

Worship 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

- 1** Worship with sermon by Ruth R. Harder; music by Ron Garber, Jesse Graber and Ruth Harder
- 8** Worship with sermon by Kathy Goering Reid; music by Megan Leary and Kevin Leary
- 15** Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Vada Snider and Karen Loucks
Worship will include a service of licensing and installation for Susan Wheeler, associate pastor for pastoral care. This is the last Sunday for Summer Intergenerational Sunday school.
Noon: All are invited to a local foods potluck lunch sponsored by the Creation Care Committee
- 22** Worship with sermon by Ruth R. Harder; music by Chris Wagoner; Sunday school teacher commissioning; presentation of Bibles to 3rd graders
Fall Sunday school classes begin
- 29** Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by the Mosaic Sunday school class

September

- 5** Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Maggie Goering
7:00 p.m. Dessert reception for Bethel College students on the church lawn
- 12** Worship with sermon by Ruth R. Harder; music by the Chancel Choir
- 19** **Peace Sunday** — details about worship to be announced later; music by Chancel Bells
- 26** Details about worship to be announced later; music by Menno Ringers
Noon: All are invited to a potluck to be followed by a congregational meeting at **12:45 p.m.**
2:00 p.m. CROP Walk

WITH OUR MEMBERS

- BCMC member John Philip Kliewer married Kim Sang-eun in Jeju, South Korea on April 10, 2010
- Allison Kate and Madelyn Grace Zerger were born June 3, 2010 to Brian and Kristin Zerger of Tumwater, Washington
- BCMC member Katy June-Friesen married Thomas Lemole in the Shenandoah National Park, Virginia on July 10, 2010
- Eric Preheim was baptized at BCMC on July 11, 2010

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BCMC YOUTH SERVICE TRIP TO CHICAGO

The BCMC Senior High Youth Group spent the week of June 20-26 in Chicago. They spoke about their experiences during the Sunday morning worship service, June 27. Following is the DOOR Mission Statement and John Bergen's reflections of his time in Chicago.

DOOR Mission Statement: Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection (DOOR) is a faith based network of urban service-learning programs that expose, educate, challenge, and motivate participants to respond to the issues and concerns facing an increasingly urban world. Program offerings range from a weekend to a year and include opportunities for individuals and groups.

DOOR invites our Discover, Discern and Dwell participants to see the face of God in the city. By experiencing God's love and shalom in ever-expanding new ways we can share and demonstrate God's alternatives to the evils of racism, poverty and violence that tear down our communities and lives.

John's reflections follow
"Everyone who thirsts come to the waters, and you who have no money come buy and eat; come buy wine and milk without money, without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me and eat what is good and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear and come to me. Listen so that you may live." Now, in my humble opinion, it seems that in this passage in Isaiah 55 God was at least a few steps ahead of us. He's always saying "Come on, come on; keep going; we just have a few more feet on this journey". He's always trying to lead us forward. He's not giving us a destination or a set location, but instead a journey. So the question that I ask myself here is what kind of journey are we going on?

Well, first of all, this is going to be a very long journey when he tells us to buy bread and asks us why we buy things which are not bread This

is not going to be the kind of journey where we can just pick up a bag of chips and move on; it's going to require some serious carbohydrate intake.

Second of all, however, in addition to this being bread, we can also maybe think of the fact that when people read this originally, bread was probably their main meal. So it may be fair to say that not only is this journey going to be long; it may be in fact our entire lives and our entire existence. But just because it's our entire existence doesn't mean it has to be serious. And God quite clearly says here this journey is going to be a party when he tells us to come buy wine and milk, because hey, it's an open bar and everything's free. Now while I've never been to a party that just serves wine and milk, I'm going to go ahead and assume there is a serious cultural disconnect between me reading this now and the original writer of Isaiah.

We're looking to this long, endless partying journey, and we could probably ask ourselves, how does this long party that Christ's trying to throw us compare with the week in Chicago, and how we did things and how we do things in our every day lives.

Well, the first thing that we realized when we came to DOOR Chicago was that there's so much being done. The map that Brian Sales had of DOOR Chicago showed us all the churches; just in the community of East Garfield Park had so many churches the map ran out of space to put the names and many churches had to be removed. There are thousands of churches within these communities, thousands of people working every day including today, including next week, including all the time we're not there, and will continue to do work long after we return home.

