

**Sunday 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 a.m.  
Fellowship time 10:30 a.m.  
Christian education 10:50 a.m.

**October**

- 7 Fall Festival and World Communion Sunday
- 14 Membership class meets in the Fellowship Hall; Dialogue group meets at home of Barb and Dick Koontz for discussion and fellowship.
- 21 Stewardship Sunday: *Sharing God's Gifts*
- 28 Catacomb Sunday school class potluck in Fellowship Hall

**November**

- 4 Bring food for Salvation Army. Sunday school presentation by Alan Gamble, executive director of National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund. Lunch for new members and sponsors in the Fellowship Hall.
- 11 Reception of new members. Pony Express stewardship packets will be returned during the offering. Golden Agers noon potluck in Fellowship Hall. Mentoring Kick-Off Event at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- 18 Peace Sunday. Guest preacher Jim Schrag, executive director of Mennonite Church USA. During Sunday school in the sanctuary Jim will give a presentation on initiatives by Mennonite Church USA to build relationships and promote peace through recent delegations to Congo and Israel/Palestine. At 7 p.m. in the sanctuary Jim Schrag and Patricia Shelly will report on their participation in a September interfaith dialogue with Iran's President, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, in New York City.
- 25 Thanksgiving Sunday

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## BCMC WELCOMES ITS NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR



Sunday, September 2 was a special day for BCMC and a memorable occasion for Ruth Harder; the worship service included Ruth's installation as our new Associate Pastor. Ruth and her husband Jesse Graber were also received as members of BCMC.

Although Ruth was born in Goshen Indiana, her parents moved to Hillsboro Kansas when she was an infant so that her earliest memories are of Hillsboro where her father was the pastor of First Mennonite Church. Growing up Ruth loved and excelled in sports and she became well known for her feats on the basketball and volleyball courts and in track events.

Following graduation from Hillsboro High School, Ruth enrolled at Bethel College where she majored in social work.

She spent one semester in Guatemala City, Guatemala and served a clinical internship at Prairie View Hospital in Newton. As a Bethel student she was awarded the C. Henry Smith Peace Oration Prize for a presentation titled, *Blessed are the Policymakers*. Ruth graduated from Bethel College in 2001.

Ruth's next stop was Evansville Indiana, where she was employed as a case manager at the Southwest Indiana Mental Health Center. Her experiences as a case manager helped to shape Ruth's discernment of her gifts and career goals. Thus she enrolled at the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in 2002 to pursue a degree in their primary pastoral program. During the course of her studies at AMBS she served her pastoral internship at Belmont Mennonite Church in Elkhart, Indiana and she served as a clinical pastor education chaplain residency at Rush Medical Center and Northwest Memorial Hospital in Chicago. She also attended some classes at the

McCormick Theological Seminary. During the last two years at AMBS she served as youth pastor at the LaSalle Street Church in Chicago. Ruth received a Master of Divinity degree from AMBS in May 2007.

Responding to a call from BCMC to serve as its Associate Pastor, Ruth and her husband Jesse Graber moved to North Newton in August. As our Associate Pastor, Ruth's major responsibilities will include working with the youth and serving as a liaison with Bethel College students. Of course she will also take her turn in the preaching rotation and share pastoral care responsibilities with Heidi.

Ruth's husband Jesse is a freelance illustrator who works from his home studio. Jesse graduated from the American Academy of Art and presently creates illustrations for children's books, advertisements and for Mennonite Church USA.

