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Thank you Doyle Preheim— Interim Chancel Choir Director



attend the University of Southern California where he earned his Master's degree. For 30 years prior to his formal retirement he was music instructor at Goshen College in Indiana.

Doyle Preheim came to Bethel College to fill in directing vocal music at the college during Bill Eash's spring semester sabbatical. Doyle also stepped in as interim director of the BCMC Chancel Choir. Doyle is not a stranger to many in our congregation, and fit into this role with ease.

Doyle and Mary Jo moved to the campus in early January living in a small guest house on Goerz Avenue.

Doyle grew up in Freeman, South Dakota and after two years at Freeman Junior College came to North Newton and graduated from Bethel College. His plan was to return to Freeman to farm, but circumstances changed that decision and he went on to

and Mary Jo had been looking at property in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and that's where they settled and currently reside, preferring the climate there to northern Indiana.

During his time here Doyle also conducted and performed solo work in the recent Masterworks choral concert.

Mary Jo grew up in this community and attended BCMC with her parents, Erwin and Verna Goering. Life took her many places until she and Doyle met and married. BCMC has enjoyed her expert keyboard ability on several occasions. During their time here, among other things, she gave piano lessons to college students.

A thank you social

hosted by the chancel choir was held in fellowship hall following the choir's last rehearsal for the year. I think I can speak for the choir in saying this was an enjoyable time having Doyle direct us these past five months. His pleasant demeanor and sense of humor made the rehearsals fly by, and his frequent compliments on our performances were so appreciated. Appreciation and recognition of his work was held at the May 11 morning worship service.

They returned to Santa Fe in May. How fortunate that our church and the community had these two highly talented musicians spend some time with us. Blessings to you, Doyle and Mary Jo – hopefully you will travel to North Newton again for a visit.

~ Lois Goertzen

when Norma Preheim resigned (Norma and Marles are her grandparents). We wish Megan the best as she enters this new position and want to thank her for keeping music in the lives of the wonderful children in our congregation.

~ Lois Goertzen



Junior Choir director Renee Reimer ended her leadership at BCMC in May.

She graduated from Bethel College this year and assisted at BCMC Vacation Bible School, and then begins a half-time position as Youth Program Coordinator at Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City. Renee's other connection to BCMC was her grandparents, Hugo and Ruth Reimer, both now deceased. Congratulations on a job well done, Renee – you have led the youth well and they have responded with great music performances. Best wishes as you enter this new phase of your life. ~ Lois Goertzen

Cherub and Junior Choir Directors Leaving



Cherub Choir director Megan Siebert ended her leadership at BCMC in May.

She graduated from Bethel College this year and plans to serve with Mennonite Central Committee SALT (Service and Learning Together) in Bolivia. She became director of the choir

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News from Janet Stucky



Janet serves with Mennonite Mission Network in Benin.

In the last eight months, I have worked at building

relationships and have the support of many local friends. If I am not seen on any day, I will receive a phone call or text message to make sure that I am doing well. I have friends not only at my work site, but the local children who run to me for a hug, the women that sell me fruit and vegetables, the parking attendant who watches cars at the local eatery, and others I interact with on a daily basis. The importance of greeting one another each day, asking about their family, their children and their work is given high value. African is a relational society, everyone shows respect to one another. Failure to show respect to someone as a human being and especially to someone of advanced age is a serious character flaw. This means greeting every one you meet. To treat someone disrespectfully by disregarding another's presence is to degrade one's personhood. Family and friends have an obligation to help one another. A friend will do anything for you, loan you money, help out in times of need, or cover your mistakes or problems. He will stand by you. Your problem is their problem. If something is yours, it is also considered theirs. High value is placed on sharing. This includes any item you may own. In general, Afri-

cans expect that money and possessions will be used or spent as soon as they are available. If the owner does not have an immediate need to spend or use a resource, relatives and friends certainly do. To have resources and not use them is hoarding. If something is not being used, the item is considered to be available for use. This can apply to personal items, land, money, buildings or equipment. Sharing space means spending a great deal of time with others. African people are with others constantly. They avoid being alone. Even when sleeping, Africans typically sleep in rooms with several other people. The need for privacy, being by oneself, or the need to get away from people seem to be relatively unknown. This was evident to me when I first moved into my apartment. I had several offers from families to have their daughters move in with me so I would not be alone. However, knowledge is not shared. Africans may be very open but when it comes to what they know, that knowledge is closely guarded or revealed in measured ways.

