

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

Worship 9:30 am — Fellowship time 10:30 am—Christian education 10:50 am

August

- 2** Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider and music by Jake, Melissa and JoAnn Funk
Bring food for Salvation Army
- 9** Worship with sermon by Gilberto Flores, Associate Conference Minister of the Western District Conference and music by Ben, Emily and Dorothy Harder
- 16** Worship with reflections by Ruth R. Harder and Leah Bartel from the 2009 Mennonite World Conference in Paraguay and music by Mark Kreider and Chris Wagoner
Noon Potluck lunch for Sunday school children, families and teachers—Fellowship Hall
- 23** Worship with sharing from 2009 Mennonite World Conference attendees and music by Ron, Verlene and Gyles Garber
- 30** Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider and music by the Mosaic and Belayers Sunday school classes; Kingdom report by Christa Jahay and Ellen Awe on the Harvey County Homeless Shelter

September

- 6** Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider and music by the Chancel Choir;
CROP Walk Kingdom Report
Bring food for Salvation Army
7:00 p.m. Bethel College Dessert Reception on the BCMC Lawn and Campus Ministry Open House at the Richert House, 2611 College Avenue
- 13** Worship with sermon by Ruth R. Harder and music by Chancel Bells
“Mini CROP Walk” during worship to collect offering of loose change
- 20** **International Peace Sunday**
Worship with a Christian Peacemaker Team report from Nathan Toews and music by the Chancel Choir; Sunday school elective with Nathan Toews — Sanctuary
Noon Potluck followed by Congregational Meeting at 12:45 p.m.
- 27** Worship with Nelia and Calvin Kimbrough, guests from Open Door Community, Atlanta, Georgia and music by the Junior Choir and Youth Bells
7:00 p.m. Ruth R. Harder’s Ordination Ceremony — Sanctuary



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THE RICHERT HOUSE — CAMPUS MINISTRY HOUSE

Dale Schrag gave the following Kingdom Report in worship August 2, 2009.

Good morning! I’m here this morning to report on a happy, felicitous confluence of wants of two organizations—perhaps even a felicitous confluence of needs of those two organizations. I’ll begin with the book, *The College Chaplain: a Practical Guide to Campus Ministry*. This book was written by the Episcopalian campus minister at Princeton University. As the new campus pastor at Bethel College, I read this book earlier this summer, and I was struck by a comment that a campus ministry house can be enormously helpful in raising the profile and expanding the mission of campus ministries on a given campus. The possibilities seemed immediately obvious. A venue for holding the weekly Bible studies that last year involved almost 15% of the residential Bethel student body; a place for informal worship; for weekly prayer sessions; a place for holding simple meals for committee meet-

ings; maybe even Russian pancakes on Saturday morning for anyone who wants to come; perhaps a place for area pastors to hold office hours and interact with students from their congregations. I thought immediately of the Richert House on the Bethel campus, since I had toured that facility some weeks earlier with Associate BCMC Pastor Ruth R. Harder.

At the time Ruth was looking at Richert House as a possible coffeehouse for the campus. Ruth, along with many others from BCMC, was searching for a way to get the church more vitally connected with the college, sensing that simply hoping more students would come to Sunday morning worship wasn’t working very effectively. Richert House was perfect. Only one retired faculty member was still using the facility, and the room he occupied would not be required for the coffeehouse. But, alas, the Bethel students were a step ahead and had already determined that the

coffeehouse would be located in Haury Hall.

And then along comes the new campus pastor at Bethel (which is me), asking if the church would have any interest in assisting in refurbishing and furnishing Richert House as a campus ministries house for Bethel College. Ruth and the Church Board immediately saw the possibilities: a chance to be of real service to the college; a neutral venue for a college-age Sunday School class; a venue for a weekly morning prayer service complete with fresh-baked cinnamon rolls; a place to get together with BCMC students on a semi-regular basis—and the felicitous confluence of wants or needs was accomplished!

Richert House will indeed become a campus ministries house for Bethel College effective this fall semester, and the Bethel College Mennonite Church Board has committed sweat equity and up to \$5000 in funds to make it happen.

