

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Many of you have participated in the work of the Harvey County Homeless Shelter (209 E. Broadway, Newton.) Through your prayers, financial contributions, meal preparation, and time spent at the shelter, many lives have been touched with love. There is a constant flow of people through the doors of the shelter and they all have a story to tell. They have all come to a place in their journey of life where they need a helping hand. The shelter has a unique community support system and BCMC is an important part of that system. We need more people who are willing to fill the evening and night shifts. If you are interested but hesitant, please know that there is support available. Frequent trainings are offered and we can pair you with an experienced volunteer. There is also always a list of numbers to call and often a staff person on site for a majority of the time. In the words of my husband, a frequent volunteer, "At first it may be a little intimidating, but the people are okay, even grateful, and there's help available. There is always someone to call if you have a question." Please contact me at 316-288-1600 or ellenawe@yahoo.com if you are interested in becoming more involved. This year we have four weeks assigned to us. March 24-30, June 23-29, Sept.22-28, December 15-21. Thanks so much for your dedication to this important ministry. ~ Ellen Awe **New volunteer orientation sessions are:** Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m.; Mar. 2, 18 and 29 (all 6:30 p.m.) and Mar. 17 at 10 a.m.; April 8 and 19 (6:30 p.m.) and April 14 at 10 a.m. All orientation sessions are at the Shelter, 209 E. Broadway.

FEBRUARY — MARCH 2010

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

February

- 7 Worship with sermon by Ervin Stutzman, new executive director for Mennonite Church USA. Music by Youth Bells and Cherub Choir. *Bring food for Salvation Army*
- 10 **Spring session of Wednesday night suppers begin—6:00 p.m.**
- 14 Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Chancel Choir
- 17 **Ash Wednesday—6:00 p.m.** Wednesday night supper; 6:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday service in Fellowship Hall
- 21 **1st Sunday in Lent—**Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; communion; music by Chancel Choir
- 28 **2nd Sunday in Lent—**Worship with sermon by Ruth R. Harder; music by Junior Choir and Chancel Bells **3:00 p.m.** Harvey County Health Ministries Benefit Concert with "Men of Song" led by Elvera Voth—Sanctuary — Refreshments following the concert in Fellowship Hall

March

- 7 **3rd Sunday in Lent—**Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Cherub Choir and Youth Bells *Bring food for Salvation Army*
- 14 **4th Sunday in Lent—**Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Chancel Choir **Daylight savings time begins today—move your clocks forward one hour!**
- 21 **5th Sunday in Lent—**Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Mark Kreider **Noon —** Golden Agers Potluck—Fellowship Hall
- 28 **Palm Sunday—**Worship with sermon by Ruth R. Harder; music by Junior Choir and Cherub Choir

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HELP FOR HAITI

On January 18, 2010, six days after a devastating earthquake shocked the small country of Haiti, I was given an opportunity to join a group of relief workers in Port-au-Prince to offer medical care to the injured and sick victims of the earthquake. My community quickly offered all of their support. My father-in-law, Dick Koontz, asked Newton Medical Center for donations and they responded with thousands of dollars of medications and supplies. He also was able to raise a large amount of money from members of our church to support the trip and its mission. My office staff re-arranged patient appointments and prepared for my absence. My brother-in-law, Nathan, equipped me with camping supplies and my husband, Matt, worked to prepare our home and our children for my eight-day trip.

Within 36 hours of that initial phone call, I was in Haiti and working in a mobile clinic in the National Stadium in downtown Port-au-Prince. The experience was incredible and difficult to describe

with words. The Haitian people can best be described as graceful survivors. They were handling their injuries and illnesses with patience and gratitude. They had set-up large tent cities all across the city for shelter. They were searching for the distribution centers where food and water were being handed out. The Haitian people had just survived an incredible and horrible act of nature, yet they were kind, grateful, and already re-organizing. Yes, the city was in incredible chaos without electricity, running water, or open shops and yes, the damage to buildings was extensive. However, my eight days in this situation left me with an enormous sense of hope. If there is any positive outcome to this overwhelming situation, it is that the international community has devoted a large amount of attention, time, and resources to a country that truly was already in the farthest extreme of poverty before that tragic minute on January 12, 2010.

My time in Haiti was an enormous gift. I am incredibly grateful for the support I felt from my own community and was amazed by the heartfelt outpouring of support for the situation in Haiti. I feel that this support allowed me to provide medical care for a large amount of people in a devastating situation that they may not have received otherwise. The experience, however, also was a gift to me. It opened my eyes to an impoverished country that needs our help and it opened my heart to the blessings that we have all been given. I am very grateful for my eight days in Haiti and I hope I am able to return sometime soon. ~ Jenni Koontz



Jenni and Haitian translator, Lucknel, treating a child's wounds



Setting a broken arm



Jenni went to Haiti with the organization, "Heart to Heart International" This is the Heart to Heart group.

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BCMC Kaleidoscope

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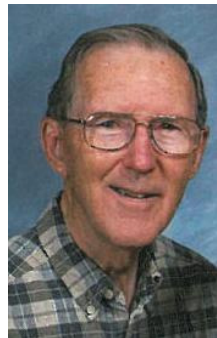
FIFTY YEARS AND COUNTING

BCMC pastor Russell Mast and his wife Alma had the privilege to host Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during his time at Bethel College in 1960. Four hundred eighty-five children and adults heard Dr. King's presentation on January 18th at eight o'clock. The total amount of cash received for tickets was \$710.75. Perhaps you recall that evening fifty years ago. Five decades have come and gone since Martin Luther King Jr. spoke in North Newton. For some of us, that was very long ago—it was a time when the total cost for the tea reception for Dr. King and Dr. Lloyd Spaulding cost a staggering \$16.65! An announcement in the Bethel College Mennonite Church bulletin simply noted that Martin Luther King, Jr. would be speaking at Memorial Hall on January 18th at 8:00 p.m. Articles appearing in the local newspaper then suggested there was some anxiety in the community about his coming. That same year Rev. Russell Mast preached a sermon, "Six Fallacies About Race." This well-developed sermon exposed the following fallacies: 1.) That the Bible describes the origin of the races 2.) That the Bible teaches racial segregation 3.) That there are inherently superior races. 4.) That race mixing results in racial inferiority 5. That racial segregation does not mean inequality 6. That the church has no stake in the question.

On January 21, 2010, the community had the opportunity to hear Dr. Martin Luther King's recorded sermon and also contemporary remarks by Dr. Vincent Harding. Dr. Harding again challenged the audience to be "maladjusted" in a society that continues to practice injustice and violence—often in socially acceptable ways.

I reflected on the six fallacies about race following Martin Luther King's recorded presentation and Vincent Harding's recent speech. In the sixties BCMC struggled with racism; today we struggle with equally difficult topics. Both racism and human sexuality are topics on which we have deep feelings. Often our feelings are so intense that they defy verbalization. The struggle with racism in 1960 and the years that followed consumed much energy. Now our attempts to address sexuality and homosexuality consume at least as much energy. Do the six fallacies of racism which Rev. Mast spoke inform us in our understanding sexuality? If so, how are we meeting the challenge? Rev. Mast's concluding sentence states, "So when knowledge displaces ignorance, and the love of Christ displaces selfishness we should be able to grasp anew the idea, 'That God is no respecter of persons,' and that in our own relations with persons of whatever race, we can be satisfied with nothing less." The leadership at BCMC continues to prod us onward. How is our congregation addressing both old and new challenges? ~ Fred Obold

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY BOB SCHMIDT!



