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## Remember and Reflect



The Columbarium is now enhanced by a large vessel designed and created by Conrad Snider. The idea to add a large

sculpture to that area had been in the plans by the Art Committee, so when the front entrance was redesigned, we proceeded. Conrad was asked to design the piece and was given several biblical references to stones and vessels for consideration. He selected 2 Corinthians 4:7. He has named this piece “Remember and Reflect.” Conrad, in doing his own reflecting, wrote, “This jar is a metaphor for retaining and reflecting on memories, both our own memories, and the memory of those who came before us. The strength of this piece is symbolic of our strength as a community; the drips in the glaze symbolize the steady passage of time; and the shine symbolizes self-reflection, connecting each person – who pauses to look – with the vessel and its meaning.” This nearly seven foot tall jar is a colorful, symbolic presence where people pause for contemplation or solace. Its benefits will be ongoing. Conrad supports this idea when he says, “These vessels – due to their strength – stand the test

of time. Therefore, they serve as a marker for the past, but are here in our present time and will last far into the future.”

Thank you, Conrad, for your gift to the church and to those who come to the Columbarium to “remember and reflect.” ~ *Darlene Dick, Art Committee* Photos courtesy of Vada Snider



Pastor's Corner with Pastor John Tyson



### Love God, love neighbor

Recently, I was in line to order coffee at 12 Brew Drive Thru in town. As I steadied my car up to the window, continuing to debate if I should order a regular coffee or treat myself to something extra, the barista suddenly informed me that the driver in front of me had paid for my drink. As the vehicle

pulled onto 12th Street, I tried to see who the driver was, but to no avail. It was a random act of kindness from someone I'll never know to thank! (So, of course, I went with the Irish Impulse – a rich blend of Irish cream and chocolate with enough caffeine to power me through the morning!)

In Matthew 22, the disciples ask Jesus which commandment in the law is the greatest. Jesus replies, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” At the end of the day, this is what matters: love of God and love of neighbor.

I find myself returning to this simple teaching of Jesus as the world feels increasingly disorienting. So much of what ails the world and gives us cause for stress and sadness is beyond our control. We want to fix all the broken things around us, but it can be overwhelming and confusing to figure out where to begin. Jesus says that we should begin by loving God and loving our neighbor. And when we love our neighbor, we express our love for God. The commandments reinforce one another. Notice that Jesus says to love your neighbor as yourself. At first glance, it sounds like Jesus thinks we're self-obsessed people: “If you would only love God and your neighbor as much as you love yourself!” But I've come

to wonder if what Jesus really means here is something closer to Martin Luther King Jr's famous idea: “We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.” This is more than a trite “treat others the way you want to be treated.” It's a recognition that there is no me without you. We need each other.

As humans, we cannot help but navigate the world but by through our relationships: with God, with our neighbors, and with ourselves. It is not within our power to influence global politics, most likely. We cannot control extreme weather. We cannot change the minds of those who are determined to discriminate. We can certainly educate ourselves, pray, and work for a better world, but perhaps that begins with simply choosing to love God and love our neighbors. Right here, right now. It starts with buying someone's coffee!

## Loaves and Fishes

The note on our calendar reminded me to fix fruit for ten college students for a church brunch, August 20. We anticipated about 140 Bethel College

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freshmen would attend worship that Sunday as part of their orientation. The Hospitality Commission encouraged us to be generous with the coffee cake, muffins, an egg casserole, or fresh fruit we would bring. I began washing and slicing the two cantaloupes, three pounds of grapes, a bunch of bananas, two cartons of strawberries, one of blueberries and an orange for my food commitment. Soon my largest Tupperware bowl was overflowing. I asked Lou to carry the bowl to the car and then to the church basement because it was too heavy for me to manage easily. We made our delivery to the church kitchen by the requested time of 9:30 a.m. Commission members supplemented with other volunteers received and organized the food offerings. In the sanctuary, we found a folding chair section at the rear where members sat. Two-thirds of the bench space appeared to be occupied by students. Pastor John's message focused on God's call to Abram and Sarai telling them to leave their familiar setting and venture into a new place. He invited students as they enter this new journey in learning to see it as an opportunity to discover how God may be calling them to be a blessing to others. "We will walk with you." "Will you walk with us?" he asked. During our Sunday school class, I noticed Pastor Dawn whisper something to our convener, but thought nothing of it. Her whisper was an invitation for everyone to enjoy the abundance of food left after the students had eaten. We were surprised at the array of food on the tables as we filled our plates. Conversation and fellowship around the tables also abounded. After we had all eaten, the volunteers filled plastic bowls and bags with the remaining food for the New Hope Shel-

ter. Like the abundance of food lovingly prepared fed many that Sunday morning, we also pray that the word, work and witness of BCMC will multiply and bless many lives in the coming year.  
~ Elizabeth Raid