All are invited to an open house celebration on Sunday, Sept. 6 at 7:00 p.m. This is the same night of BCMC’s annual ice cream social for Bethel students, which will take place on our church lawn. Also, a new Sunday gathering for college students and young adults will begin meeting at the campus ministries house beginning Sunday, Sept. 6 at 10:45 a.m. Ruth R. Harder, Naomi Graber (current Bethel student and 2009-2010 BCMC Faith Formation intern), and other interested people will help host this hour of food and conversation.



“Before” picture of the Richert House, 2611 College Avenue, North Newton



“After” picture The Campus Ministry House

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BCMC Kaleidoscope

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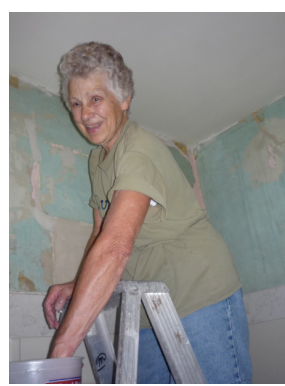
CLEANUP AT THE CAMPUS MINISTRY HOUSE (RICHERT HOUSE)



Ted Mueller, project manager



Willing volunteers helped make the Campus Ministry House possible!



HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY RUTH UNRUH!



Helen Ruth was born August 21, 1929, to Jacob and Helen Jantzen in Beatrice, NE. She grew up with brothers Richard, Ted, Paul and Carl at their home on the edge of Beatrice, and has fond memories of playing together in the pasture behind the Lonesome Ridge Country School. After 9th and 10th grade at Mennonite Bible Academy, she graduated from Beatrice High School. Ruth was baptized in 1944 at Beatrice Mennonite Church, where she played piano as a young girl, having begun lessons at age 6.

Ruth graduated in 1953 from Bethel College, where she met Robert Unruh. They were married June 19, 1953. Ruth served two years as a substitute teacher in the rural school between Goessel and Lehigh, and then they moved to Kingman where she established a piano studio, using the Keyboard Arts system. It was in Kingman that Ruth and Robert welcomed their son, Jon, into their home.

The Unruhs moved in 1987 to Hutchinson, where Ruth continued musical activities - playing piano at First Mennonite Church in Hutchinson, accompanying choirs, and participating in music clubs. In 2006 they moved to Kidron Bethel Village, and joined the Bethel College Mennonite Church. Here Ruth participates on the organ committee, a women's circle program committee, and a small group; she is a volunteer at Kauffman Museum.

As Ruth reflects on her life, she's grateful for her parents' influence: Her father's interest in a wide range of political and religious ideas, and her mother's love of German chorales, poetry and nature. Ruth's own spiritual pilgrimage has nurtured both a strong faith and an appreciation for mystery in life. In the words of Isaiah 55 (which Ruth memorized years ago), we offer a birthday blessing: "For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace..." (Isaiah 55:12) ~ Heidi Regier Kreider

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY JAMES YODER!



James D. "Jim" Yoder was born September 9, 1929 in Kansas City, MO to A.L. Yoder and Zella Slayden Yoder. He has one brother, Al. Jim grew up in rural MO near Garden City. He also lived near Batesville, AR from 1932-1936. As a young child he remembers working in the cotton patch. He also remembers the Arkansas sausage with red pepper, and the okra. He attended high school in Harrisonville, MO, where he was vice president of his senior class and had the lead part in the senior play. As a young boy, Jim says he was drawn to holy things, especially hymns and church music. He was baptized in 1946 at Sycamore Grove Mennonite Church. He married Lonabelle (Jantzi) Yoder on August 7, 1954 in Adams, NY. They raised two children, Michael Lynn, born in 1956, now living in Lawrence, KS, and Angela Maria, born in 1959, died in November, 1967. Jim began his teaching career at age 17 in a country school. He received degrees from Goshen College and Biblical Seminary in 1955. After receiving his masters degree he taught psychology classes at Central MO State for four years. Receiving his Ph.D. from University of MO at KC, he was hired there as a graduate professor and counselor trainer where he worked for 11 years. In addition, he trained in the Viktor Frankl Institute of Logotherapy, a "meaning therapy," developed by the Viennese psychiatrist, Viktor Frankl. He presented papers at four world congresses of Logotherapy. Jim is a gifted writer. He has written eleven books, his most recent, *The Lone Tree*. He continues to write, teach, and lead seminars. He also loves flowers and he enjoys painting. Highlights of his life include visiting the church in Italy where Simone Weil had her first religious experience, visiting the St. Yoder Church in Switzerland, and in 1996 meeting Rosalind and Jimmy Carter in Plains, GA. Jim's favorite hymns are *Jesus, priceless treasure* (also sung at their daughter, Angela's funeral) and *Jesu, joy of man's desiring*. He also contemplates often the words in Jeremiah 10:23: "I know, O Lord, that the way of human beings is not in their control, that mortals as they walk cannot direct their steps." and Isaiah 30:18: "Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him." With that, we wish Jim a Happy 80th birthday. May you find guidance and ability to wait as you walk the roads of life. And using Jim's own words, may life bloom all around you and may you find that which is new in the beautiful, blooming confusion of life. ~ Ruth R. Harder

