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A TRIO OF COOKS

If you happen to wander down the halls of BCMC on a Wednesday afternoon, you're bound to smell the wonderful aroma of food being prepared. The church sponsors Wednesday evening dinners, eight weeks in the fall months, and eight weeks in spring. Last spring the idea came up of cooking Camp Mennoscah type meals. In conversation of how to accomplish these menus, a group of three cooks were chosen, and since that time they have been creating wonderful meals for these events.

Marty Warkentine, who had cooked for Camp Mennoscah in the past, Ben Lichti who has had much cooking experience (he owned and operated Bruno's Restaurant in Newton about five years ago), and Brenda Turner who with her husband has ordered and delivered food to the church for various occasions for years, are presently the main cooks. Since this decision was made, these three have been in charge of securing the food needed for their preparation of these Wednesday night meals. The day I visited them in the kitchen, it was obvious from the laughter and conversation they were enjoying their task.



The Cooks: Ben, Brenda and Marty

This fall they created a suggestion box and anyone interested can submit suggestions for meals they would like to see served, and the plan is to try to use these suggestions in future menus. At the present time various Sunday school classes come in to serve and clean up from the meals. Next time you see Marty, Brenda and Ben, join us in giving them a hearty thanks for their work behind the scenes. ~ Lois Goertzen

WELCOME TO NORTH NEWTON!



With a fresh loaf of homemade lemon poppyseed bread, a welcome brochure from BCMC, and a friendly greeting, Dorothy Regier Harder goes from one end of town to the other to the homes of newcomers to help receive them into our community.

As a member of the church Hospitality Commission, Dorothy finds this a task that suits her. She was a former school teacher, and meeting people feels comfortable to her, so these contacts are a good fit for her.

She secures the names of new residents to North Newton from the city newsletter **The Echo**. Because of the privacy act, there are some whose names aren't listed there, but most are.

Two other church members had this assignment before Dorothy but she has been doing it the longest, since 2009, and has seen approximately 82 households thus far. As part of the visit, Dorothy extends an invitation for folks to visit BCMC. Most

people are receptive to her contact, but sometimes there is difficulty finding people home. Several attempts are made and if these fail, she just finds someone else in the community who might like a friendly face and a nice loaf of bread.

Dorothy, your work as an arm of Bethel College Mennonite Church, and your service in this way is appreciated and we know you make a difference with this personal contact and gesture of hospitality. Thank you for doing it! ~ Lois Goertzen

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CIRCLE OF GRACE



The children and youth of BCMC may be better prepared to protect the special person they are thanks to the recent training program, Circle of Grace, which took place here on three consecutive Sundays in October and November. The goal of this training was to educate and empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others.

Through age appropriate activities and lessons the children were introduced to the idea that they are created by God and live in the Circle of God's grace. God calls us to a loving relationship with God and through this relationship the Holy Spirit helps us to make good choices in our lives. God's creation is to be respected and we accept responsibility to care for it.

The lessons then moved on to help children be better able to identify safe and unsafe situations in their everyday lives. Recognizing that boundaries may be threatened or violated and understanding that God does not want or cause bad things to happen to them, were key objectives in the program.

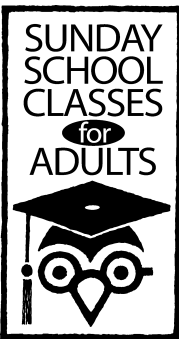
Finally, the children were taught an action plan. In order to do what they need to do to protect themselves from boundary violations, they practiced a simple three-step action plan and identified three trusted adults they could seek out for help when needed.

Teaching these lessons proved an enlightening experience for those participating. The children were engaged in the learning as they posed questions to clarify and seek deeper understanding of the lessons. The teachers gained insight as they listened to children's verbalizations of fears and level of knowledge about safe and unsafe situations. Since there is no one right response to every situation, there were lots of questions of "what if" to be dealt with in the sessions for both the children and teachers. The practical application of role playing was important for the children to become confident with the three-step action plan.