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BCMC Kaleidoscope

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Youth Service trip to Chicago continued

So, what does it mean to say that there is so much being done and how can we possibly contribute to this situation in Chicago, where the poverty is all around us? Well, this is part of God’s long continual party, at least in my opinion, the idea not that we are coming there to solve poverty, or to change the lives of these individuals, but as part of our existence, to understand that people exist constantly to change. This is kind of what I would call the McDonald’s Dollar Menu vs. Daniel paradox.

So, on Thursday evening, every member of our youth group was given one dollar, and told to go find a meal. Now, we didn’t know Chicago very well, so the first thing we did was to go to the subway and begin asking not just for extra money, but for possible ideas where we might spend this money. Almost without fail every middle or upper class person said the best place to find a cheap meal was McDonald’s, except for one guy who remembered a place where you could get a taco for two dollars. Now our youth group wasn’t going to be satisfied with a half of a taco each for supper.

We decided to go for some alternate routes and got off at the Chinatown exit and began looking around for a cheap grocery store, or dumpster to find food. And after Jill and I were given a grand total of fifty cents from a group of very, very rich people waiting for a bus, we met a homeless man named Daniel sitting behind a dumpster having a smoke. He informed us that McDonald’s is not the best place to get food cheaply, in fact one of the best things to do was to go to a Chinese restaurant as they are closing and ask for any extra food.

Ben (Kreider) was talking to this man as he was turning to leave, and Daniel calls out “No, no, come back here”. He then hands Ben a plate of food containing, I believe, four hamburgers, a chicken sandwich, potato salad, and a bag of chips. This struck me as an example of God’s long party, basically, in my entire existence. Nat said “That’s our God sighting, not just for the week, but for the entire year”.

Contrasting a man who has no front teeth and no home and who sleeps on the subway, a man who is willing to give two days of food with the rich white people waiting on the bus who couldn’t spare fifty cents, is almost a perfect example of how many people, and many of us live our lives, vs. how God calls us to live our lives.

This is where Isaiah comes in again, where he doesn’t talk just to those in poverty; he may start out in the beginning talking to those who have no money, but then later on he changes and says “Why do you spend money on that which is not bread?” Now, he’s clearly not talking to those who have no money but is instead talking to us; those of us who work and those of us who make money and then waste it, those of us who make money and then spend it on things which are not bread, things which do not satisfy.

God’s call in Isaiah is not just to those in poverty to come and receive exactly what you want from God, but to those of us who think we have everything, and think we are comfortable in our positions but in fact aren’t and need to be transformed by this. In fact, what He might be saying here is that we have to realize that as middle class Christians in America, that we will not in fact solve poverty. It simply cannot be done.

And, so with this in mind that God is not calling us to solve poverty, but simply to exist and to be in this journey with other people, what does this mean for us? What does this mean for us as a youth group or for us as a church, us as a community? Well, the way I understand it is not just a call to short term missions, just a call to political action, but a call to change the way in which we exist; to find little things each day, ways to act and ways to change your life. It’s not a call to doing things but a call to being; it’s not a call to destination, but to a journey. ~ John Bergen



Group photo in front of the Church of the Brethren, Garfield Park



Megan Leary works in a garden in Chicago

Chris Wagoner and a new Chicago friend from Living Water Mennonite Church



August-September 2010



BCMC ANNIVERSARIES



60th Anniversary
Gladys and Ray Regier
August 4, 1950



60th Anniversary
Lanoy and Mary Esther Loganbill
August 6, 1950



50th Anniversary
Mary Ann and Walter Jost
August 12, 1960

PASTOR’S CORNER— HEIDI REGIER KREIDER



Summer in the church office is a time to plan ahead: We update addresses for a new year-book, schedule events on the calendar, and prepare for activities for the program year (June through May). For worship in the coming months, Ruth R. Harder and I plan to use a series of six themes as the “lens” through which we focus preaching and service planning. We have been inspired by the Sacred Practice Leadership Series (SPLS) which I began attending during my sabbatical in 2009. In the SPLS, six renewal events over the course of two years feature presentations by authors and theologians, readings, and small group reflection. (The final two sessions of the series will be in August and November 2010). The series encourages participants to use “sacred practices” as a means of shaping congregational life and ministry by intentionally allowing God to be a more active player in the congregation. Our hope is that these themes will not only shape worship, but also enrich congregational life and witness:

- The practice of visioning: In early Fall we enter a new program year, and prepare to embark on long-range planning for use of our facility. What does it look like when we are in tune with God’s vision of who we are (identity), what God calls us to do (purpose), and the neighbors God calls us to serve (our context)?
- The practice of discernment: Later in Fall the annual Pony Express will encourage us to recognize and celebrate God’s generosity. What resources is God providing and calling us to share for the work of the church in 2011?
- The practice of healthy relationship: In the season of Advent and Christmas we will anticipate and celebrate the coming of Immanuel, God-with-us. How does God’s incarnational love extend hospitality and shape our relationships with one another?
- The practice of prayer: The season of Lent is a time of spiritual renewal and confession. What forms of prayer can help us draw near to God?
- The practice of proclamation: At Easter we will celebrate God’s gift of resurrection! How do we give testimony to God’s life-giving work, and interpret the good news in today’s world?
- The practice of service: Pentecost season features the church in action. In what ways is the Holy Spirit empowering the body of Christ at BCMC to put faith to work through service, peacemaking, justice, and other forms of ministry?

Taken all together, these practices are a wholistic way to nurture a healthy congregation: People in touch with God, with each other and with God’s work in the world.

MENNONITES — MARGINAL OR MAINSTREAM?



The Bethel College Church was the scene of the recent history conference, “Marginal or Mainstream? Anabaptists, Mennonites and Modernity in European Society,” June 25-26. The conference drew speakers from many countries. In addition to the U. S. and Canada, speakers came from Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Ukraine, Russia, and Uzbekistan. Organizers of the conference were Mark Jantzen of Bethel and Mary Sprunger from Eastern Mennonite University. Over 100 persons registered, and many others “dropped in” for a session or two.

“Marginal or Mainstream?” – that was the big question. Are Mennonites (especially of Europe) always on the edge – “the quiet in the

land” -- invisible people? Or do they play a major role in history? Many of the sessions presented information about Mennonites active in politics, economics, art, and culture. For example, Mennonites were prominent in the Dutch Enlightenment, in Dutch commercial life, in art at Danzig, and in the modernization of agriculture in Russia and Central Asia.

The morning and afternoon coffee breaks were a highlight for many. Organized by Kauffman Museum (with the help of many volunteers from our church), they served many delightful Mennonite pastries and these gave a lift to the long scholarly sessions. For many of the visitors, this was their first trip to the American Great Plains, this heartland of Mennonitism. The conference activities provided a window into our area via an historical bus tour, led by Jim Juhnke, with scenes of wheat fields and visits to Peabody, Hillsboro, and Goessel. Friday evening of the conference was “An evening at Kauffman Museum” with a Mennonite-style meal catered by the Breadbasket, time to browse the exhibits, organ music, and a talk on Bethel College, the Light in the West.

~ Keith Sprunger



Troy Osborne of Bluffton University and Mary Sprunger of Eastern Mennonite University



Brian Brewer
Baylor University



Howard Snider and
Judy Fransen



John Roth, Walter Ratliff
and Duane Friesen



Coffee Break



HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY DOROTHY (REGIER) HARDER!



Dorothy was born August 22, 1930, at Bethel Deaconess Hospital to Kathryn J. and Dietrich Regier, joining an older brother and sister on the family farm west of Hesston. Dorothy went to Paris Grade School, and graduated in 1949 from Moundridge High School. The family attended Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church, where she was baptized as a sophomore in a catechism class of three boys and her. At Hoffnungsau, she remembers especially the Cheerful Workers, a girls’ group organized by Martha Siemens which met in homes and did creative mission projects. The teaching of pastor Albert Gaeddert was also a strong influence in Dorothy’s life. In 1954 Dorothy graduated from Bethel College and married Willis Harder whom she met at Bethel in the dining hall: he as a breakfast cook and she as a waitress. They moved to Topeka for his 1-W service, and she began a career in teaching which also took her to schools in Lincolnville and Buhler. Dorothy loved her 31 years of teaching – mostly 3rd grade. Some highlights were the camaraderie of teachers, and “creative Fridays” where she integrated hands-on activities into the curriculum.

