge which Jimmy Carter left us at the end of Sunday school in some ways answers those questions. Carter asked us to commit to do an act of kindness for one person each day for a month. Alone we will never be able to change the world and right all the wrongs. But my establishing a pattern of kindness with gratitude we can bring hope

and love to one other person. I know my faith and trust in God's promises have been renewed through this SOOP assignment. May each of us do our part daily in 2019!

**Footnotes:** Jordan's home-spun stories later became known as the *Cotton Patch Gospel*, the basis for an off-Broadway musical. Learn more at [Koinoniafarm.org](http://Koinoniafarm.org). Habitat for Humanity got its beginning through Millard and Linda Fuller's early involvement with Koinonia. Habitat's worldwide headquarters remain in Americus, Georgia.

**"Someday, I'll find a way to thank you!"**

Decades of clear-cut logging in Washington's Chelalis River Basin causes mountainside mudslides and logjams under bridges when it rains, submerging interstate roadways and filling homes. When Lois Stoltenberg and her husband were pastoring in Washington State, their church and parsonage were flooded by a nearby river. Mennonites came in to clean up, put new sheetrock on the parsonage walls and rebuilt her kitchen. She hoped that someday she would find a way to thank them. Relocating to Newton years later, she was still looking for a way to say Thank You.

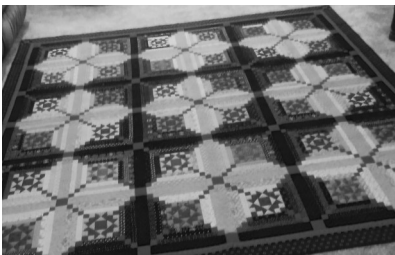
Unaware of Lois' history, Carol Peters met this prolific quilter at the Emma Creek Quilter's Guild and shared how Kansas quilters use their stitching to extend comfort to others through the Comforter Blitz and Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Quilt Auction. Lois had found a way to pay back the Mennonites.

Despite her failing eyesight, Lois pieced and donated several blanket tops. One

was amazing. Carol asked permission to take on the project of enlarging the quilt top to bed size, adding batting and backing fabrics, and hiring someone to quilt it. That beautiful quilt was sold in 2018 at the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, and in the enterprising logic of "sell it again next year" that happens at MCC auctions, this year Lois Stoltenberg's quilt will again be up for sale. Meanwhile, since it was unused, Lois and Carol entered it in the 2018 Harvey County Fair. It won Grand Champion in Open Class Quilting. One last detail: the piecing design is the Log Cabin Sunshine and Shadow pattern with stars in each block's corners, perhaps a nod to those Mennonite Disaster Service "stars" that appeared to rebuild their home after a log-filled flood.

The annual MCC Comforter Blitz will be held March 4, 5 and 6 at Journey Mennonite, Yoder. In 2017 there were 1,807 comforters shipped from our Central States MCC facility. In 2018, the number increased to 2,506. MCC furnishes fabric kits to use in piecing comforters. Simple block patterns are encouraged. There are some kits in a basket near our mailboxes, or they can be picked up at MCC.

~ Pat Friesen



Lois Stoltenberg's quilt

## Congregational Meeting

On January 27, following a soup and dessert luncheon served by the Senior High Youth, the assembled persons convened for the annual January congregational meeting.

The first major action item was

presentation of the 2019 proposed budget with the following recommendation from the Church Board: "Moved that the congregation approve the proposed general fund budget of \$529,607 for 2019. If income is less than expenses, the first \$15,000 will be covered by general fund reserves, the next \$7,000 by a reduction to Mennonite Church USA agencies, and any additional amount by additional general fund reserves." This recommendation was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The other major action item was a proposal from Church Board to adopt the following Common Purpose Statement which has been under study by the congregation during the past months: **Our faith in a God of love leads us, by the power of the Spirit, to follow Jesus in doing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly with God.** This was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Other information items included reports from the Pastor Search Committee by Dave Linscheid and a Safe Sanctuaries Update from Patty Shelly. A concern was raised about parking and moderator, John Waltner, responded that there is ongoing discussion both with the college and North Newton city offices. ~ Dianne Epp

## Circle of Grace

BCMC's Faith Formation Commission offers two lessons each year from the Circle of Grace curriculum available through Dove's Nest, a grassroots organization that seeks to keep children safe in homes, churches and communities. Circle of Grace provides a positive way of talking about the sacred gift of our physical and spiritual selves. Topics covered in class, crafted for each age level, give concrete ways children can play a part in caring for themselves. This

year, our lessons were taught on February 3 and 10.

The concept of a Circle of Grace is expressed in the curriculum in this way: each person is given a circle of grace by God; God is always present in that circle of grace; God helps us know what belongs in our circle of grace and God helps us know what does not belong; God also helps us know when to ask for help from someone we trust.

We give thanks to God for this curriculum and for those among us who carefully offer the lessons to our children and youth. Take time to thank Sunday School teachers who helped with these valuable conversations. Together, we give thanks to God for life in body and spirit!

