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## BETHEL COLLEGE INTERTERM TRIPS—TO MEXICO



Over interterm I participated in the social development/social justice trip to Mexico, along with Maggie Goering, Ada Schmidt-Tieszen, Larry and Donna Friesen, and other Bethel students. We started the trip in Cuernavaca (two hours south of Mexico City) for two weeks with a program called Quest, and then spent a week in Mexico City learning more about the culture of Mexico. The Quest program was started by a man from Canada named Gerardo who became interested in the people in Mexico and wanted to make a difference. The goal of the program is to give voice to the voiceless. We spent time learning about issues like NAFTA, the School of the Americas, the Mexican government, and talking to people to hear their stories.

We learned that the minimum wage in Mexico is around five dollars a day, which is not enough to feed a family. We learned that seventy percent of the population in Mexico is living in poverty, and heard about the negative effects that NAFTA has had on this portion of the population. We listened to the stories of people who have had to make the difficult decision to cross into the United States to try and provide better lives for their families. Despite all of the poverty and difficulties we saw, however, we also witnessed true hospitality and strong family bonds. People who barely have enough to get by invited us into their homes, gave us food to eat, and presented us with small gifts. We experienced openness and friendliness everywhere we went. The whole experience was a good reminder of the effects that our ways of life have on other people, and of what is truly important in life. ~ Leah Bartel

## AND TO HAITI

There are many images still floating around in my mind from the 3 weeks I spent with the interterm group (one week visiting humanitarian agencies based here in Kansas, and then 10 days in Haiti and 4 days in the Dominican Republic). Here are two.

1) At 4:53 pm on January 12, 2011 we were driving down the main street between Petionville and central Port-au-Prince. Exactly one year after the devastating earthquake hit, we drove by large crowds of people and churches overflowing with people who crowded most of the roadway, seeking solace amongst others for their still disrupted lives. The two Haitian men sitting beside me were quiet and thoughtful as we noted what had happened one year previously. It was a long and tearful moment of silence, one I felt privileged to share with them.

2) In the regional city of Hinche we were able to meet, stay with, and share life for a few days with Wildy Mulatre. Wildy is Haitian, a Hesston and Bethel College graduate, and administrator for the central region of the government health ministry. It was exciting to see an educated Haitian with a high level of commitment to his people and country. He continues to work in an isolated yet very needy area. The positive future for Haitians rests with people like Wildy, and many others like him, who are investing their lives and efforts and skills for their own people. We were honored to be able to receive his hospitality. ~ Cliff Dick

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## HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY GLADYS ESAU!



In Goessel, Kansas, on February 19, 1931, a baby girl was born whom Henry and Anna (Schroeder) Woelk gave the name Gladys Ruth. Gladys had five siblings, two brothers and four sisters. Her sister, Irma Peters, shared with me a memory about Gladys and she having to each milk three cows before breakfast! Gladys's early school years were in Goessel. Her fifth grade year she began in Walton, where she graduated 8th Grade, and High School as well. She and Marvin met around her sophomore year and became high school sweethearts. They married November 6, 1949, at the Walton Mennonite Church, officiated by Rev. C.B. Friesen. Gladys had been baptized on May 26, 1946 by Rev. Ronald von Riesen, into the Walton Mennonite Church. Gladys and Marvin were blessed with four children, Donna, Dwaine, Linda and John. Gladys held jobs at Dillon's and also worked with Marvin at the Walton Co-op, and was very busy as a homemaker while the children were young. She taught at the Bethel College Community Playschool for around 29 years where she especially loved the youngest children and was often heard singing to them. Marvin recalls that Gladys was able to do much of the finish work on their current home in Walton. However, her life, and families', was changed by a diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease. She accepted this physical challenge head on and with grace, as is her nature. Gladys was not intimidated by her illness; she spoke openly in settings such as Life Enrichment at Bethel College about living with Parkinson's. Gladys now lives in a Green House at Asbury Park where Marvin, the children, eight grandchildren and (just about!) eight great grandchildren visit most frequently. May your 80th year be filled with the love and presence of God's faithful spirit, Gladys, as you continue to enjoy your loving family and many friends. ~ Susan Wheeler

