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## A GIFT OF MUSIC

Thelma is no stranger to BCMC or to music for that matter. She has attended BCMC since the age of four. At that time, BCMC met in the Bethel College chapel. As a college “campus kid” Thelma remembers listening to music “by osmosis.” Music often wafted over campus through the open windows of the chapel. Thelma’s mother and father sang in the church choir and Thelma and her brother, Melvin, enjoyed many Sunday afternoons listening to recordings of Beethoven symphonies and Lawrence Welk. Thelma also enjoyed singing in the high school glee club and taking two quarters of voice lessons in college.

“Music,” Thelma says, “is part of my soul.” Perhaps that is why Thelma has been a Chancel Choir member since 1955—yes, that’s right: Thelma has been active in the BCMC choir for 53 years (with a short stint away due to a broken ankle in 1978.) This means she has sung under 9 directors: David Suderman, James Bixel, Walter Jost,

Randy Zercher, Marles Preheim, Gordon Corwin, Paul Wiens, Marilyn Crabb Epp and Harold Moyer. Thelma also knows just about every piece of music in the church files; she should know this because for most of her years in choir, she served as chancel choir librarian. Thelma has many choir memories including the time chancel choir director, Mr. James Bixel, recruited a college student to play the timpani during a Bach piece. “Many of us don’t usually associate church music with drums,” she said with a smile. Thelma also remembers singing in a divided chancel. After the new church building was built in 1955, choir members faced each other. A divided chancel is still Thelma’s preference. “It was more worshipful for me,” she said. “Not facing the congregation helped me to focus on the music instead of who was watching.” Similarly, Thelma likes that the choir wears robes. “Music becomes the major thing instead of

our wardrobes—it puts everyone more or less on the same level,” she said. She just wishes the robes weren’t so hot! Thelma also remembers when Randy Zercher took the choir to sing at The Hutchinson Correctional Facility during the Christmas season. She appreciated the family members of inmates who brought refreshments. Other memories include the two times the choir presented *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, with Arlo Kasper as drama director, and the choral presentation of *Benjamin Grede*, by Ruth Unrau and Harold Moyer (a spin-off of *A Christmas Carol*).

Thelma appreciates what music demands out of us. “Music is not,” she says, “a piece of cake.” She is proud to have sung everything from Bach to Vivaldi to hymn variations. One of her stand-by favorites is Everett Titcomb’s arrangement of the hymn, *O Love how deep*—a piece she

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Thelma Bartel sits in the BCMC choir loft



has sung under three directors. Thelma says she has learned a lot from all the directors she has sung under. One of those lessons is that it takes more energy and

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### A Gift of Music, continued

concentration to sing soft than to sing loud. Another lesson is that while music is part of her soul, silence is also important. In her opinion, sometimes sheer silence after a piece of music is an extension of the music itself.

It is with some degree of sadness that Thelma takes her leave of the chancel choir. Marles Preheim states, “Thelma is to be commended for her many years of faithful participation in the Chancel Choir, and for her devoted work as the music librarian. Her longevity of service is truly remarkable! We are grateful for her contribution, and we wish her many pleasant memories of her music at BCMC”.

Music will continue to be a vehicle in which Thelma expresses and learns about her faith. And the hymn, *O God our help in ages past*, will continue to inspire her living and singing. She will also continue collecting house plants, pens/pencils and pins. Just don’t ask her how many pins she has—she doesn’t want to know!

Thank you, Thelma, for singing your faith. We pray that the deep love of God will surround you. And in the words of the hymn, we proclaim with you:

“O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form, for mortals’ sake. For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his daily works he wrought, by words and signs and actions thus still seeking not himself but us. All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad; the Trinity whom we adore. Forever and forevermore!” Amen. ~ Ruth R. Harder

## WITH OUR MEMBERS

### Births

*Ellen Kate Brubacher Ceres* born to Anne Brubacher and Pablo Ceres, Boulder, Colorado, July 27, 2008

### Weddings

*Nicole Ann Unruh and David L. Brokar*, Kinsley, Kansas, married June 7, 2008

*Carrie Graber and Christopher Saxl*, Napa, California, married Sept. 13, 2008 in Hesston, Kansas