~ Susan Jantzen

## A Message from Mennonite Mission Network

Joe Sawatzky, Church Relations Representative from the Mennonite Mission Network writes: "Thank you for your partnership! Together, we are connected to God's mission all around the world and are able to witness more clearly God's kingdom being built on earth. We are truly grateful for Bethel College Mennonite Church's generosity in giving \$28,755 in 2018 to help further God's mission. Because of your congregation's support, we can respond to diverse ministry invitations, like educational opportunities in Asia and Africa, and leadership development in South America. We also connect volunteers of all ages to learning-service opportunities just right for their skills through

Mennonite Voluntary Service, Service Adventure, SOOP, and Youth Venture. Your donations, prayers, and enthusiastic participation play a vital role in our global church. Together, we more fully experience God's kingdom on earth."

## Obituaries



**Orlando J. Fast—September 17, 1925—January 20, 2019**  
Orlando J. Fast, age

93, died at Kidron Bethel, North Newton. He was born in Goessel to Peter B. and Helena (Balzer) Fast. He was the eighth of nine children. His paternal grandparents were Isaac Fast and Susanna Wedel. His maternal grandparents were Peter Baltzer and Maria Schmidt. All of Orlando's grandparents immigrated between 1874 and 1879 to the Goessel area. Orlando grew up on his family farm west and south of Goessel that his father built, on land that his grandfather Isaac had settled. Orlando attended Gordon grade school and Goessel high school. He graduated from high school in 1943. After high school he helped on the family farm and in 1947, he worked for a carpenter. He did framing and sheetrock work as well as finish carpentry and cabinet-making. Later in his life he was more known for his house painting and interior wood-finishing work. In 1947, Orlando met Maxine Ruth on a blind date. Orlando and Maxine married March 20, 1949. In 1953, they became members of the West Zion Mennonite Church, Moundridge. Their family grew to include four chil-

dren: Barbara, Arlen, Russell, and Galen. In 1992, Orlando and Maxine moved to North Newton, where they joined the Bethel College Mennonite Church. In 2011 they moved to Kidron Bethel in North Newton. At the time of Maxine's death in 2017, they had been married 68 years. Orlando sang for many years with the 500 Mennonite Men's Chorus. He served on the board of directors of Memorial Home, Pine Village, Moundridge, helped do finish work on a number of houses built for MCC's House Against Hunger Program, and did various MDS and voluntary service terms in South America, Pennsylvania, Colorado, and Kansas. He was also a deacon at BCMC, delivered Meals on Wheels, and volunteered at Sunset Elementary school's reading program. Orlando was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine in 2017, his sisters Linda, Adina, and Elda, and his brothers Anton, Arnold, Marvin (at age 10), and Irvin. Survivors include his sister Ruth Reather, of Tulsa, OK, his 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. He is also survived by five grandchildren: Elise, Jonathan, Renee, Evan and Sarah Fast.

dren and grandchildren play sports. He enjoyed traveling and had visited all fifty states and several countries. He was an outdoors man, enjoying fishing, hunting and boating. He is survived by his children: Duane and Jill Yoder, Doug and Denise Yoder, Sam and Sylvia Yoder, Brent and Karen Lehman; sister: Mary Stucky; and fifteen grandchildren and twenty one great-grandchildren. Lawrence was preceded in death by his wife: Elda Yoder; father and mother: Eli and Ida Yoder; brothers: John Arnold Yoder and Dr. Vernon Eli Yoder.

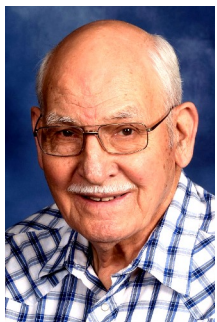


**Shirley Ellen (Funk) Harms**  
**June 28, 1934—**  
**February 8, 2019**

Shirley Ellen Harms died at Schowalter Villa in Hesston. She was born in Hillsboro as the fourth of six children to Rev. Arnold E. and Edna Ruth Funk and raised on a farm northeast of Hillsboro. She attended Brudertal Elementary School and Hillsboro High School. In May 1950 Shirley was baptized by her father at the Brudertal Mennonite Church. In 1952 she entered the RN program at Bethel College and finished at Bethel Deaconess Hospital in 1956. She married Paul Harms at the Brudertal Mennonite Church near Hillsboro, September 10, 1956. The first years of marriage were spent in Iowa and Kansas. During this time their three children Douglas, Adley, and Gwendolyn were born. While in Kansas Shirley and Paul transferred their memberships to Bethel College Mennonite Church. In 1971, after four years in Rolla, MO, the family moved to Upland, IN where Shirley worked as an