In the last two months, I have had two visits from MMN (Mennonite Mission Network) staff. In March, I celebrated International Women's Day at a daylong event at Bethesda. This included a bus trip out of town to visit two of Bethesda's sites, smaller hospitals. We brought our gifts of presence, singing, and food to the hospitalized. Mid-April I had the opportunity to visit and experience the historical culture in Ouidah which was the origin of the slave trade. As we drove

down the slave road, we were vividly reminded of the slaves' abuse and treatment prior to their deportation. I have begun my work at Bethesda Hospital. I am well grounded in understanding the local foods, the nutritional composition of the foods and the ingredients used to prepare local foods. I have a team of two others. One is a student who has finished his formal training in nutrition at the local university. The other, a midwife in charge of the neonatal unit, counsels new mothers how to properly care for and feed nutritious food to their infants. As a team of three we will work together to decide the nutrition priorities of the hospital. As the possibilities unfold, there is much work to accomplish with limited resources. Depending on which needs are the greatest and sustainable, I will work with the project manager of Bethesda to solicit funds for the long term projects which are chosen. ~ Janet Stucky

Marlene Faul — 2014 CASA Volunteer of the Year

On April 25, 2014 Marlene was recognized as the 2014 CASA Volunteer of the Year at the Newton Meridian Center, a well deserved honor for Marlene, who has courageously worked with children coming from dysfunctional homes in the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program. The event included a dinner with a guest speaker, Dr. Katherine Melhorn, pediatrician and clinical professor with the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Wichita. Marlene received a Karg glass art engraved with "CASA Volunteer of the Year 2014, Marlene Faul"; a large bouquet of flowers; and a Souper! Bowl

(a soup bowl with handles and a spoon in it, and a package of chicken noodle soup and crackers).

When Marlene retired in 2002 as the BCMC Administrative Assistant, she wanted to do something to help children. This led her to the CASA program for children. A CASA volunteer is a trained volunteer child advocate sworn in by the Judge of the District Court to represent the best interest of the children who are abused and neglected, or children in the need of care in the juvenile court system. She spent a year in training to be a CASA volunteer. She has been a volunteer child advocate for ten years. Marlene says that this has been challenging volunteer work. It is not easy to work with parents, or the children who are so damaged emotionally, physically or sexually, or were born as meth babies or fetal alcohol syndrome babies. When the case she is working on has a successful ending, she feels a real sense of accomplishment. She has been a CASA advocate for about eight cases during the past 10 years. She currently is working on two cases involving three girls and three different foster homes. Resolution of the placement of the children can take up to three years.

The CASA program is independent, but works closely with the court, social workers, therapists, attorneys, care providers and other professionals. CASA volunteers work under the direct supervision of the CASA Program Coordinator to further the child's welfare and to expedite the case through the system. Her ultimate goal is to move the children out of temporary placement into a safe and permanent home.

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Congratulations, Marlene, on receiving this award. And thank you for making a difference in the lives of children.

~ Karen Penner



* Karg glass art engraved with "CASA Volunteer of the Year 2014" Marlene Faul

* Large bouquet of flowers
* Souper! (Soup bowl with handles and spoon in it) with chicken noodle soup package and crackers.



Ashley Park, Citizen Review Board Coordinator, Marlene and Bill Reynolds, Advocate Coordinator.

Happy 80th Birthday Shirley Harms!