## Love is a Verb— Mennonite Church USA Conference

After 14 hours of table conversations responding to questions as to how to follow Jesus as Anabaptists in the 21<sup>st</sup> century the 500 some Mennonite Church USA delegates strongly affirmed a summit report which eventually was described as a "dynamic document that is offered to the church to guide further discernment for living into God's calling in agencies, conferences, constituency groups and congregations". The report, set in the format of themes such as "Important things we do together" and "How can we be constructive in living with our differences." Containing 154 bullet points, the report includes both affirmations: "nonconformity to empire (materialism and nationalism) and critiques of failure: "marginalization of people of color, women and LGBTQ people" along with categories for action: "immigration: tending to the undocumented as well as broad visions: "living in joy and love as a demonstration of God's love."

On July 6 the delegate body overwhelmingly passed a resolution on Israel-Palestine. Entitled "Seeking Peace in Israel and Palestine" the resolution takes what supporters call a "third way", opposing the Israeli military occupation while taking a stand against anti-Semitism and affirming the need to build stronger relationships with Jewish communities. Delegates heard endorsements of the resolution from both Rabbi Brant Rosen, repre-

sented the Rabbinical Council of Jewish Voices for Peace and Alex Awad, a Palestinian Christian who has served as a pastor and professor in Israel-Palestine.

Adult worship speakers at the convention implored attendees to love their neighbors – and enemies – through building authentic relationships. Phil Kniss, senior pastor of Park View Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg, VA, stressed that God's love demonstrated through Jesus Christ requires a rugged commitment to relationships, sacrificial giving and openness to transformation. Maribel Ramirez Hinojosa, clinical psychologist in College Station, Texas stressed that loving a stranger means learning their story, opening eyes to find out what justice looks like for them and then advocating for that justice. According to Messiah College professor Drew G.I. Hart, loving others by seeking justice with them is how love goes from something that is just talked about to something actively done. Best-selling author and blogger Rachel Held Evans called the church to love in profound and unexpected ways but declined to promise such a strategy will result in church growth, noting that success is not on the list of the fruits of the Spirit. "Death is something that empires worry about," she said "It's not something resurrection people worry about..."

A challenge to love enemies was the theme of the MC USA Youth convention and included a challenge via live video by John and Michele Miller Sharp, parents of Michael J. Sharp who was killed in the Democratic Republic of Congo while doing human rights work with the United Nations. "God used MJ's abilities to make a difference in the lives of so many people,"

Michele Miller Sharp said. "Who will step up to continue MJ's work of loving enemies and making peace? We hope you will" John Sharp said.

This year marked the Mennonite Women USA centennial celebration and on July 5 a gathering honored women who for more than 100 years have served in mission and bonded as sisters in fellowship. Through stories, songs, poems and drama, presenters showed how these women demonstrated a holy persistence in carrying out God's call, discovering their leadership gifts and offering them in a formerly male-dominated Mennonite church.

From official seminars and an inclusive worship service to direct involvement in the Future Church Summit, LGBTQ participation and presence at the convention reflected movement in from the sidelines. The official schedule included an inclusive worship service lamenting the June 12, 2016 shooting that killed 49 people and wounded 58 at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando.

Service projects, seminars, reconnecting with friends and making new acquaintances were all part of the Orlando convention experience. A fuller description of the convention along with the complete text of the Future Church Summit report is available on the MC USA web site. ~ Excerpted from *Mennonite World Review* summarized by Dianne Epp



BCMC delegates to the MC USA Conference in Orlando, FL—July 4-8, 2017 Clockwise: Susan Wheeler, Lois Preheim, Ron Preheim, Dawn Yoder Harms, Serena Wong, Austin Prouty

## MC USA Outgoing Moderator Musings



Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director of MC USA; Patricia Shelly, outgoing moderator; David Boshart, new MC USA moderator (photos courtesy of Vada Snider)

As Patricia Shelly leaves her position as moderator of Mennonite Church USA it was my privilege to sit down with her and discuss some of her observations from her time in leadership with the denomination, a total of 12 years, eight as a board member, two as moderator elect and the past two as moderator of the denomination. In her closing words as moderator to the denomination at the Orlando assembly Patty affirmed, “I will always be grateful for this opportunity to serve the church. It has been a labor of love. A LABOR, but a labor of love. This experience has stretched me in ways I never expected. It has deepened my love of and reliance on God. It has deepened my love for and commitment to Christ’s church, and to MC USA as part of Christ’s church.”