## HAPPY 12TH BIRTHDAY LAURA TRAN!



Laura Tran was born on March 25, 1999 in Newton, KS. She is currently a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Sante Fe Middle School where she enjoys math and computer classes. Laura keeps busy with a variety of activities including collecting stickers, rollerblading, ice skating, playing piano, singing in Junior Choir and playing bells at BCMC, listening to music, and watching movies. Laura is interested in origami and crafts and she likes the color blue. Riding a roller coaster at Worlds of Fun in Kansas City is among the top ten scariest things Laura has ever done. As Laura looks toward the future, she hopes to learn how to play guitar and be a pharmacist. One of Laura's favorite places to eat is a Vietnamese restaurant called Pho located at 2409 East Pawnee Street, Wichita, KS. (She hopes to eat there on her birthday this year!) Laura has one older sister, Elizabeth, and her parents are Chhay and Kim Hoang Tran. Some of Laura's extended family lives in Vietnam and fortunately, Laura had an opportunity to visit them in Vietnam two years ago. Laura, we hope that you will continue making music with us at BCMC and blessing this congregation with your energy, creativity and unique gifts and interests. Happy 12<sup>th</sup> birthday, Laura. Know that God loves you and will be present all the days of your life! ~ Ruth R. Harder

## WITH OUR MEMBERS

### Members who have terminated their membership

- Jeff Toews
- Scott Jost and family are attending Muhlenberg Lutheran Church in Harrisonburg, VA

### Members who have transferred their membership

- Gwen Mattice to First United Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, AR
- Novalis (Nick) and Pauline Toews to Grace Hill Mennonite Church, Whitewater, KS
- Frank and Holly Keller to Zion Mennonite Church, Souderton, PA

# Thank you Junior High Club members!



Here are the Junior High Club members doing a great job of folding the Kaleidoscope in December for mailing to non-resident members: Austin Prouty, Sarah Turner, Aneka Voth, Amy Kondziola, Zoe Siemens, and Jonathan Baloo. Angus Siemens also helped, along with his parents, LuAnn Zook and Doug Siemens. Co-Editor Lois Goertzen provided refreshments. And editor Karen Penner lends a hand also! Record time to fold, seal and sort about 250 Kaleidoscopes for mailing is 25 minutes!

## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SACRED WIND!

On April 30 1961, a dedicatory recital was held to mark the installation of the 22 rank Möller pipe organ in the sanctuary organ chamber at Bethel College Mennonite Church. Dorothy Addy, professor of organ at Friends University in Wichita, was the organist.

This year (2011) marks the 50th anniversary of our organ. It has served as the foundational musical instrument for our worship services from 1961 up to the present day – setting the tone of worship through preludes, offertories, postludes - and leading congregational singing, accompanying choirs, vocalists and instrumentalists. It has been used in recitals and as a teaching instrument for Bethel College organ students and other private students.

Organists who have been listed as organists in the church yearbooks include Lucille Graber, Ruth Douglass Woods, Alice Loewen Kreider, Verna Kaufman Goering, John W. Fast, Eulene Friesen, Shirley Sprunger King, Eleanor Wismer Kaufman, Dorothy Stucky Harder and Christopher Shaw. Throughout the years, several organ companies have provided tuning, maintenance and repair services.

In order to celebrate the significance of our organ during the past 50 years, and to anticipate its continuing role in our worship with future maintenance and upgrading, the Worship Commission and Music Committee are planning several recitals and/or hymn festivals during this year of 2011.

Recitalists include Roseann Penner Kaufman, organ instructor at Bethel College; Christopher Shaw, organist at BCMC; Eleanor Wismer Kaufman, organist at BCMC; Shirley Sprunger King, former organist at BCMC; and possibly a nationally known organist – as yet to be confirmed. These recitals will be scattered throughout the year.

Contributions will be received to cover the costs of each recital, and funds received beyond those costs will be used for expenses related to exploring the future of the organ and for necessary repairs. ~ Eleanor Kaufman



## “OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS BUT ONCE”



A talk with Kathy and Arlo Kasper would lead one to suspect that a well-known proverb serves as their motto: “Opportunity knocks but once.” What began as a six-month Fulbright teaching opportunity in Asunción, Paraguay, has now stretched into two years, and plans now indicate another three years, as they seize opportunities.