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Ruth, we look forward to working with you as our Associate Pastor and we welcome you and Jesse as members of our congregation. – Dale Horst

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## STAFF CHANGES AT BCMC

**Monica Lichti's** first day as BCMC's new administrative assistant was August 20. She's the only child of Ben and Clara Penner of Newton. Monica graduated from Roosevelt Grade School, Chisholm Junior High, Newton High School, and Bethel College with a B.A. in English. Her first job was secretarial assistant in the Newton city manager's office. The next summer she worked in Newton's Service Center. Bethel teacher Ruthann Dirks recommended Monica to Arnold Dietzel at Menno Travel Service, and she worked for MTS all through college. After graduating from Bethel College she joined Mennonite Central Committee Voluntary Service and worked a year in the MCC Peace Section at Akron, Pennsylvania. There she met Marlin Lichti, a graduate of Eastern Mennonite College, who worked in the treasurer's office. They married, spent another year in Akron, and then moved to Kansas. Marlin is originally from Reedley, California, but his mother was an Ewert from Lehigh, so he has relatives here. Monica worked at MTS both part-time and full-time for over 19 years. Also, for 2½ years, while son Benjamin owned and operated a Newton restaurant, Bruno's, the Lichti family spent lots of time working there. In August 2006, Monica left MTS and worked 10 months for Newton attorneys Somers Robb and Robb before accepting the position of administrative assistant at Bethel College Mennonite Church. The Lichtis attend Grace Hill Mennonite Church, Whitewater. The loves of her life are husband Marlin, mother Clara Penner (Dad died in 2000), son Benjamin, daughter Suzanne and her husband Brad Burch and five-month-old granddaughter Lucille Anna Burch. "I feel privileged and honored to be able to serve BCMC."

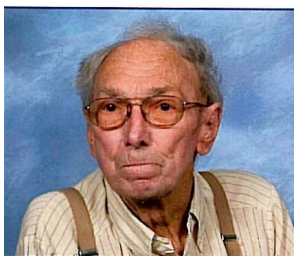


**Melanie Mueller**, who preceded Monica at BCMC, concluded her work as administrative assistant in August to take a vacation trip by train to Chicago with husband Jim to visit daughter Becky and enjoy city events. Now home, she reports that Becky is studying fashion design at the Illinois Institute of Art. Melanie began as BCMC administrative assistant in March 2003. She says the worst thing about her job was when the grease trap in the church kitchen quit working, and the best thing was "learning to know everybody and the great church staff." Melanie and Jim live in Halstead and have a daughter, Nancy, and grandson, Maddox, in Newton.



**Linda Willey** is BCMC's Education Coordinator. In this part-time position she works with pastors and the Education/Youth Commission to coordinate Sunday school teacher recruitment/orientation and nursery care, curriculum ordering, contact with Adult Sunday school classes, Christmas Eve children's program, Safe Sanctuaries policies and Vacation Bible School. Linda's experience includes ministry as a United Methodist pastor, and work as a para-educator in special education at Santa Fe Middle School. Here at BCMC she plays in Chancel Bells, provides leadership in young adult Sunday school, and has assisted with VBS and Time with Children in worship. Linda responded very briefly about her new job as Sunday school superintendent: "I'm excited to have this job, and my goal is to involve as many people as possible in Christian education."

## 80TH BIRTHDAY—ELDO PETERS



Eldo Peters was born October 16, 1927, at Bethel Deaconess Hospital in Newton – and still has the hospital bill to prove it: The bill for \$36.75 covered the delivery fee, a nine-day hospital stay, and some other incidentals! Medical bills are not all that have changed in the years since then: For example, Eldo remembers his 14<sup>th</sup> birthday as the day that electricity was turned on at his family's farm near Walton.

Eldo was the fourth of five sons of Ernst Anton and Hermina (Schmidt) Peters; as one of the youngest he remembers being assigned the regular chore of watering the chickens. The Peters family attended Walton Mennonite Church, where Eldo was baptized at age sixteen. He attended elementary and high school in Walton, and got to do something school children today would never dream of: During his junior year in high school Eldo was asked to drive the school bus! Following high school, Eldo farmed for a number of years, including farming with his father. After his father's death, Eldo cared for his mother until her death, and for his brother Harold (who had developed rheumatoid arthritis at a young age) until Harold's move to health care.