Shirley arrived in Hillsboro, Kansas, on June 28, 1934. She was the fourth child born to Arnold E. and Edna Ruth

(Loganbill) Harms. The family had a dairy farm and her father was minister at Brudertal Mennonite in rural Hillsboro. Shirley started school at Brudertal Elementary with six classmates but was the only student in her eighth grade. In high school she and a cousin stayed in town with grandparents during the week, living in their basement. They had fun experimenting with cooking on a hot plate. Shirley was active in French Creek Valley 4-H. She had a registered Holstein cow aptly named Pearl Bess Vemon Ornsby Posh! She still has her first sewing project – an apron. She learned on a treadle machine and discovered her love of sewing.

Shirley sang in the Glee club and played flute in the orchestra and band. She was baptized by her father into fellowship at Brudertal. With a career goal of nursing, she attended Bethel College one year before transferring to Bethel Deaconess Hospital, becoming an RN in 1956. Having met Paul Harms at Bethel College, they were married one day after her graduation. The first five years of marriage the family moved five times as Paul completed academic and career goals. Son Doug arrived in Ames, Iowa, Adley came in Indianola, Iowa, and Gwendolyn was born in Newton, KS., at Bethel Deaconess. During these years Shirley found employment in hospital nursing in obstetrics, as an office nurse in Upland, Indiana, and then for eleven years as Eastbrook Community school nurse in Grant County, Indiana, covering six school districts. Shirley's creativity was expressed in many ways; through sewing, quilting, learning to decorative art painting and teaching classes in that craft, as well making multimedia all occasion cards. She enjoys gardening, especially flowers, and finds time for

reading these days. She traveled to Germany to visit Gwendolyn as a Mennonite Central Committee trainee, and she and Paul have traveled through Europe and also in Africa. Shirley found life and faith priorities shifting when in 1985, and then in 1993, she needed surgery and treatments for breast cancer. These days their four grandsons; Matthew, Christopher, Tanner, and Mason, enhance family life as each grows and explores the world. In 1999 Shirley and Paul moved back to North Newton and have been blessed by involvement in BCMC. Although always active in church life where ever they lived; Methodist, Presbyterian, and Evangelical Mennonite, they kept wider fellowship status at BCMC and were happy to return. *In the bulb there is a flower*, is a favorite hymn. My prayer is for much joy and many blessings in your 80th year, Shirley. ~ Susan Wheeler

Happy 80th Birthday Paul Harder!



Paul was born in Rosethorn, Saskatchewan, June 30, 1934, the first of three sons to Rev. Henry and

Hilda (Klassen) Harder. The family moved to Enid, OK, for a pastorate at Grace Mennonite. Paul attended 1st - 2nd grades in Enid. When his mother needed treatment for tuberculosis he lived with grandparents in Newton, attending 3rd grade. Later, the family lived in Geary, OK, where he attended 4th - 5th grades and his mother was able to return home on strict

bed-rest orders. Paul remembers working the treadle with his younger brother as she held cloth to sew! From 6th through high school years the family lived in Aberdeen, Idaho, which he considers home although there was no family there. He was baptized by his father into fellowship at First Mennonite. He spent his growing up years working for hire on the farms of church members. He was most happy when working on the farm. For college he took classes at Bethel one full year, then attended winter and spring semesters in order to work potato to harvest each fall to pay tuition, graduating in 1959. During these years, he and Eldine Franz were married at Buhler Mennonite, June 9, 1957. Having registered with the Idaho draft board in non-combatant status, Paul found this requirement could be fulfilled with service as bookkeeper at Bethel College. Graduating with a degree in economics and business administration, he was employed at Hesston Corporation in their engineering department, working with budgets, schedules, and production liaison. Over 12 ½ years he became engineering administration manager, finding much challenge in being a liaison with Hesston's patent attorneys. Moving the family to Kansas City in 1971, he became a registered patent agent, writing and applying for patents. A huge challenge came with the John Deere vs. Hesston Corporation lawsuit involving the Stak Hand hay wagon. He was responsible to do background research traveling to among other places, Florida, Ohio, Indiana, the UC Davis Library, and New Holland, PA. Back in Newton in 1976, Paul was comptroller/business manager at Bethel College for