Robert Schmidt (hereafter "Bob") was born in 1930 and raised in northern Oklahoma where his father was principal and his mother taught at the Oklahoma Bible Academy at Meno. He was the third sibling born into a family of four surviving brothers and one sister. Bob went to a one-room grade school and then to OBA for high school. His father was also an ordained minister in the churches at Orienta and Enid. These were the years of the great depression and although times were hard, Bob's parents made sure that he and his siblings took piano lessons and had a traveling library from the state during the summer. The family also did a lot of travel between Oklahoma and Kansas to visit relatives and help with wheat harvest at his grandmother's farm near Pawnee Rock. Longer trips were made to California, Minnesota, and Colorado which were always enriching experiences. Bob entered Bethel College in 1948. Both of his parents and almost all of his uncles and aunts were either graduates or had attended Bethel. Bob looked forward to his turn at Bethel and the liberal arts atmosphere which he soaked up from his older brothers and several younger uncles and older cousins. He read his brother's yearbooks so many times that he felt he knew the students pictured there. Little did he know that he would eventually marry one of the girls pictured in the 1947 yearbook.

After graduation, Bob taught for one year at Sun City High School, Sun City, Kansas which had a total of 20 students. Betty Enns, whom he had dated regularly while in college, was teaching at Coats High School 20 miles away. They were engaged that year and married in the Bethel College Mennonite Church on Aug. 27, 1953. That fall, Bob enrolled at the University of Oklahoma. The couple was supported by Betty's employment as a dietitian at the University Infirmary and his assistantship in the Chemistry Department. He received his Master's degree in the summer of 1955, having written a thesis on the halogens of soft sea coral. The following year his advisor was on sabbatical, and the university offered Bob a graduate assistantship. His advisor agreed to take him on as a doctoral candidate, and he received that degree in 1960. In the fall of 1958, Bob took a position as Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Simpson College in Iowa. Bob and Betty have four children, Becki, Brian, Kenneth and Karen. In the fall of 1960, Bob was invited to join the faculty at Bethel and they moved to North Newton after the close of Simpson's school year in 1961. Bob's time at Bethel was a dream come true. The first 10 years were the hey-day of the National Science Foundation, which made it

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David C. Wedel—March 16, 1908 – January 14, 2010

Dr. David C. Wedel died Jan. 13 at Bethesda Home, Goessel, KS. He was born March 16, 1908 at Goessel, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. C.C. Wedel. At age 17, May 31, 1925, he was baptized along with some of his peers, including his future wife, Martha Quiring, at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church by pastor, P.H. Unruh. His education included Bethel Academy, Bethel College where he graduated with an A.B. degree, Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, NY, which awarded him a B.D. degree in 1936, and Iliff School of Theology in Denver where he earned his Doctorate of Theology. During 1927-1928, Dave taught at Heimbaugh country school and coached the Goessel High basketball team. He was a member of the Alexanderwohl Mennonite church at Goessel until receiving his ordination in 1936 when he took the pastorate of the Halstead Mennonite Church. That same year he married Martha Quiring. They had two daughters, Eleanor (Mrs. Arnold) Heckendorn of Sun City, AZ, and Judith (Mrs. Mark) Arthur of Russell, KS, who survive. His beloved Martha died July 26, 1998.

Dave served Halstead until 1946, with a brief hiatus to be director of the Civilian Public Service Camp in Marietta, OH in 1941. In 1946, he was an instructor at Bethel College in North Newton and became a member of the Bethel College Mennonite Church. He became President of Bethel College from 1952-1959. He was an administrator at Southwestern College, Winfield, KS from 1959 through 1967. Dave and Martha returned to North Newton in 1967 where he rejoined Bethel College as Associate Director of Development. Dave served as either interim or associate pastor at Buhler Mennonite Church, Zion Mennonite Church at Elbing, KS, Zion Mennonite Church, Souderton, PA, Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church and Ransom-Hamilton Mennonite Church, Ransom, KS. He authored "The Story of Alexanderwohl (Centennial Celebration 1974-1974)." He will be missed by his daughters and their husbands, six grandchildren and their spouses, and his seventeen great-grandchildren.

PASTOR'S CORNER— RUTH R. HARDER

Currently, my desk is covered with a variety of resources on the vast subject of human sexuality. The books include: 1) *Sex God*, by Rob Bell, 2) *God, Sex & Politics: Homosexuality and Everyday Theologies*, by Dawne Moon and 3) *Our Whole Lives, a sexuality education curriculum for grades 10-12* edited by Goldfarb and Casparian and published by the Unitarian Universalist Association and the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. Next to these books is the 2008 Fall issue of *Vision* (a semiannual journal published by Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary) called "Sexuality," and beside this journal is a pile of papers including notes put together by Rachel Pearson, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist at Prairie View, Newton. (Dr. Pearson gave a presentation at BCMC on Sunday, January 24, called "Healing our Sexual Brokenness: Sexual Abuse, Pornography and Addiction.") Underneath Dr. Pearson's notes are articles and notes written by Keith Graber Miller, a professor at Goshen College, IN. One such article, "Sex without shame," appeared in the 2009 September/October issue of *Sojourners Magazine*. Finally, I've been reviewing our church's policy regarding "Guidelines for the safety of children and youth at BCMC." Needless to say, I've been thinking a lot about human sexuality. And perhaps you have too. Sexuality, after all, has been our most recent worship focus at BCMC. (If you didn't attend the worship services on January 17, 24 and 31, or Dr. Pearson's Sunday school presentation on January 24, you can order a c.d. of the service by calling or e-mailing the church office.) This worship series on sexuality stretched us, as pastors. To talk about sexuality, which includes talking about our bodies, cultural messages about sexual behavior, gender roles, sexual abuse and how we interact with other people in our lives can be awkward and painful. Yet if it is true that sexuality is part of our identity from birth to death, not talking about sexuality in the church can be just as awkward and painful. And so, we as pastors decided to take some risks and reflect on what it means for us (all of us, no matter our age, status, background or orientation) to be sexual beings, to confess our sexual brokenness and embody sexual wholeness. Certainly we didn't cover all there is to cover. Certainly we could have spent a lot more than three weeks on the topic of sexuality. In fact, I know of a Mennonite pastor who spent a whole year going through a sexuality curriculum with her high school youth. Therefore, now that the series is over we hope the conversations around human sexuality will continue. With God's help, may we forever be good students of our God-given bodies and sexuality. May we never think we have it all figured out or be too scared or ashamed to think about and to reflect on these matters. Finally, if you're into reading, I hope your desks or coffee tables will also be piled high with some of the resources that I have mentioned.

P.S.: Books on Pastor Heidi's desk include:

Bridging the Gap: Conversations on Befriending our Gay Neighbors, a DVD discussion series from New Directions Ministries in Canada (www.newdirection.ca)

Women and Men: Gender in the Church, a collection of essays edited by Carol Penner, available at the Western District Conference Resource Library

Grief and Sexuality: Life After Losing a Spouse, by Rachel Nafziger Hartzler, available in our BCMC library

OBITUARIES



Henry W. Goossen—August 11, 1916—December 26, 2009

Henry W. Goossen of North Newton died Dec. 26, 2009, at the age of 93. He was born on a farm near DeWitt, NE, Aug. 11, 1916, and spent his formative years there. He graduated from Beatrice (NE) High School, and worked for his uncle in farming before going on to graduate from Bethel College in North Newton and the Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Chicago.

Henry married Edna Marie Ensz Aug. 19, 1943. He was ordained as a Mennonite pastor in 1944 and served churches in Burns, Hanston, McPherson, Hillsboro, Goessel, and Halstead, Kansas. He and Edna spent 1966-68 working in South Korea with Mennonite Central Committee. In 1983, following retirement from the ministry, he joined his son for twelve years in Goossen Construction, Inc. Family and church were central parts of Henry's life.