The components of Circle of Grace will continue to be incorporated into children's programs here at BCMC throughout the year. The current plan is to revisit the curriculum on a yearly basis to maintain our learning and refresh the importance of empowering our children to make good choices in their lives. ~ Jeanette Leary



A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO GROW FAITH AT BCMC—OPEN TO ALL!



"Faith Forum" is a new Sunday school offering that will begin January 8, 2012, and it is open to all who seek to grow their faith. If you have been looking for a way to plug in more at BCMC, you are welcome. Or, if you are a participant in an existing Sunday school class, but would like to explore other options, you are welcome to join "Faith Forum" during a particular month. A new topic will be discussed each month and will cover a variety of subjects related to growing and strengthening faith. Leadership will change along with the topics. The class will meet under the balcony at the back of the sanctuary during the Christian education hour from 10:50-11:45 a.m. Here is a listing of monthly topics:

January: "What is an Anabaptist Christian?" (4 sessions) Leader: Dorothy Nickel Friesen

February: "Adult Faith Formation" (4 sessions) Leaders: Marlene Bogard and others

March: "Why Lent matters to Mennonites" (4 sessions) Leaders: BCMC pastors and others

April: "Mental health" (4 sessions) Leaders: Mental health professionals

May: "A closer look at Newton: By walking 175 miles of our streets" (2 sessions)

Leaders: Keith and Aldine Sprunger

~ Jeanette Leary, Education Coordinator

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Women's Fellowship Christmas Program will be Tuesday, December 20, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All the women of the church are invited to attend. The program will be: "Born Where? God was There!" Given by Esther Koontz, Ruth E. Harder and Eleanor Kaufman. An ensemble led by Carolyn Voran will provide the music.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND THE LOVE OF WRITING

I always wanted to write stories but couldn't get a creative writing course into my schedule while attending Bethel until 1988, 28 years after graduation. Then, not realizing that this spring semester would be my last teaching at Bethel, I enrolled in a creative writing course under Raylene Penner. Raylene loved poetry, and I was scared to death of poetry. But she converted me. Since then, I have completed a manuscript of my childhood memoirs, chapter two of which received first place in the memoir division of the Kansas Authors Club in 2009. In 2010 my poem, "The Old Barn", about a barn on my childhood home, took third place in The Kansas Writers Association. Armed with these two successes, I entered several national/international competitions in spring 2011. While I did not place in any contests, one publisher (Oberon Foundation) asked permission to use one of my poems in their 9th annual poetry magazine which came out in October. ~ *Emerson Wiens*

(Newsletter editor's note: Congratulations, Emerson, for these honors and for continuing to put your words and thoughts on paper. ~ *Lois Goertzen*)

Dialogue

You ask, How do you write?
In a quiet place, I say:
the coffee shop, my favorite.
Writers come here for a purpose--
not to be entertained,
not to discuss the nature of the universe
or the changing weather.
People pass, speaking in muffled tones,
recognizing the sacredness of this place,
a place where expression is born.
The espresso cup bangs to release
its contents; cream? Again silence.
The pen touches the paper, waiting.
The first line begins the dialogue . . .

Writers Block

I seek to write
of God above and mother's love,
of grandma's tears and childhood fears.

I seek to write
of morning dew and skies of blue;
of fields of grass and sunsets past.

I seek to write
of redneck hate and alligator bait;
assassin plots and kidnapped tots.

I seek to write
of sewage swills and offshore spills;
altar boy crimes and priestly lies.

I seek to write,
of family ties to foreign spies;
hot romances and second chances,

but no words come.

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY JOHN SUDERMAN!