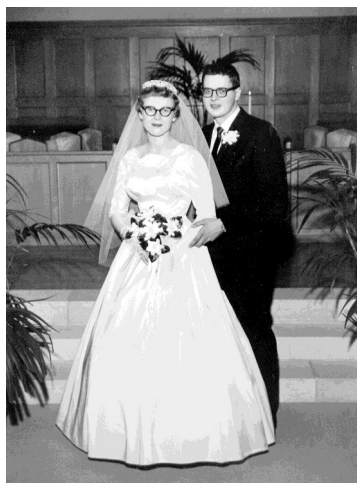
### Anniversaries

#### 60th Wedding Anniversary



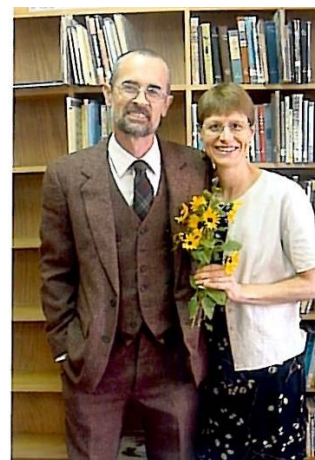
Bert and Herman Toevs  
November 26, 1948

#### 50th Wedding Anniversary



Margaret and John Hiebert  
November 7, 1958

#### 25th Wedding Anniversary



David and Heidi Regier Kreider  
September 17, 1983 — This is the suit David wore on his wedding day!

### Membership Changes

- Rachel Dirks and Michael Jones, terminated wider fellowship
- E. LaVerne and Marilyn Epp, changed from members to wider fellowship
- Richard Fast, terminated wider fellowship
- Charlotte (Pauls) Gribble, terminated wider fellowship
- Linda (Esau) Miller, changed from member to wider fellowship
- Rachel Lee (Stucky) Rippy terminated membership
- Kimberly (Frey) Stahly changed from member to wider fellowship
- Jennifer Unruh changed from member to wider fellowship
- Kent Unrau terminated membership
- Jennifer (Goering) Withrow changed from member to wider fellowship

## OBITUARIES



**LaVeta (Loganbill) Habegger**—February 28, 1925 – August 19, 2008

LaVeta Irma Loganbill Habegger was born Feb. 28, 1925 to Aldus and Susanna (Krehbiel) Loganbill on a farm near Inola, Oklahoma. She was the third of three children, after Vera Kliewer and Eleanor Lehman. Her father died when she was two years of age. Her mother then married Albert Penner, a widower with two children, Randolph Penner, and Hilda Jantzen. Susanna and Albert had twin girls, Lorene Goering and Loretta Krehbiel.

When her father died, the family was living in Geary, Oklahoma. After Susanna and Albert married, the blended family lived on a farm northeast of Hillsboro, Kansas, and attended the Bruderthal Mennonite Church. At age 16 LaVeta was baptized upon her confession of faith by pastor Arnold E.

Funk on July 20, 1941. She attended and graduated from Lighthouse grade school. The family then moved into Hillsboro and LaVeta attended Hillsboro High School, graduating in 1942. She became secretary to school superintendent Leonard J. Franz for a year before enrolling in Bethel College. As a student secretary she worked for Dean P.S. Goertz for three years.

On August 18, 1946 LaVeta married David Habegger in the Bethel College chapel. They both enrolled in Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Chicago, Illinois, and lived there for three years. LaVeta transferred credits back to Bethel College and graduated in 1947. While at seminary she was secretary for President Abraham Warkentin and then President S.F. Pannabecker.

LaVeta and David were commissioned as missionaries to the Northern Cheyenne Indians in Montana on August 1949 under the General Conference Foreign Mission Board. They served churches at Busby and Lame Deer, one year each. Their first child, Rachel Karina, was born on Oct. 24, 1949. They returned to Chicago for a year and LaVeta gave birth to Nathan Bernard on Dec. 9, 1951.

Beginning in 1952 LaVeta, in addition to being a mother, began to fill the role of a pastor's wife, frequently serving as a Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher. Their first call was to the First Mennonite Church of Carlock, Illinois. After three years, David was asked to serve as pastor to men in I-W service in three states under MCC Peace Section. So the family moved to Chicago for a third time and here Christen (Chris) David was born on Sept. 24, 1955.

The First Mennonite Church of Allentown, Pennsylvania, called David to serve as pastor, so the family moved there in Dec. 1955. Here they served for six years and during this time Rebecca Joy was born on Jan. 23, 1957. The next call came from First Mennonite Church of Upland, California, in Sept. 1962. Son, Peter Aldus, was born there on July 19, 1966.

The Hively Avenue Mennonite Church of Elkhart, Indiana then gave a call. Living near Goshen College, LaVeta enrolled and completed a major in Home Economics and received an Indiana teaching certificate. She also enrolled in Western Michigan University and was given an MA in Home Economics Education in 1976.

