

Sunday worship schedule

Worship 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship time 10:30 a.m.
Christian education 10:50 a.m.

April

- 1 Palm Sunday, with music by Cherub Choir
- 8 Easter Sunday: 7:00 a.m. sunrise service at "Lake Loganbill" 9:30 a.m. organ prelude and 10:00 a.m. worship (no Sunday school classes).
- 15 Holy humor Sunday! Music by Youth Bells.
- 22 Creation Care Sunday; music by Chancel Choir.
- 29 Music by Chancel Bells and Junior Choir.

May

- 6 Music by Menno Ringers and Chancel Choir.
- 13 Mother's Day, with child dedication. Music by Chancel Bells.
- 20 Bethel College Baccalaureate; worship at 10:00 a.m. (no Sunday school)
- 27 Pentecost, music by Chancel Choir.

Coming events

April

- 1 Bring food for Salvation Army
- 5 Maundy Thursday 6:00 p.m. love feast with communion (soup supper by reservation; call church office)
- 15 Fellowship and Friends noon potluck (for folks 20s to 50s, their friends and families).
- 22 Golden Agers noon potluck in Fellowship Hall.
- 29 Noon congregational potluck; spring congregational meeting 1:00 p.m. in sanctuary (bring report books)

May

- 6 Bring food for Salvation Army. Teacher appreciation noon potluck for nursery-Grade 8 families.
- 11 Community Playschool "graduation" in Fellowship Hall.
- 20 Bethel College commencement, 2:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall

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Cherubs sing praise

What is more enjoyable than hearing the voices of young children bringing their gift of song to our worship services! In the fall of 1978, I organized the Cherub Choir, and it joined the existing ensembles of our church. It has been my special privilege to work with these delightful, challenging Cherubs for the last 29 years. My goal for the choir has been to enhance the children's love of singing and to help their spiritual growth by choosing worthy music with texts meaningful to them. The challenge comes in tuning the voices of these young singers and in working on singing skills while still keeping their interest and enthusiasm.

The membership of the choir has fluctuated from a high of approximately 25 to a low of five children, and has changed from grades 1-4 to grades K-3. When there were only five choir children five years ago, I wondered if we should continue with this small group and was thankful that with the increase in young adult families, the number of young children increased as well. This year the Cherub Choir's 15 members include some from other churches. We are delighted with their participation and friendship!

Recent highlights for the choir have included:

- Acquisition of a much better piano for our rehearsal room. Valetta Seymour, our faithful accompanist, is particularly pleased, and we all thank the family of James Rinner for their generous memorial gift.
- A children's story, presented for the first time by the Cherub Choir in the worship service. It was told in words and music, based on the parable of the wedding banquet.
- Florine Eitzen's assistance to the choir, especially by creating clever and colorful visual aids that help the singers better understand and memorize texts of songs.
- Valetta's gift of helping each child dye eggs for Easter, using organic materials, so that each could take home three beautifully colored eggs.
- This year's intergenerational Christmas musical, *Why the Chimes Rang*.
- A surprise we planned for Norma Johnson's retirement party.

I thank the children, their families, and you, the congregation, for your support and encouragement in this important part of our children's nurture! *Norma Preheim*



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Welcome Floyd and Bertha Born

It is always a pleasure to welcome new people to our congregation, but doubly so when they will be a part of our pastoral team. Floyd and Bertha were born and grew up in Frazer, Montana. Floyd attended and graduated from Tabor College, then received a graduate degree from the Mennonite Brethren Seminary in Fresno, Calif. Floyd and Bertha were married in 1954 while Floyd was a student at Tabor College.

The Borns have been privileged to experience many communities during Floyd's career. They lived in Arkansas and western Kansas, where Floyd served as pastor for a few years before returning to the seminary for additional education. Fresh out of seminary, the Born family moved to Curitiba, Parana, Brazil. Floyd served nine years there as missionary, pastor, teacher and field administrator. Returning to western Kansas in 1975, Floyd pastored the Ulysses M.B. Church and then was chaplain and administrator at the Garden Valley Retirement Village in Garden City. Floyd continued in an administrative role at the Emporia Presbyterian Manor 1986-1989

After two extensive pastorates at Peace Mennonite Church in Dallas (1989-1994) and Zion Mennonite Church in Elbing (1994-2003), Floyd retired from the ministry and moved to North Newton. But he has not completely retired! Since 2003 Floyd has already served terms as interim pastor at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church and Eden Mennonite Church, and now he comes to BCMC as interim pastor for the next several months.

