



## June-July 2007

### Sunday worship schedule

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship time 10:30 a.m.

Christian education 10:50 a.m.

### June

3 Bring food for Salvation Army. Vacation Bible School Sunday, led by VBS participants. Morning worship begins at 10:00 a.m. Hamburger fry following, at church playground. Bring lawn chairs. Sponsored by Senior High Youth; by donation.

10 New members join; communion will be served

17 Leadership commissioning for church officers.

24 "Simply in Season" noon potluck, sponsored by Creation Care Committee. Bring seasonal foods from your own garden or area farmers' markets.

### July – Adult Sunday school forums all month

1 Duane and Elizabeth Friesen, "Trek to Russia." Bring food for Salvation Army.

8 Kurt Harder on the life of A.J. Muste

15 MC USA convention report (youth and delegates); Golden Agers noon potluck, Fellowship Hall.

22 Raylene Hinz Penner and her book on Lawrence Hart

29 Dana Graber Ladek on Iraqi refugees

### Coming events

#### June

6 Leadership retreat for all commission and board members, 7:00 p.m. in Room 14

21 Chapel Sunday school class social at Dyck Arboretum, Hesston, 5:30 p.m.

#### July

2-7 Mennonite Church USA general assembly, San Jose, Calif.

27-29 Western District Conference annual meeting, Tulsa

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## Sixty (special) minutes

"What are you planning to do this summer?" "Where are you planning to go to college?" "What do you plan to major in?" "What would you like to know about Chapel Class members?" "You were a photojournalist?" "Do you have any good recipes?" "Why do you want to go to K-State instead of Bethel College?" "What are your hobbies?" "What are your extracurricular activities?" Questions and answers were flying during the Chapel Class/Senior High Youth get-acquainted Sunday school hour at BCMC on May 6.

Early in the new Sunday school year, the Chapel Class received a memo from the church office asking the class to serve as mentor for the High School class. The purpose was to interact and get to know each other better. Since this was a new venture for the Chapel Class, its social committee offered to incorporate the event into the year's social activities.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the meeting originally planned for Fellowship Hall was moved to

Bubberts in the college's Schultz Student Center. By design, both levels of the lounge were used to visit around the tables. Chapel Class members kept their places while the youth moved from table to table, enjoying the snacks and juice provided by the social committee. Ringing of a small bell announced the time for a table change; name tags helped identify names and faces as people introduced themselves. As the Kidron Bethel bus rolled up to the door to take some residents back to their rooms and apartments for dinner, parting comments were: "That was a great mixer!" "Those high school youth are wonderful young people!" "Why did we wait so long to

### We have customers!

Fellowship time, with beverages and snacks served between worship and Sunday school, has been a big hit with folks of all ages. Sunday school classes have taken turns serving refreshments. Pictured here are Kateisha Esau, of the Young Adult Sunday school class, and Ava Kliewer, daughter of Chris and Cara Kliewer. On this Sunday, as soon as worship ended and people started getting up from their pews, Ava said "We have CUSTOMERS!"



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have this get-together?” “I can’t say enough about our youth—they are such interesting, talented, and fine young men and women!” “We’ll remember you and pray for you.” “This was a great morning!”

Included in the senior high group were the five graduating seniors: Nick Jackson, son of Tom and Gayle Jackson; Nathan Stucky, son of Frank and Kathy Stucky; Tyler Fromm, son of Dale and Denise Fromm; Alison Schmidt-Tieszen, daughter of Ada and Wes Schmidt-Tieszen; and Amelie Schepers, foreign exchange student from Germany living with George and Jeanette Leary.

The Chapel Class thanks Roger Juhnke, Cliff Dick and Marlene Ewert for their commitment and leadership with the high school youth. The class supports BCMC young people and will continue to be interested in their life stories and faith journeys. The Chapel Class will always remember these special 60 minutes on a May Sunday morning. – *Maxine Fast*

## 80th birthday: Evelyn Frey



Evelyn (Stucky) Frey was born July 30, 1927, in the home of her parents, John E. and Katie E. (Friesen) Stucky at Alta Mills near Moundridge, Kansas. Her father and his brother owned the mill, and another brother lived nearby, so she has fond memories of growing up as one of 18 cousins in that location. She was surrounded by music (her father was one of the Stucky Orchestra) and played piano and organ at church. Evelyn attended Liberty Grade School and Moundridge High School, and was baptized at age 14 at First Mennonite Church of Christian, where her family attended.