Henry is survived by his wife of 66 years, Edna; daughter Sharon (Bob) Bartel of McPherson, Kansas; daughter LaVonne (Ron) Sawatzky of Elkhart, Indiana; son Duane (Rachel) Goossen of Topeka, Kansas; grandchildren Shaun (Deb) Bartel, Sheri (Alan) Lepard, Shannon Bartel, Sheldon (Spring) Bartel, Ben Goossen, and Elsa Goossen; and 5 great-grandchildren: Sarah and Megan Bartel, Nicholas and Markus Lepard, and Haylen Bartel. Also surviving is his brother William (Marilyn) Goossen. Henry was preceded in death by his parents Andrew P. and Helen (Penner) Goossen, sister Gertrude Wiebe, and brother Theodor Goossen.



Gerald Richard Kreider— August 25, 1920 – December 27, 2009

Gerald Richard Kreider was born in Sterling, IL Aug. 25, 1920 to Amos and Stella Shoemaker Kreider. He was their second child, born 20 months after his brother Robert. Gerald's preschool years were spent in Goshen, IN, and most of his childhood was spent in Bluffton, OH. Gerald's family then moved to North Newton, KS, where he attended high school and later graduated from Bethel College with a BS in chemistry.

Gerald married Elinor M. Krehbiel May 27, 1942. They then moved to a farm near Goshen, IN where they raised their six children; Carl Kreider (Goshen, IN), Jean Reichenbach (Harrisonburg, VA), Richard Kreider (Wolcottville, IN), Ellen Kreider (Columbus, OH), James Kreider (Lawrence, KS) and Kathryn Kreider (Lake Houston, MO). Elinor preceded Gerald in death Oct. 26, 1984. Not long after their first child was born, Gerald moved to Denison, IA to enter Civilian Public Service. A year later Elinor and their first two children joined Gerald in Lima, OH where he finished his CPS tour running the lab at the Lima State Mental Hospital. After CPS Gerald and his family resumed life on the Indiana farm. They attended the Eighth Street Mennonite Church in Goshen. Early in his work life Gerald developed and manufactured the first automated poultry feeding system. Later, he designed and produced fiberglass for various industries.

Gerald married Alice Hostetler Loewen June 14, 1986 and his family expanded further with her three children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Gerald and Alice attended Eighth Street Mennonite Church in Goshen for the next 13 years while they lived in the country near Goshen. He and Alice then moved to North Newton in 1999 to live at Kidron Bethel Village where Alice still resides. Gerald died at the Newton Medical Center Dec. 27, 2009. In addition to his wife Alice, his brother Robert, and his children, Gerald is survived by 15 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.



Bertha Mae (Dyck) Toevs-- April 6, 1927 – January 3, 2010

Bertha M. Toevs 82, died Sun., Jan. 3 at Newton Medical Center following a sudden illness. She was born Apr. 6, 1927 in Inman, KS to Abraham J. and Margaret (Schmidt) Dyck. Nov. 26, 1948 she married Herman Toevs in Buhler, KS. He survives of the home. She was an active member of the Bethel College Mennonite Church. Bertha graduated from Inman High School and attended Bethel College. She graduated from the Bethel Deaconess Nursing School as a Registered Nurse. After raising her children Bertha worked as a nurse for 17 years at Prairie View and as the Director of Nursing at Meadowlark Homestead both in Newton. In 1982 Bertha along with her husband opened the Breadbasket in

downtown Newton. They later sold the business and it has continued to remain a landmark eating establishment in South Central Kansas. She was a 4-H leader and Youth leader at Emmaus Church. She also enjoyed sewing and quilting. She is survived by her husband Herman of the home; son and daughter-in-law Jim and Christine Toevs of rural Whitewater, KS; grandsons Jason and Joshua Toevs of rural Whitewater; sisters Rosella Toevs and Alma Ruth Dyck, both of North Newton, KS. Bertha was preceded in death by her parents; daughter Janet Rae Toevs and son Paul Toevs; two sisters, Hulda Enns and Lena Martens; and one brother, Abraham Dyck.

Bob Schmidt's birthday continued

possible for him to attend summer programs of research and study. Other highlights were sabbaticals at the Marine Institute of Virginia, at the University of Iowa Medical School and the University of Oklahoma. He also taught summer and evening classes at Wichita State University. Due to difficulties with a malady known as ET (Essential Tremor), Bob took early retirement in 1991. Retirement made it possible to pursue a life-long interest in old and rare books. As soon as Book Reviews was started in downtown Newton, Bob began to volunteer there and has continued to the present. When Ruth and Walt Unrau moved to Bluffton in 2006, they sold the book store to a group of investors who incorporated it as a not-for-profit store, with Bob as manager. Bob joined BCMC in 1954 and especially appreciates the emphasis here on service. ~ Leland Harder

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY WILLIS HARDER!



Bernard Willis Harder was born February 27, 1930, at Bethel Deaconess Hospital in Newton, KS. His parents were B.G. Harder and Elise (Wiebe) Harder of rural Whitewater. Willis was baptized in June of 1946 at Emmaus Mennonite Church, Whitewater, KS by pastor J.C. Kaufman. He attended Hesston Academy, Whitewater High School and Berean Academy. After studying German at home for a year, Willis attended Westmont College in Santa Barbara, CA. Then, in 1951, he enrolled at Bethel College where he earned an Industrial Arts Degree and teaching certificate. Soon after graduating from Bethel in 1953, Willis began 1W service at Menninger Hospital in Topeka, KS. He recalls learning many new, challenging things during those two years of alternative service. In May of 1954, Willis married Dorothy (Regier) Harder. He had met Dorothy while they were students at Bethel (she was a waiter and Willis was a cook in the Bethel cafeteria). In their third year of marriage and after one year of teaching together in Lincolnville, KS, they moved to Dorothy's parents' farm, west of Hesston, and Willis began to farm. He continued to farm until 2007. Willis and Dorothy Harder had three children: Kurt, David and Lynn. As a family, they were active at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church, Inman, KS. Willis taught an adult Sunday School class at Hoffnungsau for over 40 years. All three of Willis' children graduated from Buhler High School and Bethel College. In 1992, Willis began a new venture—he became President and General Manager of Showalter Foundation. He continued that work until 2007. Meanwhile, in 1995, Willis and Dorothy moved to North Newton and they transferred their membership from Hoffnungsau to Bethel College Mennonite Church on April 9, 2000. Currently, Willis serves on the Finance Committee at BCMC and he is a member of the Bible Study Sunday School class. Some of Willis' hobbies include reading, building and refinishing furniture and watching sports. He also enjoys attending events at Bethel College. He has nine grandchildren. He has taken several trips with Dorothy including a trip to Alaska last summer and hopefully he'll have an opportunity to travel to another place of interest, the Grand Canyon. We wish you a happy 80th birthday, Willis. As it is written in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:16), "may you let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." ~ Ruth R. Harder

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY NEVA BELLE STUCKY!



Neva Belle Adamson/Stucky was born in Newton, Kansas on March 27, 1930 to Menno and Alma Schrag Kaufman. She is a graduate of Bethel College, class of 1952. She taught public school for 40 years in Florida and Kansas, teaching High School English and Home Economics. She met and married Billie Lee Adamson, an Army Air Force pilot, who died in 1991. In 2000 she married her Bethel College professor, N. Paul Stucky.

Neva Belle has good childhood memories: family walks, picnics in the sand hills near Hanover, Kansas, where her father was the superintendent of schools, soft ball games and plowing the soil on their farm in Butler County, Kansas. Fun times in Hanover included outdoor sleep-outs with friends, with Mom bringing fresh mulberry pie for refreshment, star gazing, ice skating in winter.

Neva Belle has many current ethical concerns: the broken justice system in which the legal system and the justice system are not the same. She wonders, considering the beauty of nature, why humankind cannot live in peace and why we have earthquakes in cities where hundreds of people are buried alive. She doesn't know if that fits into the plan of a loving God, or whether that's God's vengeance. Her favorite hobbies are bird watching and her two Weimaraner dogs, a blue one named "Blue Babe" and a silver one named "Misty Morne." She is a lover of God's creation, i.e., watching Canada geese in flight, Kansas sunsets, and a spider spinning its web. Her best advice to the rest of us: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." (Matthew 7:12; Luke 6:31) Her own goal has always been to serve where she can, calming the disgruntled and lifting the spirits of others.

~ Leland Harder

HAPPY 12TH BIRTHDAY ANGUS SIEMENS!



You don't have to talk to Angus long to realize he's an outdoor adventurer. Angus Creede Siemens is turning 12 on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. With a name like that you have to ask about it. Angus is a traditional Celtic name (St Patrick's connection) meaning god of love; Creede is a town in Colorado that is his dad's favorite place in the world. And that's how you get a name like Angus Creede. Angus is now a 6th grader at Santa Fe Middle School. He has a dog named Lucy and 16 hamsters. When I asked him if he collects anything, he said "I guess hamsters" and follows with "I guess it's dangerous to put male and female hamsters together". If you ask him what activities he's involved in you get the picture of outdoors, he likes anything outdoors. Favorite activities include hunting, fishing, and basketball, playing on the "Storm" soccer team, and playing both violin and mandolin. But his favorite thing to do is archery; he has a setup in his own back yard. In answer to the question, "What are you best at?" he says nothing school related but anything outdoors.

When talking about his family, it's clear that family trips are a favorite. They get to Colorado a lot and like to go rafting and hiking. One of his favorite trips was rafting on the Green River in Utah. He was just at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp Snow Camp and enjoyed that. He has hiked most of the peaks surrounding camp over the last few years. The place he would still like to get to is Yellowstone. His favorite food is Mexican and when he is hanging out with friends they like to shoot archery in the back yard. He enjoys Junior High Club and his favorite Bible story is David and Goliath; the slingshot part is cool! And when asked what he would like to do when he grows up, no surprising answer here: "Anything outdoors!" ~ *Glen Ediger*

HAPPY 12TH BIRTHDAY SARAH TURNER!



Sarah Jacqueline Turner is turning 12 on March 26th. Her middle name comes from her grandpa, Jack Turner. She has lived her whole life on West 26th Street in North Newton. She is a busy and involved girl as a 6th grader at Santa Fe Middle School. Her family has 4 pets, 1 dog and 3 cats. Her cat Snowball is the only one who gets to sleep on her bed however. She loves animals and volunteers at the Humane Society, and would even like to be a veterinarian some day. Her other dream is to be a Women's NBA player. Other activities include basketball, volleyball, Irish dancing, singing in the Newton Children's Community Choir, playing clarinet, and participating in the church children's choir and hand bells. On her own time she likes to play basketball and just hang out with friends. One of her favorite things about her family is that they like to take trips, with adventures to New York, Chicago, and Yellowstone. Her favorite trip was when they visited several of the Laura Ingalls Wilder locations. She would still like to go to Australia some day because her Grandma Turner was

from there. She also enjoys camps; she just got back from Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp and has also been to Uncle Carl's Cabin at Kauffman Museum, Newton Basketball Camp, and Money Skills Camp at Bethel. Her favorite activity at church is BCMC Jr. High Club and her favorite Bible story is Noah's Ark. As for who she finds inspirational, she really appreciates her Language Arts Teacher, Heidi Johnson. Sarah is a busy person and doing great at all the things that she enjoys. ~ *Glen Ediger*

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY LORENE GOERING!