John spent his young years on the Hopi Indian Reservation in Kykotsmovi, Arizona, where his parents, John P. and Mabel (Wedel), were missionaries. The family lived about ¾ mile from the village. He recalls walking through the village, sometimes accompanied by his younger sister, to arrive at the one room school house he attended through grade eight. Early memories from the Reservation include going to church, as well as Sunday afternoon street meetings close to the mesa where a reed organ was played. For high school John was sent to Freeman Academy in Freeman, South Dakota. As a freshman he lived with families but joined the ranks in the dorms as a sophomore. It was at Freeman where he and Alice Kaufman became acquainted. After John completed Junior College in Freeman, he was inspired by Mary Oyer and a performance of the Motet singers to pursue education in Choral Music at Goshen College. John was very pleased with an invitation to join the Motet Singers. The summer following that first year he and Alice were married.

Upon graduation, John and Alice spent three Alternative Service years at Westville, Indiana. Daughter Carol added joy to their lives. John worked at Beatty Memorial Hospital for the mentally ill. He was given a music therapy internship and was allowed to experiment with music by singing in the wards, organizing patient choirs, helping with a dance orchestra for patients and staff, as well as planning and leading music for religious services on Sunday.

After completing graduate work at Indiana University, John accepted a teaching position in Carmel, Indiana, working with grades 8-12 in vocal music. The family, now with sons Mark and Brian, attended a Friends Church where John directed the choir. Seeking to live and work in a Mennonite community, John was hired by Mountain Lake High School in Minnesota. Here he taught choral music for 21 years. He and Alice found joy in involvement in the Mountain Lake Choral Society and the Bethel Church Choir, both of which John conducted. John also taught music one year at the Swift Current Bible Institute in

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John Suderman 80th birthday continued

Saskatchewan, Canada. A move to Kalona, Iowa, came next, where he taught choral music at Iowa Mennonite School for ten years. A wonderful highlight, John adds, was the annual Choral Festival when eleven Mennonite High School choirs from Canada and the United States would gather to sing under well-known Mennonite Conductors.

Upon retirement, John and Alice moved to North Newton. John continues to listen to music, sings in the choir as he is able, enjoys reading, enjoys travel, and also has nurtured his gift of photography. His albums of lovely, delicate wildflowers are labeled neatly. He is also transferring an abundance of slides to digital capacity. God gave you artistic talents, John, and you have put them to good use! Your life, families' lives, many, many individual lives, as well as communities of folks, have benefited. My prayer is for rich blessings in the years to come. ~ Susan Wheeler

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY NORMA PREHEIM



My life flows on in endless song is not only a favorite hymn for Norma Preheim, but also a fitting theme for her life and vocation as a musician. Music was an important part of her early years, as she first took piano lessons from a neighbor in her hometown of Pretty Prairie, and enjoyed playing clarinet in the band and singing in the choir in high school.

Norma was born January 18, 1932, to Paul and Hulda Voran of Pretty Prairie, growing up as a middle child with siblings Myron and Florine (both also now members of BCMC). The family attended Pretty Prairie Mennonite Church, where Norma fondly remembers singing in a group at her baptism. Her brother Myron became acquainted with a young student named Marles Preheim while teaching at Freeman (SD) Junior College and Academy, and mentioned to Norma that she should meet Marles. Norma got her chance when she heard Marles sing in a quartet at General Conference Mennonite Church sessions at Freeman Junior Academy. Later, they both attended Bethel College and sang in Elvera Voth's traveling choral ensemble. A special memory during her college years was a summer spent working with children with cerebral palsy at Camp Paivika in San Bernadino, CA. Norma graduated from Bethel in 1954 with a BA in music, majoring in piano. She and Marles were married a year later in 1955.

Alternative service, graduate studies and music teaching opportunities took them to Nebraska, Kansas, South Dakota, Ohio and Indiana before returning to the Bethel College community in 1977. Along the way Norma taught elementary school music and piano lessons, and directed church and community choirs. After moving to Newton she taught music for 16 years at Northridge, Sunset and Cooper schools. In 1990 she founded the Newton Community Children's Choir, which she directed for eleven years. BCMC has also been richly blessed through Norma's music skills, as she directs the Cherub Choir, which she also initiated.