8 ½ years. Then he was V.P. Residential Loan Officer at (what was) Kansas State Bank. Official “retirement” came in 1997. Yet not really...he put in two more years as CFO at Kidron Bethel. Since retirement he has driven numerous miles (75,000+) doing dealer trade and transfers for local auto dealers. He has given countless volunteer hours as Newton City Commissioner (serving as mayor for a term), North Newton City Councilman, and on the boards of Prairie View and Kidron Bethel/Bluestem Communities; as well as holding numerous offices at BCMC. Paul and Eldine designed homes in Newton in '76, and in North Newton in '99. Over the years they traveled to all 50 states, Ukraine, Mexico, and Canada, as well as joining Kansas Mennonite Men's chorus tours in Europe, East and West Coasts, and Canada. With friends Marlin and Deane Frey they loved to RV, traveling six years to Texas for the winter as well as numerous cross country trips. Hobbies include landscaping his yard and collecting die-cast vehicles and antique toys. Children Susan, Scott, and Kay have blessed and enriched life throughout the years; eight grandchildren add depth and joy, as well. Psalm 23, “The Lord is my Shepherd,” is a life verse. Your whole life of hard work and commitment are incredible gifts, Paul. May God richly bless you in this 80th year.

~ Susan Wheeler



**Happy 80th
Birthday
Lenore
Waltner!**

July 7, 1934,
in Mountain

Lake, Minnesota, Henry and Elsie (Penner) Pankratz welcomed their first child, Lenore. Three siblings were to join her. The family had a turkey farm located on the edge of town, giving Lenore the advantage of being both “town-kid and farm-kid.” She enjoyed 4-H activities, raising beef cattle to show at county and state fairs, and also loved school and church activities; band, choirs, ensembles, drama, history club. She was baptized into Bethel Mennonite Church. With plans to attend Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas, the summer after high school graduation, she was invited to join the European choir tour before beginning classes. While at Bethel College two summers were spent in voluntary service in Chicago. She also sang in Elvera Voth's vocal ensemble that made two trips to the west coast. She and James Waltner became well acquainted as he, too, was a member of the ensemble. They were married June 1, 1956, in Mountain Lake, after Lenore's graduation with a divisional major in humanities and minor in music. The couple lived in Chicago while James completed seminary studies. Lenore studied for two years as well, “taking most of the classes he didn't!” Their call to ministry resulted in four pastorates; Tabor Mennonite in rural Newton, KS., First Mennonite in Upland, CA., Mennonite Church of Normal, IL., and College Mennonite in Goshen, IN. They welcomed children, Rachel, Tim, and Joan during these years. Most summers, family trips revolved around attending district conferences and the triennial meetings of the General Conference. The family set up camp and had fun enjoying fellowship, conference activities, and the great outdoors. A unique “life shap-

ing and informative” experience came in 1967. With their young children cared for by family, Lenore and Jim spent ten weeks that summer traveling in the Middle East. A highlight was participating in an archeological dig in Israel. In later years Lenore spent ten years employed at the public library in Bloomington, IL. In Goshen, she assisted Everett Thomas at the Mennonite Board of Congregational Ministries. Three grandchildren, Ben and Elsa Goossen and Maura Thieszen have added much joy to her life. Sorrow for the family came with the untimely death of James in December, 2007. For Lenore, moving to the Kidron Bethel complex meant reuniting with many life-long friends. Offering hospitality is a gift she learned well in her youth from her mother as they prepared fropa every Saturday to share with guests Sunday afternoon. Lenore loves to travel, and she and Jim have visited 35 countries over the years. Reading fascinating books, participating in book clubs, attending music events, and singing in the community and church choirs have been gratifying activities. A favorite hymn is *O Power of Love*. Lenore, I pray for God's love to surround your life in ways ever present and powerful throughout your 80th year.

