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BC/BCMC RELATIONS TASK FORCE

The Bethel College Relations Task Force was created on July 1 by the Church Board for an initial period of two years. This task force was created in order to strengthen the relationship between the church and the college, keeping with our constitution which states that “we maintain a special relationship with Bethel College.” The members of our task force include: Ruth R. Harder, Darlene Dick, Doug Siemens, Lisa Thimm, Marvin Holck, Jenni Koontz and the BC intern Maggie Goering. We have had two meetings so far and have helped facilitate one round of Sunday home meals, which took place in September, at 15 different homes with 81 students. We see the purpose of our task force as follows:

- 1) To tend to the institutional relationship between BCMC and the college, which includes things such as scholarship policy, promotion of BC and BCMC events at each institution, working with current committees and commissions to help with special events, and assisting with facility use by the college.
- 2) To tend to personal relationships, which includes Agape Center events, shared meals, mentoring programs, service projects, connections with students at Sand Creek Community Gardens, and support for BCMC members who are BC faculty/staff/and students.



Agape Center

3) To serve as a support team for the BC intern, as well as aid in the annual selection process of the intern. We recognize many connections are already in place between BCMC and BC, such as: the annual dessert reception, scholarships, the college intern position, Friday morning prayer group at



Baccalaureate

Agape Center, the church hosting Baccalaureate each year, Sand Creek community gardens, and our pastors being present at BC events. These beautiful ties will continue on, of course, and the task force will assist current commissions who help facilitate these. We also want to be very deliberate about broadening and strengthening these connections. Some current ideas we have include: hosting monthly Sunday meals at BCMC members' houses (currently there are two planned this fall and two planned in the spring and we very much appreciate you hosting these meals); we have also discussed ideas such as an annual pancake feed in January for interterm students, service projects in the Newton community to enhance BC's and BCMC's presence in Newton, having a chapel service at BCMC on a Wednesday morning, elementary education majors providing our children's stories, and a worship service on the green. We invite your ideas and input into our task force and look forward to continuing our relationship with Bethel College. ~ Jenni Koontz



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2010 BCMC STUDENT INTERN

Maggie Goering is the new Visual Arts Intern at Bethel College Church. She is a sophomore at Bethel College, majoring in Social Work and Art. The first four years of her life were spent in Leavenworth, then she and her parents and an older sister moved to Hutchinson where she has lived since. First Mennonite Church with Debbie Schmidt as pastor was her church home.

We wouldn't want to miss an opportunity to play the "Mennonite game", and in doing this when talking to her found out her parents are Russell and Julie (Nikkel) Goering, who both attended Bethel, and her maternal grandparents Abe and Kathy Nikkel. Her maternal grandparents Abe and Kathy Nikkel lived in Versailles, Missouri (her grandfather passed away, but her grandmother still lives there). Doing a little further digging, I realized that Maggie's mother Julie was the sister of one of my daughter's closest friends at Bethel. Once again we find out what a small world we live in.

In choosing a college, Maggie always thought she'd like to go to a Mennonite school, however, her parents let her make her own decision. She considered Goshen, but then settled in on the decision to go to Bethel. Her first year was (as it is for most freshmen) a little overwhelming, but when she came back this year, she felt like she was at home. Her studies in social work and art are most interesting to her, and rather casually she has found music to be an added bonus. We were all witness to this when she and her friend played and sang in a Sunday morning worship service in September. She has also sung at a couple coffee shops, in college chapel, and in other churches. She became interested in the Visual Arts Intern position here at church through some student led Bible studies at Bethel, and a meal with Pastor Ruth R. Harder. So, now we are the grateful recipients of having Maggie with us in this role. It was delightful to interview Maggie, and I look forward to finding other ways to continue to interact with her. ~ Lois Goertzen