After a semester at Wichita State University, and then two years at Bethel College, Evelyn received a temporary teacher’s certificate. She worked as an elementary school teacher from 1947 to 1990, including one year in a one-room school near Roxbury, Kansas, and 31 years teaching first grade at R.L. Wright Elementary School in Sedgwick. Through the years she also continued to take courses at Bethel College and received her degree in 1961.

It was at Bethel College that Evelyn met J.R. Frey. They were married in 1948, and joined Bethel College Mennonite Church in 1949. They built their own house in Newton with the help of family and friends, and welcomed children Rebecca, John and Monty into their home. Those were very busy years! Following J.R.’s death in 1994, Evelyn has continued to enjoy caring for her home, yard and garden. Her hobbies include music, reading, staying in touch with friends, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and adding to her collections of unique items such as honey pots, pop-up books, and clowns! Congratulations on your 80th birthday, Evelyn! We wish you strength and joy for the future. – *Heidi Regier Kreider*

## 80th birthday: Heinz Janzen

Heinz was born in New York City June 19, 1927, of immigrant parents, Peter M. and Mary (Dirks) Janzen. He grew up in Ontario, California. The family attended First Mennonite Church of Upland. Heinz was baptized by Lester Hostetler (later a pastor of BCMC). After a short stint in the U.S. Navy, Heinz attended the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, where he soon realized that support of the military was unbiblical and conflicted with his Mennonite upbringing.

After one and a half years at BIOLA, Heinz attended two years at Goshen College and his senior year at Bethel College, majoring in history and Bible. After a year of teaching school, Heinz then studied at the Biblical Seminary of New York, where he met fellow student Dotty (Dorothea) Wirth.

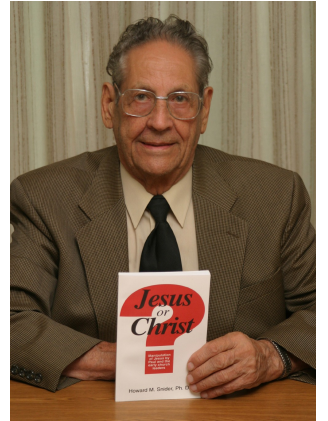
## Snider publishes second book

Howard Snider’s new book *Jesus or Christ?* continues his analysis of the origins of Christianity introduced in his 2005 book *The Cultural Creation of Christianity*. Howard hopes his work will stimulate renewed interest in the New Testament.

“Jesus and Jesus Christ are two exclusive theological constructs,” says Howard. “An understanding of this distinction is crucial to recovery of the message of Jesus the man. The blurring of Jesus and Jesus Christ lies at the core of religious confusion in this post-Christian era.”

Howard has spent a lifetime working toward an understanding of Jesus, the Bible and the Christian religion. He earned a divinity degree and subsequently pastored a church in Edmonton, Alberta. He taught sociology for more than 25 years here at Bethel College. (Howard is now emeritus professor of sociology at the college.) But Howard never lost his interest in theology and its relevance to issues of justice, violence and war. Much of his work in sociology focused on the sociology of religion.

*Jesus or Christ?* and *The Cultural Creation of Christianity* are available locally at the Bethel College Bookstore, at Faith and Life Bookstore, and on the web at Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble.com and buybooksontheweb.com.



## Pastor’s corner



It came as a tremendous shock and sadness to our congregation when interim associate pastor Floyd Born died suddenly and unexpectedly of a heart attack on May 12. He had served less than two months at BCMC, yet we were already growing to appreciate his caring and compassionate presence, thoughtful words from the pulpit and ability to connect well with people. Here in the church office, Floyd’s hand-written notes, a sermon in progress and other unfinished work stand as a poignant reminder of the fleeting nature of life, and as a call to be grateful for the daily opportunities and relationships to which we awake each day.