~ Susan Wheeler



The “original” July Birthday Group: Ethel Fast, Marguerite Fretz, and Ruth Dirks ↓



(clockwise) Marguerite (back to camera), Joyce Stokes, Bertha Harder, Pearl Bartel and Ethel Fast (back to camera) ↓



Speaking of birthdays

In 1988 Justina Neufeld invited six BCMC women friends to her home to celebrate their July birthdays together. They enjoyed it so much that it continued and became a tradition. The original group included Ruth Dirks, Bertha Harder, Ethel Fast, Winifred Ewy, Pearl Bartel, Margurite Fretz and Justina Neufeld.

In 1990 Justina invited Norma Johnson to join the group. The following year Norma celebrated her 50th and offered to have the group meet at her house. The next year Norma suggested that the occasion be shared with all women in the church with July birthdays, which has continued to the present. The group has continued to meet in a member's home, with the exception of two years when the group met at Kidron Bethel because Ethel Fast and Margurite Fretz were living there. ~ Justina Neufeld

Recently BCMC women who have April Birthdays have decided to gather to celebrate their birthdays. Eight women from the church, who have birthdays in April, were invited to the home of Marlene Faul for an April birthday party. The party was co-hosted by Tina Ediger and tea was served from her collection of tea cups. Stories were told surrounding each person's time of birth, and birthday cake and ice cream, was served by the hostesses. It was an enjoyable time of visiting.

~ Lois Goertzen

With Our Members

* **Baptism** Five youth in the catechism class were baptized and received into the membership of BCMC Sunday, May 11 at the morning worship service. Weldon Martens, Interim Associate Pastor for Faith Formation, officiated at the ceremony. It was a wonderful morning. Following the service they were quick to chatter about the amount of water placed upon their heads or the how slick the floor was from water. I thought to myself if the waters of baptism are going to remain wet upon their necks, their lives, it will take a miracle. But miracles are the nature and work of God. A church member, long-ago baptized, is listening to a sermon staring off into sanctuary space – not expecting much. And then, just when she thinks she has the world all safe and tidy, the heavens burst open and God speaks. The Word of God is still moving – capturing youth, jolting adults, saving the world. Watch out!

Thoughtful faith statements by Sarah Turner, Austin Prouty, Christian Rodriguez, Jonathan Voth, and Daniel Wagoner were printed in the bulletin that day. Following the service, they were welcomed by members of the congregation.

~ Weldon Martens and Lois Goertzen

* **Six youth**, (Austin Prouty, Angus Siemens, Elizabeth Tran, Laura Tran, Sarah Turner, Serena Wong) along with sponsors David and Karen Sheriff LeVan and their son Will LeVan and Pastor Weldon Martens are participating in the Denver – DOOR program, June 8-13.

DOOR (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach & Re-Reflection) is designed to introduce participants to the city of Denver, establish team unity and group expectations, consider how we view and relate to the poor, and examine the call to service in the name of Christ. Thank you for your prayers and support!

* Graduates from BCMC and related to BCMC Members

From High School

~ **E Josef Voth**, East High School, Wichita, KS

~ **Christopher Penner-Parrish**, Albert Einstein High, Kensington, MD (grandson of Larry and Karen Penner)

~ **Madison Dalke**, Newton High School, Newton, KS (granddaughter of Paul and Eldine Harder)

~ **Katy Cook**, Berean High School, Elbing, KS (granddaughter of Martha Graber)

~ **Alexander Conn**, Marblehead High School, Marblehead, MA (grandson of Arnold and Dolores Wedel)

From College

~ **John Bergen**, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH

~ **Megan Leary**, Bethel College

~ **Cris Nelson**, Bethel College

~ **Rebecca Trumble**, Bethel College

~ **Kaitlin Heller**, Bethel College

~ **Rylan Dalke**, Kansas State University (Heller and Dalke are grandchildren of Paul and Eldine Harder)

Post-Graduate

~ **Nick Jackson**, Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Kansas

~ **Andrew Toews**, Master of Accounting from University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

~ **Christopher Conn**, Masters in Education from Johns Hopkins

~ **Kathryn Conn**, R.N. from Johns Hopkins (the Cons are grandchildren of Arnold and Dolores Wedel)

* Marriages

Rebecca Trumble to Aaron Tschetter at Bethel College Mennonite Church, May 31

* Anniversaries

50 Years

John and Mary Jane Waltner, July 19, 1964
Congratulations!