Eldo currently lives at Kidron Bethel Village where he enjoys calling Bingo games four times a week. Eldo likes to read, and subscribed several years ago to *Christian Century* as a way to get a broader outlook and keep up on other churches and their activities. Eldo joined BCMC in 1969, and appreciates attending the Chapel Sunday school class where, he says, he gets a "good education" from people who have an interesting variety of experiences and educational backgrounds. Likewise, Eldo's presence at BCMC enriches our community. We wish him God's joy and strength on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday! - Heidi Regier Kreider

## PASTOR'S CORNER—BY HEIDI REGIER KREIDER

In July 2005 Mennonite Church USA delegates approved a healthcare access document affirming our mandate as followers of Jesus to help all people experience healing and hope and calling on our congregations and members to be advocates to policymakers on behalf of public health matters and access to healthcare for everyone.

To this end, on September 15 I joined members of the BCMC Health Cabinet and others from our congregation to attend *Health Care Summit: Finding our Voice*, sponsored by Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church and Western District Conference. Presentations by government, healthcare and church leaders addressed several goals: To increase awareness of the condition of Kansas health care accessibility, affordability and quality; to identify how faith-based organizations can advocate for healthcare access in local communities; and to identify concrete actions that address the growing local and national healthcare crisis. We explored all levels of health care, from government policy to personal lifestyle.

We learned about the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA), created through legislation in 2005 to develop a coordinated health policy agenda in Kansas. The creation of KHPA was the first step in reforming Kansas' health system. The goals of these reforms are threefold: 1. Provide affordable health insurance. 2. Pay for prevention and a person-centered "medical home." 3. Promote personal responsibility for healthy lifestyles. On November 1, 2007, KHPA presented its health reform recommendations, which can be found at [www.khpa.ks.gov](http://www.khpa.ks.gov) (a copy will also be put in the BCMC library). I encourage you to take a look at this document and identify areas that you can relate to – whether it is healthy food choices in schools, affordable insurance for small businesses, reducing tobacco use, or other aspects of health care.

May each of us - as people of faith, health care consumers, and stewards of God's gift of life- to do our part to promote wholeness and shalom.

## YOUNG ADULTS, SPACE AND BCMC BY RUTH R. HARDER

In my third week as associate pastor at BCMC, Barry Bartel, President of Bethel College, sent me his September Convocation Address, "Find Your Space." Over and over he told Bethel students, "You have come to a good place...There is space for you here...Come, find your space." Not only that, he encouraged students to help create a landscape (both physical and spiritual) where all people can grow and flourish.

Barry understands that discovering healthy, flourishing places takes individual and corporate effort. That is, people are more likely to find their voice or place when individuals, teachers and administrators are working together toward that end. To say, "come find your space," would be empty if at the same time structures didn't support that end.

The Sunday before Barry's address, we welcomed over 100 students onto our church lawn for ice cream. Many of us mingled with students and probably said, "You have come to a good place. We welcome you. Come, check us out!" And little by little, I have noticed students and young adults "checking us out." To what degree these young people are finding a space is something I'm less sure of. This has prompted me to give prayerful attention to how we organize ourselves and our space. To what degree, I've wondered, do our structures support our desire to have people of all ages contributing and flourishing at BCMC?

I invite us to prayerfully consider this question in the days and months ahead. I especially invite you to pray for our new young adult story-theology group (*FaithMatters*) meeting Sunday mornings at Bubberts. (Speaking of space, all the Sunday school rooms are occupied!) Please also pray for the young adult prayer gathering that meets in our small Chapel every Tuesday evening at 9:30 pm. May these (evolving) structures serve us as we continue building up our spiritual and physical landscapes.

To learn more about *FaithMatters* or the Tuesday evening prayer gathering, give me a call. Or better yet, come check us out!



served his country in Civilian Public Service in Terry, Montana as a draftsman for a reclamation project in the Badlands. He made lifetime friends there. After the war, when the United Nations was sending livestock to Europe to replenish their supply, he went to Poland with a ship load of horses. His gentleness and caring for animals was always evident. He then attended the University of Kansas, and graduated with a degree in architecture in 1949. After graduation, he moved to Wichita, Kansas and spent over forty years working as an architect, doing projects throughout the state of Kansas, including hospitals, schools, and churches.