Among the highlights of her time in leadership she cited the opportunity to learn about and value the national church, its

diversity of conferences in size, programs and, most of all, its people. Membership in the Executive Board which, by conference by-laws includes members from all representative minority groups, provided the experience of being a part of a board which deliberately cultivated anti-racism practices while working on a common agenda. She cited this as one of the most rewarding experiences of her tenure.

In reflecting and thinking ahead on challenges facing MC USA she mentioned major transitions in leadership both at the national and conference level. While this provides opportunities, it also creates uncertainties. A major challenge she sees is whether Mennonites can focus on what it means to follow Jesus in the 21<sup>st</sup> century without polarization. How do we continue to be in conversation and work together even when we have differences in theology and opinions.

In response to the question of how MC USA supports local conferences and churches Patty indicated that the larger denomination can provide a broad framework for how conferences relate to each other, providing vision and policies on issues such as

ordination, and maintaining a data base of pastors. It also provides connections and networking between conferences and church agencies, producing and distributing resources such as those for youth ministries and faith formation.

Again, from her farewell to the delegates in Orlando: “I am confident that the One who began a good work in MC USA will continue to hold, keep and guide the church in all its facets—congregations, conferences, church-wide agencies, executive board and staff.”

As her home congregation we give thanks for Patty’s service to the wider denomination and pray God’s blessing upon her and upon MC USA. ~ Dianne Epp

## Western District Conference Assembly—Aug. 4-6, 2017

The 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Western District Conference was celebrated in a variety of ways at the annual conference, August 4-6 this year in Arlington, Texas. Raylene Hinz Penner wrote a readers’ theater piece “Rooted and Built up in Jesus and Established in the Faith” which was shared in the opening worship session. Norma Peters Duerksen compiled a history timeline and attendees were invited to add details and updates. Additional historical references were included throughout the sessions. Iglesia Luz del Evangelio hosted A Mini-Festival on Saturday evening which included a

wide selection of foods, games and activities for all ages. The event concluded when a large piñata was finally broken. Everyone cheered and the children scrambled for the candy.

BCMC delegates were: Dawn Yoder Harms, Dorothy Nickel Friesen, Elizabeth Raid, John Tyson, Lee Suderman, Lou Gomez, Marlene Faul, Norma Johnson, Richard Friesen, Vern Preheim. John D. Thiesen presented a workshop “Exploring Race and Ethnicity in Western District History. Lee Suderman was co-presenter in “Examining Best Approaches to Church Planting in Our 21<sup>st</sup> Century World.” Eleven other insightful workshops were presented such as a new resource “The Upside Down King Bible Study”, immigration; church history, financial planning and stewardship, and the arts.

Inspirational bi-lingual worship included sermons, scripture readings, prayers, the communion elements and music. Learning to know new people and keeping in touch with friends and deepening faith was woven together during this important weekend. ~ Norma Johnson



Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA and Patricia Shelly, MC USA Moderator



## Crossing the Line Conference

*Crossing the Line: Women of Anabaptist Traditions Encounter Borders and Boundaries* lived up to its potential as a highly stimulating conference held at Eastern Mennonite University June 22-25. The daughters of four BCMC Catacombs Class members served on the planning committee: Professors Rachel Epp-Buller (Bethel College), Rachel Waltner Goossen (Washburn University) and Mary S. Sprunger (Eastern Mennonite University).

