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BETHEL COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH

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WELCOME SUSAN WHEELER



Susan Wheeler will join the BCMC staff July 1, 2010, as Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, a ¼ time position focusing on visitation, funeral planning, and work with the Visitation Team. Susan served as the chaplain at Memorial Home in Moundridge 2003-2009, and as the interim chaplain at Kidron Bethel Village in 2000. This summer she is completing her Master of Divinity degree through Associate Mennonite Biblical Seminary with an emphasis in pastoral care and counseling, and during the past year she did supervised ministry at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church in Wichita.

Susan earlier attended Hesston College, where she studied nursing and later received an associate degree with pastoral ministry emphasis; and Tabor College where she earned a bachelor's degree with Christian ministry emphasis. She has worked as a nurse with Mennonite Voluntary Service in Hazard, KY, and with Mennonite Central Committee in Indonesia. Her nursing experience has given her a sensitivity and broader perspective that enriches her pastoral ministry. She currently volunteers at the Harvey County Safe House, and plans to continue working there part-time while employed at BCMC.

Susan's husband, Lee, is an agricultural consultant, and has worked with Mennonite Central Committee in food relief and other projects. They live in Hesston, and have three young adult children. Susan and Lee anticipate participating in congregational life here at BCMC. Susan says that she loves to listen to people's stories, and looks forward to offering her gifts of spiritual care and compassion here in the BCMC community. ~ Heidi Regier Kreider

FIVE GENERATIONS OF GAEDDERTS

A remarkable event occurred at Bethel College Mennonite Church this year. Among new members being accepted into our church on March 28 were Joel and Crystal Gaeddert. Joel's great-grandparents, Walter and Harriet Gaeddert, transferred their membership from West Zion Mennonite Church in Moundridge to BCMC in 1969. Walter died in 1994, but Harriet remains a member. Since that time, one-by-one, additional generations have joined. Joel's grandparents, Jim and Karen Gaeddert, raised their family here and joined BCMC. Their son Greg Gaeddert was baptized by John Esau and Esko Loewen in 1976, and he and his wife, Terri Preheim Gaeddert retain wider fellowship membership. Terri and the Preheim family began attending BCMC when they moved to Newton prior to her junior year at



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Newton High School. She transferred her membership about that time. Terri and Greg live in Leawood, MO. Joel is their oldest son.

In December 2009, Joel and Crystal welcomed their first child, Collin, into their family. He was dedicated during the worship service on Sunday, April 11. With these events, our congregation is blessed with five generations of Gaedderts, a remarkable event!

You can find Joel at his relatively new business, Flint Hills Designs, located in the MCC warehouse building behind the North Newton Post Office. Joel and Crystal have purchased a home in North Newton, and are prepared to continue the Gaeddert legacy at BCMC.

Welcome to our fellowship, Joel, Crystal, and Collin! ~ *Karen Penner*

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The kiss of the sun for pardon,
 The song of the birds for mirth,
 One is nearer God's heart in a garden
 Than anywhere else on earth.
 ~Dorothy Frances Gurney, "Garden Thoughts"



HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY ROLAND ENSZ!



Roland Ensz, a twin, with a sister, Sara Marie, children of Henry R. Ensz and Olga Elsie (Richert) Ensz, was born in Newton, KS on June 13, 1930 (the first and only time he has ever been hospitalized)! Roland grew up in Newton. He was baptized at Bethel College Mennonite Church May 28, 1944. Roland is a graduate of Newton High School (where he remembers running the lights for drama productions and working on farms in the area). In between his junior and senior year at Bethel and during the Korean War, Roland spent two years in the army medical corp, then returned to Bethel to graduate in May of 1954. Roland married Heidi Friesen in September of 1954. They met at Bethel where both enjoyed singing in the choir and participating in “folk games.” Heidi graduated from nurses training on a Saturday night, Sunday morning they were married and on Monday morning Roland started teaching! “How’s that for a honeymoon?!” Roland said. After Bethel College, Roland earned a Master of Science degree from Emporia State and a Master of Arts degree from Northern Colorado. Additional graduate hours were taken at WSU, Pittsburg State and Bradley University. Teaching and farming has occupied Roland’s life ever since. He taught at the high school level for 14 years and he taught social science courses at Butler County Community College in Eldorado for 27 years, which included teaching at McConnell Air Force Base for 20 years. Roland retired from teaching in 1995. Roland and Heidi have moved many times having lived in Whiting, Strong City, North Newton, Sedgwick, Newton and other places. Currently, they live on a farm near Potwin in a house that was built in 1916. Roland continues to farm with his son, Quentin and grandson Brian (his other son, Daniel, is a pastor in Mount Hope, KS). Roland’s hobbies include collecting stamps, coins, old post cards, pencils, ink blotters, railroad items and Mennonite Mutual Insurance company items. He also enjoys spending time with his seven grandchildren. Roland and Heidi returned as members of BCMC on January 17, 2002. Roland says that he often thinks of the words of Psalm 8 as he spends time outdoors in the fields. And so, as we wish you a happy 80th birthday, Roland, we also bid you to look to the heavens, the moons and the stars and proclaim, “O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” ~ *Ruth R. Harder*