In 1995 Dorothy and Willis moved to North Newton, and in 1997 joined BCMC. Currently she serves on the Hospitality Commission, where one of her most interesting tasks is to visit new North Newton residents and welcome them with a loaf of poppy-seed bread and an invitation to BCMC. She has been involved in Women’s Fellowship, Social Committee and serving funeral meals, volunteers at Et Cetera Shop, and does “grandparent reading” at Sunset Elementary School. Dorothy enjoys flower and vegetable gardening and walking, and with Willis has traveled to Mexico and Alaska.

Dorothy and Willis raised three children (Kurt, Lynn, and David) and now enjoy nine grandchildren and their variety of athletic and music events. Dorothy looks forward to going with the women and girls to a tea house in Wichita, when the family gathers to celebrate her birthday.

Since her son Kurt’s passing in 2007, Dorothy notes that Psalm 118:24 has taken on new meaning: “This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Each day is a gift, and we should use it wisely. Maya Angelou once said, “I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” Dorothy says she is still working on that every day. On her birthday, we give thanks for the wisdom, grace, and creativity that Dorothy brings to BCMC. ~ Heidi Regier Kreider

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY BOB REGIER!



Bob Regier, son of William H. and Emelia (Kintzi) Regier, was born August 24, 1930 in Mountain Lake, MN. Bob was an active, creative child. He went fishing and swimming and he enjoyed basketball, football, baseball, tennis and track. “Mountain Lake (a town of about 2,000), was like a big playground,” he said. He recalls building a miniature concrete town in a nearby yard complete with sidewalks, curbs, streets and buildings. Bob not only had an early eye for design and structure, he could also build. During WWII, when Bob was about 10 years old, he remembers using his father’s woodworking shop to build a three foot aircraft carrier. He put the carrier in a wagon and hauled it around town so that he and his friends could play aerial combat with their miniature airplanes and land them on the carrier Bob had built. Bob began thinking about and questioning his Mennonite identity during this time as well. Unlike most of his friends, Bob’s parents didn’t give him money to buy war stamps. Bob was baptized at his home church, Bethel Mennonite Church, in May of 1946, by Erland Waltner. One of his key mentors in Mountain Lake was his coach and science teacher, Burt Munson. Munson coached all the sports and helped lead Bob’s basketball team to state his sophomore, junior and senior year of high school. After completing high school, Bob came to Bethel College, where his older sister, Lola, had attended. He minored in art and majored in social science. Right after graduation, on June 22, 1952 Bob and Vernetta (Teichroew) were married at First Mennonite Church in Mountain Lake. Since the Korean War was taking place at this time, Bob began looking for alternative service assignments. The Mennonite Central Committee in Akron, PA, invited Bob to serve as their staff artist. Bob helped establish MCC’s first printing department, he ran soup can labels, he helped design and publish the 1W Mirror newsletter and he produced a cartoon about a 1-W service worker, Emil. Two years later, the Board of Education of the General Conference Mennonite Church, based in Newton, asked Bob to be their first staff artist. He accepted this position on the condition that first, he would study two years at the Art Institute in Chicago. Bob and Vernetta moved to Newton in 1957 and they have remained in Newton since, except for when Bob and his family moved to Urbana, IL, for 2 years (1963-1965) so that Bob could earn his M.F.A. By this time, Bob and Vernetta had

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Bob Regier's 80th birthday continued

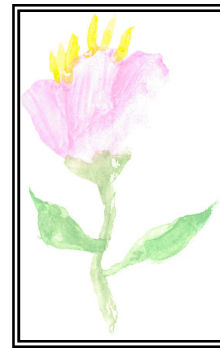
welcomed two children, Karen Sue and Steven James. Their third child, Timothy Mark, would join the family in 1965. Bob worked with the Board of Education for six years and then after completing his M.F.A. he joined the Bethel College faculty in 1965 until his retirement in 1992. Part of this time, Bob was involved with the Kauffman Museum where he designed the permanent exhibits and served as a consultant.

Currently, Bob is continually trying to "reinvent himself." Since he no longer does printmaking, he is trying to find a style and medium that works for him given some of his physical and space limitations. Right now, he's working on abstract landscapes using pastels. Bob continues to enjoy photography and his photos and design work will once again grace the pages of Bethel College's President's 2010-2011 Calendar. In 2000, Saralyn Reece Hardy, wrote the following about Bob: "Bob's uncommon clarity and subtlety of expression as artist, designer, and teacher have influenced the lives of many. His touch informs projects across Kansas and beyond, and his work is found in churches, museums, public buildings, corporate collections, and homes. We long for Bob's sense of wholeness; wish for his quiet layering of color, shape, and content; seek his hand on our most important projects; welcome his discipline and intuitive spirit woven into our creative processes. Sculptor Louise Bourgeois comments, 'Beauty is learning, understanding, solving problems, and a reward of effort: it is to transform chaos into harmony.' It is this relationship to the tangible world and the desire to recognize its incandescence that distinguish the art, practice, and life of Bob Regier." Bob, we at Bethel College Mennonite Church, wish you well on your 80th birthday. May God's grace fill you, may beauty surround you, may health abound and may you continue on with your "quiet layering of color, shape, and content," trusting that God's hand is leading you. ~ Ruth R. Harder

HAPPY 12TH BIRTHDAY JONATHAN BALOO!



Jonathan Baloo, who turns 12 on September 10 and who will attend Chisholm Middle School this year, describes himself as "very artistic and generous." These are words I would use to describe Jonathan as well. (When I asked Jonathan what he would get at the grocery store if he was given \$5.00, without hesitation he said, "I would get something for my grandparents, Orvin and Janet Voth.") Jonathan loves photography, drawing, riding bike and writing. He is currently writing a book called *The Last 60 seconds*, about a secret agent who has 60 seconds to solve problems. His favorite subject in school is science, because in his words, "I like space and germs and that sort of stuff." His favorite season is summer because he can ride bike, swim and "just have fun!" Jonathan was born in Wichita and he has lived in Kansas ever since. He recalls many fun vacations including a trip to the Bahamas where he supposedly touched a dolphin's tongue and a



Jonathan
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sting ray! A couple days ago, Jonathan returned home from a trip to North Carolina where he had fun playing with friends and swimming. One of Jonathan's heroes is Lance Armstrong because he is "fantastic at riding." Jonathan went on to say that when he rides bike really fast it feels like he's flying and then he added the comment, "I always wanted to fly." Jonathan likes to play soccer and he enjoyed watching the World Cup soccer games this summer. Once the United States team lost, he rooted for France. Jonathan likes church because he gets to sing and have fun. He especially likes to sit on the church lawn and practice drawing the church, which he says he has yet to perfect. His favorite church song is *The Mountain and the Hills*. When I asked Jonathan if he wished something would change at Bethel College Mennonite Church he thought for a minute and shook his head no. And then he said, "Well, maybe, we could just have a little bit more fun. Maybe we could do less sitting." Jonathan, we're glad you're an active, energetic, generous and artistic part of this congregation. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us. We wish you a happy 12th birthday! ~ Ruth R. Harder

HAPPY 12TH BIRTHDAY ANEKA VOTH!

Even Aneka Voth's eyes dance as she describes her love of ballet, pointe, hip-hop, jazz, modern, tumbling – all forms of dance she has studied since beginning lessons shortly before her 4th birthday. She currently takes classes several times per week at the Newton Performing Arts Center. She has enjoyed participating in a variety of competitions and recitals, and is proud of the solo dance for which she received 1st place in her division in a competition in May. It's a big accomplishment for a girl who is just turning twelve years old! Aneka was born September 19, 1998, at Newton Medical Center, and lives with her parents Eugene and LaDonna (Unruh) Voth, older brother E Josef, and a pet dog – Australian Shepherd "Ollie" who is 5 years old. Aneka