Norma delights in her three children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She treasures travels and volunteer opportunities she has had: Trips to Europe with the Freeman Junior College Men's Ensemble and with the Bethel Alumni Choir; to the Millennium Celebration in Syria in 2000 with a choir invited by the Mid-East Council of Churches; to Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, plus a 50th wedding anniversary trip to Scandinavia; and working with Marles in the choir program for inmates at Hutchinson Correctional Facility through the Arts in Prison program.

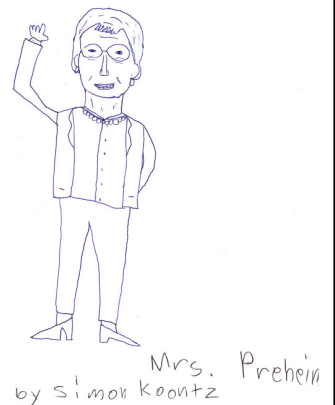
As Norma celebrates 80 years of life, we join her in affirming the text of another favorite hymn, *My shepherd will supply my need* (which was also sung at her wedding). Thanks be to God for guidance and care in Norma's life, in the past and for the years to come. ~ Heidi Regier Kreider

Tribute from a Cherub Choir Member

Norma Preheim is my choir director. My cousins and brother are in it with me. We practice on Wednesday nights. Sometimes we sing for the church. Each practice we check in with stickers. And then we get to work on our songs. At the end we have a snack. Mrs. Preheim gives us CD's to take home and listen to.

One day my dad (Nathan Koontz) told me that he was in Mrs. Preheim's choir when he was a boy. A few weeks later my papa (Dick Koontz) told me that he was in Mrs. Preheim's choir when he was a boy in Hillsboro. I was so surprised! My Uncle Matt and my Great Uncle Phil also sang in Mrs. Preheim's choirs.

Over the years Mrs. Preheim has shared the love of music with many children. Thank you Mrs. Preheim, for showing us that music is important, it's fun, and it's a way to worship God. ~ John Mark Koontz



MY DREAM CAME TRUE — BY DAN BAUMGARTNER



How clearly I remember wanting to see polar bears in their natural habitat. An unexpected inheritance, recently received, made this dream come true. I queried *Yahoo* to learn what agencies seemed to be reputable and chose “The Great Canadian Travel” to do the planning for me. After weeks of their planning, my input, a few e-mails and telephone calls, my itinerary was ready to review. I was satisfied with their work and made the initial payment which included the majority of expenses. October 13, I flew to Fargo, North Dakota, then picked up the rental car, and drove to Winnipeg, Manitoba. While there, I did some sightseeing, visiting, and then attended the Steinbach Mennonite Church for Sunday school and worship service (another

thing I had wanted to do.) They hold two services, one German and the other in English. I attended Sunday school during the German service and then went to the English worship service. The next day I toured the Mennonite Heritage Village in Steinbach.

On Tuesday I boarded Via Canada Rail Service for Churchill, Manitoba. This was a 1000 mile/36 hour trip through the prairie in Manitoba and a portion of Saskatchewan, upward into the more wooded area near Thompson, MB. On Thursday the train arrived and I was met by a GTA person and taken to the Bear Den Motel in Churchill. After getting settled in and given a brochure about being safe while walking through town, I set out on foot and saw some places I planned to visit when I had a full day to shop for our grandchildren. After an anxious night of tossing and turning I awakened early to the aroma of coffee and food down the hall where a continental breakfast was served. Finally at 7:30 a.m., we were on an old school bus headed for the tundra where we would meet others to look for the “prize.”

