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Eleanor Kaufman Retires



ganist, rehearsal accompanist for the chancel choir, and also playing at funerals and weddings. She also accom-

After 31 years total serving as BCMC organist, Eleanor Kaufman has stepped down from this position. Except for the years when she managed the Ten Thousand Villages store, she has been organist since 1978.

Music has always been a part of Eleanor's life, growing up in a family where music was very important. Piano, stringed instruments, and singing with a four-part harmony family quartet were some of the music involvements. In addition to her earlier years learning some on piano from her mother, she took piano in college. She had one year of organ instruction in high school, and she majored in organ in college.

Eleanor has been a faithful Sunday morning or-

panied the Newton Chorale over the years. She hopes to come back from time to time playing in church on a part time basis. Plans for retirement for her and husband, Don, involve selling their home, and moving to an apartment in Village Heights on the Kidron-Bethel campus as an apartment comes available.

Thank you, Eleanor, for sharing your talent with BCMC through the years. We know your continued interest and involvement in a more limited basis will be a valuable service to the church

A monetary love gift was collected, and a tribute to Eleanor was given by pastor Heidi Regier Kreider after the Sunday potluck meal on September 21.

~ Lois Goertzen

Meet Jerrell Williams, BCMC Youth Ministry Intern



Jerrell Williams was introduced as our Youth Ministry Intern by associate pastor John Tyson at BCMC during the worship service of September 7. Jerrell, a senior at Bethel College, spotted an email about an internship at BCMC, and as he was working toward a Youth Ministry certificate in his Bible and Religion major, this appeared to be an opportunity that was an answer to prayers. He first talked with pastor Heidi Regier Kreider, and then associate pastor John Tyson, and it happened! He is excited to now be the BCMC Youth Ministry Intern working with Pastor John.

When Jerrell came to Bethel from Garland, Texas, he had no idea what he wanted to do other than play football, which he did for three years. But after several years at Bethel, he felt led to declare a major in Bible and Religion, with an interest in ministry and social work. He is working toward a minor in Human Services. He grew up in the large First Baptist Church of Gar-

land with three services on Sunday mornings, and after attending various churches in this area, he now feels led and drawn to serving in youth ministry and mission work in an inner-city setting.

Other areas he is involved in at Bethel are programs through Offender Victims Ministries that include being a counselor in anger management, shop-lifters education, and domestic abuse groups. Work in any of these areas of counseling may open doors if he is working in an inner-city setting.

One idea seems to continue to surface as he has grown in his faith, and that is that opportunities that come along are God's way of opening doors and have helped Jerrell make good choices. It began when he was looking for a college and was offered a scholarship at another Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) college, however, even with the scholarship, he did not have enough money to

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Meet Jerrell continued

sign up. In working at a recreation center he met a Bethel graduate, and doors opened with each challenge and he ended up at Bethel within his budget. And now another door has opened for him: the BCMC Youth Ministry Intern.

There is a quote that has guided his life since high school that inspires him as he works to prepare for his life's ministry:

TRUST in God and ENJOY what He gives you.

This quote is painted and framed and is always in his bedroom, as it is now at Bethel College.

Welcome to Bethel College Mennonite Church, Jerrell. We look forward to learning to know you better in your months at BCMC. Our youth will be blessed with your passion for service.

~ Karen Penner

Megan Leary, A Prairie Girl in a Desert World



Megan Leary, on Mennonite Voluntary Service assignment in

Tucson, AZ, is a *Prairie Girl in a Desert World*, to quote her blog at tucsonmeganblog-spot.com. She and her fellow four MVSers are “nesting in” and learning to know each other and the fantastically friendly people in their new church and community. They were heartily welcomed at the church services at Shalom Mennonite Fellowship by the MVS Committee and other members on

August 17, ending with a potluck meal. In the evening they went to see the sunset over the desert which Megan describes as “Pretty great – from someone who has been spoiled by Kansas sunsets all of her life, that’s pretty high praise!” Go to her blog to see the lovely sunset pictures! Megan says the MVSers all obtained their Pima County Library cards in their first few days, and visited the various church members. They had a great time playing the *Mennonite Game* and learning some Bethel connections.

