

### Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Mennonite Voluntary Service participants Stefan Baumgartner, Laura Hassel, Meg Short and two associate house members as they live in community and work alongside their neighbors to share God's love in San Francisco.

**Western District Conference:** Pray for our leaders and congregations to follow the way of Jesus in love, justice and peace in this election process and beyond.

**This congregation:** Give thanks that we live in a democracy and have a say in our government. Give thanks that each person can worship (or not) as he or she feels led. Give thanks for those who join in membership today to worship with us at BCMC.

To request prayer or a visit, or if a family member is hospitalized, please contact the church office or a pastor so that visits and prayer support can be offered. Names of people receiving medical care are printed in the BCMC bulletin only by permission of the patient or a guardian/family-member. This is part of the caring network at BCMC, which includes support among members of Sunday school classes and small groups, as well as the Prayer Network, Visitation Team, and Caring Fund sponsored by Deacon Commission.

***Bethel College Mennonite Church welcomes into fellowship and membership all persons who confess faith in Jesus Christ, without regard to their race, ethnic background, gender, age, sexual orientation, education, ability, and other factors which give rise to discrimination and marginalization.***

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Church office hours: 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. on Mon–Fri; 1:30 –5:00 p.m. on Mon – Thur

Church office is closed on Friday afternoons

Building is locked on weekdays at 5 p.m. unless evening activities are scheduled

Saturdays—building is locked at noon; Sundays—building is locked at 2 p.m.

Notary public service is available in the church office

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**Junior Choir Director:** Monica Schmidt **Cherub Choir Director:** William Eash



## Bethel College Mennonite Church

# November 6, 2016

**Bethel College Mennonite Church**  
**November 6, 2016**  
**9:30 a.m. Worship**

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**TIME FOR WORSHIP**

**GATHERING**

**Prelude** Karen Loucks, pianist

**Introit** *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*  
Myrin & Redman/Bettcher  
Chancel Bells; Bethany Schrag and Matt Schloneger, duet

**Call to worship, prayer** John Tyson

**\*Hymn** *We praise thee, O God* **HWB 99**  
(children come forward during hymn)

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Children's conversation** Glen Ediger

**Worship Music** *As the deer* Nystrom/Wagner  
Chancel Bells; Vada Snider, director  
Bethany Schrag and Maggie Dungan, duet

**Scripture reading** 2 Corinthians 8.1-15, 24 Dianne Epp

**Sermon** *Enough Is Enough!* Kathy Neufeld Dunn

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

**\*Hymn** *God, whose giving* **HWB 383**  
(Those joining BCMC today please come forward during the hymn.)

**Reception of new members** John Tyson  
Membership Covenant questions  
Congregational litany of response **HWB 777**  
Hymn of blessing **HWB 423**

Welcoming new members John Tyson and Judy Friesen,  
Chair of the Deacon Commission

**Prayer of God's people**

**Litany of Installation for Dawn Yoder Harms, Lead Pastor**

**Offering**

*During the offering, please sign and pass the friendship register in your pew. When all have signed, return it to the first person.*

Offertory

\*Dedication hymn *Lord, thou dost love* **HWB 387**  
\*Dedication prayer

**SENDING**

**\*Hymn** *The Lord lift you up* **STJ 73**  
*Pony Express captains come forward during the hymn, to receive packets following the worship service.*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction response**

**\*Postlude**

Our new members will be in the rear of the sanctuary today to receive your welcome.

\*All who are able are invited to stand

**HWB** = *Hymnal: A Worship Book*

**STJ** = *Sing the Journey*

**Welcome visitors and friends!** May you sense God's presence at BCMC. Personal hearing devices are at the north sanctuary entrance. The nursery at rear of sanctuary is available during worship for families with infants and toddlers. Following Children's Conversation, children receive activity bags to use during worship (return to baskets at the entrance as you leave).

**Please welcome** Sara Dick, Al Penner, Sue Penner, Eric Massanari, Tim Schrag, Bethany Schrag, Doug Harms, and Dawn Yoder Harms as new members to the BCMC community!