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Aneka Voth's 12th birthday story continued

looks forward to returning to school this fall, where she will be in 6th grade at the newly renovated Santa Fe 5/6 Center. Her favorite activities at school are being with her friends, reading and writing. She especially enjoys reading the *Twilight Series*, and spaghetti is a favorite food. At BCMC, Aneka has been involved in Venture Club, Cherub Choir and Junior Choir, and recently shared a dance in a session on "Growing Strong Bodies" in the intergenerational Sunday school class, *Growing in God's Good Earth*. Aneka looks forward to a birthday party with friends. On her birthday, let's celebrate with Aneka in words from Psalm 149: "Praise the Lord!.. praise his name with dancing..!"

~ Heidi Regier Kreider

WAXA-HAPPENINGS!

Over the weekend of July 9-11, a group of roughly 250 Western District Conference leaders, delegates, youth, and other interested parties converged on the Lakeview Camp and Conference Center in Waxahachie, Texas for the 2010 Western District Conference Annual Meetings. The weekend in Texas was filled with worship sessions, learning communities (topics included a bible study on Ezekiel, a discussion about our changing Anabaptist identity, information on ending the death penalty, and several more), a delegate session, and countless opportunities to listen, learn, and reflect. Ezekiel 37:1



-14 served as the theme for the weekend; all in attendance were continually challenged to find the "dry bones" around them and work to, as Ezekiel did, prophesy to bring life back to the bones. Delegates to Waxahachie from BCMC included Alan and Sheri Lepard, Norma Johnson and Vern Preheim, Adam and Jill Robb, Roger Juhnke, Patty Shelly and Heidi Regier Kreider. Many others from BCMC were in attendance, serving in roles ranging from presenters, to institutional representatives, to booth presenters. Another highlight of the weekend was the transfer of leadership from Dorothy Nickel Friesen, outgoing WDC Conference Minister, to Clarence Rempel, incoming Conference Minister. Dorothy's time in leadership was celebrated on Saturday night, followed by a commissioning for Clarence on Sunday morning during worship. Overall, the 2010 WDC Annual Conference was a very successful event. It is amazing to see and hear all the wonderful things that are happening in our conference and denomination! ~ Adam Robb

BCMC YOUTH SERVE NEAR AND FAR

Following the youth service trip to Chicago, many BCMC youth continued to serve or have plans to participate in a variety of service-related ventures. **Megan Leary** spent three weeks in Reedley, CA with Youth Venture, a Mennonite Mission Network program. First Mennonite Church in Reedley was her host congregation, along with Primera Iglesia Menonita. Megan taught Bible School in the evenings and she helped run a Summer Learning Experience where they talked with the kids about conflict resolution and how to solve problems in "the Jesus way." In a recent Kingdom Report given in worship Megan said, "My experience with Youth Venture was extremely rewarding. I may not want to be an elementary school teacher, but I

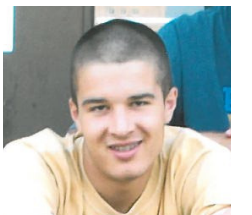


Megan Leary in California



Joe Kondziola

saw God in those kids every day. We taught them a song from Camp Mennoscah that they wanted to sing over and over again, and it gave me chills every time to hear those thirty kids sing, *We've got Christian lives to live/we've got Jesus' love to give/ we've got nothing to hide/ in Him we all abide.*" **Joe Kondziola** spent several weeks this summer helping First Mennonite Church of Newton build a Mennonite Disaster Service house. This included helping to construct the frame in the parking lot of First Mennonite and then traveling to Franklin, LA to assemble the frame and roof. Joel Schroeder, youth and young adult pastor at First Mennonite Church, has appreciated Joe's commitment, hard work, goofiness and energy. On August 4 **Ben Kreider** will leave for Albuquerque, New Mexico. He



Ben Kreider

will begin a Service Adventure (another program of Mennonite Mission network) placement. Ben has organized a support team here at BCMC that includes Jerry Buller, Karen Penner, Richard Siemens and Megan Leary. This support team will stay in touch with Ben throughout the year and they will help BCMC stay in touch with Ben. Ben was commissioned at BCMC on July 25. ~ Ruth R. Harder