Floyd and Bertha's lives are blessed with four children and nine grandchildren. Their son Brad is the interim Vice President of Academic Affairs and associate professor of English at Bethel College.

Welcome Floyd and Bertha! We look forward to having you being a part of our congregation and working with us as we move through a period of transition. *Dale Horst*



Abe Turner was born on May 26, 1995. His parents are Claude and Brenda Turner. His sister, Sarah, is three years younger than he is. He moved to North Newton when he was two years old, after first living in

12th birthday: Abe Jon Allen Turner



Belle Plaine, Kansas.

Abe is in sixth grade at Santa Fe Middle School. His favorite subject is math. He plays trombone in the school band and also takes piano lessons. At BCMC he really enjoys the Junior Sunday school class, sings in the Junior Choir and plays bells with the Menno Ringers. He particularly likes it when our college instrumental musicians perform in worship services.

Abe loves sports. He played football for the Newton Warriors last fall and basketball for the Newton Hawks this winter. Football is his passion. He watches football on TV as much as possible, has a huge football card collection and spends a lot of spare time playing football games on his computer. One of the highlights in his life this past year was being the leading tackler on his football team. He is looking forward to playing on school teams for the next six years and even mentioned that he likes Coach Michael Moore so much that if he would recruit Abe, he would go to Bethel College to play football.

Some interesting things about Abe include that he has exhibited decorated cakes at the Harvey County Fair for the past three years, receiving two firsts and a second in his class. He has never flown in an airplane and doesn't really want to. He has taken car trips to almost half the states in the U.S., and would like to live in Green Bay, Wis., because "it's a football town." He most enjoys playing football when it is really cold and damp. And, last summer he mowed lawns and spent much of his earnings on a pair of tennis shoes of his own design that he ordered on the internet.

they were undertaking. The children had decided they would like to do something for the older people at Kidron-Bethel and had adopted the project of a large popcorn popper, a rather major undertaking for the young group. Since some Sojourners already live at Kidron-Bethel (and others anticipate a "someday" change), with smiles on our faces, we agreed to participate with them in their project. Each Sunday Sojourner class members had the opportunity of a "second" small offering, which would then be given, uncounted, to the K-2 class to add to their next Sunday's offering. These were never huge amounts; the project, after all, belonged to the children, and we were merely assisting them toward their goal. The goal was reached at the end of February. Both classes are now anticipating being invited to Kidron-Bethel to an inaugural popcorn party at some future date.

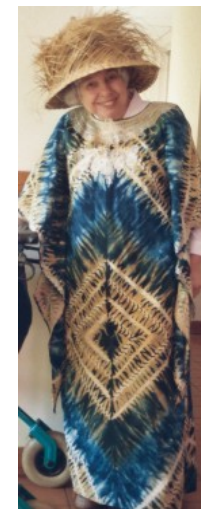
There have been some other minor connections with the class (including caroling to the young people at Christmas), but this project especially brought great joy as Sojourners gave their small change and the young people excitedly counted the money to add to their own offering. *Ilene Schmidt*



Happy birthday, D.C.!

Bethel College feted David C. Wedel on the occasion of his 99th birthday (March 16). D.C. is a retired pastor, former president of Bethel College and BCMC's second-oldest member! Pictured here with D.C. are (left to right) Brenda and Barry Bartel, Dave Linscheid, Fred Goering, Cindy Beth, Mary Regier and Sondra Koontz. *photo by Vada Snider*

Mission Sunday 2007



We celebrated Mission Festival Sunday on Jan. 28. During morning worship we heard from several BCMC members (Cliff Dick and Marlene Ewert, John and Judy Kliewer, and Nathan Koontz) on their call to service that had led them to various places around the world. They and other members who had served or lived overseas dressed up in colorful costumes (pictured at left: Esther Groves; at right Cliff Dick and Marlene Ewert). During Sunday school, Erwin and Angela Rempel of Mennonite Mission Network gave a presentation on the history of Mennonite work in southern Africa, and the work that Joe and Anna Sawatzky are doing there now. We were able to visit with Joe and Anna via phone from South Africa. BCMC has made a commitment to be a supporting congregation for the Sawatzkys in their work there. For more information on the work in South Africa, go to www.mennonitemission.net, select International Ministries, then Africa, then South Africa. If you would like to contribute to this effort, send your donation to the church office, payable to BCMC, with "Joe and Anna Sawatzky" on the memo line.