Around 250 women, mothers, men young and old, participants and presenters from Canada, Columbia, Germany, India, Korea, Tanzania, South Africa, USA, Zimbabwe engaged around topics ranging from “Boundaries of Families Revisited,” “Gender Justice in the Global South,” “Feminist Theologies at the Center and at the Margins,” “Gender Identities and Leadership,” “The Universal Boundaries of Silence and Voice,” “Peacebuilding in Gendered and Racial Spaces,” “The Silenced Stories of Mennonite Women’s Lives,” “War and Boundary Crossings” in 24 concurrent seminars and three plenary sessions. *Crossing the Line Art Exhibit*, curated by Epp-Buller included work by Lora Jost (Lawrence, KS) and engaged Scott Jost (Bridgewater College) as presenter, both daughter and son of Mary Ann and Walter Jost. Historians, anthropologists, artists, dancers, linguists, musicians, poets, seminarians, sociologists, pastors, church leaders, undergrad and grad students learned of new research from young scholars, poetry readings and much more. In addition, conferees attended a Book Fair, could participate in a tour “Mennonite Women in the Shenandoah Valley History and Dinner,” Poetry Reading and open mic, and visit one of eight

area Mennonite Churches on Sunday. Watch for blogs and reports in church papers.

An earlier conference, *The Quiet in the Land? Women of Anabaptist Traditions in Historical Perspective* occurred in 1995, recalled in **Strangers at Home: Amish and Mennonite Women in History**, K.D. Schmidt, D.Z. Umble, S.D. Reschly, eds., Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002. We thank Catacombs members for their support of this conference. ~ *Rosalind E. Andreas and Lenore Waltner, attendees*



Mary S. Sprunger



Rachel Epp-Buller



Rachel Waltner Goossen



Scott Jost



Lora Jost

## With our members—Volunteering

A definition of volunteering is: “the principle of donating time and energy for the benefit of other people (and/or organizations) in the community as a social responsibility rather than for any financial reward.” Being a volunteer not only benefits the

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cause being supported, but provides a social interaction with others, and for retired individuals gives a feeling of self worth. Congratulations to all who are able to spend some of their hours doing this activity, and to the many who in their past years have done this and are no longer able to participate. In researching who and where BC Church members currently volunteer, it is an exhaustive list. What started out as a plan to list volunteers at the many places, soon it was realized it would take up an entire page in the newsletter. Instead, we chose to list the many places where our members give their time, citing the organizations in the Newton/North Newton area who “employ” the most volunteers from BC Church. Here is the list (and our apologies if we inadvertently omitted some): Bethel College, BCMC (more than we can count), Book ReViews, CASA, Circles of Hope, Comforter Blitz, Habitat for Humanity, Kauffman Museum, Kidron Bethel, KIPCOR, MCC Central States, MCC Sale (many, many), Mennonite Camps, New Hope Shelter (close to 30), Newton EtCetera Shop (more than 30) Newton Medical Center, Peace Connections, Schowalter Villa, Warkentin House. ~ *Lois Goertzen*

### Hugo and Mary Ann Boschmann Volunteer at Menno-Hof

*“I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.”* Rabindranath Tagore (1913 Nobel Laureate in literature)

In the footsteps of others from our congregation (Ron and Carol Peters, Frank and Helen Nachtigal) and community (Clarence and Amanda Rempel and folks from

Hesston), we decided to set aside the month of July to live and volunteer at Menno-Hof in Shipshewana, IN, the center of Amish country. Menno-Hof was the result of a vision by two local Mennonite pastors who saw the need to provide tourists with accurate information about the Amish and share the Anabaptist story. Their vision took shape and by October 1986, Leroy Troyer (architect and former Amish) designed the Amish farmstead design. An Amish crew set up the structure, “barn-raising” style, beginning on a Monday. By Friday, 220 volunteers of Amish, Mennonites and other neighbors came to help enclose the structure. By Saturday night (total of only six days) the building was locked and finished. It took another year-and-a-half to finish the interior with displays and multi-media technology for the doors to open to the public by May 1988.

Menno-Hof has been acclaimed as an excellent museum that articulates the Anabaptists’ origins, theology, and history in non-judgmental, transparent and professional manner. In the 29 years since Menno-Hof opened, nearly a million visitors have come through and learned about the Hutterites, Amish and Mennonites—their history, culture, similarities and differences. Those visitors came from most every state in the U.S. and dozens of countries. Their faiths included various Christian denominations, (Mennonite, Amish, Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Apostolic, Seventh Day Adventist, Mormon, etc.), Muslims, Jewish, and those claiming no faith tradition. Their ages ranged from children to elderly. Overwhelmingly, the comments and reactions were positive and inspiring.