office nurse for local doctors and over a decade as the school nurse for the Eastbrook school district while Paul taught at Taylor University. During this time cancer became part of her life experience, but for 30 years after 1985 she lived cancer free. In 1999 they retired to North Newton and enjoyed being part of the community. Cancer and various health challenges came again during the last years of her life. Shirley enjoyed singing in church choirs, attending the activities of her children and grandchildren, card making, cross stitching, sewing, quilting, tole painting, and flower gardening. During all of her life she really enjoyed traveling. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Paul M. Harms, North Newton; son Douglas and wife Dawn, North Newton; son Adley and wife Jenifer, Englewood, CO; daughter Gwendolyn and husband John Mattice, Grand Marais, MN; grandsons Matthew Harms, Chicago, IL, Christopher Harms, Ravenna, KY, Tanner Harms and Mason Harms both of Laramie, WY; sister Barbara Reimer of Fort Collins, CO; sisters-in-law JoAnn Funk of North Newton, and Joyce Funk of Viroqua, WI. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Marjorie Schroeder and Celeste Funk (stillborn); brothers, Frederick Funk and Francis Funk; and brothers-in-law Roy Schroeder and Dean Reimer.

Schmidt. Susan was preceded in death by her parents and her older sister, Madalyn (Schmidt) Ensz. Following graduation from Newton High School in 1955, Susan attended Emporia State University, where she received a BS degree in laboratory science. While at Emporia State, she met her husband, Keith Rhoades and they married on January 30, 1960. Susan is survived by Keith; their three children and two daughters-in-law; Marc (Denise), Eric (Tammy) and Stacey. Susan is also survived by her seven grandchildren: Joshua Rhoades (Laura), Justin Rhoades (Ellissa), Tori Rhoades, Lindsay Christopher (Anthony), Hannah Rhoades, Mollie Rhoades and Wesley Rhoades; and five great-grandchildren: Genevieve Rhoades, Judah Rhoades, Elaina Rhoades, Madeleine Rhoades and Rhoades Christopher. Susan held several positions as a medical lab technologist at Glockner Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs, CO, the student health clinic at Kansas State University, Bethel Clinic, and the Medical Arts practice in Newton. She also worked in the public relations department at Kidron Bethel. Susan was a member of many boards, including Health Ministries, Bethel College and the Harvey County Historical Society, and held various positions at BCMC. She volunteered at the Newton Medical Center, Kauffman Museum, the Et Cetera Shop, and Asbury Park Greenhouses. Susan loved to travel and visited India, Paraguay, and Europe. Susan also enjoyed time with her friends. Susan and Keith shared vacations and many celebrations with a group of families they met through the church (Karen and Larry Penner, Lois and Orlando Goertzen and Deane and Marlin Frey). They, affectionately, became known as the Beaver Bunch.



**Lawrence William Yoder**  
**December 1, 1928—**  
**February 10, 2019**

Lawrence W. Yoder, 90, died at Newton Medical Center. Lawrence Yoder was born in Newton to Eli and Ida (Plank) Yoder. He was a retired insurance agent. He was an avid sports fan and especially enjoyed watching his chil-



**Susan Schmidt Rhoades**  
**July 23, 1937—**  
**February 16, 2019**

Susan Marie Schmidt was born in Newton, to Mariam (Penner) and Dr. Herbert

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Note: Any given Sunday's events may be subject to change. "The Kaleidoscope" can be viewed online on the website.

**March 3, 2019—Transfiguration Sunday**

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

**4:30 pm** Newton Chorale Concert in the Sanctuary

**March 6, 2019—Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary**

**Lent Begins: *Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast***

**March 10, 2019—Lent 1—*God's hand delivers us***

Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; communion will be served (*Daylight savings time begins—move clocks forward one hour*)

**March 17, 2019—Lent 2**

***God gathers us together in safe shelter***

Worship with sermon by Susan Jantzen; music by women's trio

**March 24, 2019—Lent 3—*God pours out life-giving drink***

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

**March 31, 2019—Lent 4—*God reaches out with open arms***

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

**Adult Sunday school elective in the sanctuary led by**

**Dr. Joel Garber** A lecture on the music of J. Harold Moyer and his composition of the oratorio, *Job*.

**April 7, 2019—Lent 5—*God makes a way through mighty waters***

Sermon by Susan Jantzen; music by Chancel Choir

**4:00 pm** Bethel College Women's Chorus Concert—Sanctuary

**April 14, 2019—Palm Sunday—*God's steadfast love endures forever***

Sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Bells

**10:30 am** Pancake Brunch in Fellowship Hall for Junior Sunday School (K-8) children and their parents

**April 18, 2019—Maundy Thursday Service in the Sanctuary**

**April 21, 2019—Easter—*Christ is risen indeed!***

**Worship will start at 10 am**

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

*No Sunday school*

**April 28, 2019—Creation Care Sunday**

Service led by the Creation Care Committee; music by Menno Ringers

**11:45 am** Potluck in Fellowship Hall—All are welcome!

**1:00 pm** Congregational Meeting

**4:00 pm** Newton Community Children's Choir Concert in the Sanctuary