Lorene Goering (on left) and her twin sister Loretta Krehbiel

As Lorene Goering approaches her 80th birthday, she feels it really will be the celebration of 160 years of life: On March 30, 1930 (that's 3-30-30!), she and her twin sister Loretta were born in Goessel. They joined five older siblings in the blended family of Albert H. and Susan (Krehbiel) Penner. They lived in rural Hillsboro and attended First Mennonite Church in Hillsboro where she was baptized as a teenager.

Lorene and Loretta both attended for a year at Bethel College, where Lorene met and married Robert Goering, and Loretta went into nurse's training. The twin sisters have continued to be a special part of each other's life, sharing a keen sense of empathy, understanding and companionship over the years, and participating together in the Kansas State Twins Association for over 20 years. Lorene and Bob were married in 1949 at BCMC (in the Bethel College Administration Building chapel) where Bob was a member, and

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Lorene Goering's birthday story continued

Lorene joined in 1949. They have lived in their home in rural Newton for 60 years. They are grateful for their three children, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. A favorite verse of Lorene's is from Psalm 121: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord..." As Lorene and her twin sister celebrate 160 years of life, we give thanks for God's help over all these years and in the years to come. ~ *Heidi Regier Kreider*

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MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE GOES TO MISSISSIPPI



Roger Juhnke's group in front of the house

Everyone who is able to handle a long van ride and somewhat less than ideal sleeping quarters should volunteer for an MDS project in another part of the country. It is an unforgettable experience, and the new friends you make are treasures. In October and November, Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS), with Hesston College as the sponsoring agency, built a new home for a Katrina victim, John Satcher, from start to finish in just under six weeks. All the work was done by Kansas MDS volunteers.

I, Roger Juhnke, was with the group that drove 17 hours to southern Mississippi on the last week of the project to finish the house. When I got on the MDS van on the morning of Nov. 7, I knew only one of the other six in our group. Our group's work consisted of finishing laying floor tiles, installing interior doors, putting up all the trim and baseboards, connecting the plumbing, installing the appliances and furniture, touch-up painting, and cleaning the house so John could move in. We didn't need the entire week to do all that, so we came home early – job done. When I got off the van at home five days later I had shared the experience of service and accomplishment with my new good friends. More details are outlined in the rest of this article as Stephen Stucky, who went the week before I did, shares his experience.

~ *Roger Juhnke*

Having never been south of Oklahoma City, a trip to the gulf region sounded exciting. Also never having done MDS work was another plus. I remember that my father had gone south in the 60's after one of the many hurricanes. Now here was my chance.

John Satcher of Picayune, Mississippi, had the misfortune of a tree falling on his home during the Katrina storm. He was forced to live in a substandard 10 x 10 building until this project was completed. The building of the new house actually started on the campus of Hesston College where the rafters and walls were assembled. Then they were loaded onto a semi and taken to Picayune around the first week in October. A slab was poured, and construction began. Groups of MDS volunteers left Hesston each week to work on the project which was directed by Jim and Doris Yoder. Ken and Mary Janzen were also on site for five out of the six weeks needed to complete the project. An old Baptist church located about 25 minutes northeast of Picayune was used as headquarters for the Yoders, Janzens, and volunteers. Five men and three women left Hesston on Saturday, Oct. 31 with an overnight in Shreveport, a brief stop in New Orleans, and then on to our destination. This was week five of the project. Major tasks were sanding the sheetrock and painting of the walls. We installed kitchen cabinets, wired outlets and put in fixtures. The women sanded, stained and sealed all of the interior trim. Tiling the floors, hanging ceiling fans, cleaning up usable lumber, and discarding trash consumed our last day. On Friday we celebrated our accomplishments by dining on Cajun food at a local restaurant. What a treat! After a 16 hour trip home, I arrived with a sore body but great memories of my first MDS trip. ~ *Steve Stucky*



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The new homeowner, John Satcher