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Dorothy Nickel Friesen Ends Her Interim Pastorate



In the September-October issue of *Kaleidoscope*, an article written by Elizabeth Raid welcomed Dorothy Nickel Friesen as interim pas-

tor. Now, after nine months since August when she began, we are preparing to say goodbye to Dorothy in this position at the end of May.

In Dorothy's report in the annual report booklet she reviews the three main facets of this position: Worship, Pastoral Care, and Administration. As with most jobs there are rewards, demands, and frustrations as interim pastor. To those of us who sat on the outside, it was obvious Dorothy was very capable of handling the tasks before her. Her Pastor's Corner column in this issue further explains how she anticipates this second retirement will be for her. She will take a little time off from this congregation and join us again later this summer.

Congratulations, Dorothy, for a job well done. You have inspired and

challenged us with your sermons, counseled and comforted us when it was needed, filled your administrative tasks completely. May God continue to bless you as you transition into your well deserved rest.

~ Lois Goertzen

Report of the New Interim Pastor

It was announced by Jim Robb, church moderator/Church Board chair, on a Sunday morning that June Thomsen has been secured for the Interim Pastor position. She is married, lives in Newton, and originally came from Ohio. June has served churches in Bluffton and Pandora (both in Ohio), and pastored a small Mennonite church on the south side of Chicago. Most of her career has been as an interim or transitional pastor, and that role brought her to Kansas. She has served the First Mennonite Church in Hutchinson, the Salina Mennonite Church, and the Tabor Mennonite church. She is experienced and has strong administrative skills, and a good sense of humor.

She will begin official duties on June 1. Her appointment is for the summer with possibilities of going longer into the fall if necessary.

~ From Jim Robb, edited by Lois Goertzen



June Thomsen

Report on the Search for a Settled Pastor

IF this all comes together in the next month, we could potentially have candidating weekend late May or early June. Then the *theoretical* time scenario could be from three to six months before a new pastor would arrive, depending on a candidate's need to give notice, finish commitments, and take a breather before relocating.

For this journey with a number of stops, we continue to ask for your prayers, God's guidance for all on this journey: you, our congregational colleagues; Dorothy as she prepares so carefully for her transition out; June Thomsen as she prepares and transitions in; the BCMC staff as they continue their work with and for all of us while welcoming a new pastor team leader; the Church Board as they support our pastors; all of us on the Search Committee in our discernment process as we approach understanding of who also senses the call to join us as our pastor—someone who appreciates who we are, and will lead and guide us to the BCMC we can become. We

ask for God's guidance for each of us on this journey. . . as well as an extra dose of patience during the process. May it be so.

~ Rosalind Andreas, chair of the Search Committee

Editor's note: Thanks to both committees for their hard work in securing these leaders

~ Lois Goertzen

John and Amy Tyson Welcome their New Son

Levi Alden Tyson entered this world on April 21. It will be a joy to watch him grow and be a part of BCMC. Congratulations to Pastor John and Amy as they get accustomed to this new little one.



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Gospel Seeds Planted by the Browns



Dr. Roland and Sophie Brown spent their lives “planting gospel seeds that were watered through word and deed,” during the 40 years (1953-1993) they spent in Taiwan with Mennonite Mission Network (MMN) of the General Conference Mennonite Church. The story of how he arrived in Taiwan as a Medical Doctor and Surgeon is a fascinating one.

He was born in 1926 in China where his parents, Henry and Maria Brown, served as pioneer missionaries for 40 years at Habai, beginning in 1909. He left his parents’ home as an eighth grader, to attend a boarding school in Beijing. He moved to Korea for his freshman year in high school where he attended a Presbyterian School. That summer he joined his parents at a resort on the ocean in Peitaho, China, near the Manchurian border. He returned to Korea for his sophomore year, but students were required to have their suitcases packed for immediate evacuation, and the school closed after two months. He returned to China for several months, then traveled to Newton, Kansas, where he completed his high school years at Newton High School.

While attending NHS, and then four years at Bethel College, he was a “campus kid,” living with his Uncle Sam, Aunt Pauline, and his

cousin Bob Goering, at 2412 College Avenue. Other campus kids that he remembers were Rufus Baehr and Ralph Bargaen. (Pauline and his mother Maria [Miller] were sisters.) Roland describes his time in Newton with the Goerings as good years, and his relationship with his cousin Bob as that of a brother. His Uncle Sam was very helpful to him. Sam and Pauline were also missionaries in China, when Bob was young. They ended their missionary second term when Sam developed tuberculosis. The Goerings and Browns lived about 50 miles apart during the time both families were in China.

At the conclusion of his Newton High School years, neither he nor his friend Gordon Kaufman received a graduation certificate, as neither had taken the required American History class, but both had enough credits and were accepted and enrolled at Bethel College, contingent on the status of their grades. Obviously, Roland earned top grades, as after graduation from Bethel in 1947, he applied to nine universities for a medical-graduate degree – and was accepted at three. He chose the University of Chicago where he earned his medical degree in four years. He spent a year as an intern with the Harper Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, where he later continued his surgical residency.

Another significant event happened when he enrolled at Bethel College: he met Sophie Schmidt from Goessel his freshman year. They both attended a “Get Acquainted” party, where the girls brought two lunch boxes, and the boys would choose the girl they wanted to eat with. He chose Sophie who was dressed as a Dutch girl. This was the beginning of their friend-

ship. They were class officers together, and began dating their sophomore year. They were married in 1948, after Roland’s first year in medical school. During later years they adopted three children, Cliff, Carol who died in 2015, and Keith. Sophie died in 2010.

World events also shaped Roland’s school years, as WWII was in progress and he was drafted in 1944 after several years at Bethel. He served two years in CPS, the first six months in Downey, Idaho, in soil conservation work and then was transferred to Marlboro, New Jersey, to a mental hospital. He and Sophie corresponded during these years. After his return to Bethel, he graduated in one year. While in medical residency, the Korean War began, and Roland was again drafted, but he called the draft service and was allowed to wait until completing his medical residency. He and Sophie then went with MCC to Taiwan in 1953, the beginning of which was his conscientious objection service until he was discharged.

Both Roland and Sophie felt strongly the Lord was calling them to serve in Taiwan under General Conference Mennonite Church’s Commission in Overseas Mission (COM), where they served for about 40 years. Brown founded Mennonite Christian Hospital in the city of Hualien, on the east coast of Taiwan, in 1954. That first clinic had 35 beds and was staffed by himself, a nurse, and several nurse aides. Brown launched the “first generation” of the clinic and oversaw the development of several more “generations” after that as the hospital grew its physical campus and staff. He believes gospel seeds were planted and watered through word and deed, neither of which can take root without the other. Today, the hospi-

tal—now independent and self-supporting—has 700 beds and is staffed by 100 doctors.

“The word is central, but so are deeds that demonstrate the love of Christ,” he said. “Jesus healed the sick and the lame, and we need to demonstrate that same care for the people of our times. That care helps bring people into the church.”

Mennonite Christian Hospital was known for its caring service, which included chaplaincy for the patients as well as the freedom for workers to share the gospel.

“The Hualien Mennonite Church was four blocks from the hospital, and yet we connected the new Christians with a local church—no matter the denomination—near their home. We knew their faith would grow best with local support, since new Christians were often hassled for their beliefs.”

As John F. Lapp, Mennonite Mission Network’s Asia director said, “Just like the Bible passages about planting and watering the seeds, we don’t take credit for the growth. We simply want to nurture the seeds that are often already there. That means remaining flexible and sensitive to the holistic needs of individuals and societies.”

“Many patients asked me, ‘Why did you come all the way here to help us?’ Brown said. “I answered, ‘Because Christ’s love led me here to care for you.’”

(NOTE: The last part of this story about the Brown’s service in Taiwan appeared in “Extending God’s Mission” in a MMN publication and is reprinted with permission.)

Thank you, Roland, for your and Sophie’s many years of service to care for the Taiwanese. We are blessed to have you as a member at BCMC.
~ Karen Penner

We Bid a Fond Farewell to Choir Directors Miss Liz and Miss Jill



After two years of directing the Junior Choir we bid a fond farewell and a big “thank

you” to Elizabeth Schrag.

Liz writes:

“I will be student teaching in Walton the first part of the semester and then moving to Jill's (Siebert's) house in Topeka and student teaching in Lawrence at a middle school choir. These past two years have been quite beneficial for me preparing to one day have my own classroom. If anything, it has helped just having 18 pairs of eyes watching my every move! I feel much more prepared to move on to my next chapter in life after directing the Junior Choir for two years. Plus, the kids are awesome and the parents are probably the easiest parents I will ever work with.”

Best wishes Elizabeth!

~ Monica Lichti



After two years of directing the Cherub Choir we also bid a fond farewell and a big “thank you” to Jill Siebert.

Jill writes:

“To finish my Music Education degree this coming fall, I'll be student teaching in Goessel and Lawrence, and missing the Cherubs! In just 45 minutes a week, they taught me so much about both the challenges and the rewards of being a teacher. Being their choir director was a perfect learning experience for my future career, but I

value the joy they brought to my Wednesdays over anything else! Wow are they hilarious, sweet, and TALENTED! I'll really miss making music with them!!”

Best wishes Jill!

~ Monica Lichti

Give Bell Choir a Try!



If you've been wanting to try playing handbells (or if you've played bells before but aren't sure

about committing to the whole year in Chancel Bells), please join us for a few weeks this summer. Call or email if you are interested in joining this short-term bell group: 316-283-5231 or vadasnider@cox.net

Happy 12th Birthday Eva Dungan!



Eva's middle name is Janie, and she is named after Eva Cassidy, the singer.

Eva was born in Manhattan, KS and lived in Andover and Wichita most recently. She attended McCullom elementary school in Wichita where she left some good friends whom she sees occasionally. She with her parents, brother and sister moved to Newton about a year ago, and later moved to North Newton where they live now. She is a fifth grader at Santa Fe school where her favorite subjects are art and library, because she loves to draw and read. Eva enjoys playing violin in the school orchestra. She has made good friends both in school and in church, where she

participates in Venture Club, plays in the bell choir, and sings in the junior choir. She has grandparents in Wichita and Hutchinson. She sees them regularly and sometimes stays at their homes.

Eva enjoys making craft gifts for friends and relatives. She and her mother like to work in the craft room in the basement of their home. Her favorite food is tofu and vegetarian meals especially when they eat out. She hopes to be in interior design or decorating sometime in the future. She takes care of her appearance, braids her own hair, and picks out her outfits which she wears to school.

Eva is a twin to her brother Oliver and is happy being a twin. They do things together, take walks and play in the playground next door. *Eva was a joy to visit with. She is respectful, courteous and the product of a good home and good parents who are bringing her up right. Seeing her in church, sitting quietly and listening attentively to the service, speaks well of her character. Happy Birthday, Eva and best wishes for many good birthdays ahead. I will look forward to visiting together again.*

~ Lois Goertzen

He is a twin to his sister Eva, and he is happy being a twin even though like other siblings they get into it with each other occasionally. What a delight it was to talk to Oliver – he is courteous, friendly, and obviously happy to be in North Newton and part of BCMC. *Occasionally their family sits in the pew in front of me in church, and I'm not sure I've ever observed such well behaved young ones who pay close attention to the entire service. Obviously he is a product of parents who bring him up with these attributes. Have a Happy Birthday, Oliver. I hope your 12th year is a good one and you have many more ahead. I'll look forward to seeing you in church and visiting again.*

~ Lois Goertzen

Happy 12th Birthday Oliver Dungan!



Oliver's middle name is Ancil named after his grandfather. He has

two grandmothers and one grandfather still living in Wichita and Hutchinson. Oliver was born in Manhattan, KS, lived in Andover and Wichita before moving to

Newton and then North Newton with his parents and two sisters about a year ago. He went to McCullom elementary school in Wichita. Oliver said he left some good friends in Wichita, but they have visited since they left that community. The family attended Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church for a time, and several other churches while there. He is in fifth grade at Santa Fe where his home room teacher is Karen Loucks from BCMC and for some classes he goes to different rooms with different teachers. He really likes playing in the band and plays alto saxophone. Next school year he will be attending Chisholm Middle School. He enjoys walking the family dog and playing in the park which is right next door to where they live. In Wichita he played some baseball and hopes to play baseball here. His favorite food is pancakes. Oliver likes math and science and is interested in studying some kind of engineering in the future. In church he is involved in Sunday school, Wednesday night Venture Club, junior choir, and bell choir. It didn't take long for him to get into these groups and enjoy them.

~ Lois Goertzen

Women's Fellowship Spring Fling

The BCMC Women's Fellowship, girls, and guests were welcomed to a festive fellowship hall on April 19 for a meal and entertainment. Over 90 were in attendance and a delicious "build your own taco" meal prepared by Ben Lichti, (who was helped with clean-up by Monica and Marlin Lichti) was enjoyed by everyone. After a short business meeting, and the meal, entertainment began with the theme *Spark! Creativity with hats*. Everyone who attended wore some type of hat, many with special stories. Marlene Faul and Lois Brubacher began the program and Carol Flickinger told interactive stories especially geared for the girls in attendance. It was a delightful evening of food, fellowship and entertainment for everyone. ~ Lois Goertzen



Monica Lichti, Marlin Lichti and Ben Lichti listen intently to two Spring Fling attendees tell them about their hats!



Ready for Spring Fling from left to right: Cindy Beth, Marilyn Stucky, Elsie Flaming, Laura Ann Schrag—in the background you can see

Vada Snider and Marie Snider



Carol Flickinger reads to the youngest Spring Fling attendees



Susan Rhoades and Lois Brubacher

We think we may have identified our mystery quilters from an article written by Robert Kreider, "Windows to the Mennonite Experience in America" in the June 1978 issue of *Mennonite Life*. The January-February 2016 issue of *The Kaleidoscope* featured this picture with the article, "BCMC Mission Quilters from 1961".

From left to right: Mrs. Ed Wedel, Mrs. Minnie Unruh, Mrs. C.D. Epp and Mrs. D.A. Koppes



For Your Reading By Don Kaufman

The CROSS and the Lynching Tree by James H. Cone
(Published by Orbis Books in 2011 – 202 pages)

On January 13, 2016 I completed reading this superb book on the parallel meanings of the Cross and the Lynching Tree. It was recommended to a group of about 20-30 persons who are actively engaged weekly in discussing the implications of our faith learnings. Florence Schloneger brought the book to our attention and it was readily agreed that we would devote the next six weeks on focusing on its contents. Seldom in 80 years of living have I encountered such a compelling presentation of what it means to be in "solidarity with Jesus" even though we as followers are expected to do this daily by paying attention to the Good News. Even Reinhold Niebuhr who is widely recognized for his perceptive insights on 'Christian realism' failed to connect passionately with the meaning of the Cross as it pertains to the full horror of the Lynching Tree.

Does this suggest that in following Jesus we normally tend to miss or deliberately avoid seeing what should be so obvious – the "strange fruit" of a twisted commitment? As author Cone points out, how could R. Niebuhr or any of us fail to connect with the most obvious crossbearers throughout the American landscape? (page 38). James Baldwin did not imagine that "all the white people . . . are monstrous people. But they're mainly silent people, you know. And that is a crime in itself." (page 55). Fortunately James H. Cone sees hope. He offers his reflections because he believes that "the cross placed alongside the lynching tree can help us to see Jesus in America in a new light, and thereby empower people who claim to follow him to take a stand against white supremacy and every kind of injustice." (page xix).

With Our Members



Westward Ho!

"From Pennsylvania to Kansas and now to Oregon the Obold family moves westward. Our love for Kansas began in 1976 when Fred served as summer pastor in two Moundridge churches. Several years later our daughter Rebecca spontaneously commented, "if we ever move, we should go back to Kansas." This happened in 1981 when Fred was called to serve the Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church in Inman.

Ruth and Fred have enjoyed over 20 years of fellowship and worship with the BCMC congregation. Ruth loved teaching Sunday School and Bible School and in recent years was a volunteer in the Community Play-school. Fred served on the Worship Commission, Deacon Commission, and served as Interim Pastor for a brief time. A special thank you goes to our small group, children's Sunday School classes, Open Circle Sunday School class, and to many friends who have blessed us through the years. BCMC has provided rich worship and service opportunities for our family. We treasure our time among you with much joy.

Now as we transition to Portland we are looking forward to living close to our son, Stephen, his wife Christa, our grandson Simon (age eight), and our granddaughter Cora, (almost two years

old). We will be living in a 55+ neighborhood where we hope to make new friends and neighbors. BCMC has been our church home for many years. We hope to find our niche in Portland Mennonite Church, a vibrant urban congregation that "seeks the peace of the city." We are looking forward to enjoying the many parks and gardens in the Portland area. The Japanese Garden and the International Rose Test Garden are our favorites. Our home is near the beautiful Columbia River Gorge with magnificent waterfalls. Come see us. We will welcome your visit."

Submitted by Fred and Ruth Obold

Editor's note: What a great addition to BC Church Fred and Ruth were. We will miss them greatly, and send our wishes for God's continued blessing in their new location. ~ Lois Goertzen

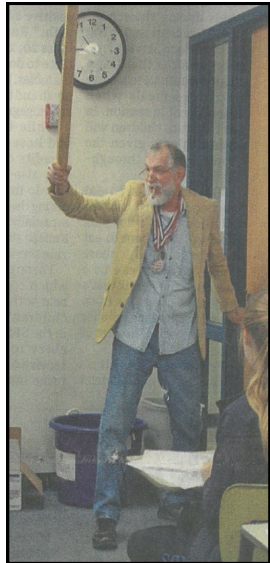


Photo is from the April 21, 2016 Newton Kansan Here Wes enters his classroom as President Theodore Roosevelt, one of several characters he portrays during classes

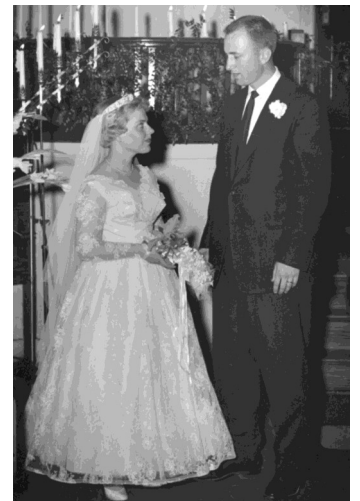
Wes Schmidt-Tieszen who has taught Social Studies, American History, World History, Geography and Current Events in the Goessel High School for nearly 30 years was selected a member of the Kansas Teachers' Hall of Fame. To qualify a teacher must validate an outstanding track record not only in the classroom, but beyond, by helping students excel in many areas such as Model U.N., Scholars Bowl, Senior Class sponsor and more. He is one of nearly 400 teachers in the Hall of Fame—and the first one from the Goessel school district. He will retire from his position at Goessel at the end of the school year. In addition the K.T.H.F. also relies on written references of former students. Congratulations for this great honor, Wes.



Remember in the last *Kaleidoscope* issue, we announced that Adam Robb was nominated for the Wolfe Teaching Excellence Award administered by KU. Well, not that it's surprising at all, but he won. Another even bigger congratulations to Adam. The photo depicts

the lady who nominated him and of course, Adam.

25 Year
Wedding Anniversary
Sharon Koehn and Lowell Stucky
Also pictured—Rachel Stucky
June 2, 1991
Congratulations!



60 year
Wedding Anniversary
Florine (Vorán) and
Stan Eitzen
May 29, 1956
Congratulations!



60 Year Wedding Anniversary
LaVonne (Godwin) and Dwight Platt
June 21, 1956
Congratulations!



65 year Wedding Anniversary
Mary (Vorán) and John Gaeddert
June 1, 1951
Congratulations!



LaVonne and Dwight Platt in
traditional wedding
Indian dress
They were married in India

Pastor's Corner—Dorothy Nickel Friesen—Perspiration and Inspiration

My role as Interim Pastor will be completed at the end of May. The duties of a “temporary shepherd” are myriad and marvelous. Or, to put it less poetically, full of perspiration and inspiration.

The perspiration part comes with any job, including pastoring. There are the routine office procedures, the emails, phone calls, committee meetings, schedules, things to organize and plan, and the places to go. The work at BCMC has been a steady diet of minutes, calendars, appointments, bulletins, and adapting to the rhythm of

Sunday to Sunday. My alarm clock goes off at 6:06 and I'm off for our morning walk along the river. Then it's back for breakfast and at the office usually by 7:30 to journal, pray and prepare for the day. I love the rhythm of the day. I go home at noon after a full morning in the office. Many, many plans are made with an office staff so that the ministry of BCMC goes on with its routine yet creative edges. (Read the 2015-2016 annual report and be amazed at the “perspiration” there!) Then I rest in the afternoon a bit and spend time reading,

studying and preparing sermons and reports. Some evenings mean coming back to BCMC for meetings or consultations.

The inspiration part comes from holy moments in worship—an especially moving Chancel Choir anthem, the conversation with the children, the tributes shared in a memorial service, the hugs from a parishioner who is back in worship after an illness, and the sermonizing—not just by me but from others as well. Sometimes the “perspiration” meets “inspiration” and there are

tears of laughter as participants share a story or a memory which leads to a creative initiative in the agenda. Our prayer times as a staff and as a congregation are truly inspirational. Finding artwork has been inspirational!

Finally, in the end, there is a connectedness between the perspiration and inspiration. Maybe that's the best part of pastoring. It's all connected just as we are connected in the body of Christ. Farewell from the pulpit! Welcome to the pew with you!

Obituaries



**Gerald “Red” Schmidt—
January 29, 1929
--February 7,
2016**

Gerald "Red" Schmidt, 87, died in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Red was born in Goessel, to John and Elisabeth (Rempel) Schmidt. He married Irva LaVonne Schmidt Dec. 22, 1949. He was a member of BCMC. Red was owner and operator of Newton Concrete Products. He also assisted in the rela-

tionship between Paraguay (South America) and Kansas through the Alliance for Progress program for many years. For a number of years he was also a rural mail carrier in the Goessel community. Preceding Red in death were his parents; his wife Irva LaVonne; five brothers, Dr. Herbert Schmidt, Orlando Schmidt, Dr. John Schmidt, Dr. Alfred Schmidt, and Raymond Schmidt; four sisters, Frieda Banman, Wilma Unruh, Elisabeth Stretch, and Irene Janzen; and a daughter-

in-law, Jan (Lanier) Schmidt. Survivors include a brother, Herman Schmidt, of Reno, NV; two sons, Donavon Schmidt, and Douglas (Mercedes) Schmidt of Hilton Head Island, SC; grandchildren Donavon Schmidt, Jr., and Aggie (Chad) Lawson, all of Hilton Head Island; and Athina Schmidt of New York, NY; two great-grandchildren & many nieces and nephews.



**Franklin Roosevelt Midkiff
October 24,
1932 – March
6, 2016**

Franklin R. Midkiff was born in Chel-yan, WV to Samuel and Gertrude (Burger) Midkiff, but moved to South Charleston, WV at the age of two where he grew up as the youngest of five children; graduated from South Charleston High School; then received a degree

in Petroleum Engineering from West Virginia University at Morgantown, WV in 1955. He began his career working for Magnolia Oil Co. in Eldorado, KS where he met Emmalyne "Emmy" Schmidt and they were married Sept. 21, 1957, setting up their first home in Electra, TX. Frank had been drafted into the military requiring him to spend six months in El Paso, TX in 1956, and in 1961 he spent a year with the Texas National Guard in Leesville, LA. He then continued his petroleum engineering work in Texas, Hobbs, NM., Charleston, WV, Ashland, KY, Liberal KS, Bradford, PA, Denver, CO and Houston, TX. During this time, Frank & Emmy had three children, Paul (1961), Susan (1964) and Kevin (1966), each born in a different state, yet all three graduated from the same high school in Littleton, CO. Brad Tollefson joined the family in the late 1970s. When he retired, Frank and Emmy moved to North Newton and became members of Bethel College Mennonite Church on October 4, 1998

years, Walt continued his education at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. He began his 32 year teaching career at Bethel College in 1960. He completed his dissertation and was granted a DMA (Doctor of Musical Arts) degree in 1967. Walt's and Mary Ann's lives were deeply enriched by the births of their children, Scott (1962) and Lora (1964). In retirement, Walt continued his love affair with music, directing the Bethel College Mennonite Church Chancel Choir, the Newton Community Chorale and the Reno County Choral Society. Walt delivered Meals on Wheels, and chaired the Life Enrichment Committee at Bethel College for 17 years. Walt is survived by his wife, Mary Ann, his son Scott Jost and wife Kathy Holm of Harrisonburg, VA, his daughter Lora Jost and husband Charles Epp of Lawrence, KS, his grandchildren Evan Jost, June Holm, and Nicholai Jost-Epp, four nieces and nephews and their spouses, and a brother-in-law, Gerald Heiser, his wife Pat, and their family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dan and Bena Jost, his sister and brother-in-law Esther and Wesley Bartel, and an infant brother, Arthur.



Walter Jost
February 11,
1927—March
10, 2016

Walter Jost was born to Dan G. and Bena (Goertz) Jost in Hillsboro, KS.

He grew up on a farm near Hillsboro, the younger of two children. He attended Hillsboro High School graduating in 1945. Walt went on to Bethel College graduating in 1949. Walt obtained a master's degree at what is now Wichita State University. His first teaching position was at Freeman Junior College in Freeman, South Dakota where he met Mary Ann Heiser. They were married in Fisher, IL on August 12, 1960. After teaching at Freeman for several



Suzanne K. