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Remember Who You Are By Dawn Yoder Harms

The only thing constant in life is change. New life comes into the world. Pillars of our congregation and community die. Pastors come and go. As we experience these changes, we sense the movement of history, a significant chapter of life closing while a new one opens. We wonder what the future will look like, even as it is unfolding among us.

The process of change (transition) is often unsettling. It can leave us feeling disoriented and ungrounded, and our natural response is to grab hold of what we have known, to the ways things have “always” been. And yet, sometimes we find these

“eternals” changing, too.

While the experience of transition can disrupt our equilibrium, it does invite us to an important step in our faith journey. It asks: when everything around us seems to be moving, changing, shifting, where do we find solid ground?

To find solid ground, one must dig deep, through layers of surface crust to that place below where we remember who and whose we are: precious children of God, created to love God with all that we are as we love our neighbor as ourselves. While many things in our lives change, this core identity and purpose remains constant, and remembering it keeps us grounded.

During this transitional season in our congregational life, **“remembering who we are” will be a focus for worship, reflection, and conversation.** Artifacts from our congregation’s first wor-

ship space in the Bethel College Chapel, displayed in our Gathering Place, help us remember the story of where we’ve come from (thank you, Kauffman Museum and David Kreider!).

A *living timeline*, coming to our Gathering Place on September 9, will provide opportunity for us all to remember how our own stories are part of this congregation’s story (thank you, Visual Arts Committee, and to all of you!).

In the meantime, our Sunday morning worship through November will help us remember who we are as God’s people. In addition, opportunities to reflect on a proposed congregational purpose statement will help us think together about why we’re here and how we are being invited to follow Jesus in this time and place.

During this time of transition in our lives, the world, and our own congregation, may our remembering help keep us anchored in the depths of God’s love that endures forever.

search for a “settled associate pastor for Faith Formation”.

Susan grew up in the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church in Wichita and says that it is that congregation which informed her understanding of what it means to be an Anabaptist church in an urban context. She graduated from Bethel College in 1976 with a history major and since that time has, in one way or another, been engaged in church work including coordinator of Christian Education at Lorraine Avenue, manager of Faith and Life Bookstore, a term of Mennonite Central Committee service in Chad and then 10 years as leader of Women in Mission for the General Conference and later for the integrated conferences. During those 10 years she had the opportunity to visit many churches throughout the United States and Canada.

Her seminary training took place over a number of years of coursework from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary integrated with her work experience. In

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Artifacts in the Gathering Place from BCMC’s first worship space

Welcome Susan Jantzen!



Susan Jantzen joins our pastoral team this summer as “Bridge Associate Pastor for Faith Formation” as our congregation engages in the

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2005 she began full time study at St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City and completed her degree there.

Prior to accepting the position at BCMC Susan has served as pastor at the Mennonite Church in Deer Creek, OK, as Director of Ministries at Trinity Heights Methodist Church in Newton and, most recently, as pastor of First Mennonite Church in Hillsboro.

Susan is married to James Jantzen and they have grown children, Peter (33) and Robert (29).

We welcome Susan to BCMC and look forward to her ministry among us.

~ Dianne Epp

that you are always with me and love me, whether I'm scared or brave, happy or sad, wiggly or tired. Help me make good choices today. Help me to be ready to learn. Show me how to be a friend to someone who needs one today. I give you thanks. Amen



A New Sunday School Year

The learning of the faith journey is life-long, but there is always a special joy for the beginning of the Sunday School year for children and youth. Here at Bethel College Mennonite that beginning was August 19. The theme for the fall is God's Blessing and Care. Megan Kohlmann shared a Backpack Blessing during the Children's Conversation in worship and classes followed worship. A parent's orientation to all children's activities (including Sunday School, choir and bells) will take place on September 9 during the Sunday School hour. ~ Susan Jantzen



A "Backpack Blessing"
Loving God, as I go to school today, remind me

The 3rd and 4th Grades Sunday school class started the Sunday school year by acting out the story of Peter, John and the Lame Man from Acts 3:1-10

Nametags are Coming

Guess what's coming to BCMC! Permanent clip name tags! Many of you may have noticed that we now have small mailboxes (beautifully built by Frank Nachtigal and

Ron Peters) installed at the Front and South Entrances. These mailboxes are for our permanent nametags. There are several reasons that the Hospitality Commission has chosen to encourage a new tradition of easily identifying who you are every Sunday. First of all, we are undergoing pastoral transition. Why not make it easier on the new people as well as those of us who have trouble remembering names? Wearing a nametag fosters a feeling of community, not only for the visitor among us, but for those of us who do not know each other well and don't always have the pictorial directory at hand to figure out who that person is, even though you have been introduced to that person more than once. Please prayerfully consider wearing your name tag to be welcoming to all in our congregation.

~ Hospitality Commission

From the Search Committee

With input from the congregation and God's guidance, the Search Committee for a new associate pastor for faith formation continues its quest. Members are Suzy Burch, Marlene Ewert, Carol Flickinger, Dave Linscheid (chair), Dale Schrag and Dawn Yoder Harms (ex officio). We've met three times so far.

At our first meeting, Western District Conference (WDC) associate pastor Kathy Neufeld Dunn joined us for an

orientation session.

Next we met to plan how to further listen to and communicate with the congregation. Building on the good work of past search committees, we also worked on updating the descriptive text in the Congregational Information Form (CIF) that WDC will give potential candidates.

Most recently we polished off the text of the CIF, and planned how to conduct the "Twenty Pastoral Areas" congregational survey, the results of which also go in the CIF.

The survey will give members and those who attend regularly the opportunity to say what they think the top priorities of the new pastor should be. Look for a paper copy in your church mailbox September 9; it will include instructions on how to submit your responses online, if preferred. The deadline to respond is September 30.

The committee thanks you for your continued prayer, suggestions for potential candidates, and support as the search continues. ~ Dave Linscheid

BCMC Youth Service Learning Trip

Nine members of the Senior High Youth Group journeyed to Rehoboth Christian School near Gallup, NM from July 20-28 for a week of service and learning. Pastor Dawn and sponsors Tim and Bethany Schrag accompanied.

One of the first experiences after arriving was a native American story, song and dance by the husband and son of Deanna, the co-

ordinator for the week. On Sunday we attended church on campus, hiked, then closed out the day with worship and small groups as we did every evening.

Monday brought the service projects. Two youth helped with a local VBS program and were face to face with the community. The rest of the team did various projects around the campus. Rehoboth's ultimate goal was to get moved into their new school, but a delayed inspection meant we were unable to enter the space or put anything into the classrooms. So instead, we showed up every morning at the maintenance shop ready for whatever the staff came up with.

While these miscellaneous projects were helpful, the connection to the mission wasn't immediate. We talked as a youth group about the physical, emotional and spiritual muscles we were building during the week. In order to grow, muscles of all kinds need to be stretched.

While Rehoboth's mission has always been an act of ministry, I was moved by understanding their history as a long struggle of love, repentance and forgiveness. Trying and learning, learning and trying again. Rehoboth's superintendent shared, "We have a lot of challenges here, but we would not be where we are without God's grace."

This experience reminded me of something my father told me when I was in High School when I was frustrated with my homework. He said, "school is not about learning things, it's about learning how to learn."

We were learning how to do hard things together, we were stretching our service muscles, and we were growing our comfort zones. We saw youth encourage each other, share resources, be courageous, make each other laugh, be vulnerable, and extend invitations to include everyone.

We are so grateful to the congregation who pours love into the young people here and provides the support needed to go on summer trips. The demands, schedules and pressures on high school youth are immense, and these trips fast-forward the group's ability to build trusting relationships with each other.

Thanks to Pastor Dawn for her warmth, compassionate leadership, energy and fun-loving spirit. Thanks also to Orvin and Janet Voth who lent us the use of their van!

We are so grateful for the opportunity to go and grow together and we are excited for the year ahead!

~ Bethany Schrag



Hiking near Gallup, NM



👉 At Rehoboth

The group at Window Rock, Arizona



BCMC Youth Attend Summer Camp

BCMC was well represented at Camp Mennochah this summer. Camp experiences are often cited by our youth as some of the most formative times when they discuss their faith formation. The following is a list of young people from BCMC who enjoyed a week at Camp Mennochah. We give thanks for our church camps and for parents who support and encourage these kinds of experiences for their children. ~ Dianne Epp



Lea Baker, Maisie Brubacher,

Lucy Burch, Alice Claassen, Emma Claassen, Eva Dungan, Oliver Dungan, Elisabeth Friesen, Adah Hodge, Camille Kaufman, Abram Kaufman Wall, Mabel Kaufman Wall, Abby Koontz, Naomi Koontz, Brett LeVan, Anjela Rodriguez, Mercedes Rodriguez, Jonah Schloneger, Lily Schloneger, Kaley Spurgeon, Ian Voth, Alahna Wheat, Cecelia Williams, Addison Zerger, Justin Zerger

In addition, Elizabeth Lamp attended Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

Also, thanks to volunteers: Jonah Hodge, Megan Leary, Kevin Neufeld, Adam and Jill Robb!

Let's "C" ... ?

Conference: Western District with offices in Kansas and Texas was established in 1892.

Congregations: A total of 51 churches and four church plants are current WDC members in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska. Tabor, Eden and Alexander, three central Kansas congregations, hosted sessions this year on July 27-29. The praise band from Goessel Mennonite Church provided music on Friday night. Girls from *Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania* in Newton presented a liturgical dance. Communion was also part of worship that night.

Communication: Advance information and registration forms in Spanish and English were on the WDC website. Both languages were used simultaneously throughout the sessions. Print copies of staff and commission reports and Mennonite organizations could be requested. A print copy in English is available in the BCMC library.

Canadian: Bryan Moyer Suderman, a Mennonite musician and Bible scholar from Ontario, was the featured presenter. He grew up in South America and used Spanish and English. In his four sessions of "Reading the Bible with Jesus" he focused on each of the four Gospels. Bryan had a very creative approach to combining music and Biblical texts. His plan for Bible study is to "map the text" with who, where, what. "Jesus is in solidarity with us into the future," was one of his concluding statements.

Concert: The public and conference attendees attended a free concert on Saturday evening where Bryan shared stories and music. CD's of his music were available for purchase.

Choices: BCMC may have 18 delegates at the annual conference sessions. Susan Jantzen, Norma Johnson, Don Kaufman, Ron and Lois Preheim, Richard Reimer, Dale Schrag, Susan Wheeler, and Sandee Zerger chose to be delegates. Each had two votes if a ballot vote was needed in the business session. A variety of topics and themes were offered in eight workshops. A new on-line children's curriculum for VBS or Sunday school, *Detectives of Divinity*, was introduced. Centering prayer, WDC history, praying through art, evangelism, stewardship, Mennonite Church USA and a Latino discussion with Bryan were the other options.

Challenges: The current changes in US immigration procedures are a major issue, particularly for our Spanish congregations. Come congregations have chosen to offer being a sanctuary for active deportees. *Journey Forward* is the focus of MC USA in preparation for the 2019 meeting in Kansas City.

Conclusion: Anyone may attend the annual WDC conference sessions. It is not just for delegates! You will make new friends, learn about what's happening in other parts of our conference and return home inspired and refreshed. Will we "C" you at the sessions in 2019?

~ Norma J. Johnson

Happy 80th Birthday LaVern Stucky!



"...and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith as you are being rooted and grounded in love."

Ephesians 3:17

A conversation with LaVern Stucky will leave you with no doubt of his rootedness. He is rooted in the soil of Kansas. His farming began in his youth. He may be slowing down a bit as he ages but he is still growing wheat, soybeans, and corn. He grew up on a farm north of Moundridge. His parents were Marian and Wilma Siemens Stucky. He was the oldest of five.

In addition, he is rooted in his history, especially Mennonite history. He has been the president of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association for eight years, following Arnold Wedel. He's given tours of Marion, Harvey, and Butler counties recalling that Elder Jacob Stucky led people here. He was the president of the Mennonite Relief Sale for many years. There he initiated the penny challenge, asking each church to give enough pennies to reach a mile. It has grown into a great fundraiser for Mennonite Central Committee. He graduated from Bethel College with a major in history. He taught school in Arkansas City, Newton High Schools, and Peabody Junior High. In addition to teaching history, he coached

debate and taught English.

LaVern met Marilyn Goebel while students at Moundridge High School. They were married in 1958. Two daughters were added to their family, Cynthia and Janelle. Cindy is married to Charles Beth and works in the development office at Bethel College. They have two sons who are now young adults. Janelle is married to Grant Unrau and lives in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

LaVern is a man who has never understood the meaning of retirement. Along his life's way he was part of the White-water Watershed board in addition to all his work with MCC. He was also a big part of the House Against Hunger that was financed by many donations.