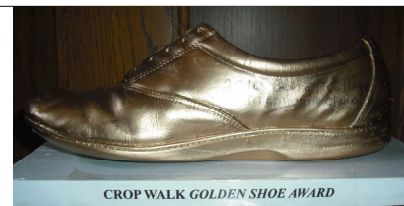
AND A WORD FROM MAGGIE



"A sculptor is a person who is interested in the shape of things, a poet in words, a musician by sounds." This quote is by Henry Moore an English sculptor and artist. He was best known for his abstract monumental bronze sculptures which are located around the world as public works of art. I am three weeks into my sculpture class this semester and have been working through different eyes, not those of a painter which I am used to. I must say I'm learning a lot; mostly that sculpture should probably not be my emphasis as an art major but none the less I'm doing my best and having fun with it. When I first read this quote by Henry Moore I immediately thought how amazing our Creator is, to creatively make us all so different in the ways that we view the world, express our thoughts, and share our gifts with one another. It made me wonder what makes one interested in shape, in words, in sounds? It seems as though these passions are not often by choice. We are drawn to these things and they shape how we live and hopefully how we serve God. He works through us in these sometimes subtle ways, providing us with the tools to live out his calling in our lives. By giving us so many different talents and passions we can

begin to share with one another, helping each other see different perspectives. If one's passion is in biology or ecosystems it is important to share this with each other allowing others to take on new eyes to see life in this way, to find and appreciate God in these places. Our gifts are crucial in changing people's lives and in showing and expressing new possibilities and perspectives for each other. It is important to remember and to keep reminding ourselves of how different we are and that our differences are key in shaping one another. If we could only see life from one perspective we would surely miss out on so many important aspects about God, people, and our world. It is important to share our passions and to also respect and cherish the many gifts of those around us. So this year I plan on sharing my passion for the visual arts and music with this congregation. I hope that through my passion for art one can appreciate another perspective or thought that they wouldn't have otherwise. I hope to also see through the eyes of this congregation's many interests. I hope to recognize how beautifully diverse we may be and in doing so learn from each other and become more connected and closer to God. May our gifts that we mutually share reveal things about faith, community, and ourselves that we wouldn't have seen otherwise. ~ Maggie Goering

Thank you to all who walked, donated or sponsored a walker in the 2010 CROP Walk. Overall, the Newton CROP Walk generated \$15,582 to date for hunger relief. BCMC had 41 walkers raising \$7,520 to date (47% of the total raised) and was named winner of the Golden Shoe Award! ~ Elaine Prouty, BCMC CROP Walk representative (For more CROP walk pictures see page 10.)



HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY DOTTY JANZEN!



Dotty Janzen was born October 4, 1930, in Patterson, New Jersey. Dotty's parents, Fred H. Wirth and Marie Schniedenbach Wirth named their first child Dorothea, which in Greek means gift of God. Dotty's dad, a Presbyterian pastor, presided over her baptism on December 7, 1930. Dotty was confirmed thirteen years later in 1943. In her memoirs, *Listening to my life*, Dotty wrote, "Even though I am now an Anabaptist with a strong belief in believer's baptism, the Presbyterian Church had a theology of children in which at baptism infants were incorporated in the covenant family of God. It was expected that at the age of accountability one had to own for themselves the promise made by parents at baptism...I have honored the theology of my parents and chose not to be rebaptized when I became a member of the Mennonite Church." Dotty was raised in Brooklyn, NY, which she said was a "mosaic of sights, smells and sounds that will forever be etched in my memory." She has fond memories of swimming, roller skating and jumping rope with her two younger sisters, Ruth and Margaret. The three sisters spent a lot of time outdoors, learning the names of trees, animals, and rocks. As a teenager, Dotty thought of herself as a "Plain Jane," who was not interested in hair and fancy clothes. She was aware of her lack of dexterity and got frustrated with things like sewing. In 1947,

Dotty attended Beaver College, a Presbyterian Women's College (now named Arcadia University), where she planned to major in Home Economics. However, she took a special interest in Bible classes, due in part to the excellent and dedicated teaching of Bible Professor, Helen Crawford. Dotty ended up majoring in Bible and Christian Education, and upon her graduation in 1951, she experienced an "unmistakable numinous call" into ministry. After working as a Director of Christian Education for two years in Scranton, PA, she attended seminary at New York Theological Seminary. This is where she was first introduced to Mennonite practices and theology. This is also where she met Heinz Janzen, her husband of 55 years. In the wake of their wedding on September 10, 1955, Heinz and Dotty lived in Washington, IL, Kidron, OH, Newton, KS and Hillsboro, KS. During these years, Heinz and Dotty raised three children—Peter, Margaret and Mary. From 1990-1997, Dotty served as associate pastor at BCMC. Dotty officially retired in 1998, after serving as interim pastor at Alexanderwohl Church. After a move to Kidron in 2003, Heinz and Dotty are enjoying this time of "Sabbath." At the same time, Dotty believes that she can still participate in "saving activities," such as loving, forgiving, serving and healing. Heinz and Dotty have four grandchildren. A special hymn for Dotty and one used at the celebration of her ordination is *Teach me thy truth*. And so, as we celebrate Dotty's 80th birthday, let us join in praying with her that God would continue teaching us truth, accepting our talents, showing us the way that leads to hope and granting us grace for every task. We thank God for you, Dotty. Indeed, you are a gift of God. ~ Ruth R. Harder

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY MARY GAEDDERT!