The *Kaleidoscope* team originally intended to share the beginning of Megan’s MVS story in the last issue, but was not printed due to space limitations. Megan began thinking of service opportunities after graduating from high school, but decided to wait until after college graduation when she would be more mature and have more experience. She added “this is not about me, but about helping others.”

She began her nine month MVS assignment with Mennonite Mission Network in August, living in the Mennonite Voluntary Service House on the Shalom Mennonite Fellowship campus where the church is located. The third building on the campus is Community Home Repair Projects (CHRP), as well as room for SOOP (Service Opportunities for Older Persons) volunteers living in their campers. SOOP volunteers share with MVSers washing facilities, help with cooking, and a lounge. Megan is excited to be part of this intergenerational community.

Megan’s role in MVS is to serve as one of the Primavera Foundation (PF) Garden Coordinators, a shared position with another person in MVS, Joshua, who has been there for a year. The more she works at PF, the more she loves how they work. It is much broader than simply providing community gardens. It covers every aspect of poverty. If you are homeless, there is a shelter for you. No job? There’s job training, as well as a day laborer program called Primavera Works. You need food? They work with a Food Bank. Low income? There is housing for it, and food. PF follows up with people to get to the root of people’s problems. The PF garden program began in 2008, and has grown under the leadership of faith-based volunteers, like Megan.

The PF community garden program is supervised by Megan and Joshua. Her work began with garden meetings at Winstel, a transitional rental housing property. They have already started seedlings for fall. They have worked at Casa Paloma, a house for women that has a community garden adjacent to the house. Some of the women are master gardeners, so Megan is learning a lot from them. The Men’s Shelter also has a gar-

den that is in pretty poor shape, and Megan advises they are working to remove dead plants.

Primavera put in a new garden at Catalina House, a two-year transitional house center for men. Megan and Joshua had eight volunteers and some residents and made 13 self-watering containers in a couple of hours. It is interesting for Megan to be on the “other side” of volunteering as a leader, and it makes her realize how much work goes into short term volunteer projects.

One last bit of information that Megan shared is the 7.5 mile one-way biking commute to work each day. It’s okay in the cool of the morning going slightly down hill, but in the evening the slightly uphill biking in the heat of the day is not exactly a cakewalk!

Megan welcomes everyone to visit her blog (address above), or to send USPS messages to 6046 East 30th St., Tucson, AZ 85711. Her email address is megleary28@gmail.com Watch for more stories about Megan’s experiences in future *Kaleidoscope* issues. Many blessings to you, Megan, as you work in caring for others, and everyone at BCMC sends fond greetings!

~ Karen Penner



Megan, far right, with other members of the Tucson MVS unit

44th Annual Bethel College Fall Festival

BC Fall Fest weekend kicks off October 16 beginning with what is now the annual Taste of Newton on Main Street in Newton from 6 – 9 on Thursday. There are so many groups interested in performing on the Broadway and Main intersection stage, the decision has been made to divide the groups with most (except for the BC groups) performing every other year.

New activities and events this year are:
... the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Social Work Department starting with a symposium in the afternoon on Friday
... the musical “Man of LaMancha” will be performed Friday evening, and Saturday and Sunday afternoons
... eight class reunions for the years 1969, ’74, ’79, ’84, ’89, ’94, ’99 and 2004 will meet in Will Academic Center

... the BC Academy of Performing Arts’ “Dart for Art” fun run is at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Joe W. Goering Field
... BC students will perform Saturday on the new Prairie Sky Stage on the NW side of the Fine Arts Center
... pieces of the old Thresher Gym floor will be for sale at the Athletic Booster Club booth to raise money for new bleachers for the gym
... the Flannelbacks bluegrass group (Chase Stucky, Matt Graber, Tim Regier and Braden Unruh) will perform at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the Entertainment Tent on the Green

... Saturday sporting events include cross country invitational meet at 10:00 a.m. just

north of the MCC center, junior varsity volleyball at 12:30 p.m., varsity volleyball at 2:00 p.m., women’s soccer at 1:00 p.m., men’s soccer at 3:30 p.m. and the homecoming football game vs. Southwestern at 7:00 p.m.