Perhaps this riveting story begins when Arlo accepts the opportunity to serve as a Pax-man in postwar Germany. It picks up again when Arlo, in his post-retirement years, having accepted a role in the Paraguay Kansas Program, finds himself conversing and translating in German for a visiting Paraguayan musician scheduled to conduct the Newton/Mid-Kansas Symphony and who speaks only Spanish and German. During the post-dinner conversation the guest lamented the dearth of vocal instruction in his home country. For Kathy that lament became the knock of opportunity leading to her Fulbright proposal to create the first university-level vocal program in Paraguay. Ever since receiving news of her successful Fulbright application to fill that need, Kathy, along with Arlo, has been seizing opportunities, thereby transforming their initial six months hiatus into a Paraguayan sojourn of service. As if recalling another adage, “neglected opportunity comes not back,” Kathy is acquiring fluency in Spanish. Her success at one school has opened doors to calls from other institutions. The ubiquitous Mennonite connection has entailed offers of housing and teaching positions. Effective teaching has stimulated a desire among students in fledgling musical programs to expand the Kaspers’ work into the arena of musicals and operas. By seizing opportunities and recognizing needs, the Kaspers have been writing an exciting chapter in their life-long commitment to music and theatre. Kathy now has 40 voice students each week. Plans call for two musical productions this coming year: *Amahl and the Night Visitors* and *Godspell*, and for shows to travel outside the capital, even to the Mennonite colonies. At C.E.M.T.A. (Centro Evangélico Mennonita de Teología Asunción, a study center of the Universidad Evangélica de Paraguay), the Mennonite seminary where Kathy teaches vocal pedagogy, the vocal program enrolled more new students this year than the theology section.

Given that success breeds needs, meeting such needs now figures into the Kaspers’ activities. This past year Arlo began coaching and judging newly created speech and debate teams in the private elementary and secondary schools. After the growth of the music program at the seminary had convinced its leaders of the need to expand facilities, Kathy enjoyed the satisfaction of seeing the Mennonites of Asunción raise the required funds in a single evening.

As the Kaspers report what they have been doing, their enthusiasm leads the conversation to what needs to be done. Arlo continues the appeal for donated musical instruments. Kathy faces the challenge of building a certified vocal program with no library at all. Both are working with local leaders to plan ahead for their own replacement. ~ *Tony Epp*

## THE PANCAKE EXTRAVAGANZA



The Bethel College Relations Task Force hosted a pancake and sausage breakfast for Bethel College students on Saturday, January 8, 2011 during the first week of inter-term. The “Pancake Extravaganza,” the name the students preferred over “Pancake Feed,” was the idea of task force member Marvin Holck who recognized that January would be the perfect time to do this. Interterm is a time when the community dynamic of the campus changes without regularly scheduled convocation and chapel services so the casual 10:00 a.m. breakfast provided a much appreciated time for students to eat and socialize with each other and Bethel College Church Board Members who were on hand. Most departures from the usual cafeteria fare are enthusiastically embraced by students and this proved to be true of the pancake breakfast. Although there was no official count taken the dishwashers reported about 160 plates used. In addition to a generous donation of real maple syrup from Lehman’s, church board and task force members provided an amazing variety of home style toppings. Peanut butter, a selection of berries, whipped cream, and even a large jar of Nutella which was emptied by the end of the morning and much more were available at the tables of toppings. Special thanks to the social committee for helping with clean up and the hospitality commission who helped serve, clean up and provide toppings and to all who made this event a great success! The relations team exists to care for and strengthen the relationship between BCMC and Bethel College. Task force members are Darlene Dick, Maggie Goering, Ruth R. Harder, Marvin Holck, Jennifer Koontz, Doug Siemens, and Lisa Thimm. ~ *Doug Siemens*



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## BETHEL COLLEGE/BCMC COOPERATIVE MDS PROJECT

Diamond, Louisiana is part of Plaquemines Parish. The Parish is bounded by water on three sides; the Mississippi on the east, the bayou on the west, and the Gulf on the south. The Parish population is Creole with its own unique culture which has strong religious roots. August 28, 2005, the eye of Katrina made landfall in Plaquemines Parish. The 175 mile per hour winds pushed a 20 foot surge against the east levee and breached it in several places. The sea water rushed into the Parish but was no longer strong enough to breach the west levee. It filled the banks of the levees like a bath tub. The salt water remained there for six weeks before the Army Corps of Engineers was able to drain it.

Since April 20, 2010, the Deep Horizon oil spill has fouled the waters surrounding Plaquemines Parish. As the waters provide life to the community this has had serious economic and emotional problems.

Mennonite Disaster Service set up operations on the St. Jude Mission Church property in the fall of 2006. Since that time nearly 200 MDS volunteers have built 15 new homes (on stilts) and have repaired nearly 100 others.