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY HEIDI ENSZ!



Heidi (Friesen) Ensz was born in Elbing, Germany (West Prussia) on June 14, 1930 (just one day after her husband, Roland!) She was the daughter of Benno Friesen and Amalie (Fast) Friesen. During World War II in 1945, Heidi’s family fled to Denmark for refuge. Her mother, however, was shot and killed before she could escape. In 1947, after Heidi’s father died, and when Heidi was 17 years old, she traveled by herself to the United States to live with her mother’s cousin who, together with Christian Thierstein, paid for all of her expenses. Heidi still has the little wooden trunk that she brought with her from Denmark. Alone and scared, Heidi was moved by the kindness of strangers who helped her find the right train in Chicago as well as Elma Esau and Susie Peters who helped facilitate her travels from Denmark to Kansas. Another important role model and mentor for Heidi is Kaete Dyck of Whitewater. Heidi went to high school in Whitewater and attended Emmaus Church. After

high school she attended Bethel College for one year and two quarters and graduated from Bethel Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing. She has been a registered nurse throughout her life and she worked in the Obstetric unit at Bethel Deaconess Hospital for 25 years. Heidi became a United States citizen on November 11, 1954 in Topeka. Heidi was baptized on May 22, 1946 in Denmark. When she thinks of her own faith development, she remembers memorizing John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” Heidi also thinks of the time she sang “The Creation” with the Bethel College choir during a choir tour. She said they were at the Grand Canyon, the sun was setting and Professor Hohmann gathered the choir together and they began to sing, “In the beginning...” This was a mountain-top faith experience for Heidi. Heidi is moved by the words from the prophet Micah: “He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humble with your God?” And so, as you turn 80 years old, Heidi, may you experience and embody this kind of faith, a faith that is humble and active—seeking justice and loving mercy. ~ *Ruth R. Harder*

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY LANOY LOGANBILL!



Lanoy joined older brothers Fernan, Denard and Varden when he was born July 12, 1930, to Jessie and Eva (Becker) Loganbill in Lawrence, KS, where his father was in graduate school. After a short time in Newton, the family moved to Bluffton, OH, for his father to serve on staff at Bluffton College. Lanoy remembers how during the Depression, college employees were partially compensated with goods such as honey, and fruits and vegetables from the college garden. A favorite pastime in his childhood was swimming in the Bluffton quarry. He was baptized at First Mennonite Church in

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Lanoy Loganbill birthday continued

Bluffton. After his father's death when Lanoy was 12 years old, his mother worked as a school teacher. They moved back to Newton and Lanoy entered Bethel Academy as a freshman, and then transferred during his sophomore year to Newton High School when he was recruited by coach Ravenscroft to play basketball. It was also during Lanoy's sophomore year that he was in the hospital for six weeks with complications from appendicitis. Lanoy graduated from Newton High School in 1948, and went on to earn degrees in PE and Science from Bethel College in 1952. He thought he'd follow his educator-parents' footsteps, but then got a job offer at Graber's Hardware where he ended up working for 20 years before going on his own as an electrician. He held a master's electrical license from 1956-2008.