There were at least a dozen tundra buggies waiting; with ours accommodating 26 passengers. The buggies were quipped with communication devices that allowed a driver to tell other drivers of their success in seeing a bear{s}. We were fortunate to see a few close-ups, (within 50 meters), all laying down and inactive. Later in the day we saw three to five bears walking but not bunched together, some walking towards each other. They were at least 180 meters away from us. The next day was very much the same. During the summer, polar bears are up north living on berries and grass, but in early October they head for ice, hunting for seal, their main food source. The Churchill River, being fresh water, freezes first, and then the Hudson Bay. The water has been freezing later and thawing earlier, the last few years. The temperature when I was there was -2 C, or barely freezing. The tundra itself is always frozen.

My last day in Churchill was spent touring the town and its surroundings. Atop the hill in a blustery, cold wind we viewed a large stone fort built on the western peninsula near the Churchill River and shore of the Hudson Bay. A large grain terminal where ships load wheat and voyage to Morocco, Egypt, and other places. I was taken on a private tour to an Anglican Church that had been moved with oxen, centuries ago, across the icy waters of the Hudson Bay to its final resting place on the outer edge of Churchill. It is still an active church with weekly services in Cree, Chipewyan, and English. After this, Mr. Hirst, the guide, took me to lunch where I had a delicious plate of beef liver and potatoes, finished off with a date roll. Then it was time to pack up and travel home. My time was well spent in travel, visits, and viewing the vast array of scenic changes and nature’s beauty. Best of all was seeing the white, furry mammals with black noses, little ears, and huge paws. **Polar Bear!** I hope all of you have or will have an opportunity to see your lifelong dream!



WITH OUR MEMBERS

Births: Congratulations to Elyse and Montrell Butcher, Carrollton, Texas on the birth of Brielle Kaylinn Butcher, October 14, 2011.

Orlyn and Jan Zehr, Bob and Phyllis Carlson, Merrill and Boots Raber traveled to Alaska in August. In Anchorage, they visited the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts and the Elvera Voth Hall honoring her significant contribution to the arts in Alaska.





Leona Elizabeth Sawatzky—October 7, 1922 – October 9, 2011

Leona Elizabeth was born October 7, 1922 to John S. and Elizabeth (Toews) Friesen. At the time, her parents were in the process of building a homestead just north of Mt. Lake, Minnesota, so the initial living quarters were in the barn. Growing up was filled with helping on the farm, attending school in German and English and taking part in church related activities. Leona married Ben Sawatzky on August 20, 1943. Hiring out to area farms, they stayed in the Mt. Lake area, welcoming a son, Steven, until 1948. Hearing God's call to mission work, they moved to North Newton, Kansas where Ben studied Industrial Arts at Bethel College. Leona helped to support the family working several part-time jobs. Leaving for India in 1953 had to be delayed several months due to the arrival of a second son, Monroe. For 18 years they were stationed in Champa—Central India. Leona was mother to a growing family, with the addition of two daughters, Rosemary and Margaret. There were many challenges to be met—learning a new language, running a household with servants and functioning efficiently in a strange culture. One of the most significant difficulties was dealing with many and prolonged separations, as Ben traveled on business and the children attended boarding school 1,000 miles away. Leona worked in the hospital pharmacy when the children were away from home. Coming 'home' in 1971, while Ben pastored in Henderson, Nebraska, Leona enjoyed using her great cooking skills for hospitality and filled her time working in the school cafeteria and nursing home. Retirement to Kidron Bethel brought years of continued involvement in many activities—travel, visiting family and friends and lots of quilting. She is survived by sons Steve and Sue of Denver, Colorado, Monroe of Henderson, Nebraska; daughters Rosemary and Dan Kuehl of New Ulm, Minnesota, Margaret of North Newton, Kansas; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Ruby Lorene Voth Stucky—October 8, 1920 – October 14, 2011