Editor's note: You may have noticed our brand new masthead on this issue of *Kaleidoscope*. Many thanks to John Hiebert for this important contribution to our newsletter. John's design reminds us that several of the circular designs in the stained glass windows at the front of the sanctuary are reminiscent of kaleidoscope images. – *Dale Horst*

We'll stay in touch, so you stay in touch: Please send any address changes to the church office, P.O. Box 364, North Newton, KS 67117; 316-283-3667; or office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!

With our members

Birth

Caden Joseph Epp was born Jan. 30 in Manhattan, Kan., to Marc and Tammi (Larson) Epp.

Dedication

Maddox Lee Crabtree, son of Nancy Mueller and Jeremy Crabtree, was dedicated Feb. 11.

Anniversaries

66 years: Galen and Martha Koehn, May 30, 1941

65 years: Roland and Ethel Schmidt, May 28, 1942

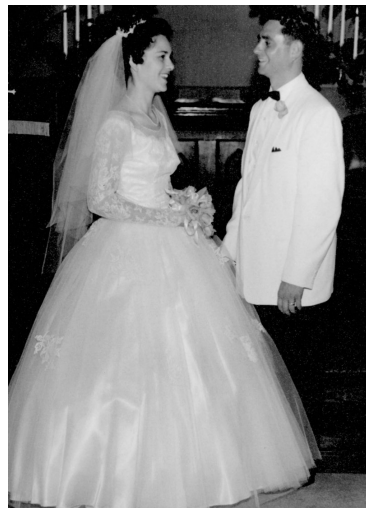
60 years: Ozzie and Elaine Goering, May 25, 1947

50 years: Marlin and Deane Frey, May 25, 1957

Membership changes

Chuck and Janie Schmidt transferred their membership to Faith Mennonite Church in Newton.

Whirlwind update: Anita (Mast) and Matt Christian began co-pastoring Americus (Ga.) Mennonite Fellowship in January, after graduating from AMBS in 2005 and 2006. Anita writes that AMF averages 60 in attendance, with most members being transplants to Americus. Matt works part-time at an auto rental place, Anita part-time at a locally owned pharmacy. After the recent tornados, the church building and their home had minimal damage; however, their area sustained much damage, so they hope for a volunteer who could give two or three months as MDS project manager. Contact: Anita and Matt Christian, 516 Barlow St., Americus, GA 31709; email anitachristian@bellsouth.net; 229-931-6412.



Deane and Marlin Frey



Ethel and Roland Schmidt

Flashback

How long have we been doing it this way? Sunday school before worship? Or worship before Sunday school? For quite a while. In 1934 the congregation voted to try out a new system called “the unified service plan.” This had the preaching service first, followed by the Sunday school hour. In 1937 the congregation voted to continue the plan “indefinitely.” *Keith Sprunger*

Sunday school adventures

Joy in class adoption—Sojourners: At the request of the Education Committee, the Sojourners Sunday school class “adopted” the Kindergarten, 1st- and 2nd-grade class for this year. After conferring with the class teacher, Lois Deckert, Sojourners invited the class to visit and introduce them-selves and tell us about a project

On his birthday he plans to have two or three friends at his house for a sleepover. They’ll probably watch movies and might go bowling. He is hoping his mom makes his favorite food, macaroni and cheese. He also hopes he gets a particular gift. You guessed it—a computer football game, “Madden 07.” Happy Birthday, Abe! *Roger Juhnke*

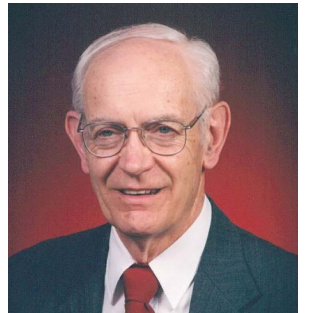
80th birthday: J. Harold Moyer

Harold was born in Newton May 6, 1927, and grew up as a “campus kid” at Bethel College. He attended Bethel College Mennonite Church with his parents Helen (Isaac) and John F. Moyer (treasurer at Bethel College) and was baptized in 1941 by pastor J.N. Smucker. Harold left Newton High School after his junior year, having enough credits to enroll at Bethel College. After a year at Bethel, Harold spent 14 months in Civilian Public Service at Camp Camino, Calif., and Akron, Pa.