Floyd’s funeral service was held May 16 at Faith Mennonite Church, where he and Bertha have held membership during recent years while he served in several interim pastorates. At the funeral, scripture verses from Jeremiah’s letter to exiles in Babylon were read: “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me, if you seek me with all your heart” (Jeremiah 29:11-13).

In the face of grief and disorientation, these words bring perspective. As we adjust to change and loss, God continues to reveal goodness and hope. In the face of uncertainty, God’s presence steadies and directs us. Perhaps the best tribute we can offer in honor and memory of Floyd Born is to renew our commitment as individuals and as a congregation to seek God with all our hearts and cultivate receptivity to God’s direction for the future. – *Heidi Regier Kreider*

**Note:** For more information about Floyd Born’s life, see the April-May issue of Kaleidoscope. In light of the unexpected termination of Floyd’s work as interim associate pastor, the BCMC Church Board approved an increase to full time for associate pastor Roger Juhnke from now until the end of his term on August 31. Ruth Harder will begin as the new associate pastor on August 20.

## Flashback

**In tune with nature and the prairie:** When our new building was completed in 1956, the landscaping committee decided on a low-maintenance approach compatible with our geography. They planted a lawn of buffalo grass. It proved to be hard to sustain. In the early 1960s the buffalo grass was replaced with a fescue lawn, in order to give a more manicured look. – *Keith Sprunger*

## Kasper news from Paraguay

Dear friends at BCMC:

Our lives in Asuncion, Paraguay, are becoming fairly routine. Kathryn has begun teaching voice two mornings a week at the Mennonite Seminary (CEMTA). She has mastered the public buses (an hour



*Arlo puts his nose to the grindstone and brushes up on his Spanish*

each way) with no complaints so far—other than no air conditioning in 100 degrees! She also teaches at the English Institute where Arlo will again soon begin another acting class.

Both of us are involved with a major stage musical. We are also still wondering what might transpire with the university opera this year—more learning to “go with the flow.”

We feel very much at home in a small house at the back of a large yard/tropical garden with a delightful landlady in the front house. She’s the Paraguayan representative elected to the United Nations Commission on Protection of Children.

In the near neighborhood are a grocery supermarket, including very reasonable buffet, as well as street vendors with fresh fruits and veggies, all besides the papayas, bananas

and mangoes growing in “our” yard, plus huge avocados bombarding our roof from a neighbor’s tree.

The Concordia Mennonite Church (German) continues to be a part of our lives, with Sunday services in late afternoon. We value our connections there, and the minister, Walter Thielmann, is a real joy. Being a fine tenor, he and Kathryn are planning a duet for the near future. Harald and Hugo Boschmann’s sister, Margita, and husband, Helmut Penner, continue transporting us to church along with Father Boschmann.

Such friendships are much appreciated, and we find our great variety of contacts among ethnic Mennonites and Paraguayans plus Americans and Europeans a unique, rewarding experience. Projects of sharing cultural arts within Kansas-Paraguay Partners continue to be part of that.

Regarding the high incidence of dengue fever this year, we’ve been careful, successful and thankful to have avoided those mosquitoes so far.

We’re always looking for news via [akasper@bethelks.edu](mailto:akasper@bethelks.edu) or [kkasper@bethelks.edu](mailto:kkasper@bethelks.edu) – *Arlo and Kathryn Kasper*



*Kathryn ponders how much guacamole she can eat.*

They were married on September 10, 1955. Heinz and Dotty have three children: Peter of Wichita, Margaret of Morden, Man., and Mary of State College, Pa. They have four grandchildren.

Heinz pastored Mennonite churches in Washington, Ill.; Kidron, Ohio; and Hillsboro (a co-pastorate with Dotty). He also served 11 years as General Secretary of the former General Conference Mennonite Church. He wrote eight quarters of youth and adult Bible Study guides for the wider church, and he served on the committee that compiled *The Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*. Heinz and Dotty also collaborated in editing a Minister’s Manual for the Mennonite Church. After retiring from the pastorate, Heinz served half-time as director of Mennonite Men until 1997.