Our role was to serve as hosts and docents for those coming to the museum. Hugo helped guide the guests through the different sections of the museum, introducing the topic they were to experience at each station as the Anabaptist history unfolded through the centuries. Mary Ann worked at the cash register in the gift shop and registering guests, as well as taking turns at introducing and guiding the guests through the museum. (See the photo of the Amish farmstead setting. We lived upstairs, above the gift shop, in the “farmhouse” and the museum filled the rest of the structure and barn.) We were grateful for the opportunity of serving at Menno-Hof with staff and other local volunteers. Particularly poignant to us from the Menno-Hof experience includes phrases such as: “unity amidst diversity,” and, since faith communities always exist within a culture, “it is not a question of ‘if we wanted to be part of a faith culture, but which one of the many faith cultures do we choose to identify with’.” Therefore, we need not apologize for our diversity and cultures but be sensitive to those who are different, and find unity within that. The month in Indiana was a rich mosaic of inspiring experiences for us, and we’d encourage others to consider this volunteer opportunity.

~ Hugo and Mary Ann Boschmann



Hugo and Mary Ann at Menno-Hof

### Students awarded Scholarships

Congratulations to Nathaniel Dick and Mark Kreider, who were each awarded an Everence College Scholarship for the 2016-2017 academic year. Everence, a faith-based financial services organization, invests in the God-given talents of students through its annual scholarship program. Learn more about this and other member benefits at everence.com.



### Meet Debbie Dennis – Junior Choir Director

Debbie and her husband Mike Dennis moved to the Kidron Bethel

campus last spring, and live in an independent living duplex. They lived in LaJunta, Colorado for about five years just prior to their move, and before that in New Mexico. Debbie taught K-8 music among other things in the school system there.

Due to Debbie’s declining health over the past few years, they began searching for retirement places, and found Kidron to be what they were looking for. Soon after moving here, they started attending Bethel College Church. What attracts them to the church is the carefully selected music sung and played by the choirs and congregation, the pastors who exude warmth and deliver thoughtful sermons, and the general acceptance and welcome from all the people they have met here.

At Kidron, they are involved with the coffee times, the gym, the Wednesday worship services,

trips, and movies and greeting and visiting with other residents.

They have one daughter, who they’ve welcomed into their home, whose family situation was less than desirable. Debbie applied for the position of Junior Choir director, and was accepted, and is looking forward to the challenge ahead of her. She has such a friendly personality, and it is apparent that these young lives will enjoy her outgoing spirit leading them in their music. If you haven’t had the opportunity to meet her, please welcome her. You will find her to be a fine addition to our church.

~ Lois Goertzen

Next month we will re-introduce Jill Siebert as the Cherub Choir director (she served as Cherub Choir director from 2014-2016) and the other choir directors (William Eash, Vada Snider, and Suzanne Burch) as well.

### Happy 12th Birthday Abby Koontz!



Abby Koontz is on the go! In October, she will turn 12. Recently, Abby sat down with me over a Mojo’s smoothie to talk about all the things she’s up to these days. Fasten your seatbelts!

First and foremost, Abby loves school. Math and science are her favorite subjects. Re-

cently, she helped create a rocket launcher for the school science fair. When she’s not working on integers and scientific inquiries, Abby is reading everything she can get her hands on! From science fantasy to realistic fiction, Abby already absorbs three hundred-page novels. Her latest recommendation is *Mighty Miss Malone!*

Abby brings her passion for life and learning with her into the world of sports. Her current favorite sports to play are basketball, softball, volleyball, tennis, racquetball, and soccer. (I have the feeling there’s more!) Abby especially loves playing on teams with her friends. A highlight from this summer was traveling to Oklahoma City for a tournament. She also enjoys opportunities to watch the Royals and Chiefs play in Kansas City!

Abby loves to spend time with her family. She enjoys family vacations, the annual camping trip for the blue grass festival in Winfield, and spending time with her grandparents - especially when she can sow with Granny B! Her most beloved family member, though, happens to be her dog, Fozzie. Fozzie, a poodle and golden retriever mix, is also celebrating a birthday soon. Abby loves to play with Fozzie in her free time!

Abby enjoys participating in activities at BCMC. She loves to sing in Junior Choir and play bells in Menno Ringers. Through her time in Sunday School, Abby has developed an impressive knowledge of the Bible. She has a great gift for memorizing scripture!