THE 100 YEAR OLD WEDDING GOWN

On August 23 of this year, Jacob D. and Beth Eldridge Goering will celebrate 68 years of marriage. Their wedding occurred in Kansas City, Missouri, where Beth was born and grew to adulthood.

An interesting aspect of the wedding was the wedding gown Beth wore, because it was her mother's wedding gown. Grace Comstock married John Eldridge in November of 1910. Beth's sister, Rosena Eldridge Peters was married in May of 1938 and also wore her mother's wedding gown.



Jacob and Beth Goering August 23, 1941

Jacob and Beth are parents of three children, one son and two daughters. Kathleen Goering McMahon, married on July 10, 1969, wore her grandmother's gown as well, as did Barbra Goering, who married December 18, 1976.



Presently the gown is in the hands of a dress designer, who is retrofitting the gown for Rebecca Murray, granddaughter of Jacob and Beth. She will marry on June 12, 2010, in this 100 year old wedding gown!
~ Evelyn Lehman



Grace and John Eldridge November 1910 The gown makes its debut!

PASTOR'S CORNER—HEIDI REGIER KREIDER

I spent many hours in the garden during my recent sabbatical. As I observed potato plants push through the soil, cut tender spinach leaves for salad, thinned the leeks, picked green beans, and mulched pumpkins, I found myself imagining the garden as a metaphor for the church.

We plant, cultivate and water, but God gives the growth. At times we wait, wondering if seeds will ever sprout and grow. In the church we also need times of "germination," to pray, ponder, and prepare for God's work. Then, one day, we will be surprised by the tender shoot that has emerged, or the vine that has launched out in a new direction!

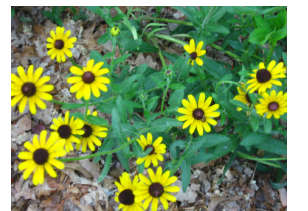
Weeding is constant. I do not spray chemical herbicides. Instead, I pull unwanted plants by hand when they are still small, rather than waiting until they have taken over the whole plot. In the church, we can quickly be consumed by many activities that do not match the intended purpose of the church. "Weeding" in the church is not so much about rooting out evil as a matter of pro-actively setting priorities, keeping a clear vision of purpose. Then we can see what should go, and what should stay and be nurtured. Occasionally, we discover volunteer plants, like the sunflowers scattered around my garden: Gifts of beauty that come not from our plans but as the result of past fruitfulness that persists into a new season.



Gardening is messy work, resulting in dirt under the fingernails, mud on the feet, sweat on the brow, and occasionally an ache in the back from hauling one more load of mulch. Church work also requires us to roll up our sleeves, get down on our knees, carry burdens, and get down to earth.

Harvest calls for celebration! Buckets of potatoes, piles of succulent kale, the red intensity of beets, braided strings of onions, lettuce salad, fresh tomatoes, the zesty flavors of garlic and basil... Oh, the joys of eating from the garden. In the church, too, we celebrate the fruit of God's creative purposes and our dedicated labor. We are called to be people of gratitude and joy, delighting in health and growth, sharing generously from the abundance that God has brought forth.

As I return from sabbatical, I look forward to new seasons gardening together with BCMC in God's garden, the church.



Hugo Bernhard Reimer obituary continued

from Bethel College in 1948 with a major in music education and a minor in industrial arts. In 1955 he earned a Masters of Music Education degree from The University of Wichita.