Mary was born to Fred and Edna (Graber) Voran in the little, little town of Belmont in Kingman County and later lived on a farm two miles south. She remembers a happy childhood growing up in a family of four siblings, one sister and three brothers, and with church and community friends. Her family attended Bethany Mennonite Church. She attended school in Belmont through her sophomore year in high school, but when Belmont suffered dying pains she transferred to Kingman High School. After high school she went to Bethel College and this is where she met John Gaeddert. They were married on June 1, 1951 and will celebrate 60 years of marriage with their family next summer.

Mary and John were fortunate to have three healthy children, Susan, Dee, and Russ. They have four grandchildren, Nathan, Megan, Adam and Sam. All of their children and grandchildren have been Bethel College graduates. Mary says that it was a privilege to be a stay-at-home mom with their children, but when the oldest was ready to go to college another income was necessary, so she went to work as a copy-editor and proofreader for Faith and Life Press. This job was followed by seventeen years of typesetting at Mennonite Press. Of course, she adds, there was plenty to do to support John, her minister husband. They lived in Chicago while John was in Seminary and moved to Henderson, Nebraska with his first pastorate. They also worked for three years with MCC in the Congo, and upon returning had pastorates at Tabor and Halstead churches, as well as John's church related work at Bethel College and with the General Conference of the Mennonite Church.

Now in retirement at Kidron Bethel, Mary enjoys being surrounded by good friends. Her hobbies are singing, reading, volunteering, taking part in Kidron Bethel activities, keeping up with family, and enjoying Bethel College activities. A favorite quote by Eleanor Roosevelt encourages Mary when she feels regret about some of the things she never did. "I have never felt that anything really mattered but the satisfaction of knowing that you stood for the things in which you believed and had done the very best you could."

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Mary Gaeddert continued

For Mary, time has passed quickly and she states that it is difficult for her to believe she is about to join the 80s bunch! She has heard that something is being planned by her family for her birthday - on Fall Fest day. Her favorite verse, hanging on the wall in counted cross-stitch, is Isaiah 55:12, "For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." May your 80th year be filled with joy, Mary! ~ Susan Wheeler

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY LEONA KAUFMAN!



Leona Kaufman was born October 23, 1930, in Goessel as the first child of Linda Penner and Abram S. Enns. Her two siblings, a brother and sister, were born when Leona was four and sixteen years old. Leona attended 1st through 4th grades at Gordon School. She remembers having to learn English when starting school. She began 5th grade in Hillsboro after the family relocated to that area. Leona was baptized into the First Mennonite Church in Hillsboro.

An early positive and formative memory is of singing her first solo at the Christmas program when she was only six! In High School she received encouragement to pursue a career in music. "So much of life revolved around music." She recalls special music teachers who were Bethel College grads, as well as one particular student teacher from Tabor College who was especially influential in encouraging her to study music. Leona received a music scholarship from Bethel College and enrolled there in 1948. Right after she moved to campus she met Allen Kaufman. After he had completed a Voluntary Service term they were married in 1950.

They lived on the family farm at Moundridge and joined Eden Mennonite Church. Throughout the next ten years four children, Vicki, Cindy, Brad and Mitch, were added to their family. Also, during these very busy years, both Allen and Leona returned to college to complete their degrees. Allen's mother lived in their home, which enabled Leona to begin teaching music at rural schools while her children were still young, and Leona recalls fond memories of these days. She earned her B.A. at Bethel in 1961 and M.M. from Emporia State University in 1972.

Leona and Allen gave years of dedicated work to many public school systems. These include Goessel, Emporia, Canton, Tribune, and Burdett, where Allen worked in administration and Leona taught both music and German. They also farmed in the summer months. She began giving private voice lessons in their home continuing until 2000, and was an adjunct voice professor with McPherson and Sterling Colleges from 1981-1991. In every town where they lived Leona also directed the choir at church.