Harold began piano lessons at age 10 and played cornet in junior and senior high school. He graduated in 1949 from Bethel College with a music major and from George Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn., in 1951 with a master’s degree in music composition. He then taught music at Freeman Junior College and Academy in Freeman, S.D., where he met fellow staff member Rosemary Linscheid, who had attended Bethel after Harold. They were married in 1955 and moved to Iowa City, where he completed a Ph.D. in music composition at the University of Iowa. Harold taught music at Goshen (Ind.) College for two years and then at Bethel College from 1959 until retirement in 1992.

Harold has composed and published a variety of choral and instrumental music, including music for Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus and brass. At BCMC he has enjoyed singing in the choir, serving on the Visitation Team and hearing performances of his music, such as a work written in collaboration with Ruth Unrau. Harold has served on the Alumni Awards Committee at Bethel College and as secretary for the Life Enrichment Committee. He served with the Western District Conference worship and music committee and currently is on the steering committee of Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus.

We wish Harold a happy 80th birthday and give thanks for the continuing way in which he shares his many gifts with this community! – *Heidi Regier Kreider*



80th birthday: Bertha Toevs

Bertha (Dyck) Toevs was born April 6, 1927, at the home of her parents, Margaret (Schmidt) and Rev. A. J. Dyck, in rural Inman, as the second-youngest of six children. Family life was busy and revolved around church, school and chores on the farm. Bert remembers fondly her mother’s gentleness and her father’s sense of humor and ability to deal with a variety of people and situations in his work as a pastor. Bert was baptized by her father at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church in 1943. After graduation from Inman High School, Bert attended Bethel College one year and then graduated from nurses’ training at Bethel Deaconess Hospital in 1948. That year she married Herman Toevs and moved to rural Whitewater, where they worked in cattle and grain farming. They joined Emmaus Mennonite Church and welcomed three children to their family. The Emmaus congregation was a strong support for Bert and Herman when they experienced the deaths of their son Paul and daughter Janet. Son Jim and his family currently farm on the home place, and Bert delights in the activities of her two grandsons.

Bert spent 17 years working as a psychiatric nurse, first at Prairie View Mental Health Center and then at Meadowlark Homestead. In 1982 she and Herman opened The Breadbasket restaurant in Newton, which proved to be very challenging but also rewarding work. Bert notes that she did a good deal of the pinching on



the zwieback over the years and is happy that the younger generation continues to love them! Even after her retirement from restaurant work in 1992, Bert still enjoys baking and cooking, as well as embroidery. Bert and Herman joined Bethel College Mennonite Church in 1998 and currently live at Kidron Bethel Village. Bert has relied often on the power of prayer and quotes from a devotional reading a paraphrase of the first beatitude: "Congratulations to those who are humble and willing enough to recognize their need—for they are candidates for the help of God." On her 80th birthday, we affirm with Bert the truth of Psalm 121: "My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth...The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore." – Heidi Regier Kreider

Obituary: Marlene Schroeder

Editor's note: Marlene and her husband, Lloyd, started attending BCMC last fall and intended to become members here this spring.

Marlene Beth Schroeder was born on May 22, 1927, to Jacob H. and Justina (Regier) Schroeder in rural McPherson County, Kansas. She grew up in the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church and was baptized into that congregation. Marlene graduated from Goessel High School in 1945 and attended Bethel College for three summers, obtaining a special certificate to teach in rural schools during the teacher shortage of the post-war years. On April 11, 1950, she married Lloyd Schroeder of Goessel. Together they ran a grain and poultry farm, while she also worked at Mennonite Press and Ruzen Flowers in Newton. In 1976, she and Lloyd founded their Pine Creek Farm Christmas tree business, which continues today. She and Lloyd were full partners in their operations, working alongside each other.

Marlene was a very active churchwoman at local, regional and national levels. She taught Sunday school virtually every year, led the women's mission group, and was the first woman elected deacon in the Goessel Mennonite Church. She often represented the Goessel Church at Western District and General Conference annual meetings. She was the Western District Conference's representative to the General Conference Women in Mission board, and was a member of the Bethel College Women's Association Council. Sidelined by a heart attack in 1990, Marlene fought her way back to health and remained active until her death on January 15, 2007, from complications related to melanoma cancer.