Stan was married on September 2, 1950, to Lois Eichelberger. They were blessed with two daughters, Cathy Irwin and Rebecca Osterman.

Stan and Lois traveled extensively in this country and went to every state except Hawaii. They loved visiting relatives and going to art museums, historical sites, and the National Parks. One time, they joined Rebecca on a trip to the Bay of Fundy in Nova Scotia, Canada.

Stan was a kind and loving husband, father and grandfather with a great sense of humor and devotion to his family and friends. He was artistic and an avid reader and he was very sharing and supportive of his children's interests in art and science. He could always be counted on for his accurate architectural plans and helped friends design their new houses. Whatever the task, he followed through until completion and with a strong sense of honesty and values. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

Stan served on many boards and committees in the church and community, including five years on the BelAire Planning Commission, Newton/North Newton Historic Preservation Commission, and the Sand Creek Trail and Memorial Grove Committee. He was a member of Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church almost fifty years before retiring and moving to North Newton, where he joined the Bethel College Mennonite Church.

Stan is survived by his wife of 57 years, Lois; daughter, Cathy and husband, John Irwin, of Carlisle, PA; daughter, Rebecca Osterman of Union, N. J.; grandchildren, Kati Irwin of Reading, PA and Joe Irwin of Carlisle, PA; and sister, Winifred Grenville of Salem, OR. He was preceded in death by his brother, Robert B. Regier, and parents, Rev. J. M. and Elizabeth Regier.

#### Howard V. Ewy—June 5, 1936 – October 19, 2007

Howard Virgil Ewy, 71, died Friday (October 19, 2007), at his residence. He was born June 5, 1936, in Newton, Kansas, to Milton H. and Elinor M. (Ruth) Ewy. He attended the one-room schoolhouse in Garden Valley Township, Harvey County for grades one through eight. Howard was baptized in his youth as a member at First Mennonite Church in Halstead, and in recent years attended Bethel College Mennonite Church.

After his freshman year in Moundridge High School, the family moved to a farm north of Halstead. In 1954 he graduated from Halstead High School and went on to complete an Associate of Arts degree from Bethel College. For 1-W service, he worked in the maintenance department of Evanston Hospital in Evanston, Illinois. Upon completion of his obligation, he remained for several more years before returning to Kansas. For a number of years, he worked at John Deere in McPherson, Kansas. He also completed more courses of study at Hutchinson Community College in Hutchinson, Kansas. For a time he worked at Sears in Hutchinson. Later he was employed by Xerox as a service technician, where he remained for fifteen years. In his retirement he did small engine repair.

Evidence of Howard's keen mechanical aptitude revealed itself early on. His mother relates that, even in childhood, he had to find out how things worked. He would carefully and studiously take such things as a clock or radio apart and then put it back together—correctly. Talk at the family dinner table more often than not turned to discussions of how to either fix or improve an engine or piece of farm equipment.

A colleague of Howard's during the Evanston years tells that their chief engineer said that Howard was the best mechanic who had ever worked for him. Howard was not fond of the trend of businesses to turn over a certain number of jobs within a set amount of time. He preferred to get to the bottom of a problem, no matter how long it took. He never advertised his small engine repair business, yet he always seemed to be swamped with work.

Other talents and abilities that perhaps took a back seat to Howard's life's work include his love of and appreciation for music. At various times in his life he has participated in musical groups, singing or playing trumpet. Those may be the only times, however, that he "tooted his own horn", as he was not given to boasting or self-promotion. He will be dearly missed by family and friends.

Survivors include his mother, Elinor Ewy, of Halstead, sister, Ruth White, of Hesston, two nieces, Amy and Greg Watts, of Palm Springs, California, and Valerie and Paul McCutcheon, of Newton, two grand-nieces and one step-grand-nephew.

Howard was preceded in death by his father, Milton Ewy, and his brother, Clarence R. Ewy.