As BCMC MDS representative, I have worked with Chad Childs to arrange for a Bethel College Service Club project at Diamond, LA over spring break. I have also worked with the BC/BCMC Relations Task Force to find ways to make this project a joint church/college effort. The Church Board has agreed to provide a way for church members to make contributions to the project on March 6. An effort is underway to recruit a car load of BCMC members to join with the students on this project. Diamond, LA is a long 900 miles away. Despite this distance it seems worth the extra effort to provide a way for college students to learn about MDS work and open a significant opportunity for church members to work together with students on an extended basis. The college is planning for a full van load of students together with Chad. MDS would be especially happy if there were some BCMC members who had a bit of experience with construction. Spring Break is March 21 to 25, add to this two days of travel down and back makes it a full 9 day commitment. MDS will provide food and lodging while at the site and in turn expects five full days of labor. Anyone who is interested in this service opportunity should contact Marion Deckert for further information. ~ *Marion Deckert*

The Bethel College Relations Task Force has re-directed their efforts for second semester to planning and encouraging service projects done jointly. Therefore, we are enthusiastically support this MDS service trip and hope that bonds will be formed between members and students while working on these construction projects. We hope to be able to hear reports from both groups when they return. This venture is far from home but the BC Service Day, April 13, will be another time when church members and students can work on physical projects and also strengthen ties. ~ *Darlene Dick on behalf of the Bethel College Relations Task Force*

## YOUNG ADULTS GATHER AT THE AGAPE CENTER

Recently, I attended a presentation by Sara Wenger Shenk called “No more church as usual! No! More church as usual: Young adults and the church.” Wenger Shenk, who is the new president at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary and author of *Thank you for Asking: Conversing with Young Adults about the Future Church*, referred to the writings of Daloz Parks who suggests that if faith communities are to become a home for young adults, we must be open “for ongoing transformation by entering into genuine conversation with the questions and visions of young adults.” In many ways, the Agape Center,



located across the street from the church, has become a place where these “genuine conversations,” have begun to emerge. On any given Sunday 5-12 young adults gather at Agape Center for coffee, food and conversation. Some Sundays we have general discussion and some Sundays we invite selected BCMC members to join us for conversation about art, community-building, Bethel College, travel experiences, and vocational issues. Every now and then, such as last month, we do a more formal study, such as studying the book *The Meaning of Jesus*, by Marcus Borg and N.T. Wright. And thanks to the help of our guest conversationalists, John and Elsie Sheriff, we actually managed to stay on topic! Speaking personally, I treasure this hour of fellowship and I’m grateful for everyone who has agreed to join us for conversation over the past year and of course, we’re all grateful for the food that many of you have donated! Last Sunday as we wrapped up our book study at Agape, I thought back to something else Wenger Shenk said in her presentation. She said that we, “the multi-splendid body of Christ,” are called to hold together “continuity and change, familiarity and surprises, steady leadership and freedom to test new gifts, stable structures and the readiness to experiment, and finally, programs that nurture over the long-haul and organic emergences that won’t last long.” Agape Center in many ways was one such organic emergence. At the outset, we didn’t necessarily know exactly how the space would be used and by whom. I’m grateful that for now, Agape Center is a place for part of the multi-splendid body of Christ to fellowship and engage in genuine conversation.

~ *Ruth R. Harder*

## OBITUARIES



### **Hildegard Eva Peters Miller—June 15, 1922—December 23, 2010**

Hildegard Eva Peters Miller, age 88, passed away in San Antonio, Texas December 23, 2010. Hildegard was born June 15, 1922 in Henderson, NE to the late Isaac D. Peters and Tina Penner Peters. She is also preceded in death by her husband Eugene A. Miller, infant son, Steven Miller, daughter, Jeanne Miller, and her sisters, Anne Friesen and Tina Friesen. Hildegard graduated from Bethel College in 1947. Shortly after graduation she went to Puerto Rico to teach English in Barranquitas, where she met her future husband, Eugene. They were married in 1950, and after returning to Nebraska to teach they shared their home with, Aida and Miguel Solivan, of Cayey, Puerto Rico, with whom Hildegard maintained close ties. Hildegard was a member of Bethel College Mennonite Church. Survivors are Philip Miller of Castroville, TX, and his wife Jo Ann, and by Ramona Miller of Camden, ME; grandchildren, Fidel Miller and his wife Krystle of Beeville, TX, Isaac Miller of Castroville, TX, and Dimitri Kestenbaum of Camden, ME; great grandson, Kingston Miller of Beeville; sister Esther Unruh of North Newton; also by in-laws, Myrtle Miller, Eldo and Bertha Miller of La Junta, CO, and Maurine Miller of Pueblo, CO and numerous nieces and nephews. Her memorial service will be held in LaJunta, CO at a later date.