The Fall Fest brochure is packed full of these and other activities on both Friday and Saturday. Highlighting these events will be a Saturday 9:00 a.m. rededication of the renovated FAC and unveiling the new name of the facility. Improvements include a brand new Robert W. Regier Art Gallery and Molex Patio.

The STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) symposium will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Friday with lectures at various hours through the day, and a keynote lecture at 9:00 a.m. Saturday followed by a coffee/reunion of alumni of these areas and other interested persons.

Many coffee groups and reunions, food booths, as well as well-known performance groups back for entertainment programs will be at various times and locations.

BCMC will host Fall Festival on Sunday, October 19 with prelude music at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10 a.m. featuring music by the Bethel College Concert Choir and reflections by other members of the Bethel College community.

The 2014 Fall Festival planners have again done a great job putting together this year’s fest. Be sure to check out the BC website or the FF brochure and mark your calendars for this fine weekend of fun for all ages.

(Information for this article from the “Thresher E-View” and the Fall Fest brochure)



~ Lois Goertzen

Camp Mennoscah Update

Another summer full of sun, sand, swimming, and singing has come and gone at Camp Mennoscah – and what a successful camping season it was! Even though there were three broken refrigerators, five busted water pipes, one trip to the emergency room, a day with a high of only 67 degrees, and roughly 600 used Band-Aids, the 537 campers who participated in the summer camping program were still treated to life-changing experiences, courtesy of the staff and volunteers who keep the summer program running. These young people came to camp hoping to spend time with friends (and meet new ones!), looking forward to swimming in the refreshing pool, and itching to sing their favorite songs; they left camp with a deeper understanding of God and how God is ever-present in their experiences. Thank you to each of you who helped make this experience possible; because of your volunteer time, donations, encouragement of children/grandchildren to attend, and prayer, Camp Mennoscah remains a place that is a foundational part of faith formation for our youth.

While the summer camping program is often the brightest light that Camp Mennoscah shines, much more happens on a year-round basis. There are family reunions and church retreats happening throughout the year, and special retreats like Work and Play Camp, Mental Health Retreat, and Women’s Retreat bring targeted groups out to enjoy the majestic prairie setting. With all of these events comes a hefty amount of work – which is where

Executive Director John Stoesz, Program Director Olivia Bartel, and Facilities Director Gardell Stucky come into play. They spend hours far beyond their contracts working on fundraising, policies, building maintenance, and developing vision for what camp can continue to be as it looks to the future. Thankfully, Camp is essentially debt free, with donations and income coming in at stronger than projected levels, and expenses remaining consistent and manageable. These three staff members work their hardest to ensure that the behind-the-scenes-but-necessary aspects of running a Christian camp are thoroughly managed, creating a seamless camping operation, and positive experience for all who attend Camp Mennoscah in some capacity throughout the year.

As always, Camp seeks your thoughts, ideas, prayers, talents, and financial offerings. The board and staff are easily accessible; George Leary from BCMC continues on the board. Thank you for your continued support of this amazing ministry!

~ Jill and Adam Robb



The 2014 Newton CROP Hunger Walk

On September 28, forty seven participants from the BCMC community gathered for the 2014 Newton area CROP Hunger Walk! It was a bright and pleasant afternoon for the approximately four mile walk, most of which took place alongside the Sand Creek Bike Trail. Local community organizations, including the Newton Ministerial Alliance, provided refreshments for the walkers.

The CROP Hunger Walk raised funds to fight hunger locally and internationally via direct donation and by sponsoring walkers. BCMC children collected additional donations with a loose change offering. Walkers were motivated by the statistic that one in seven people in the world go to bed hungry every night. Efforts like the CROP Hunger Walk and others seek to eliminate hunger. Thank you to all who participated and supported the CROP Walk!