As Abby contemplates the future, she hopes to one day become a doctor. Being a doctor for Abby means “being able to help people when they are in need.” She also desires to travel in the future. After completing a research project on Australia in fourth grade,

Abby Koontz article  
continued

she would love to finally travel  
there someday!

Amid all her activities, one  
thing is for sure. Abby has a  
bright future! Happy birthday,  
Abby! ~ *John Tyson*

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## Anniversaries



Congratulations to  
**Cliff Dick and Marlene Ewert**  
who  
celebrate their **25th Wedding**  
Anniversary September 5



Congratulations to  
**Joyce and Marvin Holck** who celebrate  
their **25th Wedding Anniversary** October 18



Congratulations to  
**Alison and Harvey Hiebert** who  
celebrated they **60th Wedding**  
Anniversary on August 17  
(Lois Deckert sewed Alison's wedding  
dress)



Congratulations to  
**Karen and Larry Penner** who celebrate  
their **60th Wedding Anniversary**  
on September 1

## Obituaries



**John Yoder—  
January 9, 1951 –  
June 9, 2017**

John was born in Newton and received his bachelor's degree

from Chapman College (CA) and his law degree from the University of Kansas. Yoder also received a master's degree in business management from the University of Chicago. From 1976 to 1980, Yoder served as a Kansas District Court judge. In 1980 and 1981, Yoder served as a judicial fellow with the United States Supreme Court and as a special assistant to the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court from 1981 to 1983. He then served as director of the Asset Forfeiture Office within the United States Department of Justice in 1983 and 1984. Yoder lived in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. From 1992 to 1996 and from 2004 to 2008, Yoder served in the West Virginia Senate. In 2008, Yoder was elected to the West Virginia Circuit Court and was serving on the court at the time of his death. John had been a member of BCMC since April of 1978.



**David Stanley (Stan) Eitzen—August 4, 1934—July 3, 2017**

Stan was born in Glendale, CA, to David D. and Amanda

(Heidebrecht) Eitzen. He graduated from Bethel College. Two days after graduation he married Florine (Voran) and together they moved to Topeka and then Galva, where Stan taught high school and coached football, basketball, and track. He earned an M.S. in Social Science from Emporia State in 1962. He attended the University of Kansas, earning a second Master's and Ph.D. in So-

ciology. After teaching at KU for six years, he accepted a position at Colorado State University. Stan taught at CSU for 21 years. He published numerous articles and textbooks, served as editor of the Social Science Journal, the journal of the Western Social Science Association, and served as President of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport. In 2005, Stan and Florine returned to their roots in Newton where they had college friends from Bethel and many relatives. Stan is survived by Florine, his wife of 61 years, his brother Abe, sons Keith (Dawn) and Mike (Kris), daughter Kelly (Scott), and six grandchildren, Christopher, Nicole, Jake (Alise), Zach, Cooper, and Max.



**Weldon Paul Epp  
August 16,  
1945—July 8,  
2017**

Weldon Paul Epp was born in Hillsboro the son of Ruth (Schmidt) and Paul Epp. He attended high school in Hillsboro and college at Bethel College, North Newton. He married Bonnie (Franz) in Buhler on August 23, 1966. After college in 1965, he operated a custom wheat harvesting business with two combines until 1968. He then fed beef cattle and farmed with his father near Newton. From 1981 he also ran a commercial cattle feedyard. In 1993 he started a barbecue wood pellet business. Weldon enjoyed being active in the outdoors. He enjoyed camping and boating with his family, coffee with friends, traveling with Bonnie and restoring old trucks. He was a craft metalworker who had a knack for designing, building and

repairing old machinery. Most importantly, he loved being with his family and grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie of the home; children, Marc (Kim) of Newton; Jerry (Kristin) of North Newton; Ladd (Brianne) of Glenwood Springs, Colorado; grandchildren Naomi, Micah, Eliza, Caden, Jackson and Havana; sister Verda (Geoff) Deckert of Newton; nieces Natasha (Scott) Arnold and Maria Deckert; and brother-in-law Larry (Connie) Franz of Denver, Colorado. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Joycelyn.