In 1990 they moved to their North Newton home, and in 1995, Leona and Allen were divorced. Leona has pondered these difficulties, and believes they have both learned much about themselves. She has volunteered in the grandparent reading program at Sunset School for 10 years and rug weaving at the EtCetera Shop for six years. She continues to find much joy in music; singing in the BCMC choir and playing hand bells, spending time with her children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, as well as sewing alterations. A favorite hymn, "When in our music God is glorified" speaks eloquently of Leona's life passion. May God richly bless your musical heart, soul, and spirit in this 80th year, Leona. ~ Susan Wheeler

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY ROSEMARY MOYER!



On October 30, 1930, Rosemary was born at the hospital in Mountain Lake, MN, joining her parents Louis and Agnetha (Tieszen) Linscheid and an older brother. Her first eight years were spent at their home on the edge of Butterfield, MN, where her father served as a pastor, and the family raised farm animals and had a large garden. In 1938 they moved to Freeman, SD, where her father began a new pastorate, and she attended Freeman Academy and Freeman Junior College. She was baptized in 1946 at the Bethany Mennonite Church in Freeman, later becoming a member of Salem Mennonite Church.

Rosemary received her BA in Bible and Social Studies from Bethel College in 1952, and then accepted an invitation to become secretary to the president back at Freeman Junior College. Upon arrival, she learned that her duties would also include serving as registrar and initiating a bookkeeping system! Those were challenging, formative years which included service on the Northern District retreat committee, and the Young People's Union of the General Conference Mennonite Church.

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Rosemary Moyer continued

At Freeman Junior College she met Harold Moyer on the music faculty. They were married in 1955, and moved to the University of Iowa where Harold pursued graduate studies and Rosemary worked as secretary in the president's office. After two years at Goshen College, Harold was invited in 1959 to a music teaching position at Bethel College. They set down roots on College Avenue, near BCMC where they became active members, and a short walk from Harold's widowed mother. It was a blessing for their two daughters to have their grandmother involved in their young lives. In 1981, after being primarily a homemaker, Rosemary took on the role of photograph archivist for the Mennonite Library and Archives. She enjoyed that work until major back surgery in 2008 required her to shift her energy to keeping as fit as her physical limitations allow. Rosemary and Harold have lived at Kidron Bethel Village since 2004.

At BCMC, she has served in Women's Fellowship and other church-related positions, most recently on the Visitation Team. Psalm 23 is a favorite scripture for Rosemary, one of several memorization assignments requested by her parents of her and her brother one childhood summer. As Rosemary celebrates 80 years of life, may these words of the psalm continue to dwell with her: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever." ~ Heidi Regier Kreider

WITH OUR MEMBERS



**Congratulations to
Tim and Ruth Wiens—
married 25 years—
October 4, 1985**

- Ruby Jae Dugan was born to Vanessa Stucky and Christopher Dugan, Denver, Colorado, August 12, 2010.
- Miles Gray Brubacher was born to Josh and Erin Brubacher, Newton, Kansas, August 24, 2010.
- Misol Kliewer was born to John Kliewer and Kim Sang-eun, Jeju, South Korea, September 4, 2010.
- Lester Ewy and Elvera Voth were married in BCMC's Little Chapel on August 6, 2010.



**Congratulations Lester
and Elvera!**

- Not Pictured: DeWayne and Cindy Burch have been married 25 years as of November 8, 1985

Coming up at BCMC:

October 17 and 24 – Witness Commission is sponsoring exchange visits with Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, the Spanish-speaking church plant that BCMC supports through our budget and the above-budget Hispanic Church Sponsorship Fund.

On October 17 Casa Betania members will worship here at BCMC, and then prepare and serve a noon lunch in fellowship hall as a fund-raiser, with proceeds going directly to Casa Betania (as distinguished from BCMC's Hispanic Church Sponsorship fund).

On October 24, BCMC members are invited to worship with Casa Betania at 11:30 a.m., meeting in Room 127 of First Mennonite Church at 429 E. 1st Street.