The next move was to Wichita under the Western District Conference in Sept. 1976. Here they started Mennonite Church of the Servant in their home. LaVeta was asked to serve as one of the "Shepherds" who performed as leaders and deacons. In Wichita she taught Home Economics in Allison Jr. High School, East High School and then Friends University.

From Fall 1987 to Fall 1991 LaVeta and David lived in Champaign, Illinois. Here she taught quilting classes to interested women in the Urbana Adult Education Program.

In 1991 a move was made to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where they lived in retirement until March 2003 when the move was made to Newton, Kansas. Here they joined Bethel College Mennonite Church. LaVeta has eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

LaVeta died at home on Tuesday, August 19, 2008 under the care of her husband David, their daughter Rebecca Zehr, and Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice.



**Bertha Fast Harder**— July 26, 1914 – August 23, 2008

Bertha Fast Harder, 94, died August 23, 2008, at Bethesda Home, Goessel, Kansas. She was born July 26, 1914, to Herman B. and Anna Warkentin Fast in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. She married Leland Harder, August 8, 1951, in Mountain Lake. He survives in North Newton at Kidron Bethel Retirement Village.

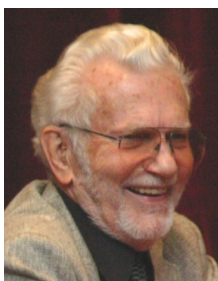
Bertha was a graduate of Mankato, MN, State Teachers' College (1937), Bethel College, North Newton, KS (BA, 1949), and Mennonite Biblical Seminary (MRE, 1951). She was a first grade teacher in Minnesota public schools for seven years (1937-1944). Then for two years until the end of World War II she

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### **Bertha Fast Harder continued**

volunteered as a relief worker in Egypt and Italy for the Mennonite Central Committee and the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. After her service she traveled to many churches in the U.S. and Canada reporting about her relief work. She also served as the first Mennonite Voluntary Service Director. She was the first woman elected to a major denominational Board and continued as a member of the Commission on Education for eighteen years, active in planning, writing, and leading in the program of Christian education. Together with her husband, she was a member of the faculty at the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN, for twenty-five years (1958-1983). After their retirement, they moved to North Newton, KS, where she became a docent at the Kauffman Museum, a frequent storyteller in the community, and director of Low German programs at Bethel's annual Fall Festival. She was an active member of the Bethel College Mennonite Church, where she taught Sunday school children for eighteen years.

Survivors include her husband, Leland, two sons and their families – John and Julie Harder of Windsor, Ontario, and their daughters, Chani and Leah, and Tom and Lois Harder of Wichita, and their daughters, Hillary, Madeline and Anna. Bertha also leaves two sisters and a brother—Wilma Fast Jungas, Mountain Lake, MN, Marie Ruth Fast Wall and husband Gaylord of Avon, CT, and Bob Fast and wife Odette of Fairmont, MN. Preceding her in death were her parents, her sister Alma Fast Young, and Alma's husband, Philip, of Sun Lake, AZ.



**Orville L. Voth**—January 4, 1924 – September 22, 2008

Orville L. Voth was born January 4, 1924, in Rosthern, Saskatchewan, Canada, the son of John J. and Maricha Voth. He grew up as a Bethel College campus kid and was a graduate of Newton High School and Bethel College. In 1943 he was drafted into Civilian Public Service, serving at Ft. Collins, Colo., and Kalamazoo, Mich. He continued his education at Oklahoma State University, earning an MS in chemistry and a minor in physiology. He earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry, with a minor in bacteriology and organic chemistry from Pennsylvania State University.

Orville leaves the love of his life of 63 years of marriage. He married Helen M. Voran on January 7, 1945, in rural Kingman County. He leaves behind four daughters: Judy Fisk of Salina, Marian Robinson of Newton, Kathryn McChesney Voth (Neil) of Hesston, Peggy Voth (Gloria) of Lawrence, six grandchildren, Randy Schriener, Kimberly Walker, Elizabeth Robinson, Rochelle Robinson, Shane McChesney, Andrea McChesney, and five great-grandchildren. His sister, Mildred Schenkel, preceded him in death.

His professional career began at Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, where he returned in later years as the Vice-President of Academic Affairs. He filled the position of Interim Academic Dean and President at Bethel College, and ended his career as Director of Independent Study at the University of Kansas.