**Kenneth Arlo Voth  
April 8,  
1929—July  
19, 2017**

Kenneth was born in Newton to William and Emma Voth. He was a graduate of Newton High School and Bethel College. On Oct. 27, 1953, in Meade, he married Hulda Reimer. He was a medical lab technician, then later worked in an industrial research lab for Vulcan Materials. He pursued his hobbies in ham radio (W0CIZ) and had his pilot's license, owning two planes. He is survived by his wife Hulda; son, Alan; daughters, Lucinda Beach, Karen Claypool and Deana Voth; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and many other family and friends.



**Milly (Mildred Dick) Stucky  
February 12,  
1925—August  
27, 2017**

Milly was born to Isaac J & Helen J Schroeder Dick in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. She went to Mountain Lake Public Schools. May 24, 1942, she was baptized in the

First Mennonite Church. Milly met Howard Stucky at Bethel College and they married August 17, 1947. They lived on a farm south of McPherson. They had five children; Clair, Teresa, Keith, Jerome and Dorothy. She worked part time at Elda's Fabrics in McPherson and after leaving there continued to sew for customers another 10 years. Howard died June 27, 1980. Milly moved to North Newton in April of 1983. She then worked part-time at the North Newton Cutting Room (a fabric store in the MCC Center.) Later, in 1984, she worked part time at Bethel College in the Music Library, as secretary to the faculty. In 1986, she became Ticket Office Manager at Bethel College and retired from there in 1997. Milly was a quilter, was on the board for the Newton Mid-Kansas Community Orchestra, and was an assistant treasurer for BCMC. She moved to Assisted Living at Kidron Bethel in 2015 and health care in 2017. Milly was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Marcella Klaassen and Selma Unruh, her husband, Howard, son, Keith, son-in-law, Kurt Harder. Survivors include Clair, Moundridge, Teresa (David) Birky, Detroit Lakes, MN, Jerome (Kellene), Lawrence, Dorothy (Keith) Janzen, McPherson, five grandchildren, Darren Birky, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Kyle (Julie) Birky, Parnell, Iowa, Camille (Russell) Adrian, North Newton, Ben (Susan) Harder, Sioux Falls, SD, Emily Harder, Lawrence, two step-grandchildren, Heather Quiring, Austin, Texas, Holleand Quiring, Phoenix, Arizona, six great grandchildren Isaac, Molly, Hazel Birky, Hannah, Micah, Elijah Adrian.

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**Worship schedule** (Check weekly bulletins and church web site, [bethel-collegemennonitechurch.org](http://bethel-collegemennonitechurch.org), for updates and details on worship and other events) Sunday worship is at 9:30 a.m., unless otherwise noted. Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place with coffee, water and tea available is at 10:30 a.m. Faith Formation is at 10:50 a.m. Everyone is welcome! Note: Any given Sunday's events may be subject to change



**Do you have a new North Newton neighbor? Al Peters would like to know. As the only church in North Newton, BCMC has a tradition of welcoming new North Newton neighbors with an informational brochure and a light goody. If you know of a new neighbor, please contact Al.**

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**The Hospitality Commission would greatly appreciate it!**

**September 3, 2017**—Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms

**September 10, 2017—Reformation Sunday**—Worship with sermon by Jim Mininger; music by Chancel Choir; Bill Swartley will speak during the Sunday school hour on his work in Mosul, Iraq (sanctuary)

**6:30 pm**—BCMC/Bethel College Ice Cream Social on the BCMC front lawn

**September 17, 2017—Peace Sunday**—Worship with sermon by Sharon Kniss, Director of Education and Training at the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution; music by Chancel Choir; Sharon Kniss will also speak during the Sunday school hour (sanctuary)

**September 24, 2017**—Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Chancel Bells; During the Sunday school hour Matt Schmidt of Health Ministries in Newton will speak about the transition of Via Christi to Health Ministries (sanctuary)

**11:45 am** All church potluck in Fellowship Hall

**12:45 pm** Congregation meeting in Sanctuary

**October 1, 2017**—Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Junior Choir and Menno Ringers; During the Sunday school hour Allyson Krehbiel from Prairie View Mental Health Center will speak about bullying (sanctuary)

**October 8, 2017—World Communion Sunday**—Worship with sermon by Menno Simons lecturer, Timothy Wengert; music by Chancel Choir and Cherub Choir

**October 15, 2017—Fall Fest Sunday—No Sunday school**

**October 22, 2017**—Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Bells

**October 29, 2017**—Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Junior Choir