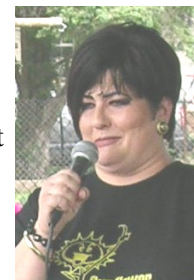
PEACE SUNDAY AT BCMC

Immigration and the church: A vision of justice for all was celebrated on Peace Sunday on September 19 at BCMC, the nearest Sunday to International Day of Peace (September 21), a global holiday established by United Nations resolution highlighting efforts to end conflict and promote peace. (Visit www.internationaldayofpeace.org for more information).

This Sunday worship service was filled with reminders of our vision of peace for here at home and in the world, even for those moving from their home to a strange land. Heidi's sermon, *Seeking a homeland*, reminded us from time immemorial people have traveled to strange lands, such as the Israelites to Egypt and Abraham's journey from his home.

Patty Shelly, chair of the Witness Commission, brought us to date through a Kingdom Report on *Immigration and the Mennonite Church USA*, including the discussion on the choice of the 2013 Mennonite Church USA conference site in Phoenix, Arizona, a decision that has not been made. The Chancel Bell Choir reminded us through song to *Let There Be Peace on Earth*. They also gave a rendition of *When Peace Like a River*.

A highlight for the morning was the adult Sunday school elective in the sanctuary featuring guest speaker and immigration rights activist, Teresa Molina. She is chair of the board of Sunflower Community Action in Wichita, whose visit was sponsored by the Witness Commission. She shared heartbreaking stories of abuses suffered by immigrants, and the long waits for immigration papers, that can take as long as 23 years to arrive, often after people have moved. Teresa reminded us that public policy must be based upon respect for all peoples. The *Sojourners Magazine* reports that this year as many as 1,100 people are deported daily.



Teresa Molina

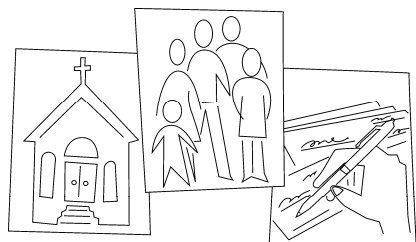
It was a morning filled with reminders of the many ways we are blessed, and of how important it is for us to actively work and support our neighbors and friends experiencing immigration difficulties. ~ Karen Penner

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

"*Generous Living, Joyful Giving*" is the theme of BCMC's Pony Express" for 2011. In the original Pony Express, messages were carried on horseback across the country from the Missouri River to the Pacific coast. In BCMC's Pony Express, materials are carried from one member household to another in neighborhood clusters as part of the process of gathering annual financial commitments (materials are mailed to non-resident and inactive members). This year's Pony Express runs from Stewardship Sunday on Nov. 7 when packets are distributed to neighborhood captains, until Nov. 21 when captains return packets during worship.

The theme *Generous Living, Joyful Giving* recalls the Apostle Paul's appeal to the church in Corinth to contribute to the needs of Christians in Jerusalem. He held up the poor but generous Macedonian church as an example: "...for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part." (2 Corinthians 8:2) Paul reminded the Corinthians that giving is itself a gift and privilege, a response to God's generosity, and an opportunity to participate in God's grace. He urged them to give joyfully: "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7) For worship on November 7, several congregation members will be invited to share "money stories," prompting reflection on what shapes our attitudes and responses to money, as well as our struggles to prioritize and faithfully discern use of money.

All adults are also encouraged to participate in a Sunday school elective on November 7 in the sanctuary sponsored by the Church Board and Finance Committee. Make sure to be there on time so you don't miss the opening Pony Express quiz show, "Are you ready to talk about money in church?!" On a more serious note, the session will also include opportunity for small group conversation responding to the questions posed in worship, and a visual preview of the 2011 preliminary budget, incorporating pictures and stories of ministries supported by our budget. Sunday school class coordinators are requested to RSVP to the church office to indicate if they plan to participate in the Sunday school elective. If your class already has other plans for that day, but you'd like to have this session offered in your class on Nov. 14 or 21, please inform the church office. ~



Stewardship Sunday

Heidi Regier Kreider

Pictures in this issue of *Kaleidoscope* courtesy of Vada Snider (Baccalaureate picture); Jenni Koontz; Susan Wheeler, John Hiebert, Ben Kreider's blog, Ruth R. Harder and Elaine Prouty.