**Friends, I am humbled by an affirming vote** and the offer of another term on the pastoral team. I look forward to continuing the journey with you all. Amy, Levi, and I are blessed to be part of this community of faith.  
~ John Tyson

**Pray for those receiving medical care this week:** Aleta Rempel and LaVonne Platt, Newton Medical Center; John Gaeddert, Via Christi-St. Francis, Wichita

## Bethel College Announcements:

- **Bethel College Sings, today, Nov. 6, 3 p.m.**, featuring Women's Chorus, Men's Ensemble, Woven, Open Road and Concert Choir, Bethel College Mennonite Church
- **Bethel College Jazz Combos 1 and 2, with special guests, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.** in *Mojo's Coffee Shop*, Bethel campus. Free, with freewill donations accepted to support Bethel jazz studies.
- **Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum program with Annette LeZotte**, Kauffman Museum director, Nov. 13, 3 p.m., "Passage to New York: The 'Meet Me at MOMA' Alzheimer's Project,"
- **Film and discussion, Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m.**, Kauffman Museum. There will be a showing of the silent film *Birth of a Nation*, followed by discussion.
- **Bethel College Wind Ensemble and 4th annual Honor Band concert, featuring the Mid-Kansas Jazz Ensemble, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.**, Krehbiel Auditorium

**Plymouth Congregational Church**, 202 N Clifton Ave, Wichita, invites you to their second concert in their Fine Arts Series, featuring organist-harpsichordist **Shirley Sprunger King**, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available by contacting the church office at 316-684-0221.

**Camp Mennoscah Announcements**—Contact Info: 620-297-3290 or office@campmennoscah.org; www.campmennoscah.org

- Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats: Nov. 4-6
- Summer Youth Camp Volunteer Christmas: Dec. 17, 2:30 p.m., all summer youth camp volunteers throughout the years are invited to come to Camp for fun, refreshments and white elephant gift exchange for anyone interested. You are welcome to bring something snacky to share. There will be cookies and hot drinks provided. Families invited.

**The third annual *Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade International Gift Festival*** will be Nov. 25 and 26, Dec. 2 and 3, Dec. 9 and 10; each weekend the hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Western District Conference Office Complex, 2500 N. Main St., North Newton.

**Harvey County Habitat for Humanity** will host its annual fund-raising meal and auction at Faith Mennonite Church, Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m. See Habitat board members Wade Brubacher, Ron Peters, or Sondra Koontz to make reservations.

**Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Creating your retirement income strategy***, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston, 7 p.m., Nov. 14 and Dec. 12. Everence Financial Advisor Robert Wall will speak about having enough for retirement, making savings last and coping with the financial markets. There will be time for questions. To reserve a spot, contact Darlene Buller: (620) 327-4043, (877) 467-7294 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

## This Week at BCMC: November 6—November 13, 2016

### November 6, 2016

**10:30 a.m.** Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place; coffee, tea, water available

**10:50 a.m.** Faith Formation—Visitors welcome!

- Infants & Toddlers—Nursery at back of the sanctuary
- Age 2 through K in B4; 1–3<sup>rd</sup> grade in B3; 4–5<sup>th</sup> grade in B8
- Junior High students (6–8<sup>th</sup> grade) – Room 26
- Senior High students—Room 22—*The Story*
- Agape—Fellowship Hall (*Today meet at the Agape Center in Richert House*)
- Bible Study—Book Study, *Lord Willing?* By Jessica Kelley
- Catacombs—Rm B-5—*Dismantling the doctrine of discovery*, John Stoesz
- Fellowship—Rm B7
- Fine Arts—Rm 24—Book study, *Biblical Literalism: A Gentile Heresy*, J. Spong
- Issues & Christianity—Rm 23—*Great Figures of the New Testament*, dvd
- Mosaic—Rm 20—Sermon reflection and other current topics
- Open Circle—Rm 28—Sermon reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 21—Discussion of John Paul Lederach's DVD
- Sojourners—Chapel—Open discussion