Hugo married Norma Mae Tieszen on August 10, 1948 in Marion, SD. For several years both Hugo and Norma taught school in Hanston and Chase, KS, where they were living when their three children were born. The family then made their residence in Wichita, KS, for about 28 years before Hugo and Norma moved to North Newton to retire. He was active in the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus, serving as a regional rehearsal director. He melded his vocational interests in a secondary career as a piano tuner, apprenticing with Alvin Franz in the mid-1960s. He was a registered Tuner-Technician with the Piano Technicians Guild and active in the local PTG chapter and the Lion's Club.

Hugo was baptized in June, 1937 in the Inman Mennonite Church. He was a long-time member of the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church during his residence in Wichita, where he served at various times as choir director and deacon. In 1986 he became a member of the Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton, where he continued to be active in music concerns.

Hugo's first wife, Norma, died in 1998, shortly before their 50th wedding anniversary. Several years later he met Ruth Sutter Rediger at a CPS reunion; they were married Feb. 18, 2001 by Hugo's son, Raymond. In June, 2004, Hugo and Ruth moved from their residence into an apartment at Kidron-Bethel Village in North Newton. Ruth moved into a memory care unit in Goessel, KS in summer, 2007. Shortly thereafter Hugo's own health declined as he was diagnosed with congestive heart failure, followed by a stroke this last spring. Hugo was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Norma Mae Tieszen Reimer; his infant son Ralph Hugh Reimer; his brother Harry; his sisters, Emma Schierling, and Ruth Wiens. Survivors include: wife Ruth Sutter Rediger Reimer; daughter Roberta Rae, her husband Phil Schmidt of Henderson, NE, and their children Grant (and Jami) of Henderson, NE; Halie (and Aaron Smith) of Wichita; and Trevor of Lincoln, NE; son Raymond Hubert, his wife Rosie Epp of Sioux Falls, SD, and their children Rachel of Wichita and Renee of Sioux Falls, SD; two great-grandchildren: Austin Schmidt and Asher Smith; three brothers: Paul and John of Inman, and Ernest of Hutchinson; three sisters: Gertrude Sigler of Derby, Sally Regier of Colwich, and Mildred Rogers of Wichita; three step-children, multiple step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Maynard M. Shelly—February 3, 1925– August 7, 2009

Maynard M. Shelly was born in Milford Township, Bucks County, PA. He grew up with seven brothers and one sister in the family of Howard and Emma (Myers) Shelly. Later his family moved to East Greenville and settled in a house on the Perkiomen Creek. They belonged to West Swamp Mennonite Church where Maynard was baptized at age 15. He attended a one-room school through the eighth grade, and graduated from East Greenville High School. He went to Bluffton (Ohio) College together with Griselda Gehman, a friend from his graduating class, and they were married on September 7, 1945. Following college Maynard studied at Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Chicago, during which time he served in a student pastorate at Boynton Mennonite Church in Hopedale, IL. A son, Javan, joined the family in 1948. After graduation from seminary in 1949, Maynard was called to be pastor at First Mennonite Church in Allentown, PA and served there until 1955. He was assistant executive secretary until 1961 with the General Conference Mennonite Church Board of Education in Newton, and then served as editor of *The Mennonite* magazine from 1961-71.

Maynard and Griselda served with Mennonite Central Committee in Bangladesh (formerly East Pakistan) from 1971-74 during the beginnings of MCC's relief work there with refugees following the 1970 cyclone and during the war between East and West Pakistan. Following their return to Newton, Maynard did freelance work for a number of years, including a film script for MCC (*Give Us Daily Bread*), lessons for the *Adult Bible Study Guide* and *Builder*, and a four-volume Bible survey course called *Discovery*.

Maynard then served as general editor for the Commission on Education of the General Conference Mennonite Church from 1984-1990. In this capacity he was editor for 25 books for Faith and Life Press, the conference church bulletin service, *Bibelstudien fuer Erwachsene*, and Foundation Series for Youth. He also served as associate editor for *Adult Bible Study Guide* and *Builder*. Following retirement in 1990, Maynard worked on writing a history for his home congregation, West Swamp Mennonite Church (Quakertown, PA).