He was a member of the Bethel College Mennonite Church where he served on various committees and boards. He was active in the Kansas Silver-Haired Legislature, senior centers, civic organizations, and enjoyed participating in community theater and musical groups. Other interests include fishing, painting, ham radio, writing, photography, and woodworking.

### **A NOTE FROM RUTH R. HARDER**

Miriam Regier, a 2008 Bethel College graduate, was involved at BCMC her senior year at Bethel. She led worship, participated in Sunday school and was a sponsor on the youth's 2008 summer service trip to Evansville, IN. Miriam enjoyed her time in Evansville so much that she decided to go back as a Mennonite Voluntary Service worker. Upon her arrival in early October, Miriam wrote the following update via e-mail:

*I am working at Patchwork Central, a faith-based community outreach organization in Evansville, Indiana. My primary roles are working with Patchwork's community garden, staffing the food pantry which is open four mornings a week, and helping with the after-school children's programs, which have 15-30 students daily.*

*Although the busiest gardening season is about over, I am working to extend the gardening season, particularly by building a cold frame that will allow us to keep gardening later into the winter and start earlier in the spring. The children's summer programs already incorporate the garden, and I am looking forward to getting the kids in the after-school programs more involved in the garden as well. There is also a lot of potential for involving kids in the process of making food for their snacks and making more healthful snacks, and I'm excited to be part of that.*

Miriam appreciates the support she has received from BCMC and hopes to stay in touch with this community of faith.



## HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY DORIS SCHMIDT!



80 years ago in August, Doris (Nikkel) Schmidt was born in Goessel, KS, to Jacob P. Nikkel and Eva (Unrau) Nikkel. Doris was the second oldest of five children, and she was raised southwest of Lehigh, KS. The Reverend P.A. Wedel of Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church in Goessel, baptized Doris on May 20, 1945. Doris graduated from Lehigh high school in 1946 and four years later, her family moved to North Newton. Thanks to her father's belief that his four daughters should have a college education, Doris received her nursing degree from the Bethel Deaconess Hospital. Doris went on to supervise the operating room at Bethel Deaconess, as well as supervise and teach nursing students. Throughout her nursing career, Doris had a special interest in anesthesia. This interest led her to take three years of special training and coursework at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, MO. As a nurse, Doris also had stints working in Wichita and Great Bend. While in Great Bend, Doris met her husband, Menno. They got married on August 27, 1966, with Russell Mast officiating. Menno and Doris helped to raise two children: Sharon and Ron. Sharon now lives in El Dorado and Ron lives in New Mexico. Doris' nursing on-call schedule didn't allow Menno and her to travel much. However, they have been to Hawaii twice.

Doris learned responsibility at a young age when her mother suffered a stroke at age 40. Being only 14 years old at the time, Doris discovered the seriousness of life. When asked if she had a favorite scriptural text, Doris mentioned Romans 15: 3: *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.* She said this text helped her in her years of taking care of her parents and patients.

For the past 12 years, Doris and Menno have lived in Hutchinson, KS. They attend First Mennonite Church where Doris is a member of the quilting group. They are both retired. Doris enjoys living on their 10 acre plot of land where she can enjoy the prairie, trees, deer and wild turkeys. Doris also enjoys baking and cooking.

Doris, may you have many more years of prairie living! Birthday blessings! ~ Ruth R. Harder

## HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY ARLENE BALZER!



On November 25, 1928, Albert and Anna (Lehrman) Schmidt welcomed baby Arlene into their rural Goessel home. She grew up on the farm with two siblings and attended the one-room Greenfield School and Goessel High School. The family attended Tabor Mennonite Church, where Arlene was baptized at age eighteen.

After graduation from Bethel College, Arlene taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade in Marion, then took a job with the Kansas Children's Service League in Wichita in foster care and adoption services. She went on to earn a master's degree in social work from the University of Denver. Arlene married Wayne Schroeder and lived in Hillsboro for a number of years until their divorce. She worked for the Marion County Welfare Department, and then relocated to Emporia where she was chief of social services for a ten-county area, overseeing child welfare and adult services.

Arlene retired at Kidron Bethel Village in North Newton, where she joined BCMC. She met John Balzer from Inman, and they were married in 1996. (John died on October 14, as this newsletter was being prepared.)

Arlene has two daughters and a grandson, as well as step-children and grandchildren in John's family. She enjoys reading, playing Scrabble, and gardening, and is in the Day Lily Club of Wichita. She has traveled on bus tours, hiking trips in Colorado, and spent one summer working at the Stanley Hotel at Estes Park! Currently she volunteers at the EtCetera Shop in Hutchinson.