Ruby L. (Voth) Stucky, 91, died Friday (October 14, 2011) at Kidron Bethel Village in North Newton. She was born October 8, 1920, the first child of George and Emma Voth, in McPherson, Kansas. Ruby was a registered nurse; she graduated from Bethel Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in 1944. She was a life-long care-giver to her family. For many years she was an active community member. She devoted her energy to many organizations: she served as a Deacon in the Bethel College Mennonite Church, she volunteered at The Community Playschool, Prairie View, coordinated Red Cross blood drives, worked with special needs children, conducted hearing testing in the Newton schools, and volunteered for the American Cancer Society. Ruby married Harley J. Stucky on March 14, 1945. Their union

was blessed with four children: Steven Joe, Franklin Jay, Nathan Paul J., and Rita Joy. She is survived by her children, and their spouses: Lane, Kathy, Suzanne, and Bob; and her grandchildren: James, Hannah, Robin, Christopher, Vanessa, Nathan, Julian and Michael, and great grandchildren: Reese, Carson, Marley, Zhora, Chloe, Ruby and Dylan. She is also survived by her brother, George Voth and his wife Marilyn as well as numerous nephews and nieces. Harley and Ruby also had an extended family including Kenneth and Joyce Kaufman, and nieces Lynnette and Carla and their families.



Ruth E. Franzen—January 28, 1922 – November 16, 2011

Ruth was born in Hillsboro, KS to Jacob and Katharina Franzen. She was the youngest in the family with Dorothea as the oldest daughter and Wanda in the middle. She was baptized in 1937 at First Mennonite Church in Hillsboro where her membership continued in addition to an associate membership at Bethel College Mennonite Church. As she moved to different areas to teach, she was active in local churches. Ruth graduated from Bethel College. Her first teaching position was at Windom, KS, followed by a teaching position at Emporia. Later she taught at Kansas State and Kansas University, where she came as an instructor and left as an associate professor. Ruth then taught at the University of Minneapolis for one year, returning to KU

to finish her Masters. She returned to the University of Minneapolis and taught as an associate professor in the Department of Design, Housing, and Apparel, College of Home Economics for 30 years. Ruth retired in 1991 and moved to Newton in 1992. She and her sister Dorothea lived in adjoining apartments on 24th Street near Wanda, who had also moved to Newton and, because of her health situation, lived at Presbyterian Manor. Wanda died Nov. 5, 1998. As Dorothea's health deteriorated Ruth became her sister's capable caregiver, assisting her until her death on Dec. 31, 2008. Ruth had hoped to spend her retirement years traveling, reading, and listening to music, but she became ill and entered the hospital Dec. 9, 2010. This was followed by moving to health care at Kidron Bethel Village where she would remain. Ruth accomplishments include serving a summer as a curator at the Goldstein Museum at the University of Minnesota, contributing to research concerning Navajo Indians. Her interest developed in the area of artifacts and rugs and contributed to her collections. Interest led her to co-author the book "Collecting Navajo Weaving" by Otto Charles Thieme, Ruth Franzen, et. al. ASTM, which stands for "American Society for Testing and Materials" is found on many garments, drapes, and other fabric labels, assuring that the fabric is of high quality as determined by textile quality control standards and testing procedures. Ruth contributed to this research and the establishment of these requirements.

Christmas is fast approaching! This year, since Christmas falls on a Sunday, we decided to have ONE Lessons and Carols Christmas Eve service on **Saturday, December 24, at 7:00 p.m.** with participation by Cherub Choir, Junior Choir, Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells. The youth will participate as readers. Hope you will join us for this festive evening of worship. And don't forget that we will have an 11:00 a.m. worship service on Christmas Day. On New Years Day, join us at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for snacks and fellowship followed by an 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Christmas clay ornaments available by donation on Sunday, December 18, in the back of the Sanctuary. John P. Kliewer (pictured here) led BCMC children and youth in making over 100 clay ornaments. All proceeds will go towards our Advent giving project, *Harvest of Love*.