Maynard was an active member at Bethel College Mennonite Church from the time he joined in 1956. Over the years he served as editor of the church newsletter, a member of the Education Commission, and chair of the usher committee, and participated in the Catacombs Sunday School class.

Maynard is survived by his wife, Griselda, his son Javan (and Sue) Shelly from Cincinnati, OH, two step-grandsons, David and Douglas and two step-great grandchildren, Lindsey and Katelin. He will also be remembered by his brothers and sister, Howard (and Marilyn) Shelly from Bluffton, OH, Alton (and Els) Shelly from Goshen, IN, Sterling (and Alma) Shelly from North Newton, Marjorie Nester, from Normal, IL, four sister-in-laws, Edna Shelly (Harleysville, PA), June Shelly (Newton), Helen Shelly Neufeld (Abbotsford, BC), Betty Shelly (Bluffton, OH), and 27 nieces and nephews.

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY MARY ESTHER LOGANBILL!



Mary Esther (Graber) Loganbill was born September 21, 1929 at Bethel Hospital in Newton, KS. She was the second child born to Herman R. Graber and Selma (Voran) Graber. Mary Esther has lived her whole life in Newton and has attended BCMC since the time she was born. She has one sister who still lives in Newton and one brother who died in 1961. She fondly remembers occasional family trips to Pretty Prairie to visit her grandparents. They boarded the Interurban passenger train and rode it from Newton to Hutchinson. From 7th grade until she was married, Mary Esther worked at her father's store, Graber Hardware, which is still owned by the Graber family. She helped stock the shelves and served as the clerk. She also put up with the guys in the store who gave her a hard time! For instance, they would ask Mary Esther where they could find a "left-handed monkey wrench." Mary Esther was baptized June 13, 1943 by BCMC Pastor Lester Hostetler. As a young girl and young adult at BCMC, she enjoyed participating in the "Minnie-Beth's" program—a girls mission group started by Minnie Harms and Mary Elizabeth (Beth) Voran. Esther attended Bethel College from 1948-1950. Then, on August 6, 1950, she married Lanoy E. Loganbill, a fellow member of the BCMC youth fellowship. Together they raised three children: Frederick, married to Renee Sauder (former pastor of BCMC), Deborah, married to Preston Goering and Joseph married to Marilyn Waltner. Their three children attended Bethel College, and two graduated from Bethel. Mary Esther and Lanoy have five grandchildren. Mary Esther is an avid quilter and she has been a long time volunteer/supporter of the Et Cetera Shop. She and Lanoy have also been long-time members of the Sojourner Sunday school class, which met originally in the music library of the Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. They both remember the annual garage sales (10 years in a row!) that Lanoy helped to initiate. Mary Esther has also enjoyed being a youth sponsor at BCMC, a Sunday school teacher, a member of the Church Board and Deacons. For over 30 years, Mary Esther has also helped to host the Easter sunrise service at their place north of Newton. Throughout their marriage, they have taken several memorable trips including a trip to Bolivia to visit daughter Deb during an MCC assignment, Alaska and two trips to Europe. While they were in France, they stayed at a 300-year-old place called "The Graber House." She was delighted to discover that she was related to the current owners of the house. In August 2010, Mary Esther and Lanoy will celebrate 60 years of marriage. Happy 80th birthday, Mary Esther! ~ Ruth R. Harder

WITH OUR MEMBERS



Alma and Sterling Shelly
September 4, 1959

BCMC GARDENS IN AUGUST



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HISTORY OF BCMC ORGANS

Pipe organs have been an integral part of the Bethel College Mennonite Church from its earliest days.

The first two-manual (two-keyboard) organ was installed in the Bethel College chapel in 1902. It was the first pipe organ in Newton. In 1936, the chapel was remodeled, and a three-manual organ was installed. After the new church building was completed in 1956, a Committee on Worship and Religious Art was formed. It was given the responsibility (among other things) of choosing an organ for the sanctuary. From 1956 to 1961, while this planning was being done, a loaned electronic organ was used.

The decision about what organ to choose, and where to place the organ, was a challenging process.