↑ **Elsie and John Sheriff**
June 20, 1964

60 Years



↑ **Ilene and Hartzel Schmidt**
June 4, 1954
Congratulations!



↑ **Frances and Richard Siemens**
June 8, 1954

65 Years



↑ **Evelyn and Ralph Lehman**
June 30, 1949
Congratulations!



Vacation Bible School!
Vacation

Bible School was June 2-6 at BCMC, led jointly with New Creation Fellowship on the theme "Welcome: Give and Receive God's Great Love." Children age 3 – grade 6 participated, with assistance from Junior and Senior High youth and many other volunteers. Check the BCMC website and the next issue of the Kaleidoscope for updates and photos!

Obituaries



Robert Charles Goering—July 18, 1928—May 6, 2014

Robert (Bob) was born in Chicago, IL to Samuel J. and Pauline

(Miller) Goering. They did mission work in China for the first seven years of Bob's life. They later moved to Colorado Springs and then to North Newton. Bob attended Bethel College, where he met Lorene Penner. They married July 31, 1949, at the Bethel College Mennonite Church. They have made their home in the Newton area for over 65 years. Bob farmed for many years and also ran a Chevrolet dealership for 16 years. After retirement he helped out family wherever needed. Bob is survived by his wife: Lorene Goering; children: Scott Goering, Bev Martinez and Trisha Grosch and husband, Doug; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents: Samuel J. and Pauline Goering.



Neva Belle Kaufman Adamson—March 27, 1930—May 16, 2014

Neva Belle died at Kidron Bethel

Village. She was born in Newton to Menno S. and Alma Nilla (Schrag) Kaufman. Neva married Billie Lee Adamson, who died in 1991. In 2000, she married N. Paul Stucky. N. Paul died in 2011. After graduation from Bethel College in 1952, she took advanced studies at Stetson U. (FL), Wichita St., and Emporia State U. Known as an excellent teacher and caring friend, she enjoyed

enrichment and the nurturing of students, teaching elementary grades and high school English and home economics in public schools in Florida and Kansas for 40 years. Neva's creative writing skills were used in co-editing "Gift Rapping," a manual for parents involved in gifted education, "Schweitzer Salt," a Swiss heritage periodical, and "Empowering Women," an American Association of University Women bulletin. She was active on local and state levels in education and religious associations. Survivors include sister, Donna (Harry) Neufeld; brother, Arlan (Linda) Kaufman; nieces and nephews, Kristi (Jonathan Slemmer) Neufeld, Cheryl (Brian) Mast, Scott (Mary Beth) Neufeld-Wall, Mike (Sonja) Kaufman, David (Sydney) Stigge Kaufman; four step-children; and 12 grandnieces and nephews.

Remembering Vincent Harding

Following the death of civil rights activist, scholar and former Mennonite pastor Vincent Harding on May 19, 2014, BCMC member Zona Galle and her husband Omer recalled memories of their friendship with Vincent through the years:

We first met Vincent when we moved to Chicago in 1959 for graduate school. It was at the University of Chicago that Vincent had encountered Mennonites, who invited him to visit the Woodlawn Mennonite Church. Vincent found the pacifist community he had been seeking and Mennonites found a strong preacher of non-violence and civil rights. We lived in a small apartment on the first

floor of the house next to the church, just behind Delton and Marian Franz's apartment. The rent was low, with the expectation that we would participate in the interracial fellowship that the church was developing there after the Mennonite Biblical Seminary had left these buildings to move to Elkhart, IN. When we moved in, Delton Franz and Vincent Harding were the co-pastors of the developing church. Zona would often meet Vincent and talk with him in the basement of the building where she was doing laundry in the collectively shared washer and dryer, and Vincent would occasionally drop by our apartment to chat. Vincent met Rosemarie Freeney during the time we were involved with the church, and we went to their wedding. Rosemarie belonged to an "Old Mennonite" church (as it was referred to then), and she was the first African

American woman we had seen wearing a white "prayer cap" (which she eventually shed)!