### **Nina Grace Naffziger Roupp—January 16, 1922-January 27, 2011**

Nina Grace Naffziger Roupp, 89, died, Jan. 27, 2011, Newton KS. She was born Jan. 16, 1922, at Crystal Springs KS to Christian Lee and Ida (Kauffman) Naffziger, and was the oldest of three children. She spent her childhood on the family farm at Crystal Springs. She attended Harper High School and graduated from Hesston Academy in 1940. In the winter of 1941 she spent six weeks in “short term” at Hesston College. After college she worked as a maid at the Hillcrest apartments in Wichita KS for a year prior to her marriage. On Nov. 6, 1942, Nina married Weldon W. Roupp of Hesston, KS, at the Crystal Springs Mennonite Church. They farmed near Crystal Springs until 1953 when they moved to Oregon. They lived in several different homes until finally purchasing a small parcel of 13 acres where they raised and sold beef, eggs, and milk. She supplemented the family income by working for a local chicken farmer candling eggs. She was the church custodian at Calvary Mennonite Church for 16 years. In addition she kept the Cradle Roll and was very active in the Women's Missionary Society. She was also involved in the Pacific District Conference (GC) as adviser for Women in Mission from 1974 to 1985. After living almost 50 years in Oregon, Nina moved back to Kansas in 2003 to be near her two daughters. She enjoyed living in her apartment at Kidron-Bethel Retirement Center in North Newton. She was a member of the Bethel College Mennonite Church. Nina is survived by her sister, Naomi Weaver of Wichita KS; two daughters and two sons: Elaine and husband James Harms of Newton KS, Kenneth and wife Barbara of Portland OR, Mary and husband Lonny Regier of North Newton KS, and Ronald of Canby OR; four grandchildren: Sara and Skip Austin of Ocala FL, Tim and Alyssa Roupp of Gresham OR, Kim and Corey Reeves of Wamego KS, and Scott Regier of Denver CO; six great-grandchildren: Chris and Josh Austin, Tyson and Katelyn Roupp, and Cody and Carter Reeves. Preceding her in death were Weldon, her husband of 42 years, her parents Christian Lee and Ida Naffziger, her brother Robert and sister-in-law Kathryn Naffziger, her brother-in-law Junior Weaver, and nephew Steven Naffziger. Final burial will be next to her husband in the Zion Mennonite Church Cemetery, Hubbard OR.



### **Karen Katy Kaufman Gaeddert—January 16, 1939—January 28, 2011**

Karen Kaufman Gaeddert went to her heavenly home on Jan. 28 after a long battle with cancer. Karen was a member of Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City, Kansas. Karen was the daughter of Paul D. and Linda (Goering) Kaufman both of whom preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by brothers Gilbert, Georgie Kent (stillborn) and Merrill Gene (stillborn). On June 2, 1957 she was married to her high school sweetheart Jim Gaeddert and they had four children Doug, Greg, Brad, and Janelle. Karen was raised on a dairy farm west of Moundridge. She was baptized on June 6, 1954 by the Reverend Peter J. Dyck and joined the Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge, KS. She attended her first eight years of school in a one room schoolhouse near her home (Peaceful Grade School). After graduating from Moundridge High School she married Jim and moved to Newton where she attended Bethel College for one year prior to starting a family. While living in Newton, Jim and Karen attended the Bethel College Mennonite Church where they have also maintained membership.