Heinz and Dotty currently live on the Kidron Bethel campus at 3004 Ivy Dr., North Newton. Heinz enjoys doing some gardening, he is librarian at Kidron Bethel, volunteers at the Et Cetera Shop and delivers Meals on Wheels.

The family will celebrate Heinz’s 80th with a family and friends barbeque at their home and by attending the Mennonite Church USA Convention in San Jose this summer.

One of Heinz’s favorite scriptures is Titus 2:11-13, “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.” A favorite hymn is “Love divine, all loves excelling.” Happy birthday, Heinz! *This birthday story was written by Floyd Born.*



## Obituary: Eldon Bargaen

Eldon Kliewer Bargaen was born to Bernhard B. and Esther Kliewer Bargaen December 6, 1930. Eldon’s father taught at Bethel College, and Eldon had a happy childhood of being a “campus kid” in North Newton. He graduated from Newton High School in 1948 and from Bethel College in 1954. Eldon married Helen Bartel from Hillsboro on Dec. 28, 1951. Early in his married life he took a stand for peace in resistance to military conscription and spent time in prison. Eldon worked as a carpenter, designer and draftsman. Later he taught printing, drafting, wood shop and automotive technology. In 1963 Eldon and the family served in Colombia at the Mennonite mission in Cachipay. Eldon and Helen also served as hosts at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Ind. They returned to Kansas in 1982, where he continued work as a draftsman in his own business, Residential Drafting.

Eldon died March 29, 2007. Survivors: wife, Helen, of North Newton; daughter Jan Bargaen, Silver Spring, Md.; son Dale Bargaen and wife Jenny, Buford, Ga.; four grandchildren. Also surviving is Ines Ortiz Price, Miami, who was a student in the school at Cachipay in 1964, and came to live with the family for two years while going to school.

## Obituary: Elizabeth Linscheid

Elizabeth Wiebe Linscheid was born Sept. 20, 1913, in Beatrice, Neb., the fifth and last child in her family and the only girl. She was premature, kept in a shoebox, and her life hung in the balance until the doctor prescribed a diet of heavy cream. Elizabeth grew up speaking German and attending the Mennonite church a few blocks away. She spent many happy hours with cousins on the many farms in the area riding ponies and jumping off barn roofs and driving in a horse-drawn wagon. Elizabeth graduated from Bethel College and from nursing school in 1941. Elizabeth met Chester Linscheid at

## Greensburg, Kansas ~ May 4, 2007

*And a wind funnel flicked down from a black cloud and a home was gone, then ten homes, then a hundred or more homes, all gone; a life was snuffed out, then ten lives gone. And the winds of sorrow blew on for miles, depositing their grief and sadness. The winds of sorrow have blown across BCMC, too. We extend our sympathy to Ruth Rediger Reimer and family on the death of her son Ronald R. Rediger who perished in Greensburg on May 4.*

*Members Paul and Shirley Unruh, their daughter Nicole and her son Jackson, lost their farm and home. Kurt Harder reports below on a recent trip to Greensburg to help the Unruh family.*

On May 9 David Kreider, Cliff Dick, Willis Harder and Kurt Harder traveled to Paul and Shirley Unruh's farm south of Greensburg to help with tornado cleanup. Although much of the barn was still a mess and the houses had not been touched for cleanup (for insurance reasons) the farm was cleaner than I thought it would be, due to 100 Holdeman (Church of God in Christ Mennonite) workers descending on the Unruh place the day before. They had made many piles of debris around the yard. The hard part now is what to do with those piles of twisted metal.

Unfortunately, it was raining lightly when we got there, so we didn't get much work done until 11 a.m. We were to help sort and clear a shed site. We made more piles of scrap metal, wood and non-burnables. By about 3 p.m. we were done, so we went to a hedgerow to separate debris from trees and machinery. After a while our strength and stamina wore out, and we called it a day.