BEN KREIDER EXPERIENCES SERVICE ADVENTURE



Ben Kreider, who graduated from Newton High School in May, left for Albuquerque, New Mexico, on August 1 to participate with the Service Adventure program through Mennonite Mission Network (MMN) for a 10-month adventure in service. Ben describes his reason to postpone college and enter the Service Adventure experience, as not because he didn't know what he wanted to do, but rather because he *did* know the direction he wants to take. The emphasis on service in MMN literature and conversations with others has become reality for Ben in his daily living and work. He describes his experience as being a deep blessing, a time to discover himself.

Ben is finding life in Albuquerque as "intense," always packed to the brim. In his first weeks in the Service Adventure home, he says life was full of good things – cooking, working, praying, biking, resting, or singing. The planning in the unit home is passed from member to member. Ben is experimenting

with new recipes and old favorites – including such dishes as kusherie (rice, lentils, spiced tomato sauce), tasty mixed greens, croquettes with a ginger dipping sauce and tabouleh salad.

He works at St. Martin's Hospitality Center, a place that seeks to end homelessness one person at a time (to quote Ben). As he first got to know the people and atmosphere of St. Martin's, he describes his experience as stranger in a foreign land of Social Security, police harassment, the VA, cigarettes, and parole officers. The realities of people he works with is very different from his own. His work involves a variety of mundane tasks - sorting and handing out mail, answering the phone, sorting clothes, handing out food, basic janitorial tasks, and generally hanging out and being. People are central to his work, so his *talking and interacting* with people is his favorite of tasks. One day at work a group of clients and case worker were learning about different cultures and people, and Ben was asked to share about Mennonites.

Ben worships at Albuquerque Mennonite Church, and on September 19 the Service Adventure unit led the worship service. They chose the praise song *Blessed Be the Name of the Lord* and the hymn *This Is My Father's World*. Each member of the team shared their individual stories about what brought them to Albuquerque, and about current experiences in the new setting. Go to Ben's blog to read the content of his message to AMC.

As a member of BCMC, our church has a Service Adventure Advocacy Team who offer support in a variety of ways: 1) Encouraging and counseling Ben; 2) Serve as a liaison between Ben and BCMC members; 3) Assist in raising financial support (watch for this item in the 2011 budget); 4) Mobilizing a prayer team for Ben. The team is staying in contact with Ben individually and as a team. He will be receiving a DVD of our worship service from September 26. This team consists of Ruth Harder, Jerry Buller, Richard Siemens, Megan Leary and Karen Penner. Here is Ben's message to all BCMC folks: "Thanks for being the church to me in different ways now and in the past. Here in Albuquerque it is good for me to be reminded of a community, BCMC, that has shaped me and loves me." Ben, our love and prayers for you continue! Ben invites BCMC members to go to his blog at www.benjaminkreider.blogspot.com and



The Albuquerque Service Adventure Unit
Top Row: Monica, Bethany, Gabe,
Melanie
Bottom: Janae, Ben



click on "Bennonite Beat – September 2010." Yes, that is the name of his cleverly titled blog! This gives you a weekly look at Ben's activities, along with great pictures that he posts. Thank you, Ben, for offering this way for all members to keep in touch! His e-mail address is brkreider@cox.net. His time on line is somewhat limited which makes his blog an easier way for BCMC members and friends to follow his activities. But Ben says, "I like all kinds of "mail," with each medium comes a slightly different message." His mailing address is: Ben Kreider, 341 Solano Drive NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108. Thank you everyone, for your support and prayers for Ben. ~ Karen Penner

Ben volunteers at East Central Ministries three afternoons a week doing a number of jobs from helping with the tutoring program to cleaning out the chicken coop.

OBITUARIES



Harriett (Knowles) Gaeddert—August 13, 1915—May 31, 2010

Harriett was born Aug. 13, 1915, to Dr. H.P. and Eleanor (Porter) Knowles in Sterling. She attended grade school in Sterling through 2nd grade, until her family moved to Newton, where she finished her elementary and high school education, then attended Bethel College and Indiana University. She married Walter Gaeddert June 25, 1933. They had four sons, Walter Jr. who died at birth; James (Jim); Richard (Dick); and Allen. The family lived in Hesston and Moundridge from 1940 to 1964, and then moved to North Newton. For several years, Harriett directed a junior choir and taught Sunday school and Bible school at West Zion Mennonite Church in Moundridge. She worked at Sears for 13½ years, Prairie View Mental Health for one year and Bethel Deaconess Hospital for 14½ years as an accountant and payroll clerk. She is survived by Jim and Karen Gaeddert, Dick and Carol Gaeddert, Allen Gaeddert, nine grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Walter, two brothers, James and Porter, one sister, Martha (Knowles) Currey and her son Allen's wife, Donna Jean.