A list of the participants follows: Katherine Lamp, Elizabeth Lamp, Annette Lamp, Maggie Dungan, Eva Dungan, Oliver Dungan, Lora Dungan, Brent Dungan, Barb Koontz, Abby Koontz, Jim Mueller, Nancy Mueller, Maddox Crabtree, Peggy Souder, Nancy Blindauer, Amy Tyson, John Tyson, Marlin Lichti, Lucy Burch, Robin Ostman, Austin Prouty, Elaine Prouty, Hank Prouty, Sadie Minkevitch, Titus Minkevitch, Paul Minkevitch, Alice Claassen, Payne Claassen, Mike Claassen, David Kreider, Heidi Regier Kreider, Sarah Turner, Brenda Turner, Laura Tran, Elizabeth Tran, Jeanette Stucky, Steve Stucky, Justin Zerger, Addison Zerger, Heather Zerger, Orvin Voth,

Janet Voth, Ian Voth, Jonathan Voth, Mercedes Rodriguez, Christian Rodriguez, LaVera Schrag.

~ Amy Tyson

Happy 80th Birthday Paul Harms!



Paul Harms was born at Bethel Deaconess Hospital on October 5, 1934. He was the second son of

Gerhard F. and Susie Harms. Dorothy joined him and Lester to complete the family. The family lived on a farm east of Newton, just a mile from Grace Hill Mennonite Church where grandfather Gerhard N. had been a long time pastor. Fond memories of farm life include roaming their pasture land that had a creek running through it. School years began at Star Elementary, a one room school house in eastern Harvey County. School work and music were important but he also loved sports and played baseball and basketball. He was baptized by Rev. Herbert Miller at Grace Hill on May, 28, 1950. Graduating from Whitewater High School in 1952, he went on to major in mathematics at Bethel College graduating in 1956. While there, sports activities added a lot of fun - basketball, baseball, and tennis, too. He and Shirley Funk were married September 10, 1956, and then they moved to Ames, Iowa, for graduate school. The first child, Doug, joined them. While completing his master's degree he taught part time at what is now Iowa State University. From 1959-61 he taught math and physics at Simpson College in Indi-

anola, Iowa, alongside chemistry professor and friend, Bob Schmidt. In 1961 they both started jobs at Bethel College. Paul taught there for six years, along with coaching some basketball and tennis. Adley and Gwen joined their busy family. In 1967, Paul began working on his Ph.D. at the University of Missouri, Rolla – now the Missouri University of Science and Technology. Upon completion he had a teaching position at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. The family settled here for 28 years. A meaningful aspect of life for the family was participation in an Evangelical Mennonite Congregation. Upon retirement Paul and Shirley moved back to North Newton where they were able to have their current home built. Four grandsons and travels to see children around the world have brought much joy. They visited in Zaire (now Democratic Republic of the Congo) Africa, Portugal, Mexico, and also joined a group from Taylor University that toured throughout Eastern Europe in 1990 after communist rule had ended. Road trips to the West have been fun, too. These days, Paul's hobbies include Sudoku, working math problems, gardening, and playing water volleyball twice a week. Current participation at Bethel College Mennonite Church includes the auditing committee, Mennonite Men, ushering, as well as regular and meaningful commitment to the Sojourners class. A favorite hymn would be, *O Power of Love*, and Scripture text Matthew 25:40, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of the brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Bless you, Paul, in this 80th year. May you know God's love in each new day, I pray.

~ Susan Wheeler

Happy 12th Birthday Brett LeVan!



On October 21, Brett LeVan will be turning 12! Brett is currently a sixth grade student

and a member of the Jr. High Club at BCMC. At school, Brett is most passionate about the subjects of math and science. She is also an avid reader. Her favorite books are *The Giver* by Lois Lowery and *The Distance Between Us* by Kasie West. Within the last year, Brett has also begun to learn cello and is already quite the performer!

Three years ago, Brett made the decision to become a vegetarian. When asked why she made this commitment, Brett says, "I don't like the thought of killing animals." Brett's friends sometimes wonder how she manages to live without consuming meat. But, for Brett, it's not a big deal. "I just don't eat it," she says. "It's that simple." Instead of meat, Brett enjoys eating kale and eggs!