Survivors: husband Lloyd; daughter and son-in-law Rhonda and Stewart Ramsey of Lenexa, Kan., and their children Katherine and Austin; daughter and son-in-law Jana Schroeder and Lauro Medina of Tepotzlan, Mexico, and their son Julian; and daughter and son-in-law Ardie and Wynn Goering of Albuquerque, N.M.

Obituary: Earl D. Koehn

Earl was born Nov. 10, 1921, near Pawnee Rock, Kansas, to Lawrence and Martha Schultz Koehn. He attended country grade school for eight years and graduated from Pawnee Rock High School in 1939.

He enrolled at Bethel College in the fall of 1940. After two years at Bethel he was drafted into Civilian Public Service, where he served for four years in three units in Nebraska, Oregon and Montana, and ended his service on a ship loaded with horses to Greece. Upon his release from CPS in 1946 he again enrolled at Bethel and graduated in 1948 with a major in industrial arts. Then he farmed at Pawnee Rock in the summer and worked at Bethel in the winter. This temporary part-time job at Bethel turned into a full-time job, lasting 38 years. Most of this time his title was Manager of Physical Plant and Purchasing Agent. During his work at Bethel he met Louise Duerksen. They were married Oct. 14, 1950. They had three sons, two daughters-in-law and three grandchildren.

Earl always enjoyed traveling. The highlight of family travels was an exciting camping trip with their three sons to Alaska in 1965. In 1976 Earl and Louise spent six months doing voluntary service work with Mennonite Central Committee in South America, Africa and Europe. They also traveled in Mexico, Japan, Taiwan and Hong Kong, as well as in India, Bangladesh, Puerto Rico and all 50 U.S. states.

In October 1994 Earl and Louise sold their home in North Newton and moved to Kidron Bethel Village. Here he enjoyed having coffee and eating out with friends. He enjoyed traveling to California, Texas, Indiana and Hawaii to visit his sons and their families. He was especially fond of his three grandchildren.

Earl seldom missed a church service. He appreciated the Sunday morning worship service very much. He was impressed by the quality of the service and marveled at how the entire service was always so well coordinated.

Earl died Sunday evening, March 25, 2007, at Kidron Bethel Health Care in North Newton. Survivors: wife, Louise Duerksen Koehn; sons Dennis, Brent, David and his wife, Terri; grandchildren Rosabeth Koehn, Emily and Timothy Koehn.

Pastor's Corner

I want to thank everyone who has supported our youth group fund-raising projects and events this year. That thanks extends also to parents, youth group sponsors, members of the Youth Commission and other volunteers for hours of planning and preparation, donations of time, ingredients for meals, etc.

The six-day trip to the Mennonite Church USA Youth Conference in July will cost our group of 13 youth and 4 adults \$16,000. Since last September, the youth have been involved in 10 fund-raising projects, have received several unsolicited donations from individuals and have contributed \$200 each to the trip fund. We are still \$1,400 short of our goal, but we still have at least one, and perhaps two, fund-raising events before July.

All of this brings me to a larger question I have had as raising funds often has been the driving force behind our choices for youth activities, as cash transactions in the church foyer sometimes cut into Sunday school time and focus, and as the first question after a time of congregational fellowship has been, "How much money did we make?"

My two-part question is this: Are we spending too much time and energy on separate fundraisers, and might it be detracting from the understandings of discipleship, stewardship, and community we are trying to teach and model to the youth?

Since there are essentially no funds in the church budget for youth activities, we rely on fund raising for youth outings, service trips and the more costly denominational youth conference trip we have been taking every four years. Should we consider doing what some other churches do to reduce the frequency of and emphasis on fund raising, especially during these convention years? That is simply to have an amount in the unified budget each year that is earmarked and retained for these major trips. That would not eliminate all fund raising (and the fellowship, service experience and teamwork that comes from it) but it would be one possibility for reducing the emphasis on repeated "for-profit" congregational interaction.

I am simply raising the question here and opening the door for conversation. The tradition that has been maintained again this year at BCMC is for generous congregational support for the youth and their projects. The youth, their parents, the sponsors and I are very grateful for your past and ongoing support.

But might there be a way to spend some fund-raising time on other meaningful intergenerational activities and community-building events? *Roger Juhnke*