Francis John Funk—April 24, 1933—July 28, 2010

Francis was born April 24, 1933, in Hillsboro to Arnold E. and Edna Ruth (Loganbill) Funk. Aug. 28, 1954, he married JoAnn Krehbiel at Eden Mennonite Church in Moundridge. Francis was an active member of the Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton where over the years he served as a trustee, deacon, and usher. One of Francis' greatest passions was his work as coordinator for the General Auction of the yearly Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. He graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1951, Bethel College, in 1957 and obtained his master's degree from Emporia State University. He taught industrial arts and coached in Lehigh for 5 years and 30 years in Newton, retiring in 1992. He is survived by his wife, JoAnn, sons Keith and Retha Funk, Mark and Cathy Funk and Scott and Mary Ann Funk; daughters, Michelle Funk and Elyse and Mark Boston; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; brother, Frederick and Joyce Funk; and sisters, Marjorie Schroeder, Shirley and Paul Harms, and Barbara and Dean Reimer. He was preceded in death by his parents and his eldest grandson, Levi Funk.



Martha Stucky—April 3, 1919—August 14, 2010

Martha Stucky was born April 3, 1919, the fifth child in a family of nine, to Gideon and Emilie (Goering) Stucky. Martha attended Victory Elementary School and McPherson High School. She was baptized on June 23, 1935 at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge. Martha graduated from Bethel College in 1943. She began her teaching career in Henderson, Nebraska as teacher-librarian and then in Lane County Community High School in Dighton, Kansas. Summers were spent in Library Science School in Denver Colorado. After graduating, her career path took her to Kansas State University in Manhattan which developed into a city wide library school system. Her career dream came true when she was invited to come to Bethel College as head librarian. Her life revolved around Bethel College, Bethel College Mennonite Church which she joined in 1975, and the library where she served until her retirement. Martha was preceded in death by her parents, and her siblings Linda Oberst, Paul Stucky, Bertha Reimer, and Mary Doerksen. She is survived by sisters Sara Daum, Elizabeth Belknap, Margaret Thiessen, and brother Willard Stucky.



Arlene F. Balzer—November 25, 1928—August 24, 2010

Arlene F. Balzer was born Nov. 25, 1928 in Goessel to Albert and Anna Caroline "Annie C" Lehrman Schmidt. She attended Greenfield School, graduated from Goessel High School in 1947, graduated from Bethel College in 1952 then taught 4th grade for three years. She worked 10 years for Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL) in Wichita and obtained a master's degree in social work from the University of Colorado in Denver. Arlene married Wayne Schroeder, a widower, of Hillsboro in June 1965 and adopted his two daughters. She then began working for Kansas Social and Rehabilitative Services (SRS) in Marion and Emporia as a 10-county regional supervisor. After 24 years with SRS she retired to Kidron Bethel Village. She married John Balzer Dec. 22, 1996. October 2007 after John's death, she moved back to Kidron. Arlene was a member at Bethel College Mennonite Church since 1991. She was preceded in death by her parents, infant brother Donald, former husband Wayne Schroeder, and husband John Balzer. Survivors include brother Hartzel (Ilene) Schmidt, sister Joan (Bob) Gray, daughters Jenny (Doug) Crow, Joyce (Rudy) Peirce, sons John (Kay) Schmidt, Tim (Lisa) Schmidt, David (Kris) Balzer, and Paul (Janet) Balzer, thirteen grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Obituaries continued

Sophie L. Brown—April 19, 1924—September 4, 2010



Sophie L. Brown was born April 19, 1924 in Goessel to Simon F. and Margaret (Unruh) Schmidt. She graduated from Goessel High School and Bethel College. She married Roland P. Brown in 1948. Sophie was a lifelong teacher and joined in missionary service beside her husband for many years in Taiwan. While in Taiwan she raised her own family while serving the community working at the hospital her husband was serving and she was instrumental in starting the Hualien Christian School with two other mothers. As her family grew she was instrumental in starting a kindergarten and also counseled unwed mothers. Sophie continued to educate herself at Arizona State University and Wichita State University in the field of counseling and special education. She worked at the New Dawn Developmental Center with developmentally handicapped children and their teachers in Taiwan for nearly 10 years. She retired from missionary service along with her husband in 1990. She and her husband returned to Taiwan from 1993 to 1995. She is survived by: her husband Dr. Roland P. Brown; 2 sons: Clifford Brown and G. Keith Brown, daughter: Carol Ann Fynan, brother: Randolph Schmidt and sister Alda M. Wedel, 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Sophie was preceded in death by her parents and one brother Lester F. Schmidt.

