

KALEIDOSCOPE

BETHEL COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH

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A BCMC MEMBER UPDATE



Katy June-Friesen on the set of Jim Lehrer's news show, interviewing the show's director and lighting technician about the show's transition to digital transmission.

Editor's note – An important goal of the Kaleidoscope is to keep BCMC members in touch with one another and it is a special treat to hear from members living and working "off-campus".

Thus when we saw an article by Katy June-Friesen in the Smithsonian Magazine earlier this year we asked her to write us about her activities and bring us up to date on her career in journalism.

W. Dale Horst

Hello friends, I've been asked to give an update about what I'm doing in Washington, D.C., where I've been for two years. I moved here for a six-month internship at *Smithsonian Magazine* after finishing my

master's at the Missouri School of Journalism. Going to Missouri marked a sort of turning point for me, a realization about how I wanted to spend my time. I'd just finished a master's in cultural studies at Carnegie Mellon University, and while I liked the subject matter, I recognized—with the help of an ethnography class—how much I love hearing people's stories first-hand. So I decided on a more public, interactive line of work. Those pages of critical theory—basically, digging beyond what "seems to be"—still serve me well.

There aren't many magazines with *Smithsonian's* range of subject

matter. I wrote stories about photography, an Iraqi musician, the boreal forest and a parade float-maker. I visited a squirrel scholar at his office in the depths of the Natural History Museum. After my gig at *Smithsonian* ended, I continued to write some for the magazine and freelanced for other publications. About a year ago, I landed a job at *Current Newspaper*, where I am associate editor. *Current* (www.current.org) is a bi-weekly publication about public radio and television, read mostly by people who work in the field. I'm the TV editor, which means I visit PBS board meetings, attend media conferences and write stories about how and why people make films and programs, how public television stations and filmmakers fund their work, how new technologies are impacting the business, journalistic ethics, and the meaning and mission of "public media." If I had my druthers, I'd write mostly about independent

films. But I'm learning a lot.

There are journalists everywhere in D.C., and I'm fortunate to have a lot of young colleagues. I'm not part of the Capitol Hill press crew, but I do get tastes of that scene. There's a lot happening in D.C. that isn't on the Hill—in the city's diverse neighborhoods, in the arts scene, and at the numerous non-fiction media outlets. I'm keeping my sights on the kind of work that drew me to journalism in the first place—long-form documentary and narrative writing. When I'm not writing, I'm singing in the Capitol Hill Chorale, taking trips to the Shenandoah Mountains and casing the city for new events and exhibits. I've been volunteering at the animal rescue league and recently helped out with the annual Smithsonian Folklife Festival on the National Mall. But I also keep a place in my head for the Kansas prairie and my favorite time of year around Newton, just before the wheat is cut.

~ Katy June-Friesen

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July 8-11 new carpet was laid in the BCMC sanctuary.



BCMC RESTRUCTURES

At a special meeting on July 13, the congregation voted in favor of a new restructuring proposal. This trial basis plan will be in effect from September until May 31. The congregation will vote next spring whether to make the changes permanent. The purpose of the new structure is to help the church be more focused on its vision. Here are some of the major changes: creating an administrative team to deal with more routine issues prior to board meetings, reducing the size of the board, having fewer commissions and some with different focuses, adding the position of moderator-elect, and creating a Gifts Discernment Committee which will appoint commission members with more emphasis on the gifts people have rather than simply filling slots. The plan is for all commissions to have a common meeting night which would encourage groups to work together and to help with communication between staff and board and commissions. The board will monitor this plan during the next months to determine if changes still need to be made. By-laws will be written when the final plan is approved. ~ Darlene Dick, BCMC Moderator

Do you know someone at BCMC who creatively uses their gifts, interests, and skills to serve God in the church, on the job, or as a volunteer? We invite you to write or tell about it in 100 words (that's right – count the words!) We're looking for brief stories to share in a series of worship services during August highlighting BCMC's new focus on gifts discernment. Contact us at office.bcmc@sbcglobal.net or 283-3667 to offer a story. ~ pastors Heidi and Ruth