Brett's hobbies range from reading to re-arranging her room to playing soccer. In the summertime, she enjoys spending time with her grandma and grandpa in Colorado. In Colorado, Brett and her family spend most of their time "hiking a bunch of mountains!" She climbed six Colorado Fourteeners last summer. The picture above is her on top of the fifth. One of her favorite memories is working on her aunt and uncle's farm in Vermont. She hopes to

return to the farm soon, maybe even next summer!

If you ask Brett what she would like to be when she grows up, she responds with little hesitation: "I want to be a fashion designer because it sounds like a fun job!" She hopes that her interest in fashion design might someday take her to London! Her grandparents have been there a "gazillion times" and she would like to visit, too!

Like all young people at BCMC, Brett has many unique gifts, talents, and interests! Brett, we all wish you a happy birthday and we look forward to watching you grow!

~ John Tyson

With Our Members

— Congratulations!

.. to the senior group of golfers who recently came home with a trophy from the Bethel College Alumni Fund Raising tournament (Richard Siemens, Roland Schmidt, Stan Eitzen, Ray Regier). Their combined ages totaled 348. Amazing!!

.. to Matt Schloneger who won the Best Poster Paper Presentation at the National Association of Teachers of Singing national conference in Boston in July.

.. to Judith Bartel who recently retired after 25 years with Book ReViews.

.. to Eleanor Kaufman who retired from many years as church organist.

.. to Rachel Pannabecker who recently retired from her position at Kauffman Museum.

.. to Robert Regier for the remodeled art gallery at Bethel College Fine Arts named in his honor.

.. to Bonnie Goering, Esther Groves, Martha Koehn, Rosemary Moyer and Vi Unruh from Healthcare at Kidron Bethel who participated in the weekend Special Olympics event. In Esther Groves' room she showed Lois Goertzen a first place medal she received for winning the spelling bee.

.. To Jacob "Jake" Goering who recently won the prestigious 2014 Faye McCoy Positive Aging Award from LeadingAge Kansas. Jake was guest of honor at an October awards banquet in Manhattan, KS. LeadingAge Kansas is a group of 160 providers and supporters of aging services.

... To Community Play-school for winning First Place in the United Way Chili Cookoff, Sept. 27 in downtown Newton.

... To Leah Bartel who was wed to Gregory Schwarz, August 9 at Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City

... To Arnold and Delores Wedel who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on October 2. (Wed in 1954)



... To Howard and Marie Snider who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on November 25. (Wed in 1954)



The team: (left to right) Stan Eitzen, Roland Schmidt, Ray Regier, Richard Siemens

With a cumulative age of 348 years, (left to right) Stan Eitzen, Roland Schmidt, Ray Regier and Richard Siemens, all of North Newton, were among the 82 golfers who played in the Bethel College Fall Golf Classic on Saturday, Sept. 13, at Sand Creek Station, Newton. To recognize their combined longevity, the Bethel College Alumni Association Golf Committee gave the four special trophies at the golfers' lunch that day. The committee

bought trophies at Et Cetera Shop in Newton and repurposed them with Bethel golf balls and tees (attached with hot glue) and a label proclaiming the team as winners of the "348 Golf Club" Award. (photo by Dave Linscheid)



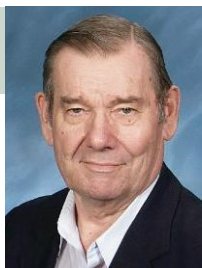
Obituaries



**Ruth Rediger Reimer—
January 8,
1924—July
30, 2014**

Ruth Rediger Reimer, 90, of Goessel, Kans., died July 30 at Be-

thesda Home in Goessel, KS. She was born January 8, 1924 in Wayland, Iowa, to Samuel and Minnie Sutter. Ruth lived in Wayland most of her life. She married Dallas Rediger of Milford, NE., in 1944, and they lived on the family farm outside of Wayland and shared 55 years together. Ruth was a homemaker and an active member of Sugar Creek Mennonite Church for many years. She spent one year working in Norristown, Pa., where Dallas served in Civilian Public Service. After Dallas died in 1999, she later met and married Hugo Reimer of Newton, Kan. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Gary Rediger (Gloria), Newton, KS.; Mary Mainard (Tom), Lakewood, CO.; and Nancy Rediger (Tom Kopinski), St. Charles, MO; a sister, Estelle Krabill of Albany, OR, Nine grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren; stepchildren and step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dallas, and husband Hugo, son Ronald, infant son, Donald, sister, Aldine Meyer, and brother, Joe Sutter. A memorial service was held at Bethesda Chapel, Goessel, KS on August 19. A memorial and burial service was held at Sugar Creek Mennonite Church, Wayland, IA, on August 23. Ruth was a wider fellowship member at BCMC.