Already as a student at Bethel Academy, Lanoy began attending BCMC where Mary Esther Graber attended. However, they met when he was in the hospital, and she came to visit him as the date of another young man! They became acquainted, were married in 1950, and welcomed three children into their home: Fred, Deb and Joe. In 1965 they built a house north of Newton where they currently live, and where their pond has been the site of the BCMC Easter sunrise service for over 30 years! At BCMC, Lanoy has also served on Church Board and Deacons, as youth fellowship sponsor, and with the boy scouts committee. He and Mary Esther helped to start the Sojourners Sunday school class over 50 years ago. One of Lanoy's favorite hymns is HWB 76, *Praise, I will praise you, Lord*, which he learned at Mennonite World Conference in Strasbourg, France. At his 80th birthday, we join Lanoy in affirming faith in the God who has been faithful to him all these years: "O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways...In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!"

~ Heidi Regier Kreider

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY JUSTINA NEUFELD!



Justina was born July 16, 1930, to Anna (Sawatzky) and Dietrich Neufeld in the village of Gnadenal, Ukraine. In spite of living under communist rule, the early years of her childhood were quite carefree as the youngest of ten children. That came abruptly to an end when at age 10 she learned that her father had been arrested and taken away to prison. The family never learned the details of his final fate. The war began in 1941, and with the German invasion came more religious freedom and the disbanding of the collective farms. Then in 1943, the German army retreated and 7 members of Justina's family (her mother, the five youngest children and her great-aunt) fled as refugees into Poland. They learned that one of Justina's brothers was living in France, and sent Justina to live with him when she was 13 years old, not realizing this would be the last time she would see her mother. Then, through what Justina describes as a series of miraculous events, Mennonite Central Committee worker Peter Dyck and others arranged for her

to come to Holland and later to the United States.

Justina lived with Mennonite families in Mountain Lake, MN, where she went to high school. She attended one year at Mennonite Collegiate Institute in Gretna, Manitoba, then studied at the Bethel Deaconess Hospital nursing program, concluding that in 1955 and graduating from Bethel College in 1957. Justina went on to work at Prairie View Mental Health Center, while doing post-graduate work in psychiatric nursing, and earning a master's degree in gerontology. During her 39 years at Prairie View, she worked at various times as a staff nurse, acting director of nursing, community mental health nurse, and director of the day hospital.

Justina was married for ten years before a difficult divorce. After enjoying sixteen years as a single person, she surprised herself by marrying Floyd Bartel in 1995 (she had claimed she would never be a "pastor's wife!") Justina was baptized in 1947 in Holland, and in 1961 joined BCMC where she has served as a Deacon, and participated in other committees and women's fellowship. She is part of several reading groups, is on the board of the Central Kansas Community Foundation and has been asked to serve on the Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra board.

Justina has written her story in the book *A Family Torn Apart* (which is in the BCMC library), a moving account of both the profoundly tragic and the miraculous experiences of her life, as well as God's faithfulness through it all. Reflecting on her life, she cites Isaiah 43:1, "Thus says the Lord, who created you, who formed you: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." As Justina prepares for her 80th birthday, she notes that she takes every chance she has to celebrate! May we celebrate with her, in the words of her theme song:

"My life flows on, in endless song, above earth's lamentation.

I catch the sweet, though far off song, that hails a new creation.

no storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?"

~ Heidi Regier Kreider

LOWELL STUCKY RECEIVES AWARD



Lowell receives award from Gary Pierzynski, Interim Dean of Agriculture/Dept. Head of Agronomy—3/26/2010

BCMC member Lowell Stucky recently received the 2009 Classified Employee of the Year award for his work as a Plant Science Technician II at the K-State Harvey County Experiment Field. A citation written by Mark Claassen (now retired Agronomist-in-charge at the Harvey County Experiment Field) notes that “*Lowell’s position at this location required him to coordinate farming operations, oversee Foundation seed wheat production, assist with the establishment and maintenance of field research plots, collect data, supervise a Plant Science Technician I and student worker, service and repair equipment, and maintain building and grounds.*” The citation goes on to say that Lowell “*worked with excellence under especially adverse conditions involving weather factors as well as the early spring announcement by the Agronomy Department that the Harvey County experiment Field, a 220-acre operation near Hesston, would be closed at the end of the calendar year*” due to budget cuts in the Agronomy Department. Lowell has now transferred to work at a location near Hutchinson. The citation concludes, “*Lowell is a noteworthy example of dedication to excellence in service to Kansas State University and the people of Kansas. His conscientious, hard*