Matthew 6:34 has been meaningful to Arlene through the challenges of her vocation and life: "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." (King James Version). As Arlene celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday near Thanksgiving Day, we give thanks for her life and pray that she will have strength "sufficient unto the day." ~ Heidi Regier Kreider



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AT BCMC

"This Little Light of Mine..." You might hear this musical phrase along with a little clapping of hands and quite possibly some laughter if you were to venture past fellowship hall at the beginning of the Sunday school hour each Sunday morning. The children in pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

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### Children's Sunday school continued

are meeting together there for a time of singing led by various church members. This joyful noise time is followed by a telling of the Bible story for that week's lesson. The children are often called upon to use their talents to help dramatize the story and make it a more memorable experience. Finally, they are dismissed to their classrooms with their age groups to participate in enrichment activities for the lesson. On the second Sunday of each month the Jr. and Sr. high youth join this group for the singing portion of the morning led by youth member, John Bergen. It's a treat to watch the interactions among the different age groups! Anyone who wants to join in for a Sunday morning is welcome to come and see what the buzz is all about! ~ *Jeanette Leary, Education Coordinator*



## A GIFT OF BEAUTY



Margaret Sawatzky hard at work in a BCMC garden plot.

Thanks to the hard work and generous spirit of one person, everyone attending a BCMC service may experience a sense of worship as they approach one of the public entrances to the church. The beautiful beds of flowers, small bushes, and ground covers that grow along the walkways and fill the nooks and crannies around the church are the generous gift of Margaret Sawatzky for she not only donates her time to creating and maintaining these plantings but donates the materials as well.

Margaret has had a love of plants and gardening for a long time. After graduating from Bethel College she attended Kansas State University where she earned a baccalaureate in horticulture. Over the years she has worked at local nurseries and at Botanica in Wichita. More recently she has been working the night shift at Dillon's. This fits her schedule well since she can work on her BCMC gardens in the cool of the morning before going home for a good day's sleep.

Of course the work is seasonal, Margaret works really hard in the spring cleaning up the beds and planting a new set of annuals and potted plants. She buys plants from local nurseries and from catalogs. Since she does not have a green house, starting plants from seed is not an option. The summer is devoted to weeding, trimming and most important seeing that everything is properly watered. Fall is another busy time cleaning up plants that have expired with cold weather. Margaret gets a well-deserved break from her labors during the winter months. Overall Margaret estimates that she spends about four hours each week working on the BCMC gardens.

Margaret would welcome assistance with the gardens, so if you are inclined to garden work and would like to learn more about growing plants, give Margaret a call at (316) 283-5331 or contact the church office. She would also welcome your suggestions as to what plants she may include in the plantings.

The next time you come to BCMC, walk slowly past the gardens and smell the flowers, or better still sit on one of the stone benches by the Columbarium and spend a few minutes absorbing the peace and beauty of this special place. Thanks Margaret, you make an important contribution to our BCMC experience. ~ *W. Dale Horst*

## BEN HARDER—BCMC MUSIC INTERN

Bethel College Mennonite Church continues to seek ways to involve Bethel College students and nurture their educational, spiritual and vocational growth with the gifts we have at BCMC. Therefore, in the spring of 2008, pastors Heidi and Ruth began designing a paid music intern position (to be filled by a Bethel College student) for the 2008-2009 school year. We (Pastors, Music Staff, Staff Congregations Relations Committee and Church Board) decided that this student would participate in some aspects of music leadership beginning in September and running through May 2009. Why a music intern, you may ask? BCMC has paid music staff. Therefore, it made sense to give a student an opportunity to learn about leadership in an area of church life BCMC is experienced in and equipped for.

In May of 2008, the Church Board approved Ben Harder as the music intern for 2008-2009. Ben is a Junior at Bethel College majoring in music education. When asked why he accepted this position, Ben wrote: "Music has always been an important part of my worship experience. Every time I have the opportunity to make music, I believe the opportunity for a worshipful experience is also present. Thus when I was offered the music intern position I thought it was a wonderful chance for me to be

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**Ben Harder, Intern, continued**

more involved with music in church. This position also affords me wonderful experience in conducting, leading rehearsal, and being part of a church staff.”