**Kenneth L. Deckert—
July 29,
1931—
September
11, 2014**

Kenneth L. Deckert, 83,

who retired to North Newton in 1989 from IBM in San Jose, California, died September 11, 2014 while in hospice care. He was born in Glendive, Montana to Alvin and Annie Deckert, who preceded him in death, and lived through his high school years on a farm near Richey, Montana. Ken graduated from Bethel College with a degree in mathematics, and went on to teach at his home high school in Richey, at Freeman Academy and Junior College in South Dakota, and then several years at Bethel. He earned his doctorate from Iowa State University, which led immediately to his career position with IBM. There he received several awards for mathematical computation work on computer disk reading heads, and a number of patents. He served on the Bethel Board of Directors from 1989-2001, the years 1993-1996 as Chair. Ken was a lifelong member of the Mennonite Church. In retirement he was very much devoted to his family—his mother (then still living), to siblings, and to his nephew and three nieces. They were not the only beneficiaries of his generosity: many organizations also knew his charitable giving. He is survived by his sister Alison Hiebert and husband Harvey, and brother Marion and his wife Lois both of North Newton, Kansas. A memorial service was October 3 at Bethel College Mennonite Church.



**Elaine Luella Wedel Goering—
September
26, 1926—
September
29, 2014**

Elaine Luella Wedel

Goering, age 88, died on September 29, 2014 at The Cedars in McPherson, Kansas. She was born on September 26, 1926 in Newton, Kansas, the daughter of Edward B. and Katherine Wedel. She spent much of her childhood in Oklahoma until her parents moved to North Newton, Kansas where she attended high school. She graduated from Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas with a degree in home economics and music.

She married Oswald H. Goering (Ozzie) on May 25, 1947. As volunteers for Mennonite Central Committee, she and Ozzie worked in Paraguay where they assisted in resettling war refugees (1949-1951). She was a member of the Bethel College Mennonite Church, Mt. Morris Illinois Church of the Brethren, and the McPherson Church of the Brethren.

Elaine was a homemaker and musician. Much of her life focused on supporting her husband in his many educational and charitable activities and her children. She loved music, sang in church choirs, and played piano and organ. She was known at The Cedars for her singing with her iPod and headphones as she traveled up and down the halls of the retirement community. She loved handcrafts (knitting, embroidery, sewing, crochet, and needlepoint). She traveled the world (Germany, Poland, Russia, Vietnam, China, Africa and South America) and spoke German fluently. She collected stuffed animals and had a large

beany baby collection of more than 450 animals.

Elaine is survived by her two daughters, Kathryn Goering Reid and husband Stephen, Waco, Texas, and Patricia Goering Alba and her husband, Joseph, Gainesville, Florida; one brother, Arnold Wedel and wife Dolores, North Newton, Kansas; six grand children, Derek Reid, and wife Laura, Jacob Reid and wife Rochelle, Mary Reid, Jesse Reid and wife Lara, Elli Miles and husband Scott, and Billie Alba; and three great grandchildren, Carlisle Reid-Russell, Stephen Jacob Reid, and Rachel Kathryn Reid.

The funeral service was held October 3 in the Moundridge Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Eden Mennonite Church Cemetery. Elaine was a wider fellowship member of BCMC. Memorial donations are suggested to the Kauffman Museum, North Newton.

Living Stones Financial Update



Living Stones BCMC's Living Stones long range plan included facility and organ renovations completed during the past

year. Living Stones expenses were \$1,127,044 and income was \$830,542 as of August 31, 2014. A bank loan with a principal balance of \$167,768 and internal borrowing of \$128,733 cover

the gap and are paid down as additional contributions are received. Before the project began, members expressed intentions to contribute \$972,895. The goal is that future contributions will make it possible to pay off the external bank loan by early 2016 and reduce future interest expense. Additional debt service is budgeted into the annual fund. Contributions for Living Stones can be placed in the church offering or sent to the church with “Living Stones” on the memo line. Thanks for your faithful support. ~ *Richard Friesen, BCMC Treasurer*



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The Facilities Committee of BCMC (Hugo Boschmann, Jerry Buller, Glen Ediger, Lowell Stucky, Steve Stucky and Monica Lichti, staff liaison) is planning a work day for Saturday, October 25. These six capable people cannot do all of these task themselves. PLEASE HELP THEM!

Items that need attention are:

- ◆ The removal of the ivy on the north wall of the sanctuary.
- ◆ Continued removal of steam pipes from the fellowship hall and other areas of the church.
- ◆ Patching areas where the steam pipes have been removed. This could involve some painting also.
- ◆ Installing insulation gaskets on all church windows while at the same time cleaning each window.
- ◆ General weeding in the church's flower beds and preparing them for the winter season.
- ◆ And maybe you can think of other items that need doing.
- ◆ Come join the fun on October 25 — there could possibly even be a donut in it for you!

Actual time of day of the event to be determined — but we'll let you know.



Pastor's Corner—John Tyson

It has been exactly a month since Amy and I moved into our latest dwelling place. We have been married five years and this is our fifth apartment. With each new place we attempt to “make home,” we encounter a different set of odd quirks, neighbors, and noises. (Do I hear that train *again?*) Adjusting to new surroundings is always a challenge, no matter how many times you've done it.

Many of you have warmly asked if I'm “getting settled.” The truth is: I'm not really sure. When does one become settled? And how does one know that one is now settled?

I've been thinking about my grandmother Edna a lot these days. After my

grandfather died eight years ago, she had to leave her home of forty years and relocate to a retirement community shortly afterwards. Over the last several years, she's had to move three or four times to accommodate her changing abilities and receive increased support. It has been stressful for her and painful for us to witness. But when I visited her before we left for Newton, she appeared to be “settled” for the first time since she left the home she created. We could tell because she gave my Dad a hard time; her sharp wit was back in abundance.

When I “get settled,” I probably won't even realize it. Someone else will. In the meantime, I'll have to settle for being *unsettled* — somewhere on the way...and if

I've come to know anything about God, it's that God pursues us when we're unsettled, too. In fact, God might be the one behind the unsettling in the first place.

My grandmother is not one to use sophisticated theological language, but she has an uncanny connection to something most theologians don't: God's *simplicity*. Her words and phrases, even though I sometimes find them *too* simple, dwell with me nevertheless. “God has a plan” — I can almost hear her saying.



Return service requested

Worship schedule *(Check weekly bulletins and church web site, bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org, for updates and details on worship and other events) Sunday worship is at 9:30 a.m., unless otherwise noted.*

October 2014

October 5 **World Communion Sunday**
Worship with meditation by Heidi Reiger Kreider; music by the Junior Choir; Communion will be served

October 12 Worship with licensing ceremony for John Tyson, music by Cherub Choir and Chancel Choir, and sermon by John Tyson.

October 19 **Fall Fest Sunday**
9:30 a.m. Prelude by Bethel College Musicians
10:00 a.m. Worship featuring music by the Bethel College Concert Choir and reflections by members of the campus community
No Sunday School

October 26 **Reformation—
Anabaptist Heritage Sunday**
Worship with sermon by Bethel College Menno Simons lecturer, Walter Sawatsky; music by the Chancel Bells;
Sunday school elective with Walter Sawatsky in the sanctuary

November 2014

November 2 **All Saints Sunday**
Worship with sermon by John Tyson; youth/mentor blessing music by the Chancel Choir

November 9 **Stewardship Sunday**
Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by The Open Road (Bethel College Men's a cappella group) and Junior Choir
Pony Express begins

November 16 Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by the Cherub Choir and Youth Bells

November 23 **Thanksgiving Sunday**
Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Chancel Bells

November 30 **First Sunday of Advent**
Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by the Chancel Choir
Communion will be served