After two years at Woodlawn, we moved out to be closer to the university, and Vincent and Rosemarie moved to Atlanta, GA, to start the Mennonite House, a place of spiritual renewal for many in the civil rights movement. It was located just around the corner from where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his family lived. Vincent was a close colleague of Dr. King, including writing King's antiwar speech delivered at Riverside Church in New York City on April 4, 1968.

From 1979-1981, Vincent and Rosemarie worked at

Pendle Hill Quaker Study Center. In 1979 Zona and our daughter Kristin attended a retreat there for civil rights veterans and younger people to ponder the connection between spirituality and social transformation, and the future of the civil rights movement.

In 1993, Zona drove up from Texas to Bethel College to hear Vincent as that year's commencement speaker. We met Vincent at Bethel College again in January 2010, as part of the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's speech at Bethel College. We were all happy to see each other,



and shared two dinners (and lots of conversation) together. [photo: Vincent and Zona share a hug, while Omer looks on. Photo by Vada Snider]

The final time we were with Vincent was in September of 2012, at the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of Koinonia, a Christian intentional community near Americus, GA. Former President Jimmy Carter was the first speaker at the conference, and Vincent was the last speaker on Saturday. We shared a meal with Vincent and

Aljosie Aldrich (to whom he was married in 2013, following Rosemarie's death in 2004). They were planning on flying off to the Middle East after the Koinonia meeting, so we drove the 12 miles to Plains, GA to purchase a copy of Carter's book on the Middle East to give them (they were looking for a copy of the book), before going our different ways. In these last meetings with Vincent we continued to be impressed with his clarity of mind and purpose to continue the struggle for equality and social transformation in the world.
 ~ Zona and Omer Galle; edited by Heidi Regier Kreider

Voth Adventure to Alaska

Fifty years ago, Janet and Orvin Voth agreed to an assignment in Newfoundland, Canada with Mennonite Central Committee TAP (Teachers Abroad Program). In recognition of this significant experience in their lives, they will dedicate their bicycle trip from Newton to Alaska this summer as a charity ride for the MCC's Global Family program. Several of these programs are significantly underfunded. Orvin, Jon, and Ian Voth and Christian Rodriguez will be riding their bicycles and Janet will be driving the SAG (Support and Gear) wagon. Total bicycle miles among all of the riders may approach 15,000. Janet and Orvin taught school in Newfoundland two years under the MCC TAP program as temporary fill-in while local teachers went back to university to get their degrees. Janet taught in Kansas school systems 10 years during her professional careers and Orvin was an instructor at Bethel College for two years. They

are convinced education is one of the most significant metrics for cultural and social stability, and development. The Global Family program fits that idea best among MCC's programs. Proyecto MAMA, Honduras is their primary support project since it also reflects their concerns based on their involvement with foster care and Circles of Hope in Newton, Kansas.

They are inviting anyone to contribute. If you do not wish to contribute to the cause they have chosen, many other needy programs and causes under the MCC umbrella can use help. Orvin and Janet challenge alumni of the MCC Newfoundland and Labrador service to make significant contributions, to funding of partnerships in St. John's and Happy Valley via MCC Canada. Many MCC TAP alumni may wish to make significant contributions to programs in countries or regions where they taught. If this charity ride moves you to contribute, please note the contribution was made because of this bike ride to Alaska. (This will provide some idea of the significance of this kind of charity ride.)

Orvin will be approaching 72 years of age by the time this adventure is completed. If Orvin were not riding, he would likely be assisting with farming operations. The teenagers, Jon and Christian, also have their rea-

sons to pedal the entire distance. Christian is riding to improve his conditioning and stamina for football. Jon is riding as part of his conditioning for soccer. Ian, 8, might have the biggest challenge. He has pedaled 50 miles on each of two consecutive days on other rides. He rides well but prefers basketball, football, or soccer..

The idea of biking to Alaska was generated in the early 70's when Steve Carlson and Mike Raber, Newton High School students between their Junior and Senior years, rode their bicycles to Alaska. When Jon was 8, Orvin commented to him that the year he was 15, Orvin and Jon would ride their bicycles to Alaska. Jon said "No Way! That's a long way and it will take all summer." Orvin said "That's kind of the point." Janet does not ride bicycles. She said "I've never been to Alaska. You're not leaving me behind; and I'm not riding." She will drive the 15 passenger van with all the gear. The blog site is jmkvoth.blogspot.com. They are planning to use a GPS tracking device so interested people can follow their progress. The bike ride to Alaska is their family summer adventure. Adventures are more about the excitement of the journey than the goal of the destination.

The MCC site is <https://donate.mcc.org/registry/voth-family-kansas-alaska>.

~ Janet Voth



"My First Baseball"

It was a great evening to see a baseball game in Lincoln, Nebraska. Walking across the parking lot toward the ticket window I heard a thud on the asphalt. I knew immediately it was the sound of a baseball hit foul over the two-story stadium. Here was my chance! Forty years of attending Kansas City A's and Royals games - Mickey Mantle, George Brett - and not once did I walk home with a baseball. Now, there it lay, fifty feet away by the light pole, my first baseball. I looked around. No one. No one was there to beat me to my prize. I ran to the ball. Like the runners on the beach in *Chariots of Fire* I ran fast, smooth, victorious. I reached down, picked it up, and held it in my hand - my first baseball.

But then - there he was. A youngster, right out of the movie *Sandlot*, with his oversized glove, and a cap equally too large, standing right in my shadow, staring directly at me - dreaming of the baseball he almost had.

"Dad," my daughter Laurel said, "You can't keep it. Give it to the boy."

"I know. But this is my first baseball. I was there first!" There in my hand was my first baseball. I looked at the ball. I looked at the boy with his puppy-eyed face. It was an easy decision. I reached down to the boy, smiled and handed him the ball. "Thanks!" he said, and sprinted off to dad.

Perhaps, perhaps it was his first baseball!

Ian, Janet, Orvin, Jon, Christian & the SAG wagon →



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.

June 2014

- June 1** Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Karen Unruh and Braden Unruh
- June 8** **Pentecost** — Worship with sermon by John Tyson, pastoral candidate; communion will be served
- June 15** **Father's Day** — Worship with sermon by Joe Sawatzky; music by Chris Kliever; congregational meeting after worship
- June 22** Worship with a report from the Senior High Youth on their experience with DOOR (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection) in Chicago; music by Rebecca Schloneger
- June 29** Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Sarah Turner

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July 2014

- July 6** Worship details to be announced.
- July 13** Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by young musicians of BCMC—Nick Lepard, Katy Friesen and Lily Schloneger, Elisabeth and Katherine Friesen, Caleb and Abby Koontz, Will and Brett LeVan, Jonah Schloneger.
*Sunday school elective will be a report from the delegates to the Western District Conference Assembly in Waxahachie, TX
12:00 noon Local Foods Potluck sponsored by Creation Care Committee—Fellowship Hall
- July 20** Worship with sermon by Heidi Regier Kreider; music by Mark Kreider
*Sunday school elective will be Nat Dick and Mark Kreider sharing their experiences with their 10 1/2 months with Service Adventure
- July 27** Worship details to be announced; music by Marles Preheim, Vada Snider and Ruth Unruh and Jason Wong