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### **Karen Kaufman Gaeddert continued**

As an active member, she worked in the nursery, taught Bible School and volunteered in the Community Playschool for many years. She also worked in the General Conference Mennonite Church offices in Newton while helping support her young family and Jim's efforts to complete his education at Bethel

College. The Cancer Crusade was a special volunteer project in which Karen was very active. She also served as a Cub Scout den mother, volunteered in her children's schools, helped with the soup kitchen, instructed in a conversational English class while in London, and served as a court appointed special advocate for abused children (CASA) while living in Chicago. The family lived in North Newton, Overbrook, Hoisington, Newton, and Walton, Kansas. As Jim's career evolved with Hesston/Fiat, they moved to West Chicago, IL, Lancaster, PA, London, England, and St Charles, IL prior to retiring to Bella Vista, AR. As Karen was diagnosed with cancer for the third time in her life, Jim and Karen moved to Leawood, KS to be closer to her doctors and family. Her family now includes 13 grandchildren (one married) and one great-grandson. Survivors include her husband, Jim; children, Doug and Lisa Gaeddert of Elkhart, IN, Greg and Terri Gaeddert of Leawood, KS, Brad Gaeddert of Leawood, KS, and Janelle and Dan Benninghoff of Overland Park, KS; grandchildren, Cheralyn, Michael, and Michelle Gaeddert, Joel and wife Crystal, Aaron, and David Gaeddert, Luke, Keely, and Mitchell Gaeddert, Jessica, Jack, Tyler, and Thomas Benninghoff; and one great-grandson, Collin Gaeddert. She is also survived by her brother, Gerald Kaufman of Inman, KS, and sister-in-law, Leda Kaufman of Moundridge, KS.

## **PASTOR'S CORNER— HEIDI REGIER KREIDER**

A Long Range Planning Team was recently appointed by the BCMC Church Board to lead the congregation in discerning priorities for our facility and programs in the future. Team members are George Leary, chair; Jennifer Koontz, Harold Thieszen, Adam Robb, and Sondra Koontz. I serve ex-officio as staff liaison. The charge to the Team is to lead the congregation in a planning process that: a) Promotes stewardship characterized by joyful giving and coordination between annual budgeting and long-term financial plans; b) Invites everyone in the congregation to participate with prayer, emotional, financial and practical support; c) Includes regular communication with the Church Board, as well as discernment through prayer, worship and scripture study; d) Engages the congregation with multiple opportunities to share input and feedback; e) Results in plans approved by Church Board and Congregation for the facility and programs at BCMC that promote the congregation's vision and mission, provide for ongoing maintenance and repair of the major systems and components of the facility, and include a plan for the future of the pipe organ. The Board affirms a goal to conclude the initial planning process by April 2012 with a probable capital campaign to follow in order to carry out the plans.

In their book *Holy Conversations: Strategic Planning as a Spiritual Practice for Congregations*, consultants Gil Rendle and Alice Mann describe congregational planning as a structured conversation about our identity as a faith community (Who are we?), our sense of purpose ("What has God called us to do or be?") and our context ("Who is our neighbor?"). These are the kind of questions which guided our recent visioning process and organizational restructuring; and we are now well positioned to discern what physical structures and programs will best further our vision and make possible the future to which God is calling us for the decades to come.

I look forward with anticipation to the "holy conversation" we will engage in during the coming months, and invite you to stay tuned for ways that you can participate!

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## FEBRUARY — MARCH 2011

### **Worship schedule** (*Check weekly bulletins and church web site, [bcmc.ks.us.mennonite.net](http://bcmc.ks.us.mennonite.net), for updates*)

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

**This is a year-long worship and sermon series** on practices that shape our faith and congregational life. During February, we will focus on “the practice of relationship,” exploring how God establishes relationship with us and calls us to healthy relationships in our homes, church, community and world.

### **February 2011**

- 6 Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider (healthy forms of relationship within the church and how to recognize and prevent unhealthy patterns of communication) and music by Junior Choir
- 13 Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider (relationships across race and class) and music by Chancel Choir
- 20 Worship with sermon by Susan Wheeler (she will draw out of her experience and study with family systems theory to explore what it means to practice healthy relationships in our homes and families) and music by Chancel Bells
- 27 Worship with sermon by Ruth R. Harder (“virtual relationships”—impact of electronic technology on relationships or dealing with loss and grief in relationships, practicing healthy relationships with the deceased) and music by Menno Ringers

### **March 2011**

- 6 Reflections from interterm trips— from Bethel College Mennonite Church students and faculty; music by Cherub Choir and *Open Road* (a Bethel College group); a special offering will be taken for the Bethel College Service Corps
- 13 **First Sunday of Lent—Lectionary readings and Lenten themes focus on the practice of prayer** —Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Junior Choir  
**Daylight savings time begins! Set your clocks forward one hour.**
- 20 **Second Sunday of Lent**—Worship with sermon by Ruth R. Harder; music by Chancel Bells
- 27 **Third Sunday of Lent**—Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Chancel Choir