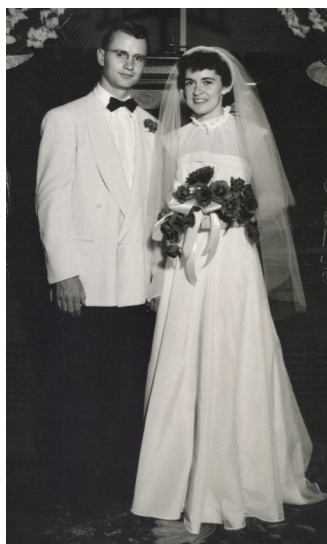
And from Kirk Schulz, president of Kansas State University—4/28/2010

work played a significant role in the achievement of significant research at the K-State Harvey County Experiment Field and the development of a facility widely known not only for its research effort, but also for its attractive appearance. In 2009, Lowell performed much more than his usual responsibilities under very challenging circumstances. He continued to demonstrate determination to do quality work, avoid shortcuts that violated integrity, maintain a positive attitude and cooperate freely with those in his sphere of activity.” Congratulations, Lowell! ~ Heidi Regier Kreider

Anniversaries



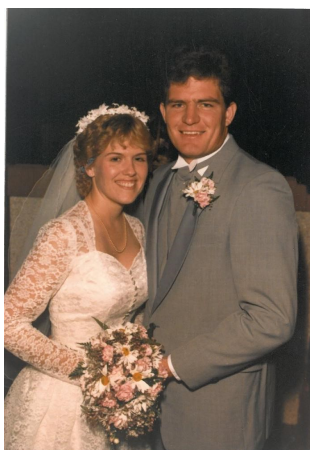
65 years
Irvin and Irma Peters
July 1, 1945



60 years
Novalis (Nick) and Pauline Toews
July 25, 1950



50 years
Evelyn and Howard-Lohrentz
June 4, 1960



25 years
Jeanette and George Leary
June 9, 1985



25 years
Doris and Arthur Whillock
June 29, 1985



CLEANING UP NEWTON!



BCMC senior high youth group (pictured here) recently made a two-year commitment to Newton's City Pride program. They are in charge of picking up trash along the creek, near Centennial Park and stretching to 12th street. They have agreed to clean this section three times a year for two years. Their first clean-up day was Sunday, May 2. Senior high and junior high youth worked alongside their mentors to fill over 15 garbage bags of trash in less than one hour. Francis Toews and his mentee, Chris Wagoner



(pictured), get the award for picking up trash closest to the creek without getting wet!

~ Ruth R. Harder

OBITUARY



Kenneth E. Rupp—April 23, 1941—April 27, 2010

Ken was born on April 23, 1941 to Emil and Marie Rupp in Mountain Lake, MN. Upon his confession of faith he was baptized and joined the Bethel Mennonite Church. He graduated from Mountain Lake High School in 1959 and entered Bethel College that same year. Upon earning his bachelor's degree from Bethel in 1963, Ken attended Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN where he met his wife Anne. They were married in 1966 following their graduations.

Ken's first pastoral position was in Turpin, OK. This was followed by positions in Beatrice, NE and Kansas City, KS. While in Beatrice, Ken and Anne added their son, Byron Kenneth to the family on March 17, 1971.

In 1975, following Clinical Pastoral Education, Ken and Anne began a shared ministry at Pleasant Oaks Mennonite Church in Middlebury, IN when Anne was ordained. They continued to serve as co-pastors until 1982 at Pleasant Oaks and from 1982 until 1987 at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church in Goessel, KS.

In 1987, Ken decided to pursue his long held interest in computers. After receiving his computer programming degree in Wichita from ECPI, he spent a year teaching at the same school before beginning to write software full-time, primarily for companies based out of Kansas City. Ken and Anne moved to Kansas City in 1991 and Ken found this new vocation extremely satisfying. He especially enjoyed the challenge of finding new ways to turn ideas into reality.

In 2004, Ken retired in order to focus on his hobbies. He enjoyed a lifelong passion for photography and bicycling which is evident by the thousands of pictures of nature he has left behind. Ken was also a skilled woodworker and craftsman. His family, church, siblings and neighbors all benefited from his skills. Ken had a lifelong passion to explore and see new things. He and his family loved the outdoors and took camping trips and enjoyed countless trips for family vacations.