LaVern has told several people of his wishes for his funeral dinner. They included pulled pork and potato salad. His daughters learned of it so that's how they celebrated his 80th birthday July 30. It was a fine celebration!

The biggest surprise of our interview with LaVern was that he writes poetry. With our urging he brought out a notebook with his private musings. He read a few to us. They were quite personal, usually addressed to someone in his family who he holds dear.

We are so grateful for LaVern and trust that he will continue to live out his life rooted in all that he holds dear.

~ Donna Friesen & Dawn Yoder Harms

Happy 80th Birthday Don Harrold!



On August 25, 1938, Don Harrold joined two sisters and a brother in rural Fowler, Kansas.

The Dust Bowl meant hard times for the family, and they moved to Sedgwick when his father found work at an airplane factory. His childhood ambitions were to be a pilot and a policeman.

While attending college, Don worked at Moody (now Petersen) Funeral Home. When things were slow, he and his buddy would people watch. He especially noticed one young woman who walked by every day on her way to a doctor's office in Doctor's Park, as an RN. He soon discovered her name was Marilyn Kliewer. Their marriage was blessed with two daughters, Susan and Janna. Susan lives in Valley Center and has one daughter. Janna was diagnosed with colon cancer at age 25 and died four years later. It was a time of great loss and grief. It opened his heart to compassion toward the people he encountered in his work.

Don attended Wichita State at nights until he received a degree in Administration of Justice. In 1961, he began working for the Newton Police Department and remained there for 28 years, retiring in 1988. Through the years he worked his way up from patrolman to sergeant, lieutenant, and finally captain. Most of his

work was helping people and dealing with misdemeanor and property crimes. Over the years there were advances in communication, computers were introduced, and the bulletproof vest became part of the uniform. There were also changes in how the public viewed officers. Don says there were both predictability and randomness about his work. He never knew what he would encounter when he went to work; on the other hand, he often encountered the same problems with different faces. Helping people was what kept him on the job day after day.

Somewhere along the way, Don became a pilot and fulfilled his second childhood dream. He flew for recreation and relaxation. After retiring he returned to Petersen Funeral Home for part-time work. Over the years he did everything but embalm. Here again he enjoyed helping people when they needed it.

Don and Marilyn have been members of BCMC since the 1950s. He has served on the Social Committee, as a trustee, and an usher. Since both he and Marilyn worked in 24-7 jobs, they couldn't always attend church, but it has been a central part of their family. Some changes he has seen in the church are air-conditioning, a public address system, and carpet.

We thank Don for his caring presence in our congregation and in the Newton community.

~ Florence Schloneger



Happy 80th Birthday Marvin Holck!



Born at Forest City, Iowa on October 14, 1938, Marvin grew up on a farm in

north central Iowa, near Kanawha. It was a farm which had been in his family for several generations so its loss during the 1980's farm crisis was a severe blow. Struggling as to "what next" he was listening to NPR one morning and heard a story about a program which Bethel College had initiated aimed at farmers who had lost their farms. This program in which tuition was waived in order for them to enroll in college in preparation for a career change struck his interest. Immediately, Marvin called the college for further information.

In a sense, the rest is history, for that led to his attending Bethel College and eventually to working in the admissions office where his supervisor, Lori Schmidt, had a photo on her desk of her mother, Joyce. He and Joyce were married October 18, 1992 and celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last October. In addition both of Marvin's daughters are graduates of Bethel College, Beth now an attorney living in Virginia and working in DC and Brenda a nurse at Wesley Medical Center in Wichi-

ta and mother of Marvin's granddaughter, Kaley.

Following his travels across the US for the college Marvin changed careers and entered the insurance industry, working for Mennonite Mutual Aid until his retirement. It is not surprising to learn that Marvin's work world has centered around working with people for he is decidedly a "people person".

Flying has always been a passion for Marvin who took his first flying lessons as a teenager and "soloed" at the age of 14. Over the years he has owned a variety of planes, one of which was borrowed by a friend to fly Jimmy Carter across Iowa during the Iowa primary. He still owns a plane but allows that his flying days may be nearing an end.

Though he grew up attending a Methodist church, Marvin claims Quaker great grandparents on his paternal side so, in a sense, membership at BCMC returns him to those pacifist roots. He and Joyce continue to be involved members of the congregation.

Marvin and Joyce lived in North Newton from 1996 to 2011 when they moved to a home on the Schowalter Villa campus. Marvin says that living there has given them another whole group of friends and, perhaps summing up his philosophy, "You can't have too many friends". Best wishes Marvin as you celebrate this 80th year.