Ben will work 10-12 hours per month. His job requirements include: conducting the various bell choirs, directing the chancel choir, assisting the music coordinator in recruiting college musicians for various programs and or special services, and worship/music planning. In September, Ben worked with the youth bells. His October focus will be chancel choir and his November focus will be cherub choir. Then in December he will focus on Christmas and advent music, in January he will work musically with the youth and in February he will assist with the junior choir. His March focus will be chancel bells and in April and May, he will help coordinate various college music groups.

Ben hopes to 1) Gain pedagogical insight from observing and conversing with various leaders, 2) Gain practical experience by directing and rehearsing a variety of different groups, 3) Create a worshipful experience for the congregation through the performance of music, be it his own or that of a group he is leading and 4) Grow in his understanding of worship planning (what considerations are made, what communication is necessary and what work is done at what time.)

Welcome on board, Ben! ~ Ruth R. Harder

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Lawn and Garden Show-July 6  
Harv Hiebert shows his backyard



Duane Friesen and Norma Johnson discuss electric bicycles with Bruce Bradshaw



Energy Efficient Transportation Show, August 3:  
George Leary discusses the total electric converted pickup with Dwain Swick



Decisions, decisions!



Local Food Potluck,  
August 3: People enjoy locally grown food dishes



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

I plan to join a group of church leaders and theologians at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center in Pennsylvania Oct. 17-19 for a weekend of story-telling, listening and fellowship around the theme, “Our Journeys with Jesus.” This follows a similar gathering in 2002 where participants shared their “journeys with scripture” (later published as the book *Telling our Stories: Personal Accounts of Engagement with Scripture*). The event is organized by faculty from Eastern Mennonite Seminary. The intention is for Mennonites across the theological spectrum to share openly their experiences and understandings of Jesus – not to debate doctrine but to tell and hear personal narratives for the purpose of building relationships across the church, learning, and discerning where the spirit of Christ is leading us.

In preparation for the weekend, each participant was asked to write a confessional narrative of our own “journeys with Jesus,” to ponder such questions as: What key biblical images and metaphors of Jesus have I held at some point in my life? What stories, songs and hymns have been formative in my understanding of Jesus? What role have creeds and confessions played in how I perceive the life and work of Jesus? How do I understand the resurrection and second coming of Jesus? How have my views changed over the years? In addition, we were asked to bring a portrait, image or physical object along that is representative of our understanding of Jesus.

I found this preparation to be a valuable exercise in itself, a sort of “spiritual autobiography,” and look forward to opportunities to share more about the weekend. In the meantime, I also invite you to ponder your own “journeys with Jesus.” How have you experienced Jesus? Who do you understand him to be? Then, find occasions to share your story with others, and listen to their stories with an open heart and mind, trusting that the Spirit of Christ is among us to teach and guide.



### Worship and events 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

- 5      **10:00 a.m.**      Fall Fest and World Communion Sunday—No Sunday school—Reception on the lawn following the service  
Bring food for Salvation Army
- 12     **9:30 a.m.**        Worship with sermon by Duane Friesen
- 19     **9:30 a.m.**        Worship with sermon by Ruth R. Harder
- 12:00 noon**      Potluck in Fellowship Hall followed by Fall Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary
- 26     **9:30 a.m.**        **Stewardship Sunday**—beginning our annual commitment process to prepare next year’s budget. Sermon by Jonathan Larson, seasoned pastor, storyteller and musician with experience in Africa and the U.S.
- 10:50 a.m.**      Sunday school elective presentation in sanctuary with Jonathan telling his faith story
- 7:00 p.m.**        Hymn sing with Bethel College director of choral activities William Eash and BCMC organist Christopher Shaw, followed by storytelling and music with Jonathan Larson in the BCMC sanctuary. A freewill offering will be received for Western District Conference, who is sponsoring Jonathan’s visit

#### November

- 2                    **Daylight Savings Time Ends—Set your clocks back one hour**
- 9:30 a.m.**      Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider  
Bring food for Salvation Army
- 9            **9:30 a.m.**      Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider
- 3:00 p.m.**      Piano dedication for the rebuilt BCMC sanctuary Baldwin piano—Bethel College professor of music Karen Schlabaugh will present the dedicatory recital  
Refreshments will follow
- 16    **9:30 a.m.**      Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider
- 12:00 noon**    Golden Agers Potluck—Fellowship Hall
- 23    **9:30 a.m.**      Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider
- 6-8 p.m.**        Senior and Junior High Youth Hymnsing in BCMC Sanctuary
- 30            **First Sunday of Advent**
- 9:00 a.m.**      Advent prelude: Sunflower Trio
- 9:30 a.m.**      Worship with sermon by Ruth R. Harder and celebration of communion



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