The archival records reveal that the original architectural plans for our church building provided for the chamber where the organ is now placed. However, as the committee consulted with at least six organ manufacturers, they all indicated that the organ chamber was inadequate and unsuitable – with the opening into the chancel too small and the ceiling in the chamber too low. They affirmed that the “ideal installation is to place all of it in the chancel facing the sanctuary. The organ can then speak directly to the congregation, and thus encourage congregational singing and the singing of the choir.” The report goes on to say “The organ can be installed in the chancel with artistic skill and taste, so it adds to the beauty of the chancel area and does not detract from the Trinity window” (from a report found in the archives). In Keith Sprunger’s book “Campus, Congregation, And Community: The Bethel College Mennonite Church 1897-1997”, he reports that the deci-

sion as to where to place the organ became very controversial. He framed it as a choice “between the aesthetics of the original architectural design or the superior sound and performance preferred by musicians.” After negotiating with several companies, only the Moeller Company was willing to place the organ in the chamber. It was installed in 1961.

FAST FORWARD TO 2009

Our pipe organ (a wind instrument) will be 50 years old in 2011, and for several years, has been showing normal signs of wear and deterioration of parts. There are more than 1200 pipes in our organ. Wind (air) enters each pipe to produce a sound when an electrical signal from a note on the keyboard or pedal board is sent to the pipe. Pieces of leather are used at several points to contain the air and then direct it into the pipe. The source of the air is a blower in the basement, which sends air into the wind reservoirs in the organ chamber. These reservoirs expand, like an old-fashioned bellows, with leather between the wooden slats. The leathers in the reservoirs and all parts of the organ are tearing or cracking – allowing the air to escape. In 1989 all of the power pneumatics (air under pressure) in the console were re-covered. They were given a ten-year guarantee. In 1993, seven coupler pneumatics in the console were replaced. In September, 2007 a crucial piece of leather tore, causing a leakage of air on all stops on one of the manuals. (A stop is a knob on the console that controls all of the pipes in one rank. A rank of pipes consists of one pipe of a particular shape and material for each note on the keyboard [usually 61]). As leaks occur in the windchests, the leather is replaced or patched as necessary. A recent replacement of two of these leathers required several hours of labor because of their location.

Other repairs have been made, and the need for repairs is increasingly more frequent as months go by. Therefore, the Organ Committee (appointed by the Music Committee) has been researching, consulting, and discussing plans for the future of the instrument. Our ultimate goal is to maintain and enhance its capabilities in its role as a foundational component of our worship experience, and to maximize its potential contribution to our church for another 50 years. To that end, we have formally consulted with five organ companies. After considering all of these possibilities, we recently invited Burton Tidwell, a nationally known organ builder living in Marion, KS, to develop a formal proposal. Our current plan is to discuss our deliberations with the Church Board in the near future, and then present the formal proposal to the Church Board for their further action.

Committee members invite your comments, suggestions and questions as we process this plan. Committee members are: Connie Esau, Don Fast, Eleanor Kaufman (chair), Chris Shaw, Harold Thieszen, Ruth Unruh, and Rosi Penner Kaufman (consultant). ~ *Eleanor Kaufman*

WHAT IS “ORDINATION”?

Ordination does not occur often in the life of a congregation. Generally it takes place in the second or third year of a person’s active ministry. As we anticipate the ordination of Ruth Harder it is fitting that we ask: what does this event mean for her and what does it mean for us as the congregation? *A Mennonite Polity for Ministerial Leadership* describes the meaning of ordination as follows: “When the church ordains a man or woman to ministerial leadership, it intends to say at least the following:

1. We confirm the call of God to the person being ordained for ministry within or on behalf of the church. It is a time of blessing and celebration by the church for the gracious gifts of God to all, inasmuch as the ordained ministry is part of the ministry of the whole church.

2. We affirm the person for the unique leadership gifts the minister brings to the Christian community. We recognize the investment in spiritual, relational, and intellectual growth through completion of special training for this role within the church. We affirm a clarity of identity as shepherds of the church and servants of Jesus Christ.

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What is “ordination”? continued

3. We identify the person being ordained as one who represents God in a ‘priestly’ role within the community of faith where all are priests serving God (Rev. 1:6, 5:10). As such, we recognize the role of spiritual leadership within the church, a leadership growing out of an authentic humanity, and an authentic spirituality disciplined by a life of prayer, contemplation, and the Scriptures.