We went into town to look at some of the destruction there. It was truly overwhelming and left one at a loss for words. It looked as if a bomb went off in every house in town. Everything was affected. The media did not exaggerate this.

Paul and Shirley Unruh were in good spirits, but also tired and overwhelmed with everything that they suddenly had to deal with—talking with bank officials, insurance companies, FEMA, MDS. Our thoughts and prayers are with them. — *Kurt Harder*



*What's left of Paul and Shirley Unruh's home south of Greensburg, Kansas.*

**BCMC is accepting donations** to the church's Caring Fund to assist the Unruh family. Please make your check payable to BCMC, with "Unruh family" on the memo line. In addition to this contribution, we will also apply to Mennonite Mutual Aid for an emergency assistance matching grant.

**The Greensburg Mennonite Church** building (photo below) and parsonage were destroyed in the May 4 tornado. The congregation is a member of Mennonite Church USA through South Central Conference. Jeffrey Blackburn is pastor of the 81-member congregation, which celebrates its 75th anniversary in September. Pray for this congregation as members renew their congregational life and community ministry.

Mennonite Church USA is collecting funds to assist the congregation. Send your check to Mennonite Church USA, Box 347, Newton, Kansas 67114. Earmark the check for Greensburg Mennonite Church. Or donate on-line at [www.MennoniteUSA.org](http://www.MennoniteUSA.org); click on "give." Greensburg Mennonite Church is listed as a special project. — *Jim Schrag, MC USA Executive Director*



Bethel College. Chester's parents were missionaries to the Northern Cheyenne in Montana. Elizabeth and Chester married, and when their two daughters were very young, they moved to New Mexico, where Chester had a position at New Mexico State University and Elizabeth worked as a medical and surgical nurse. She and another nurse established a school of practical nursing, the first in the area to train young, underprivileged women.

After Chester's death, Elizabeth moved back to North Newton and became reacquainted with old friends and relatives. She moved to Texas at age 90 to be close to her daughters. Elizabeth died April 12, 2007. Survivors: daughters Helen and Mary.

## Obituary: Wilma Toews

Wilma Toews was born September 12, 1912, in Herbert, Sask., but she spent her growing up years in Hillsboro. Her father taught at Tabor College, so Wilma was one of the campus kids. Wilma attended elementary school and high school in Hillsboro, graduating in 1930. She was baptized at the Mennonite Brethren church in Hillsboro. Wilma attended Tabor College, and in 1939 graduated from Bethel College. She received a master's degree from Kansas State University in 1945, taught at both Tabor and Bethel colleges and in the department of education at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. Later she received a Ph.D. in family life education from Brigham Young University. She worked at Prairie View in Newton, where she developed and put into practice a program of family life education.

Upon retiring in North Newton with her sister, Grace, in 1975, she joined BCMC, volunteered at the Newton Public Library, with Community Playschool, at the Newton Et Cetera Shop, and she was a Women's Fellowship circle leader. During her later years, though her health was diminished, her interest in the activities of the church and the college continued. Wilma died May 21 at age 94.

## With our members

### Wedding

Ethan King and Amy Trego were married April 27, 2007, at Eberly Farm in Wichita, Kansas, by Heidi Regier Kreider.

### Parent-Child dedication, May 13, 2007

The following children were dedicated:

Madelyn Reese Harris, daughter of Jason and Jamie (Unruh) Harris

Sofia Grace Lindenmeyer, daughter of Daniel and Julie (Unruh)

Lindenmeyer

Griffin Michael McDonough, son of Brendan and Heather (Krehbiel)

McDonough

### 50-year anniversaries

James and Karen (Kaufman) Gaeddert, June 2, 1957

Paul and Eldine (Franz) Harder, June 9, 1957

Marion and Lois (Duerksen) Deckert, June 16, 1957

### Membership changes:

Anita Mast Christian transferred her membership to Americus (Ga.) Mennonite Fellowship.

Cynthia Rhodes transferred her membership to Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Wichita, retaining Wider Fellowship membership.



*Paul and Eldine Harder*