WITH OUR MEMBERS

BIRTHS

Olivia Louise Entz, June 2, 2008, born to Melissa Waltner and Merlyn Entz, Newton

Brandon Douglas Butcher, July 16, 2008, born to Elyse and Montrell Butcher, Newton

CHILD DEDICATIONS

Margaret Louise Oswald, daughter of Libby Schrag and Clark Oswald dedicated April 27, 2008

Maisie Lee Brubacher, daughter of Josh and Erin Brubacher dedicated June 22, 2008

Lillian Schloneger, daughter of Matthew and Rebecca Schloneger dedicated July 6, 2008

NEW MEMBERS

Harold and Rosella Reimer Duerksen, requested to be accepted as Wider Fellowship Members

WEDDINGS

Adam Robb married Jill Swenson at BCMC, May 31, 2008

TRANSFERS

Joanna Claassen Toews has requested her membership transferred to Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, Wichita

ANNIVERSARIES

65th Wedding Anniversary



Henry and Edna (Ensz)
Goossen
August 19, 1943

50th Wedding Anniversaries



LaVern and Marilyn (Goebel)
Stucky
August 7, 1958



Donald and Eleanor (Wisner)
Kaufman
August 30, 1958

ORLANDO ARNOLD GOERTZEN OBITUARY



March 9, 1934 – May 26, 2008

Orlando A. Goertzen, age 74 of North Newton, passed away May 26, 2008 at Newton Medical Center. He was born March 9, 1934 at Bethesda Hospital in Goessel to Arnold S. and Eva (Janzen) Goertzen. On August 8, 1958 he married Lois Groves at Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton. She survives of the home.

Orlando attended Heimbaugh Grade School and Goessel High School, graduating with a degree in Economics from Bethel College in North Newton.

He was baptized in 1951 and became a member of Tabor Mennonite Church in rural Newton. In 1959 until the present, he was an active member of Bethel College Mennonite Church. During this time he served on the church council, the board of trustees and was an usher at the time of his death.

Orlando owned and operated United Printing, Inc. and United Office Supplies in Newton for 26 years. During this time he was a member of the Newton Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club of Newton, and served on the city council for the City of North Newton. In addition he served on the board of Mennonite Aid Union of Kansas and Mennonite Indemnity, Inc. He was a dedicated member of the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus since it was organized in 1969.

After retirement he volunteered with Habitat For Humanity, at the Newton Et Cetera Shop, and Book Reviews. He loved landscaping and working in his yard.

His greatest enjoyment was spending time with his children, his grandchildren and traveling. He enjoyed golfing for many years, and spent each Saturday morning having coffee with a group of friends.

Other survivors include four daughters, Teresa and Dennis Graber of Moundridge, Carolyn and Mark Wedel of Salina, Cynthia Konys of Peoria, IL, and Sandra and Jared Lonergan of Peoria; seven grandchildren, David, Jessica and Aaron Wedel, Cory and Cade Graber and Ryan and Jackson Lonergan; one brother Milton and Linda Goertzen of Goessel, KS, three sisters Elma and Ernest Goertz of Goessel, Mathilda and the late Gordon Neuenschwander of Berne, IN, and Dora and Charles Unruh of Peabody KS and many nephews and nieces.

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY EVELYN QUIRING!



Evelyn was born August 13, 1928, to Willie and Esther (Claassen) Wiebe, and grew up on a farm in rural Whitewater as the oldest of four children. The family attended Emmaus Mennonite Church where Evelyn was baptized, and learned lots of hymns during singing before worship because her father always arrived early for church. At age thirteen, Evelyn lost her father due to his sudden death. She attended Hunter School and Whitewater High School before graduating from the Bethel Academy.

Evelyn attended two years at Bethel College, where she met Frank Quiring.

They were married in 1950, and lived in a variety of places due to Frank's high school science teaching career. For many years their home was in St. Louis, MO, where they raised four children and - after the children were in school - Evelyn worked for a market research company. They spent many summers in Holland, MI, where Frank taught a lab for high school science teachers at Hope College. An amusing memory for Evelyn was the formal tea each Wednesday afternoon at Hope College, for which Evelyn had to dress up the children! The family still gathers for a reunion each summer in Holland, MI.