4. We entrust an office of ministry to the person being ordained. We thereby empower this person to act in a representative way on the church’s behalf with both the privileges and the responsibilities of the office. With this ministerial office, we recognize an authority which is granted for leadership within the church. Paradoxically, this authority must constantly be earned by evidence of wisdom, competence, integrity, humility, and perception.

5. We call the person being ordained to particular tasks associated with this office: to preach and teach; to lead with vision and wisdom; to equip members to release their spiritual gifts; to provide pastoral care, to be responsible for the church’s rites of marriage, baptism, observance of the Lord’s Table; and to help represent the church in the local community and in the conference.

6. Between the congregation and the person ordained we ask for a mutual accountability of support, respect, and care. For the person ordained, accountability to the church includes at least the following: personal moral integrity, faithfulness as stewards of the gospel, an exemplary life of equality and servanthood in relation to others, and effectiveness in exercising this ministry. The congregation covenants to pray for the ordained person, to give and receive counsel, to support his/her leadership ministry, and respect the authority of the office into which the minister has been ordained.

7. We declare our trust in the person being ordained by providing a credential for leadership ministry; the credential is primarily for service within the church, and secondly, is also acknowledged in society and by the state.”

Ordination is a joyful time, an occasion for celebration in the church, giving thanks to God for the gifts of a person who is covenanting with God and with us for a shared ministry of Christ’s reign in the world. To that end we anticipate the day of ordination for Ruth Harder. (Ruth’s ordination is September 27, 7:00 p.m. at BCMC.) ~ *John A. Esau*

OBITUARIES



Lucille Hupp Graber—July 23, 1915-July 8, 2009

Lucille Graber was the only child of Charlie and Maize (Wehry) Hupp, Newton, KS. She began her life on a farm north of Newton and later moved to North Newton. Lucille graduated from Newton High School in 1933 and from Bethel College in 1937 with a degree in music education. Following college she taught two years in the Willis school district and then married Clarence Graber whom she had met at Bethel. They spent fifty-one years together running the Golden Guernsey Dairy west of Newton until the late sixties. Clarence died in June of 1990.

Lucille’s life long passion was playing the organ for church which she did for over 50 years starting in high school at her home church, The First Christian Church. After her marriage to Clarence, she transferred her membership to the Bethel College Mennonite Church where she served as church organist for 30 years. Later she played for many years at First Presbyterian and First Christian Churches in addition to filling in at other churches in Newton.

Lucille spent 25 years as 4-H Sewing Leader. She was a member of the Wichita Parliamentary Club and served a term as president; a life long member of the Newton Treble Clef and the Kansas Federation of Music Clubs, both of which she served terms as president; life-long member of Inspiration Point; active member of the Bethel Hospital Auxiliary where she served in many offices including president. Lucille was club accompanist for the local Rotary Club for many years and supported her husband Clarence when he served as District Governor. After his death she became a regular attending honorary member of the Newton Rotary Club, even after moving to Schowalter Villa in 2005.

Lucille is survived by a daughter, Judy Friesen and a son, Charles Graber and his wife Lisa both of Newton; grandchildren Mark and Melissa Friesen of Lawrence, KS, Myron and Jennifer Friesen of Seattle, WA, Carrie and Chris Saxl of Napa, CA, and Christopher Graber of Arkansas City, KS; four great grandchildren Lucy Friesen, George Mitchell, Case Friesen and Arianna Graber. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Clarence, son-in-law Mel Friesen, and many of Clarence’s siblings.



Hugo Bernhard Reimer—May 23, 1920-July 23, 2009

Hugo Bernhard Reimer was born on his family’s farm east of Inman, KS, to Heinrich (“Henry”)

Katharina (“Katie”) B. (Baergen) Reimer, the fourth of ten children. He grew up in rural Inman where his parents farmed. Hugo graduated from Inman High School in 1940, and entered Bethel College the next fall. After his first two years of college he was drafted during World War II; declaring himself a

conscientious objector, he entered Civilian Public Service. Over the next four years he served in CPS camps in Weeping Willow, NE; Fort Collins, CO; Lapine, OR; and Norristown, PA, working on surveying crews, as a tool sharpener, and an orderly in a psychiatric hospital. Following his alternative service he returned to school, graduating