~ Dianne Epp

Happy 80th Birthday Karen Penner!



Karen Penner grew up in rural Aulne, Kansas, near Hillsboro. She was the first to join the

family of Jonas Suderman and Verna Hagen Suderman but was soon joined by two brothers and a sister. When Karen was 11, her mother died. Several years later, her father brought home a friend for dinner and Karen cooked the meal. His friend, Helen Schroeder, became her second mother and later another brother joined the family. Her family were members of Ebenfeld Mennonite Brethren Church near Hillsboro. She was baptized upon confession of faith in the Schlehuber Pond near Hillsboro when she was eight years old and joined the church. Since both her grandmothers lived in Hillsboro, Karen stayed with them during her high school years when she began participating in many extra-curricular activities at Hillsboro High School. She graduated in 1956. After graduation, she attended Tabor College for a year.

On September 1, 1957, Karen married Larry Penner. She was almost nineteen; he was a senior at Bethel College. A year later he graduated with a major in business and was hired by Hesston Manufacturing Company (now

Agco). He worked various management departments, including bookkeeping and business, marketing and scheduling, until his retirement in 1998. Karen worked at Axtell Clinic until their son Murray was born in 1961. Diana arrived in 1963.

Murray is Executive Director of NASTAD and lives in Washington, D.C. He has two children, Chance and Victoria Bailey. Diana, Superintendent of the Quil-layute School District, lives in the Olympic National Forrest, near Forks, Washington, and has one son, Gabriel. Karen delights in her three grandchildren. When they were young, she kept the airlines busy traveling to care for them while their parents were away. During their elementary years, she hosted them for two-three weeks each summer, baking, reading together, swimming, visiting the Suderman farm and sites all over Kansas. In 1965, the Penners moved to a house at 928 Spruce Street and became an integral part of "the Spruce Street Family." When their children started school, Karen went to work at the Law Office of David W.

Wheeler, became a certified legal assistant, and worked there until her retirement in 1998. "David was a bit controversial in the community," she admits. "He dared to represent difficult cases, including people in the African American community." During this time Karen returned to school at Friends University, graduating in 1992.

BCMC is an important part of Karen's life. She has served on most commissions through the years, taught

Sunday School for 25 years, and played in the bell choir. After retirement, she gave leadership to the women's fellowship, serving as Vice-President and President, and now serves as overall Funeral Food Chairperson. She and Larry are Sunday School Treasurer's for BCMC, and she serves on the Witness Commission. She enjoys a mentoring relationship with Emma Claassen. An epiphany time in Karen's life was her visit to the Holy Land with the 2015 Bethel/Tabor Jerusalem Seminar that included seven members of BCMC and eight Bethel College students.

Karen's love of history is evident by the activities she chose in retirement. She is on the Board of Directors and head docent at the Warkentin House Museum and has traveled widely to tell the Warkentin story of generosity to the city and state. She is a member of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR), has served as

President of their local Golden Wheat Chapter for many years, and as Genealogy Chair of the international organization. She has been to the Ukraine twice to add information to hers and Larry's family histories, as all of their great-grandparents immigrated from that area in the 1870s.

Some things Karen has especially valued about the Bethel College Mennonite Church family are: 1) Being a "welcoming church" and the willingness for members to listen to each other and sometimes agree to disagree, 2) Lifelong friendships, 3) Beautiful music—"many Sundays the music speaks to my heart of God's love and grace."

We have all been blessed by Karen's energy, love for children and youth, passion for justice, and commitment to building community.
~ Florence Schloneger

Anniversaries



Congratulations to Phyllis and Robert Carlson—65 years of marriage—
August 8, 1953



Congratulations to Esther and Harold Thieszen—65 years of marriage—September 18, 1953

Obituaries



Rubie Adah Unruh Reimer
June 29, 1921—
June 27, 2018

Rubie was born to Gerhard B. and Anna K. (Schmidt) Unruh. The family lived just west of Goessel. Rubie and Wilbert V. Reimer were married on April 30, 1942. She accompanied Wilbert to a Civilian Public Service (CPS) Camp in Oregon and later to an institution to work with disabled people in Wisconsin. Rubie and Wilbert's family settled in North Newton in the early 1950s. They joined the Bethel College Mennonite Church in May of 1951. Rubie worked at Banman's IGA in North Newton and later at the General Conference Mennonite Church offices in Newton. She retired in 1983. Wilbert and Rubie moved to the Kidron 400 building in 1998. Wilbert died Aug. 13, 2000 and Rubie continued to live in the 400 building until 2017 when she moved to Assisted Living and then to Healthcare. She was preceded in death by Wilbert, her parents, sisters Amanda and Erna and their husbands Edwin Dirks and Dave Seeney, and brother Karl Unruh and his wife Helen. Surviving are son James, and granddaughter Laura of Pueblo, CO; daughter Betty and her husband Jim Wyckoff of Cherryvale, KS; granddaughter Reven Flaming Bronson, her husband David, and their children Jonas and Bo of Shawnee, KS; and granddaughter Hilary Flaming of Hawaii.



Arnold M. Wedel
January 31, 1928—June 30, 2018

Arnold was born in Lawrence, KS.

The family moved to Holdenville, OK, where Arnold spent his elementary school years. He was baptized and raised in the Methodist church. When his family settled in North Newton, Arnold attended Newton High School. He was a sports writer in high school and college. He graduated from Bethel College in 1947; earned a master's degree from the University of Kansas in 1948; a Ph.D. in 1951 from Iowa State College (now Iowa State University), specializing in statistics. A few months later he joined the Bethel faculty, but was drafted in 1953 and served two years in I-W service as a hospital admitting clerk in Denver, CO. There he met his future wife, Dolores Lehman. Arnold was a mathematician and devoted his life to the vision of Bethel College as a first-rate liberal arts institution on a par with the best in the country. Besides his family and mathematics, he was passionate about Mennonite values and genealogy, following the stock market, peace research, and the Boston Red Sox. In 1955, Arnold resumed teaching at Bethel. Under his leadership, the mathematics program grew and thrived. Arnold wrote the *Joy of Mathematics: The Mathematical Adventures of Herman Bubbert* (a fictitious character illustrious in the Bethel community and beyond.) He served the Kansas section of the Mathematical Association of America as chairman and governor. He served as president and vice-president of the Swiss Mennonite Cultural

and Historical Association. Wedel spent summers teaching at the University of Kansas (KS), Mankato State College (MN), Lehigh University (PA), Knox College (IL), and Emporia State University (KS). He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward B. Wedel and Kathryn (Wedel) Wedel; only sibling, Elaine (Ozzie Goering); and eldest child, Dr. Suzanne Wedel (who died in 2016). He is survived by Dolores Lehman Wedel (N. Newton), his wife of 63 years; son-in-law Dr. Alasdair Conn (Marblehead, MA); two children, Janine Wedel (Washington, DC) and Edward (Ted) Wedel (Melissa Manda, Jefferson City, MO); five grandchildren—Kathryn Conn (Dr. Arun Nair, Austin, TX), Christopher Conn (Emily Comstock, Baltimore, MD), Alexander Conn (New York, NY), Meredith Manda Wedel (Palo Alto, CA), and Michael Manda Wedel (Hannover, NH); a community of former students spread across the country and the world, and, of course, the legendary Herman Bubbert.



Lois Augusta Duerksen Deckert—
August 8, 1933 – August 2, 2018

Lois was born in Korba, India, to Christina and Jacob Duerksen. The Duerksen family lived in India as missionaries from the time Lois was born until she returned to the U.S. to attend Bethel College. Lois and her siblings, Joseph and Christine, attended Woodstock boarding school in Mussoorie, India. At Bethel College, Lois pursued her love of art while majoring in Elementary Education. She continued her art education throughout her life, taking classes in painting, poetry and

ceramics. Lois enjoyed writing both prose and poetry. She edited the Women in Mission magazine, worked at the Mennonite Press and published a novel entitled "Keeping Hope." Lois and Marion were married June 16, 1957, in Bethel College Mennonite Church. They moved to Chicago, where Marion pursued a Divinity degree and Lois taught school. They volunteered with Mennonite Central Committee in Morocco and later Halmahara, Indonesia. Their first child, Alan, was born in Morocco and their second, Alice, was born in Indonesia. Lois and Marion eventually settled in North Newton. Lois served as the International Student advisor at Bethel College for a number of years. Marion's sabbatical from Bethel College took them to Indonesia. Unfortunately, Lois was diagnosed with lymphoma and an inoperable tumor brought them back to the States where they finished off the year in Akron, PA at the MCC headquarters while Lois underwent treatment. Lois battled the lymphoma on and off for five or six years with chemotherapy and radiation and she lived cancer free for the last decades of her life. Lois is survived by her husband, Marion Deckert; her two children, Alan and Alice Deckert; her two grandchildren, Caitlin and Megan McGrath; and her two siblings, Christine (Duerksen) Waltner and Joseph Duerksen.



Rupert Karl Hohmann
February 21, 1928 – August 13, 2018

Rupert Hohmann was born to Dr. Walter and Elsbeth Roessler Hohmann. He attended elementary school, junior high, and high school in Newton

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until grade 9 and then transferred to Mennonite Bible Academy at Bethel College graduating May 17, 1946. He attended Bethel College and graduated in 1949 with a BA in Music and then received a Master of Music degree from the University of Wichita in 1951. During these years, he joined the Wichita Symphony Orchestra as a violinist. He was the first Newtonian to join this orchestra. Rupert played in the Wichita Symphony for 10 years in two separate five-year segments. From 1953-1955, Rupert spent two years doing I-W service at the Philadelphia State Mental Hospital. He worked in the Music Therapy Department.

In the fall of 1957, Rupert came back to Bethel to teach violin, direct the orchestra and taught Beginning Harmony and Music Appreciation. He also worked at the Herald Press as a linotype operator. He continued to play with the Wichita Symphony Orchestra. During the summers, he taught at the University of Oklahoma in Norman and appeared as soloist with the Oklahoma City Youth Orchestra. He taught chamber music and was concertmaster of the University of Oklahoma Orchestra. He also taught violin at Inspiration Point, AR. He graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1959 from Northwestern University in Evans-

ton, IL. He did post-doctoral work at Yale University (1965). In 1962, he went to Eastern New Mexico University where he taught violin and chamber music. From 1963-1966, Rupert was Head of the Music Department and Conservatory at Muskingum College in New Concord, OH. For the next 23 years, Rupert joined the faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Campus. From 1966-1989, Rupert was conductor of the university orchestra and taught violin and graduate courses. After 1989, Rupert retired from the University of Wisconsin as Emeritus Professor of Music to North Newton. In Newton, Rupert played as a soloist with the Mid-Kansas

Symphony Orchestra. He played for Newton Community Theatre, and played in area churches as well as other musical functions. Rupert was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Gertrude Elizabeth Dyck and Randalin A. Bargdill. Survivors include his nieces and nephew Elisabeth Dyck (Todd) Schafer of Topeka, KS., Gary (Mary Ann) Bargdill of Blue Rapids, KS., Rebecca Bargdill (Phil) Fortney, Deborah Bargdill (Rob) Love all of Topeka; numerous great nieces and nephews and cousins.

Worship schedule (*Check weekly bulletins and church website, bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org, for updates and details on worship and other events*) Sunday worship is at 9:30 am, unless otherwise noted. Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place with coffee, water and tea available is at 10:30 am. Faith Formation is at 10:50 am. Everyone is welcome!
Note: Any given Sunday's events may be subject to change. "The Kaleidoscope" can be viewed online on the website.

September 2, 2018—Worship with reflections by Vern Preheim, Rebecca Schloneger, Ben Lichti, Elizabeth Raid; music by Matt Lind, baritone saxophone

September 9, 2018 — Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Choir; there will be commissioning of Sunday school teachers and commission and committee members and presentation of Bibles to 3rd graders

September 16, 2018 —**Peace Sunday**—Worship with sermon by Jalane Schmidt; music by Chancel Choir
Jalane Schmidt will also be present for the Sunday school hour.

September 23, 2018—Worship with sermon by Susan Jantzen; music by Chancel Bells

September 30, 2018—Worship with sermon by Jordan Miller, Kansas Mennonite Disaster Service Unit Chair; music by Menno Ringers; Jordan Miller will also be present for the Sunday school hour. There will be an all church potluck at 11:45 am followed by a congregational meeting at 12:45 pm

October 7, 2018—**Fall Fest Sunday and Inauguration of new Bethel College president at Bethel College Memorial Hall**—no services at BCMC

October 14, 2018—**World Communion Sunday**—Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Junior Choir and Cherub Choir

October 21, 2018—Worship with sermon by Rachel Waltner Goossen; music by Chancel Bells

October 28, 2018—Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Choir