#### 80th BIRTHDAY—BERTHA KREHBIEL



Anyone who knows Bertha Krehbiel knows music is her "saving grace." Even during a recent hospitalization, one could find her singing her favorite hymns. Growing up, Bert was part of several successful choirs. (And even though her parents never bragged on her, she knew the choirs were quite good!) Bert started piano lessons in 4th grade and unlike many piano students, she enjoyed practicing *every day*. Bert has shared her love for music by playing organ and piano for church events and participating in Chamber Bells. Bert is also known as a fine seamstress; people in the community continue to call her for alterations.

Bert was named after her mother, Bertha (Heidebrecht) Neufeld, who died in 1927 during childbirth. Together with five siblings and her father, Henry Neufeld, Bert grew up in Inman, KS. While Bert never knew her mother, her father was, in her words, a "gentle man"—someone committed to "keeping the peace." Bert was baptized in 1944 at

Hoffnungsaw Mennonite Church, by pastor, A.J. Dyck. Bert married Waldo Krehbiel on September 18, 1949, at Buhler Mennonite Church. Bert and Waldo (a carpenter and farmer) raised three children (Jean, Bonnie and Ralph) on a farm in Oklahoma.

Soon after Waldo's death in 1979, Bert returned to college and finished the degree she had started in 1946. Today, she is a proud Bethel College alum, having graduated in 1980 with an elementary education degree. This degree prepared and qualified her for more teaching, as well as six years of office work at Prairie View. Bert transferred her membership to BCMC on January 24, 1982.

I asked Bert to tell me something about her life that not many people know. She smiled and said that in 4th grade, she advanced to the County spelling bee. There, she missed a word she will never forget: before. "I forgot the e," she said. Bert also loves angel food cake. With that, we wish Bert a happy 80th birthday. May music, angel food cake, morning walks, sewing opportunities and overall good cheer abound. God's blessings surround you always, Bert. ~ Ruth R. Harder

#### BCMC MEMBERS CREATE PRAYER SHAWLS



Emile Reimer

This story begins with Bonnie Goering, who has been knitting ever since high school. She taught knitting at Peace Connections and had also knitted a number of prayer shawls for family and friends. One day she thought of a project for our congregation's Outreach Commission, so she called the Harvey County Homeless Shelter. Would the shelter like to give prayer shawls the homeless at Christmas? Their answer was "Yes!".

A week later the Bethel College Mennonite Church bulletin carried an announcement about knitting prayer shawls. Outreach Commission member Justina Neufeld received a call from Kidron Bethel resident Emile Reimer who said, "If you bring me the pattern and the yarn, I'd like to knit a shawl." Emile was not able to finish her shawl because of her sudden death, so Justina is finishing it now.

Then Martha Voth, also a Kidron Bethel resident, called Justina, saying that she had crocheted many prayer shawls in the past. "If you bring me the yarn, I'll make one," she offered. This past summer Martha celebrated her 102nd birthday. She continues to crochet prayer shawls for the homeless. Having completed five so far, she says with a smile, "It keeps me going."

Bonnie Goering's goal is twenty prayer shawls to present to persons at Christmas time, as the Homeless Shelter averages about 20 adults. So far, seven shawls are finished and several more are being made. If you would like to participate either by knitting or by donating yarn, call Justina Neufeld at 283-7890. -- Justina Neufeld



Martha Voth and Justina Neufeld

## WITH OUR MEMBERS

### Births

Kingston John Schultz, born May 28 in Napa, Calif., to Christopher and Sheila (Tabilon) Schultz.  
Rhubarb Hope Brubacher, born August 17 in Lawrence, Kansas, to Jesse and Sharyn Brubacher.  
Nicolas Stigge Kaufman, born September 29 in Gainesville, Florida, to David and Sydney Stigge-Kaufman.  
Cecelia Pearl Williams, born October 5, 2007 in Newton to Claire and Wade Williams

### 50-year anniversaries

Kenneth and Joyce (Juhnke) Kaufman, December 22, 1957

### New members, joining November 11, 2007

Elaine Schroeder Prouty joining by affirmation of faith  
Lloyd Schroeder from Goessel Mennonite Church  
Richard and Frances Siemens from First Presbyterian Church, Lyons, Kansas  
Marvin and Shirley Thieszen from Garden Valley Mennonite Brethren Church, Garden City, Kansas  
Jane Wagoner from 1st Church of the Brethren, Wichita  
Mark and Gayle Wiens from Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

### Membership changes

Elyse (Funk) Boston transferred her membership to Trinity Heights United Methodist Church, Newton. She retains Wider Fellowship membership  
Brad Gaeddert has terminated his Wider Fellowship membership  
Randall and Janeal Krehbiel have changed their membership to Wider Fellowship  
Nathan Daniel Koontz transferred his membership to Faith Mennonite Church, Newton  
Denise Kliewer Zuercher has terminated her membership

## OBITUARIES

### Evelyn Johanna Regier Habegger—October 18, 1914 - July 23, 2007

Evelyn Johanna Regier Habegger was born to Kate Gerbrand and John F. Regier on October 18, 1914 in Moundridge, Kansas, the oldest of five children. Evelyn had three sisters, Ruth Regier Geist, Gertrude Regier Harrel, Anna Fern Regier Lakin, and a brother, John Warren Regier. Another brother, Wilbur Halley Regier, died prior to Evelyn's birth.

Evelyn grew up in rural Moundridge. She attended Farms Grade School and graduated from Moundridge High School in 1933. Evelyn attended Bethel College for two years and then returned to the family farm to begin work as a secretary at the Moundridge Mill. She was an active member of the West Zion Mennonite Church in Moundridge.

In 1944, Evelyn accepted a secretarial position with Mennonite Central Committee in Akron, PA where she met Loris. Evelyn and Loris were married August 9, 1945. Evelyn worked as a secretary at the Marlboro State Hospital in Marlboro, NJ, until 1946, when Evelyn and Loris moved to North Newton, KS. There, Evelyn worked as secretary to the Academic Dean of Bethel College while Loris completed his degree. Evelyn became a full time pastor's wife, homemaker and mother when Loris accepted a pastorate at the Halstead Mennonite Church. Son Arman was born in 1947, daughter Lorna in 1948 and son Richard in 1950. Evelyn continued in these roles through the Wayland, IA pastorate years, 1954 – 1960. Evelyn resumed her professional life in 1960, working as secretary for the Institute of Mennonite Studies when the family moved to Elkhart, IN. Evelyn assumed secretarial responsibilities for the president of Bluffton College when Loris accepted the Pandora, OH pastorate in 1968. Evelyn provided secretarial services at Prairie View in Newton when she and Loris returned to the North Newton community in 1973. She also served as secretary to the Central and Western District Conferences of the General Conference Mennonite Church. Evelyn retired in 1979.

In both her professional and personal life, Evelyn was persistent and reliable for tasks undertaken. She relished family life. She was perhaps happiest amidst the gatherings of family and friends. She loved her vegetable and flower gardens. Summer times were spent growing, harvesting, canning and freezing produce. Evelyn prepared Low German favorites in her kitchen – cheese dumplings, peppernuts, zweibach and rye bread were family favorites. She also enjoyed reading.

In retirement, Evelyn continued as an active member of the Bethel College Mennonite Church. She provided secretarial services for Wheatland Homes in North Newton for several years and volunteered in a number of local

organizations. She and Loris enjoyed travel to Loris' home community, visits to their children's families, and several trips to Europe. Evelyn, together with Loris, also took much pleasure in the many friendships and opportunities available in the North Newton community.

Evelyn moved to Moundridge Memorial Home in early 2004 due to failing health. The final years were difficult as memory and the ability to communicate declined. However she continued to read and observe the world around her. Her occasional smile or word warmed the hearts of caretakers and family members alike. Evelyn died peacefully on July 23, 2007.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents and sisters Gertrude and Ruth. She is survived and will be greatly missed by her husband Loris; children, Arman Habegger and Sue, Lorna Harder and Bob, Richard Habegger and Carol; grandchildren Luke and Leigh Habegger, Tre Jones and Mandy; step-grandchildren Randy and Kevin Hart; and great granddaughters, Jandria Wetherald and Jaed Parker Jones.

### Emile Klassen Reimer—Feb. 2, 1923 – July 31, 2007

Emile Klassen Reimer was born in Hillsboro on Feb. 2, 1923, to Dan and Emma Klassen. She was baptized in 1940 at First Mennonite Church in Hillsboro and graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1941. After graduation she attended Franklin Business College in Wichita for one year, and during the war she worked at Cessna in Wichita. Emile graduated from Venus School of Beauty in Wichita in 1947. She returned to Hillsboro and worked with her sister, Dayle.

On June 25, 1950, Emile married Eldon Reimer of Goessel. They lived many years in Newton, where Emile opened a beauty shop in their home after the birth of their three daughters. She also worked at Kansas Christian Home several days a week in their beauty shop. They were members of Bethel College Mennonite Church. After Eldon's death, Emile continued to live in their home until she moved into an apartment at Kidron Bethel in 1995. In April 2005 she moved into Health Care because of declining health.

Emile was always involved in some type of volunteer work. At BCMC she served on the Social Committee for many years and was also on the Kidron Bethel Partners committee. While she lived at Kidron she was on the Service Committee for the Auxiliary, and also on the Advisory Council. Other volunteer work included preparing monthly teas at Prairie View mental health center.

Emile was preceded in death by her husband Eldon, daughter Susan, her parents, and sister Marjorie. She is survived by daughters Denise and husband Doug Yoder of Lawrence, Kan., Brenda and husband Mike Foster of Independence, Mo.; son-in-law Bob Flickner of Garland, Texas; sister Dayle and husband Ennis Unruh of Hillsboro; brother-in-law Jim Peters of Hillsboro; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

### Edward James Brubacher—September 23, 1917 – August 1, 2007

Edward James Brubacher, or "E.J." as most of his friends knew him, passed away on August 1, 2007. E.J. was 89 years of age. His earliest years were spent on a small farm located in the "Cherokee Strip" near Perry, Oklahoma. There he lived with his parents, A.J. and Clara (Hirschler), as well as three younger sisters: Kathryn, Naomi and Ruth (deceased). The Depression era farm family moved to Moundridge, Kansas, where they were joined by three new members: Don, Jack and Yvonne.

E.J. attended Eden Mennonite Church with his family and graduated from Moundridge High School in 1935. After graduation he worked on the farm as well as at the local Shell service station. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps in 1940 and served until 1945. During this period of service he met and then married Lucille Moore of Dallas, Texas. After the war they settled on a farm near Newton where they raised three sons: Edward James Jr., Wade and Mike. The family attended Bethel College Mennonite Church. The couple was blessed with nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Lucille preceded E.J. in death just one year ago.

E.J. became a successful area farmer and business man who served as an officer and director of several business and related trade associations. He never forgot his obligations in service of the community. He served on the boards of the Sand Creek Watershed District, Bethel Deaconess Hospital, Harvey County Planning Commission, Newton Area Planning Commission, Harvey County Association for Retarded Citizens and the Bethel College President's Advisory Board. He also served two terms as a Harvey County Commissioner.

### J. Stanley Regier—January 25, 1921 – September 18, 2007

Stan was born January 25, 1921 to Rev. J. M. and Elizabeth (Lohrentz) Regier in Bluffton, Ohio. He passed away on September 18, 2007, from an aortic aneurysm, at the Newton Medical Center. Stan spent his early childhood in Pandora, Ohio and Reedley, California. In 1936, the family moved to Newton, Kansas and he graduated from Newton High School in 1938, followed by two years at Bethel College. During World War II, he