Leadership Retreat



Facilitator Merrill Raber leads discussion...



Participants enjoy refreshments...



A worship table displays visual images of the church...

...at BCMC Leadership Retreat, September 25 at Harvey County West Park community building, where members of Church Board, board-appointed committees, commissions and staff gathered for team-building, prayer and discernment, and discussion on long-term planning.

PASTOR'S CORNER — RUTH R. HARDER



Song collections blue and otherwise

Jesse, my husband, recently purchased a record player, and this means thrift store perusing now includes the record collection. Once in awhile we'll find a bluegrass record album that has Jesse smiling for days. One special find that had me smiling was a Psalty record. Psalty was the anthropomorphized big, blue songbook featured in several *Kids' Praise!* albums from the 80s. Each of the 10 *Kids' Praise!* albums features a different life lesson from the Bible. These songs meant so much to me growing up that I still know the words to every song almost thirty years later. Listening and dancing to these songs brought the Bible to life. Now, I spend time singing from another blue songbook—*Hymnal: A Worship Book*. This one also brings the Bible to life, providing a treasure trove of theological and biblical reflection, prayer, and poetry that has been collected and sung through the ages. Of course, there are many ways people sing their praise to God. *Hymnal* 34, "When the morning stars together," says it well: "Voice and instrument, in union through the ages, spoke their praise. Plainsong, tuneful hymns, and anthems told your faithful, gracious ways. Choir and orchestra and organ each a sacred offering brought, which, inspired by your own Spirit, poet and composer wrought." There have been and will continue to be many treasure troves of music that people of faith regard as invaluable and formative. With this in mind, Pastor Heidi and I have organized a special Wednesday night series called Songs of Faith: Ancient and New. We've asked local and guest song-leaders and musicians to help us explore a variety of musical treasure troves—some of which are ancient and some of which are just beginning to emerge. Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 29, and going through Nov. 17, we will gather in Fellowship Hall every Wednesday from 6:45-7:30 pm and we will sing our praises to God. We will learn songs from our hymnal supplement, *Sing the Journey*, have an a-cappella hymn-sing, and we'll learn songs from the Iona Community in Scotland as well as the Taizé community. Maggie Goering, our college intern, will teach us some contemporary folk music, we'll try shaped-note singing and we'll even have a night of singing campfire songs. Everyone, including senior high youth, is invited to participate in this series. It's just too bad that Psalty didn't make the cut!

OCTOBER — NOVEMBER 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

October

- 3 World Communion Sunday**—Worship with communion celebrated; sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by the Chancel Choir and Junior Choir
- 10 10 a.m.** Worship service in Memorial Hall on Bethel College campus will feature the inauguration of president Perry White and music by the Bethel College Concert Choir and Wind Ensemble. No Sunday school
- 17** Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Cherub Choir and Chancel Choir, and greetings from Casa Betania Mennonite Church, whose members will join us for worship
Noon Fundraiser lunch prepared by Casa Betania—Fellowship Hall
- 24** Worship with sermon by Ruth R. Harder; music by Chancel Bells; youth mentor blessing; BCMC members are invited to worship with Casa Betania at 11:30 a.m., meeting in Room 127 of First Mennonite Church at 429 E. 1st Street.
Noon Mentor/mentee lunch—Fellowship Hall
- 31** Worship with sermon by John Roth, Menno Simons Lecturer, music by Chancel Choir

November

- 7 Stewardship Sunday—*Generous Living, Joyful Giving***: Worship with reflections by Heidi Regier Kreider and “giving stories” by BCMC members, and reception of new members; music by Junior Choir; Adult Sunday school elective.
Daylight savings time ends: Set your clocks back one hour
- 14** Worship with sermon by Ruth R. Harder; music by the Chancel Choir
- 21** Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Youth Bells and Cherub Choir; Pony Express packets returned
- 28 First Sunday in Advent**—Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Chancel Bells; Communion will be celebrated



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