John Kliewer talks about an ornament with Aneka Voth while Sarah Turner and Elizabeth Tran smile for the camera!



Maddie Crabtree gets ready to design his ornament.

PASTOR'S CORNER—RUTH R. HARDER

Looking for the extra in the ordinary

A lot of extraordinary things can happen during the season of Advent. Many will attend and participate in extraordinary programs and recitals. Many of us are on the look-out for extraordinary gifts—either to give or receive. And then there are the extraordinary readings from the Bible—Isaiah's image of the valley's being lifted up, the angels' announcements, the virgin birth and visits from ordinary shepherds. It's not hard to get caught up in these extraordinary stories and events; even the most skeptical among us can sometimes find themselves lost in wonder and praise at various points during Advent.

Many of us know that the extraordinary stories and programs of Advent don't just happen, or at least that is what we sometimes tell ourselves. Much hard work and energy goes into planning Advent, and this hard work often pays off. Many of us are captured by this extraordinary season of reflecting on Emmanuel—God with us. Then again, sometimes I can get so focused on trying to create extraordinary events and programs that I miss observing and celebrating the extra in the ordinary. That is, sometimes I fear that in the planning and performances of the season, I miss the extraordinary things right in front of me and not necessarily of my own making or that happen in spite of or despite my planning. And so, this Advent I'm trying to stay more attentive and observant to the extra in the ordinary. I'm trying to make it a point to slow down and watch for how God's extraordinary love is being made manifest in our ordinary lives. And during the first Sunday of Advent I was not disappointed in what I saw—the extraordinary was all around me. I watched as Esther Groves put birthday cards in church members' mailboxes. I watched as people offered hugs and handshakes and poured cups of coffee and water. I watched Jeanette Leary lovingly set up Fellowship Hall for the eager children that would soon come down for a story and singing. I watched John P. Kliewer talk energetically to the children about the clay ornament project that he is coordinating. And I watched as people lined the aisles to receive communion. Over and over, I said and heard the words, "The bread of life and the cup of salvation,"—extraordinary I thought to myself. Might you consider joining me in this Advent experiment of observing the extra in the ordinary? How is God's love being made manifest before our very eyes, in the ordinary things of life?

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DECEMBER 2011 — JANUARY 2012 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship 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.— unless otherwise noted

December 4, 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Prelude by the children of BCMC

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Chancel Bells and Junior Choir; **10:50 a.m.** Sunday school

3:00 p.m. Treble Clef Vespers—Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. Suzuki Strings Christmas Concert--Sanctuary

December 11, 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Prelude by Ron and Verlene Garber

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Ruth R. Harder; music by Cherub Choir and Chancel Choir; **10:50 a.m.** Sunday school

December 18, 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Prelude by Hesston High Singers

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Menno Ringers and Lee Suderman; **10:50 a.m.** Sunday school

December 24, Christmas Eve

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols service with adult and children's choir (no 11 p.m. service this year)

December 25, Christmas Sunday

11:00 a.m. Christmas Day service (no Sunday school)

January 1, 2012, New Year's Day

10:00 a.m. Coffee and fellowship; bring goodies to share

11:00 a.m. Worship with prayers and praises for the New Year (no Sunday school)

January 8, 2012, Epiphany

9:30 a.m. Worship; music by Chancel Choir; **10:50 a.m.** Sunday school

7:00 p.m. New Year Memorial and Communion service

January 15, 2012

9:30 a.m. Worship; music by Chancel Bells; **10:50 a.m.** Sunday school

January 22, 2012

9:30 a.m. Worship; music by Junior Choir; **10:50 a.m.** Sunday school

7:00 p.m. Hymn Festival with Christopher Shaw — final organ concert in 50th anniversary series

January 29, 2012

9:30 a.m. Worship; music by Chancel Choir; **10:50 a.m.** Sunday school

12:00 noon Potluck in Fellowship Hall — everyone welcome!

12:45 p.m. Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary