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Pastor's Corner with Dawn Yoder Harms

As short winter days are lengthening in the northern hemisphere, we are reminded that Lent is right around the corner. (The word *Lent* comes from an Anglo-Saxon word meaning *lengten*, referring to the lengthening of daylight hours at this time of year.)

Observed during the forty days before Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 26) and ending on Easter Sunday (April 12), Lent invites us to a season of prayer and reflection as we accompany Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem, a journey that leads through life-changing encounters, struggle, death, and resurrection.

Along the way, we will be reflecting on the theme: *Open our Eyes*. The gospel texts from John focus our attention on a vivid cast of characters—Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman, the man born blind, Lazarus of Bethany and his sisters, Mary and Martha, and Mary Magdalene—people who meet Jesus and are invited to see in new ways, new ways that lead to new life.

As we engage these stories, we are invited to keep our eyes and hearts open: where, in these stories, do we see ourselves? Where in these stories, do we meet Jesus? What new ways of seeing, what new ways of engaging life are we being invited to enter into?

As pastors, we hope you will help us reflect on these themes by joining us on Tuesdays (March 3-April 7), 12-1pm, in the BCMC chapel, as we delve into the gospel reading for the coming Sunday. Please consider this an opportunity to help us with our sermon preparation!

In addition, we encourage you to participate in the special services of this season: Ash Wednesday (Feb 26), Palm/Passion Sunday (April 5), Maundy Thursday (April 9), the Community Good Friday Service (April 10), and Easter Sunday (April 12) 7 am sunrise service and 10 am worship.

During Lent you may want to take the opportunity to *give up some practices* and *take on others* as a way of cultivating and deepening love for God, neighbor and self. If you have interest, here are some ideas to get you started:

- Adding:**
 - At the end of each day, or over mealtime, speak out loud three things for which you are grateful.
 - Let yourself be awed by God's gift of creation. Pay attention to the sunrise, the phases of the moon, the stars. Watch birds. Look for the first signs of green.
 - Carve out ten minutes a day for prayer, spiritual reading and reflection.
 - Offer a listening ear to someone who needs it.
 - Follow the Creation Care Lent Calendar (on the Creation Care table or at http://www.creationjustice.org/uploads/2/5/4/6/25465131/cjm_2020_lent_calendar.pdf)
- Subtracting:**
 - Use a little less gas. Walk or bike more.
 - Buy a little less. Take a break from online browsing and buying.
 - Keep a little less. Clean out a closet and find what's hiding in forgotten corners that could be shared with others.
 - Eat less meat, as you remember those who eat very little of it.
 - Consider limiting your use of electronics.

Blessings on this Lenten journey! Along the way, may we be blessed by new ways of seeing and being as we

engage the challenges of our world.

Transition to Leadership Through AMBS By Nathan Koontz

As both Renee Reimer and I continue our education as pastors, we have become part of the Transition to Leadership Program through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. This a mentoring program that bolsters our existing mentoring relationships through Western District Conference as new pastors begin their ministry. Through WDC, Kay Schroeder is a mentor to Renee. I am a mentor to Scott Litwiller. Scott began his ministry as a co-pastor at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, Wichita this fall. Kay had been a pastor at First Mennonite in Newton for many years, and recently

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began a new position at Hesston Mennonite Church. As part of the WDC mentoring program, the mentoring pairs are expected to meet monthly and discuss different aspects of church life, call, and spiritual growth.

Now with the help of the Transition to Leadership Program, we will be able to dig deeper and better discern paths for healthy and sustainable ministry. Through a grant from the Lily Endowment that covers all expenses, AMBS is able to host four multi-day learning events over a two-year period in the Elkhart area, staffed with AMBS professors and other trained leaders to improve and resource the mentoring relationship. Our first weekend will be February 28- March 1 at Camp Friedenswald. The next learning event will be in September. In addition to these learning events, the Transition to Leadership Program also provides additional opportunities to talk with intercultural competence coaches and pastoral leadership consultants. Both Renee and I are looking forward to this resource rich time to grow in our mentoring relationship and leadership capacity.

Plans Underway for Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms' Sabbatical

Last spring, our congregation conducted a standard, three-year review of Pastor Dawn Yoder Harms. An Appreciative Inquiry Process showed strong appreciation for Dawn's pastoral skills; however, it also revealed concern about the

toll that shepherding BCMC through two and one half unusually difficult years might be taking.

Aware of the congregation's concerns, and of Dawn's own awareness of the importance of self-care, the Staff Congregation Relations Committee (SCRC) recommended she be granted a sabbatical. Last June, the congregation voted overwhelmingly—176 to 3—to both invite Dawn to another three-year term as lead pastor, and to grant her a sabbatical in 2020. SCRC and the Church Board have approved Dawn's sabbatical, which will take place from May 5 through August 17, 2020.

BCMC policy says sabbaticals are for "study, renewal, reading, in-service training or the like, related to the pastor's work and from which the congregation and its programs are likely to benefit." SCRC and Dawn have focused especially on the value of *renewal*.

Mennonite Church USA guidelines support this thinking, suggesting that "spiritual renewal and rest should be planned as part of every leave, but sometimes a leave should be taken for *this purpose alone*. After an extended or particularly intense time of pouring themselves out for the church, pastors often need time ... to replenish their spiritual resources through prayer and reflection. Even Jesus needed to do this from time to time"

Dawn has identified three goals for her sabbatical:

1. *Rest*. She'll spend time with family, bike with friends, find renewal through nature, and rest

in God's care through centering prayer.

2. *Soul-feeding*. Dawn wants to spend some time reading, especially books that explore biblical story through the lens of different cultures and life experiences (including trauma), and through the lens of leadership.
3. *Listening*. This will happen through continued spiritual practices, including journaling and photography, spending retreat time at a monastery, and spiritual direction.

Dawn will benefit, but the congregation will also benefit when she returns—hopefully with renewed vigor, a spiritual well that is full again, and fresh ideas for continuing to lead BCMC. During Dawn's sabbatical, the BCMC congregation will have a wonderful opportunity to learn to know Pastor Renee and Pastor Nathan even better.

SCRC is already planning coverage for when Dawn is away. After meeting with staff, we have together determined that an interim pastor is not necessary given the resources of our already strong team. Pastors Renee Reimer and Nathan Koontz and office manager Monica Lichti will serve as a leadership team during Dawn's sabbatical. In addition, Pastor Nathan will be adding one additional day per week to his schedule—Wednesdays—with added flexibility as needed. Barbara Thiesen has graciously agreed to serve as worship coordinator during this time as well.

However, we are not planning to simply shift all of Dawn's responsibilities to other paid staff. SCRC will be ask-

ing church members to help—with worship planning, preaching, additional pastoral care, office support and with other tasks as required.

As Dawn looks forward to time away, SCRC will work alongside Renee, Nathan, and Monica to plan for continued programming, pastoral care and meeting other needs at BCMC, knowing there will be folks in the congregation who will be happy to help. We hope that if you receive an invitation to assist during this time, you will prayerfully consider contributing your gifts in this way. And if you can anticipate a need that you might fill, please do not wait for an invitation, but rather reach out to a member of SCRC directly to discuss.

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas, feel free to talk with SCRC members David Linscheid, Heather Zerger, Jill Robb, or Vern Preheim.

Anti-Racism Training By Beth Balzer



This past January I had the privilege of going to Anti-Racism

training. This was one of the most interesting and empowering experiences I've had so far. I came into it as a white woman knowing that I had privilege but I never realized how much privilege I had. There were many things that I thought I knew but I really didn't. Some important take-

aways that I have from it are:

1. Institutional racism vs. individual racism and which to focus on. One thing I learned was that white people tend to think about racism on an individual level whereas People of Color tend to think of it as institutional, which is where the root of the problem is.

2. Intent does not equal impact. I understand that your intent could be positive in your view, however, people experience and interpret things in different ways. One example of this would be asking a Person of Color where they came from. This might sound like an innocent question, however, if the other person has been asked where they're from and answer "New York" and then is asked again, meaning what country they're from because their skin color is different, it won't sit well with them.

3. Advocacy is important but it's also important to know our place. I completely believe that you should advocate for what you believe in but in this case, if you're white, we have to understand that People of Color are the ones who should speak first. If you hear something that sounds racist and no one else is there to speak up, absolutely speak up, but if there is someone else that can speak up before you, let them. When you do speak up, remember that it's the right thing to do but don't go thinking you're all that and a bag of chips. It's what everyone should be doing.

These are only a few of the important things I learned. I challenge all of you to educate

yourselves. Learn about institutional racism and white privilege and how it affects yourself and People of Color. Make sure you have credible sources. Don't put all the pressure on People of Color to do this for you. Be willing to be uncomfortable. If you stay in your comfort zone, then you won't learn. Be open minded because you might hear things that offend you or make you feel sad.

Editor's Note: Newton Community for Racial Justice sponsored an anti-racism training January 17-19 based on *Roots of Justice* Analysis Training. The *Roots of Justice* website describes this training as: "A foundational level training to provide shared language and a common framework to begin or deepen the work of eliminating racism. The focus for this training is organizational and systemic oppression." Those sent from BCMC were: Renee Reimer, Ben Gering, Beth Balzer, and Tim Hodge.

An Update from the Education and Service Scholarship Committee

The Education and Service Scholarship Committee (ESSC) shares the experiences of our scholarship recipients throughout the academic year. We recently caught up with Laura Tran who is in her third year at Bethel College. She writes, "During interterm I took an Instrumental Analysis class

in which I got an insight of several chemical instruments. Even though this class was only six hours a day, I found myself spending most of my awake hours either studying or completing assignments. This class was mostly taken in fulfillment of my chemistry major. My spring semester consists of mostly biology courses which will be a nice change in pace."

We also reached out to Connor Born who is with Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) in Alamosa, CO. He is working with the Rio Grande Restoration Project there. Connor writes "I'm now around six months into my placement, and it's gone by incredibly fast. Some recent work highlights include attending water-related conferences and meetings as a part of my placement with the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project. While often conflated with politics, these opportunities are giving me a more complete understanding of something I was almost entirely unaware of growing up in Kansas. Outside of work, I've been finding ways to embrace the winter in Alamosa, including baking, cooking, and taking part in community events. The other volunteers and I also attended young-adult snow camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp."

In the 2019-20 academic year we are so glad to be helping six college students: Angus Siemens, senior at Bethel College; Zoe Siemens, sophomore at Bethel; Elizabeth Tran, senior at Bethel; Laura Tran, junior at Bethel; Jon Voth, sophomore at

Hesston College; and Jason Wong, sophomore at Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA. Our church also contributed to Connor's year with MVS. Typically, the Mission and Service Endowment Fund provides assistance to BCMC young adults going into a year of service. The Fund also supports students attending Bethel College with \$500 per semester over and above the amount in the church budget. The BCMC congregation has generously supported the Endowment Fund in the past and we have an opportunity to continue our support by participating in Baskets for Bethel, coming on Wednesday evening, April 1, during the Wednesday Night Supper. Watch for more information as we get closer to the event!
~ Margaret Toews, for the ESSC

Women's Fellowship Spring Fling

BCMC Women's Fellowship Spring Fling (for women and girls) on April 14 will be a celebration of "Weddings Now and Then." A program featuring wedding gowns modeled or displayed will follow a light supper. Please celebrate with us by sharing a wedding gown meaningful to you.

Contact Lois Brubacher (loisbrubacher@yahoo.com) by March 17 if you wish to model or display a gown.

Reservations for the April 14, 6 pm supper are due by April 7 with Lois Goertzen.

Cost for the supper will be \$10.00, payable at the door.



Giving From the Heart

As the 52nd annual Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale gets nearer, the term “March Madness” takes on an annual meaning. While most people hear the term “March Madness” and start to think about the NCAA Basketball Tournament, those of us associated with the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale (KMRS) think that the bevy of activities related to preparing for the sale reaches the point of great business in March and early April. The thousands of people who help with the sale are busy in many ways. Some are busy baking pies, zwieback, poppy seed rolls and many other baked goodies. Some are finishing quilts and needlework trying to make the deadline so their quilt can be photographed and packed away until sale time. The finishing touches are being put on cars and tractors and other machines that have been donated...including a Fordson tractor. Others are busy with woodworking projects, quiet books, preparing things for the silent auction.

It is many hands working together with one heart. The heart and soul of the sale is the dedication of the volunteers who work, prayerfully and with purpose to help the sale raise funds for the work of the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) providing relief, development and education in the name of Christ.

There is another way that people help. It is an investment in the sale, in the pur-

pose of the sale, and in the belief that by providing funds for the KMRS good things will happen for the benefit of people around the world.

In our own congregation, the Sojourner’s Sunday School Class has pledged \$5,000 to help with the expenses of the sale. The Mosaic Sunday School Class has gifted KMRS with a \$1,000 gift as part of the “1000 for a \$1000” fundraising project. Several couples and individuals in our church have contributed in like manner. The Mennonite Central Committee this past week received a gift of \$30,000 for the “1000 for a \$1000” fundraiser from an individual who had never given over \$200. These investments of money and time will reap great benefits.

Investments given from the heart are not only financial. On almost any day at the MCC Warehouse, groups of people are sorting through fabric, going through donations, packing kits for use overseas and helping to fulfill the mandate of MCC...in the name of Christ.

In the next weeks our March Madness will be in full swing. Volunteering... time; crafts; items for the silent auction, the quilt auction, the general auction, and the children’s auction; making verenike or bohne berrogi; making burritos; ordering the food and organizing the Feeding of the Multitude; and making a difference in people’s lives. As Chairman of the KMRS Board of Directors and a

member of this congregation I thank you for the gifts you bring, the prayers you offer, and the size of your generous hearts...

“In the name of Christ”.
~ Jim Robb



Happy 80th Birthday Mary Goering! January 29



Mary was born in England in January 1940 soon after the beginning of Word War II. Her father was in the

British army overseas at the time of her birth. She was truly a “Child of the War” in England, sleeping in air raid shelters, surviving local bombings and eventually being evacuated away from the London area for safety. She attended schools and college in England and was an elementary school teacher before emigrating to the United States in 1964 with her first husband. They lived in several states and had two daughters, Nicole and Joanna. Known as “Mary Poppins” for most of her teaching career, Mary taught in schools in Massachusetts, Virginia and Arizona before moving to Texas in 1984. At that time, being divorced and raising two girls, Mary changed her career to Human Resources. She worked at Austin Regional Clinic, a large outpatient clinic with 17

locations and 200 doctors, for 23 years enjoying her role as Director of Human Resources until her retirement in 2007.

After being divorced for many years, Mary met and married her devoted husband, Homer Goering, at Hope Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas in 1999. She was welcomed into Homer’s large family and together they enjoy a full life together. They travel to interesting places and Homer supports Mary by helping her set up displays of her art in various shows. In December 2018, Homer and Mary moved to Kidron Bethel Village in North Newton. They decided to join BCMC and enjoy worshiping and being members of the church.

With God’s help and guidance, Mary’s goal in life is to try to make a positive difference. Whether it be one on one with a person in need or assisting an organization in a leadership role, she has always been busy. In the past, she volunteered for many years at People’s Community Clinic, a local non-profit organization providing healthcare for the underserved. She assisted as a Literacy Partner in local schools to help children with reading problems. At Hope Presbyterian Church, Mary served as a Stephen Ministry Leader, an Elder, a Sunday School teacher, an English as Second Language (ESL) teacher and initiated a Prayer Shawl Ministry. In 2015, Homer and Mary went to Ethiopia with Water to Thrive, a non-profit organization that builds clean water wells in

Africa. That trip changed their lives. Mary enjoys being an ambassador for Water to Thrive, telling her story and the need for clean water in remote rural villages. This has resulted in many more wells being funded.

After a year of living in North Newton, Mary is learning the Mennonite culture with the help of family and friends and striving to live in service to others and to the Lord. She is on the Board of the Carriage Factory in Newton and has started a Prayer Shawl Ministry at Kidron.

~ Dianne Epp

Happy 80th Birthday Duane Friesen! April 27



Duane's first home was Medora, Kansas. His next two years were in

Inman, where his father, Waldo, was grade school principal. In 1943 the family moved to the Fairview Community near American Falls, Idaho, close to Waldo's home place, buying a farm in the Snake River Valley together with Waldo's younger brother.

The grandeur and beauty of the Idaho environment had a lasting influence. Bannock Peak greeted him through their farmhouse living room window and, in the opposite direction, Lonely Elephant Butte rose from the sage brush and lava on the Snake

River Plain. What an opportunity for adventure – hunting, fishing, mountain climbing, spelunking in local caves with kerosene torches, and family camping in the Tetons and Yellowstone.

He worked with his mother, Linda, in their large vegetable and berry garden, irrigated with shovel from sunrise to sunset, put up hay all summer long, did daily chores on the dairy, tended 4-H animals, and missed school two weeks each October for potato harvest. Not able to get away in the busy summer, his parents took Duane, and younger brother Larry, out of school for winter visits to his mother's Zielke family in Newton, Kansas.

At First Mennonite Church in Aberdeen he was active in a large youth group and served as church pianist. He went to public school in American Falls, playing high school basketball and advancing to the state tournament.

Coming to Bethel College in 1958 was pivotal. Outstanding teachers like Honora Becker in English and Harold Gross in Philosophy and the Philosophy Club, which met in the Gross's home, made it a great academic experience. His lifelong commitment to the Anabaptist-Mennonite peace witness was shaped by experiences in the Peace Club, the Mennonite Intercollegiate Peace Fellowship, campus speakers such as M. L. King, and his senior year participation in a protest against the atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons. Here he fell in love with his future spouse, Elizabeth (Liz) Voth. They sang in choir all four years and

were married three days after graduation.

In 1962 they moved to Elkhart, Indiana. Liz taught in the public schools and Duane studied at Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Their first daughter, Anne, was born Easter Sunday, 1965. In Clarence Bauman's Christian Discipleship class he grappled with the question, "How do Christians live under Marxism?" This led to the decision to go to Berlin after graduation in 1965. Duane took theology classes, and accepted a part-time assignment with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) that involved frequent travel through the checkpoints in the Berlin Wall to learn to know Christians in East Berlin.

In 1966 they moved to the Boston area and Duane began his doctoral work at Harvard Divinity School. The Bethel connections still astound Duane. Two Mennon Simons Lecturers at Bethel when he and Liz were students were on his dissertation committee: Gordon Kaufman and George H. Williams. In April, 1970, daughter Sara was born and the family moved to Kansas in late July.

For forty-two years Duane taught classes in theology and ethics, peace studies, and world religions. He advised the Peace Studies Majors,

directed the Peace Lecture Series (1973-78), and coordinated oral exams for the class "Basic Issues of Faith and Life (BIFL)" 1995-2003. Duane helped begin the Great Plains Seminary Education Program. As a member of the MCC Peace Committee for ten years, he worked with the World Council of Churches on "A Decade to Overcome Violence". He authored essays and books on interfaith just peacemaking, Christian peacemaking and international conflict, and an Anabaptist theology of culture.

Sabbaticals included travel to Israel/Palestine, Oxford, and Toronto. In retirement, Duane and Liz travelled to Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Turkey and Greece. This summer, the family, including four grandchildren, will go to British Columbia.

In 2009 he started the Sand Creek Community Gardens. At BCMC Duane has maintained his love of nature and gardening, helping implement the Peace Garden as a member of the Creation Care Committee. Duane, BCMC is blessed by your presence.

~ Pat Friesen



Liz, Duane and the grandchildren

**Happy 12th Birthday
Maisie Brubacher!
February 24**



high activities at BCMC. At Sante Fe 5/6 Center Maisie is involved in the Honor Choir and plays violin in the orchestra. She is also currently reading *I Am Malala: The Story of the Girl Who Stood up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban* for the second time because she finds Malala's determination to stand against injustices inspiring (and this second time is required for school). Maisie is also involved in the Newton Community Children's Choir. One of the things Maisie loves about BCMC is how open the congregation is about learning more on Climate Change. She loves being able to read what individuals can do to care for our environment and appreciates that the church is continuing to learn about this topic as her school continues to learn about this topic too. When asked what could be different about life at BCMC Maisie's response was nothing...unless we could have more cookies around! Let's all join together in wishing Maisie a happy 12th birthday!

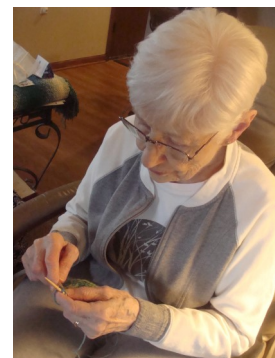
~ Renee Reimer

Maisie Brubacher is a hard-working and determined individual. She believes her strength is not giving up when things get hard and keeps trying. She has learned that things will get easier when you keep trying and find different ways of doing things. Maisie said she learned this motto from one of her teachers, who told her to try something different when things become a struggle because it's necessary to figure it out and learn. Maisie has found this to be true as she tinkers around with things in her house and as she has learned to beat her dad at racquet ball. In Maisie's free time you can find her playing Wii Sport with her brother, playing with her dog Hank, writing plays, doing art, playing piano and violin, and hanging out with her kittens and three horses (Pepsi, Boots, and Night Train). Maisie also enjoys baking and cooking with her mom as well as spending time with family and friends.

You can find Maisie singing in the Junior Choir, playing bells with the Menno Ringers, and participating in junior



Congratulations to Elaine (Schroeder) and Hank Prouty on their 25th Wedding Anniversary April 22!



BCMC Knitters are working on a "Tempestry Project" on behalf of the Visual Arts Committee illustrating temperature changes throughout the years in BCMC's history. The first photo is of a section that Lenore Waltner has completed. The second photo is Marilyn Harrold just beginning the work on her section. You'll see it all in vivid color when all the knitters are finished and the whole piece is installed.



BCMC folks who live at Kidron Bethel Village enjoyed a coffee time January 30. The next coffee for BCMC members and friends who live at **Schwalter Villa** will be March 13 at 10 am.

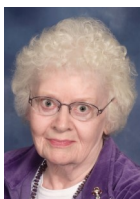
Obituaries



Anne Neufeld Rupp
March 5, 1932—
December 23,
2019

Anne Neufeld Rupp, author of the hymn "Holy Spirit, Come With Power," died at the age of 87 following a decade's long struggle with Parkinson's Disease. Born to Abram and Margaretha Neufeld near Boissevain, Manitoba, Canada, Anne was the only daughter and oldest of four children. She grew up in central Canada. A passion for education, music, and serving Christ led her to pursue multiple degrees. Anne graduated from the Canadian Mennonite Bible College in Winnipeg, MB, with a degree in Sacred Music and Christian Education and also earned a teaching certificate from Bethel College in North Newton, KS in 1960. She served three years of Mennonite Voluntary Service in Old Colony Mennonite schools in Mexico and afterwards earned a Master's Degree in Religious Education in 1966 from the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN. This was followed by a year of voluntary service at Woodlawn Mennonite Church in Chicago, where she directed music and drama while also attending AMBS. Anne met Kenneth Rupp, a fellow AMBS student, and they began a 43-year marriage shortly after their graduation. While Anne had graduated from seminary, women were not

allowed ordination for several more years, so she focused on leading the children's education and music ministry programs at churches in Turpin, OK, and Beatrice, NE. Anne was ordained on November 7, 1976, and became the first ordained woman pastor in the Central District Conference and the second ordained woman pastor in the General Conference Mennonite Church. She and Ken also became the first husband/wife team pastors in the Mennonite faith, serving first at Pleasant Oaks Mennonite Church, Middlebury, IN from 1976 to 1981, and then at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel, KS from 1981 to 1987. Upon her return to North Newton following Ken's death in 2009, she lived at Kidron Bethel. She is survived by her son, Byron, daughter-in-law Alyssa, their three children, Braden, Keaton, and Adalyn; her brothers George (Linda) Neufeld and Waldo (Elinor) Neufeld and numerous nieces and nephews.



Maurine Ellen Siemens Hean
February 22,
1927—January
23, 2020

Maurine died at Kidron Bethel Village, North Newton. She was born in Newton, to Jacob and Anna Enns Siemens. She attended Newton public schools and graduated from Bethel College in 1949 with a B.S. degree in Home Economics. While at Bethel College, Maurine met James Robert Hean (Jim) from Philadelphia and they married on September 1, 1950 at BCMC

before moving to Ann Arbor, MI, where Jim did graduate study at the University of Michigan. Maurine worked as a resident hall dietician. In 1963, Maurine and Jim settled in Camp Springs, MD, with their four children and joined the local Presbyterian Church. Maurine and Jim were active in the church, and in the Meals on Wheels program in Prince George's County, MD for over 20 years. Maurine was also a substitute teacher at local junior high and high schools. She loved to sew and cook. After their children were grown and Jim retired, they moved back to Newton in 1991 to be near family and old friends and rejoin BCMC. Jim died in January 1996.

Surviving Maurine are her children: Fred Hean (Claire Frances) of Charlottesville, VA, Susanne Gardner (Nelson) of Edgewater, MD, Chuck Hean (Heidi Close) of West Des Moines, IA, and David Hean of Silver Spring, MD; along with six grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters; her two brothers, Richard Siemens (Frances) of North Newton and Robert Siemens (Bonita) of Lenexa; and cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

A celebration of life service will be March 14, 11 am at BCMC.



Carolyn Mae Bachman Voran
March 25, 1935—
February 13, 2020

Carolyn, age 84, died at Kidron Bethel Village, North Newton. Survivors include her husband of 65 years, Omar L. Voran, North Newton; brother/spouse Eugene and Amy Bachman, Moundridge; brothers-in-law J.

Wendell Wiens, Newton, and Delmar Voran, Hutchinson; three children/spouses: Doug and Heather Voran, Amarillo, TX; Brad and Debbie Voran Wichita; Lori and Bill Schmidt, Wichita; six grandchildren: Kenneth Voran, Michael Voran, Rebecca Schmidt, Rochelle Schmidt, Berkeley Voran, Brynne Garcia; and four great-grandchildren: Cameron Voran, Aiden Voran, Asher Voran, and Brooklyn Garcia. Carolyn was born to Otto and Ella Bachman, Moundridge, KS. The family attended West Zion Mennonite Church, Moundridge, where Carolyn was baptized and married. She enrolled at Bethel College, then continued her music education at Drake University, Des Moines and Morningside College, Sioux City, IA. On March 21, 1968, she received a licensed radio operator permit from the FCC and became a disk jockey for the classical radio station KFMG in Des Moines. She participated in many musical organizations, presentations, performances and events and directed adult, children's, and handbell choirs. She was an avid and knowledgeable sports fan and she and Omar participated in 12 organized bike rides across Iowa and Wisconsin from 1974-1997. She was also accomplished in calligraphy. Carolyn was a loyal supporter of Bethel College and a faithful member of Bethel College Mennonite Church. In 2015, she was interviewed by Harold D. Thieszen who asked the question, "Carolyn, what else is important?" Thieszen writes, "The immediate reply was *Love BCMC.*" Her most important role in life was being a wife and a mother of three wonderful children who were her pride and joy.

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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.

- March 1: **Lent 1** Lectionary texts—Geneses 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11; COMMUNION, sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Choir
- March 8: **Lent 2** Lectionary texts—Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9; sermon by Nathan Koontz; music by Junior and Cherub-Choir
(Daylight Savings Time Begins—Move your clocks ahead one hour.)
- March 15: **Lent 3** Lectionary texts—Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42; sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Choir
- March 22: **Lent 4** Lectionary texts—1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41; sermon by Renee Reimer; music by Chancel Bells
- March 29: **Lent 5** Lectionary texts—Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45; sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Choir
- April 5: **Palm/Passion Sunday:** Lectionary texts—Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54; worship led by Renee Reimer; music by Chancel Bells
- April 9: **Maundy Thursday Service, with Communion**
7 pm (in Sanctuary)
- April 12: **Easter Sunday**
+ **Easter Sunrise Service:** 7 am, at the home of Hank and Elaine Prouty, led by Sr High Youth. Followed by potluck breakfast.
- + **Easter Sunday worship:** 10:00 am, no Sunday School; sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel, Junior and Cherub Choirs
- April 19: **Holy Hilarity Sunday**
Followed by **brunch** for children, youth, their families, and Sunday School teachers and helpers during the Sunday School hour, at KIPCOR. (No Sunday School for children/youth).
- April 26: **Creation Care Sunday**
Worship with sermon by Nathan Koontz; music by Chancel Bells