**11:45 a.m. Join in welcoming Dawn Yoder Harms and Doug Harms** with a potluck and brief program in Fellowship Hall. **Everyone is welcome!**

### Monday, November 7

**2:30 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care

### Tuesday, November 8

**1:00 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Assisted Living

**6:30 p.m.** Faith Formation Commission—Rm B7

**7:00 p.m.** Library Committee—Rm 14  
Worship Commission—Rm 23  
Finance Committee—Rm 28

### Wednesday, November 9

**8:00 a.m.** Staff Worship Planning—Mojo's Coffee Shop, Bethel College campus

**10:00 a.m.** Bulletin announcement deadline

**6:00 p.m. Wednesday night supper—Fellowship Hall**

**6:30 p.m.** Cherub Choir (Rm 24) and Junior Choir (Rm 28)

**7:00 p.m.** Senior High Youth

**7:15 p.m.** Junior High Club with Doug Siemens and LuAnn Zook—Rm 26  
Venture Club with Matt Schloneger—Rm B-8

**7:30 p.m.** Chancel Choir—Sanctuary      **8:30 p.m.** Chancel Bells—Rm B-7

### Thursday, November 10

**2:00 p.m.** BCMC worship DVD—Schowalter Villa

**4:30 p.m.** Gifts Discernment Committee—Rm 23

### Saturday, November 12

**8:00 a.m.** Youthful Men's Coffee at Mojo's on the Bethel Campus

### Sunday, November 13

**9:30 a.m.** Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Chancel Choir

**10:30 a.m.** Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place

**10:50 a.m.** Faith Formation—Visitors Welcome!

**Today is Stewardship Sunday** and the beginning of BCMC's annual Pony Express, a financial commitment process for preparing the 2017 budget. This year's theme is *Abundant Living, Abundant Giving*, based on 2 Corinthians 8-9. During the last hymn today captains appointed by the Finance Committee will come forward and after the benediction will pick up packets of commitment materials to distribute to BCMC members and regular attenders in local neighborhoods. (Materials are mailed to non-resident/inactive members). Join the Pony Express by prayerfully anticipating your intentions to give for 2017, filling out a form when materials arrive at your home, and returning the form according to the directions in the packet. The Pony Express concludes on Nov. 20, when captains return packets during worship. **If for some reason you do not receive a packet, and want to participate, please ask the church office for a packet and to add you to the list for the future!**

**The Hospitality Commission would like to announce a focus on hospitality** for the month of November! Hospitality is a ministry that costs us little and rewards us bountifully with smiles, new friendships and a deeper sense of community. In order for all of us to get to know one another better, and especially to help our new pastor learn names we will be wearing name tags through the month of November. **Eat with someone you don't know well at today's potluck.** **Next Sunday**, please sit in a place that you don't usually sit. Meet the people around you. (They may not know your name.) ~ *The Hospitality Commission*

**For emails to lead pastor, Dawn Yoder Harms**, use email address [dawn@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org](mailto:dawn@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org).

**Caring Fund** Thank you for your generosity in giving to the Caring Fund, which offers assistance to both congregational and community members. The Caring Fund currently needs to be bolstered by your contributions so that the Deacon commission can continue to administer aid to others.

**It's Supper Time!** Wednesday night supper Nov. 9 with serving line open from 6 p.m.-6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Menu: Chili, carrots and celery sticks, applesauce, cinnamon rolls. Stay for table conversation and fellowship, followed by activities for children and youth, and choirs. To make reservations for supper, complete this form and place in the offering, or email [office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org](mailto:office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org), or call church office at 283-3667 by 10 a.m. Mon., Nov. 7. Cost is by donation, with suggestion of \$4/person or \$12/family per meal. ***Bethel College students eat free.*** Please bring your own table service if possible.

**Meal reservation(s) for November 9**

Number of people attending meal \_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer Network** is an email (or phone) ministry of the Deacon Commission to provide prayer support when requested. To be added to the list, contact: [office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org](mailto:office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org) or call Monica at 316-283-3667. You will be given an orientation sheet regarding confidentiality and process. Thank you to the 41 people who already are on the prayer network.

**You are invited to join First Mennonite Church's Choir**, Newton, in singing Handel's *Messiah*, Dec. 18, 7 pm. Rehearsals: Sundays, Nov. 20 - Dec. 11, 2-3:30 p.m. and Wednesdays, Nov. 2-Dec. 14, 7:15-8 p.m. Bring your own book or purchase one for \$10 at the first rehearsal. Contact: Kay Schroeder, 316-283-0273, [kays@firstmennonitenewton.org](mailto:kays@firstmennonitenewton.org).

**Anti-Racism Training in Newton:** Feb. 17-19, 2017 at the Newton Recreation Commission, 415 N Poplar, sponsored by Newton Community for Racial Justice (NCRJ). Cost per participant: \$250 (register by January 9) / \$300 (register after January 9). More information at: [rootsofjusticetraining.org](http://rootsofjusticetraining.org)

**Join Circle of Hope** Nov. 14, 5-8 p.m. at the Water's Edge Restaurant, 701 S. Main, Hesston for dinner served by "Celebrity Servers" (including James Krehbiel and Heidi Regier Kreider!) All tips will be donated to Circle of Hope, a Harvey County initiative that inspires and equips families and communities to resolve poverty and thrive. For more information call 316-284-0000 or visit [www.peaceconnections.org](http://www.peaceconnections.org).

**KIPCOR is again offering its popular "Managing Differences within Faith Communities"** course Jan. 25-26, 2017. The polarization and division in our world often seeps into our congregations, but we don't have to remain stuck in disagreement. This two-day course will offer skills and insights to help transform conflict into spiritual and community renewal. Focus areas include: structured dialogue in times of high anxiety, decision-making principles for collaboration, conflict levels and dynamics in congregations, and discernment processes. After 16 years, participants still see relevance in the training: "The depth of knowledge and experience gained from this course will transform your life" (2014 participant); "This course is not just a lecture series. It is interactive and engaging" (2015 participant). Consider coming as a team from your congregation. Registration and details available online: <http://kipcor.org/Registration/Faith-Communities-2017/>

<p><b>Oct. 30 at BCMC:</b> Attendance 206. General Fund \$8,612.99; Living Stones \$2,155; Wednesday night supper \$415; MCC Meat Canning \$1,050; Sr Hi Youth \$20; <i>The Mennonite</i> \$259; Caring Fund \$450.</p>
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## Faith Statements of those joining BCMC November 6, 2016

church activities. At the age of 11, I answered an altar call and was later baptized by Rev. Emerson Rue and joined the fellowship of the church. This was my church home until marriage and the move to Kansas. In 1958, Al Penner and I were married in my home EUB church. In 1960 I was close to giving birth to our first child when I chose to join the Mennonite Church and have been a member ever since. I have appreciated the invitation of a BCMC small group and I look forward to continued faith growth as I join in the fellowship of BCMC.

**Bethany Schrag**—*joining by letter of transfer from First Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, KS*

I come from a family actively involved with First Mennonite Church in Hillsboro, where I attended faithfully until my freshman year in High School. For a variety of reasons, my family, one by one, migrated to a different local church. I was drawn into a community there on fire, charismatic, and I joined right in. The faith I remember being modeled to me was so straightforward, so black and white. If I didn't hear God's voice, it's because I wasn't listening - end of story. My experience at Bethel College took a different turn. Friends and classes focused on asking questions, honoring the complexity and provoking me to find my own voice. I made strides in being more comfortable with the mysteries and my own doubts. After college, I found my way back to First Mennonite and worked as the worship music coordinator. While there, I decided to become baptized. The first day of my catechism class, our pastor spoke of baptism being like a marriage covenant - a loving, lifelong commitment involving all the fruits of the spirit, grace for the stumbles, and open arms for healing. I was baptized in the river at Camp Mennoscah during our church retreat in 2009. Tim and I were married shortly after and spent 2 years at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center in Pennsylvania before moving back to Newton. We started attending BCMC after about a year of discerning. We especially connected to our SS class and more recently as HS youth sponsors. Music has always been tremendously important to me and my faith. Though I may present confidently on a stage, I struggle with becoming increasingly introverted as my age changes. Music is my language of choice! While I initially appreciated the anonymity possible at BCMC, I am finding my way. I'm thankful and I look forward to continuing this journey with you.

**Tim Schrag**—*joining by letter of transfer from Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge, KS*

While growing up in a Christian home and attending Eden Mennonite Church, I was taught many values by a number of great role models. That positive influence increased my desire to learn more and become a better person. Surrounding myself with other believers was and still is a very important part of my development as a Christian. Time spent at Camp Mennoscah and the Eden high school youth group both played an important part in my desire to commit to the Mennonite church. I do feel conflicted at times, especially in conversations with people of other faiths or non-believers, but those experiences have opened my mind and have been a valuable part of my faith journey. I was drawn to BCMC for many reasons. I appreciate the inclusiveness, service opportunities, and youth programs. Bethany and I have especially enjoyed our time spent with the youth group and we look forward to continuing our journey at BCMC.

**Sara Dick**—*joining by letter of transfer from Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton, KS*

I believe that Jesus Christ embodies God's peace, freedom, well-being and salvation, and that the church is Christ's current body. I first became conscious of the church as Christ's body here at BCMC as a young child, and then as a youth. I moved away from Kansas after college, and Christian community continued to be an essential part of my discipleship, providing me with support, accountability and encouragement to discern and love and act out of Christ's wisdom rather than out of fear or insecurity or hatred. I look forward to learning with this community again, and am grateful for your welcome to Alahna and me.

**Dawn Yoder Harms**—*joining by letter of transfer from Assembly Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN*

I grew up in a small Mennonite church in Bloomington, Illinois, where even as a child I was given opportunity to be actively involved in the life of our congregation. I was baptized there at age 12.

As I was beginning high school, our little church merged with the First Mennonite Church of Normal, and we together became a dually affiliated General Conference/Mennonite Church congregation. In this new congregation, I tasted a different flavor of "Mennonite," enjoyed a vibrant youth group, and was provided with generous space to learn and practice leadership skills.

In college, I experienced a crisis of faith, during which I found myself questioning many of the beliefs I had absorbed as a child. My intense questions led me to Seminary, not with the intent of becoming a pastor, but as a way to begin picking up the pieces of a shattered faith and putting them back together in a new way. This faith "re-integration" has been a rich process that continues to this day.

After beginning our married life, Doug and I moved into a long chapter of service with MCC. Through these experiences of meaningful connection with our global family, as well as ongoing studies at Seminary and a deepening faith, I began to more clearly hear a call to ministry. In 1997, I responded to this call by accepting an invitation to serve as a pastor at Akron Mennonite Church (Akron, PA). That experience and others beyond have confirmed my sense of pastoral calling.

Over the years, I have been privileged to be part of faith communities that were willing to hold my questions, welcome my gifts, offer support and guidance, and challenge me. They have helped me see God more clearly. I hope to be part of such a community here at Bethel College Mennonite Church and look forward to learning from you and sharing with you along the way.

**Doug Harms**—*joining by letter of transfer from Assembly Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN*

I grew up in a family of the Mennonite persuasion the oldest of three children. During these growing up years we moved around some, living in communities where we attended non-Mennonite churches, after having spent my earlier years attending Bethel College Mennonite Church. While in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, I went through catechism and was baptized in the Presbyterian church we were a part of at the time. I entered a period of questioning about matters of faith through my high school and college years, and yet through it all remained connected to the Christian faith, particularly to the Mennonite/Anabaptist tradition of faith.

Dawn and I were married in 1981, and in 1983 entered into service with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), serving three terms in various parts of the world. Interspersed between MCC terms of service were stints at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) in Elkhart, IN. I continued with MCC, having served/worked with this organization for over 25 years.

I still have many questions and concerns about faith and life, especially about some of the more traditional formulations and concepts. In this all I am on a journey, a journey which I desire to share with others who are committed to a life of love and care of ourselves, others, and God's creation.

**Eric Massanari**—*joining by letter of transfer from New Creation Fellowship, Newton, KS*

From the beginning of my life I was steeped in an Anabaptist Christian family and culture. When Menno-folk ask about my last name I like to tell them I'm from a rare but passionate stream of Italian Mennonites. In truth, I deeply value that one branch of my family tree that grows from Italian Catholic roots (the other branches are decidedly Swiss/German "Old Mennonites"). There is something in that broader history that shows up in my life-long passion for ecumenical connections and learning. I feel grateful for my upbringing and continued formation among Mennonites, and I have also found my faith indelibly marked by encounters with other Christians, with people of other faiths and with those who struggle with religious expression in any form.

Most of my childhood years were spent in Iowa City, IA and I was baptized at the age of fourteen at First Mennonite Church in Iowa City. I spent my college years at Goshen College in Indiana (1986-1990). Following college my wife, Yolanda Kauffman, and I lived in her home state of Oregon for five years, two of which were spent in voluntary service at Drift Creek Mennonite Camp and Retreat Center. It was during our time in service that I found a sense of clarity that I wanted to attend seminary. We moved to Denver, CO where I studied in the M.Div. program at Iliff School of Theology. While at Iliff I discerned a sense of call to pastoral ministry, which led to a fourteen-year pastorate at Shalom Mennonite Church (Newton, KS), and then to my present ministry as chaplain at Kidron Bethel Village and as a spiritual director with individuals in the local community.

My spiritual journey today is shaped more by relationships than by religious doctrine, more by community than by formal confessions of faith, and more by the God whom I encounter in daily, lived experience than the God I might read about or hear about secondhand. I experience God in my life more intimately as a Beloved Friend and more broadly as the loving, creative impulse that is the Source of Life—a God who is immanently present in all things, and transcendently beyond all that I think I know or understand. My ongoing spiritual growth is nurtured by my family, my community, my vocation, a practice of contemplative prayer, reading/writing poetry and long-distance running, among many other things. I am grateful for the welcome we have received at BCMC and am excited to be joining in membership. I know I will have much to learn here!

**Alvin (Al) I. Penner**—*joining as a Wider Fellowship Member*

I was born in my parents' farm home and raised in rural Inman, Kansas. During my high school years I was baptized by our minister, Rev. P.T. Neufeld and joined the Bethel Mennonite Church, rural Inman, Kansas.

Following high school, I joined Mennonite Central Committee and served my selective service time by working at Denver General Hospital in Denver, Colorado working in the Medical Records Department for approximately two years. Our MCC Unit lived on the grounds of Denver First Mennonite Church, which I attended. While in Denver, I met my wife to be, Sue, who was also attending First Mennonite.

Returning to Kansas I attended and graduated from Bethel College and then Saint Louis University in their Hospital Executive Development program. I first worked as an accountant for six years in a C.P.A. firm in Newton, Kansas then for 40 plus years in the Health Care Environment first in Newton, Kansas at Bethel Deaconess Hospital and Bethel Home for the Aged and then in Hutchinson, Kansas at Hutchinson Regional Medical Center.

I/we are blessed to have three married children, seven grandchildren and one grandson-in-law.

Thus far during my life's journey, I have had the opportunity to volunteer/serve in a number of positions within our Mennonite Churches and conference related agencies as well as other non-Mennonite organizations and continue doing so. These opportunities have indeed been and continue to be a blessing to me and I hope a service to many.

I look forward to learning to know even more about BCMC and be involved in the congregation's mission and continue my faith journey.

**Sue Penner**—*joining as a Wider Fellowship Member*

Life began for me as I remember in Hartville, Ohio, just down the street from my grandparents. For the first four years we gathered often with family where we all attended the Church of the Brethren in Hartville. At four years of age our immediate family moved to Louisville, Ohio and we began attending the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Louisville. We were always very involved with