After being diagnosed in early February 2010 with a very aggressive form of cancer, Ken passed away leaving his wife, Ann, of nearly forty-four years, his son Byron and his wife, Alyssa and their sons Braden and Keaton. He is also survived by two older brothers, Robert and Lester, and his younger sister Marilyn, as well as their spouses and families.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

There were several hosts for the Bethel student “guess who’s coming to dinner” evening. Among the hosts were Hugo and Mary Ann Boschmann and Frances and Margaret Toews. They were delighted by the group of six students (five from Bethel and a friend from Hesston College) who attended the event. Discussions were lively, interactive and delightful. The evening went quickly with supper, followed by some get-acquainted activities, including a time of sharing an event in their lives in the year of the penny they picked out of a “hat.” The students asked about our experiences as Bethel students, and in the course of the conversation, they could hardly comprehend a time before Frisbees! A lively game of Taboo extended the fellowship well into the late evening. But the time to say goodbye seemed to come too quickly. We as hosts reflected on the wonderful persons we learned to know that evening. We were reminded again of the important impact the Bethel College “experience” has on our young people in the church and beyond.

~ Hugo and Mary Ann Boschmann



PASTOR'S CORNER—SEEKING RENEWAL— RUTH R. HARDER



I have been working with other leaders at BCMC on a Lilly Endowment clergy renewal sabbatical grant application. If the application is accepted, BCMC could be awarded up to \$15,000 to use towards a renewal project of some kind in 2011-2012. I, too, would be awarded grant money to use toward a three-month sabbatical scheduled to begin in Fall of 2011. The question applicants must first ponder is, “What would make our hearts sing?” In other words, what new ministries might we engage in that would give us joy or cause us to sing a new song to the Lord (Psalm 98)? I began the application process by reviewing BCMC’s visioning statement adopted in 2005, the Listening Project reports from spring of 2009, and recent Church Board and leadership retreat minutes. As I reviewed these documents, certain words kept reappearing—words like welcome, inclusion and intergenerational. Along with that, I kept seeing references to art, our church grounds and facility needs. I began to wonder about framing a grant application

around some of these themes of hospitality, art and physical space. Then, in part due to my work with Sand Creek Community Gardens, I began to notice a space I hadn’t paid much attention to until now—the back of our church playground. I began to visit with others at BCMC about the idea of using hoped- for grant money to build a picnic/welcome shelter on the east end of our playground. The people I talked with offered a variety of responses “What if,” someone wondered, “we built it in such a way that we could use it to host music venues or the annual dessert reception for the college community?” Someone else said, “What if we used this shelter for art projects, celebrations, and meals or what if we built a gate from the shelter to the gardens so that gardeners could have a place to rest in the shade?” In my mind, a shelter would provide a welcoming, informal space for a variety of people (our church, Community Playschool participants, college students and neighbors) to gather, fellowship, eat and recreate. Lilly Endowment gives favorable consideration to proposals that provide evidence of broad congregational support and congregational approval must be assured before an application is submitted, so that if the grant is awarded the Lilly Endowment can be assured that it will be accepted by the congregation. Therefore, everyone is invited to attend a special congregational potluck and meeting on Sunday, June 13 in Fellowship Hall. During the meal and meeting, I will share proposal details and offer more background. We will then vote on whether or not to send in the proposal/application. Please come if you can. If you can’t come on the 13th, please feel free to share your ideas and reactions with me.

The back corner of the church playground.



JUNE — JULY 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

June

6 Vacation Bible School Sunday

10:00 a.m. Morning worship led by VBS participants – Sanctuary (no Sunday school)

11:15 a.m. Hamburger fry in church park sponsored by the Youth Group – donations accepted to support service trip to Chicago (bring lawn chairs)

13 Worship with sermon by Paula Killough, Mennonite Mission Network; music by Voran family; Paula will also speak in an elective Sunday school — Sanctuary

11:45 a.m. Potluck and special congregational meeting — Fellowship Hall

20 Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Dr. Rupert Hohmann

Senior High Youth Group leaves today for DOOR (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection) trip to Chicago (DOOR's Mission Statement appears below)

27 Worship with the Senior High Youth Group and their report on their service trip to Chicago

July

4 Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by David, Heidi, Ben and Mark Kreider

11 Worship with sermon by Ruth R. Harder; music by John Banman

18 Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Erich Boschmann

25 Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider

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

DOOR invites our Discover, Discern and Dwell participants to see the face of God in the city.

By experiencing God's love and shalom in ever-expanding new ways we can share and demonstrate God's alternatives to the evils of racism, poverty and violence that tear down our communities and lives.

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