Evelyn and Frank moved to Newton to retire and joined BCMC where they served many years with fellowship and funeral committees. Evelyn volunteers at the EtCetera Shop and Book Reviews, quilts, and is in a book club. Evelyn grieved Frank's death in 2006, and cherishes occasions to gather with their children and twelve grandchildren scattered across the country. She enjoys serving as a surrogate grandma for her two grand-nieces, Katherine and Elizabeth Lamp (their mother, BCMC member Annette Siebert Lamp, is Evelyn's niece). Evelyn has good memories of travels with Frank to Europe and Hawaii, and has taken several Kauffman Museum bus trips. She looks forward to going in September to Minnesota for the first wedding of a grandchild.

On your 80th birthday, Evelyn, we wish you joy and strength for wherever life's journey may take you!
~ Heidi Regier Kreider

HAPPY 12TH BIRTHDAY AUGUST "GUS" JOHN WILLIAMS



Gus Williams was born September 4, 1996.

Like a lot of 12 year olds, Gus has many talents and interests. He plays guitar and clarinet, he built a model airplane with his uncle, he helps his mom sell beef at Newton's farmer's market on Saturday mornings, he likes chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream, he has a dog named *Gigi*, he enjoys riding his horse, *Pickles*, and he has traveled to many places including Mexico and a National Forest in Wyoming.

Gus says that music is a big part of his life at home and at school in Hesston. "I like the sound of being able to play music," Gus says. Gus started playing guitar when he was seven and now plays in a summer jazz band in Hesston. He is also planning to play guitar at his uncle's upcoming wedding. While he has too many guitar heroes to name, he likes guitarist, Robert Plant, who helped compose *Stairway to Heaven*. Gus says that one of his favorite parts about church is singing in the choir. "Mrs. Preheim (Norma) was one of my favorite teachers," he says. Gus also says that he had fun leading worship at BCMC with his grandma, Lois, and that he likes the annual church Easter egg hunt.

When Gus isn't making or listening to music, he is riding his horse, *Pickles*. Gus said that last year for Christmas his Brubacher grandparents wrapped up a jar of pickles. He wondered why on earth his grandparents would buy him pickles until they took him outside and showed him the "real" *Pickles*—the one standing in the front yard, tied to a tree.

I asked Gus about some of his wishes. About Newton he said that he wished there was a gigantic lake for boating and camping. He then said that he recently tried body surfing on a cooler lid behind their family motor boat. "It wasn't my idea," he added." Another one of Gus's wishes is flying more with his dad, who is a pilot. And if he could have any superpower, he would choose teleporting.

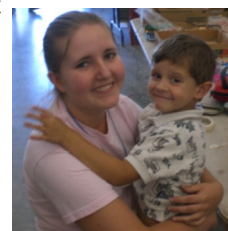
Happy Birthday, Gus! ~ Ruth R. Harder



People are really important in our lives. Every single person has something different to tell you. While I was in Evansville, IN, I learned that the best way to see the world is to meet new people. When our youth group stayed at Patchwork Central, a community art center, I was exposed to so many new things that take place in the world. I came home with a new understanding of what kinds of events can take place in people's lives. Here at home, it is almost as though I am stuck in a rut. I have my friends, I know lots of people at school and around town, but that's where it ends. Traveling to a new place, and working with kids there gave me a whole new experience and knowledge on life.



All of the people at Patchwork Central had a different story to tell. This is what I felt like really opened my eyes to a new part of the world. In my place here at home, I am not as exposed to differences to the extent of the kids at Patchwork. There were 8-12 year olds who talked our ears off because we had the time to give them the attention they wouldn't receive at home. A girl about our age shared with us how her father had died from drug usage. One young boy ate 4 helpings of a snack and piled his lunch plate as high as possible while he ate with us every day. I found out later that he doesn't usually get a breakfast at home, which led me to believe he might not get enough food at all for his growing body. On a more positive note, I met a man whose cooking techniques were so wild and crazy that I thought that there was no way the food we made could be any good. I was proved wrong instantly; it was always delicious. Then there was a woman who became very attached to us, and us to her. We had only known her about 4 days but that time seemed to pass like years.

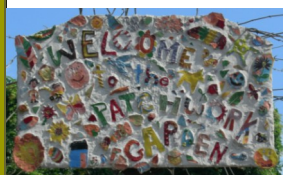


One week was all it took. I learned more about people than I had learned in years. People who have seen the darkest times of their lives can still find good and hope. It is an inspiration to me to continue to seek happiness and fulfillment in my own life. This service trip was definitely an eye opener, and although I didn't know these people very long, I would love to go back and continue to learn more about them and their experiences. ~ *Rebecca Trumble*



**PASTOR'S CORNER—
RUTH R. HARDER**

The senior high youth and I spent a week in July working with some extraordinary people from *Patchwork Central*, a community arts center in Evansville, IN. We listened to Susan tell stories in song and sign language, we learned how to cook with Bill, we sang songs with Dixie, we learned gardening tips from Pat and we sang hymns with local Mennonite, Laura Weaver. Lisa taught us about pottery and Lisa's son, taught us about the dangers of addiction. Every morning, the co-director of Patchwork, John, gave insight into Jesus' parables, and his wife and co-director of Patchwork, Amy, took beautiful pictures of our week in Evansville. We heard stories from Billy and Tommy, two men who relocated to Evansville after Hurricane Katrina destroyed their home in New Orleans. After only two years, Billy and Tommy have created a community garden, where adults and children feel free to come and go. And then there are the children we met: Gabriel, Antovian, J.J. Alexis, Katherine and many more.



The week in Evansville was a beautiful coming together of children and adults, junior highers and high schoolers, musicians and painters, storytellers and photographers, pastors and skeptics, locals and guests. *Patchwork Central* is truly made up of a patchwork of people and gifts. And how wonderful it was to see diverse people with diverse gifts all working toward creating a more wonderful, beautiful, just world—a world where all people could find and dwell in habitats, in safe dwellings.

Upon leaving Evansville, the youth reflected on just how much they would miss the people of Patchwork. Then one of them piped up and said, "We shouldn't just miss these people. We should become more like them. We should become the Susans, Johns, Bills and Billys of Newton, Hesston and Wichita KS." How I pray that our church will continue to become a place that like Patchwork, brings people of diverse gifts together, a place that works at securing habitats for all people, a place that inspires the teenagers among us to live beautiful, artistic, creative and faith-full lives. ~ *Ruth R. Harder*

Worship and events schedule

(Check weekly bulletins and church web site, bcmc.ks.us.mennonite.net, for updates.)

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship time 10:30 a.m.

Christian education 10:50 a.m.

August

- 3** Bring Food for Salvation Army
9:30 a.m. **Worship with sermon by Lou Gomez**
Noon Creation Care Committee potluck meal with locally grown foods—Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. Creation Care sponsors a show demonstrating various energy efficient transportation methods
- 6** **7:00 p.m.** Young Adult Gathering at KIPCOR, 2515 College Avenue
- 10** **9:30 a.m.** **Worship with sermon by Ruth R. Harder**
- 17** **9:30 a.m.** **Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider**
10:50 a.m. Children's Sunday school begins for Fall season
Noon Sunday school kickoff with potluck in Fellowship Hall for children and youth and their families
- 24** **9:30 a.m.** **Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider**
- 31** **9:30 a.m.** **Worship with sermon by Ruth R. Harder**

September

- 3** Choir rehearsals and staff meetings begin for the Fall season
- 7** Bring Food for Salvation Army
9:30 a.m. **Worship with sermon by Ruth R. Harder**
7:00 p.m. Dessert reception on church lawn for Bethel College students
- 13** **9 a.m.—4 p.m.** Leadership Retreat—Crosswinds Conference Center, Hesston
- 14** **9:30 a.m.** **Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider**
- 20** **9:30 a.m.** **Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider**
Noon Golden Agers Potluck—Fellowship Hall
- 28** **9:30 a.m.** **Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider**
2:00 p.m. CROP Walk



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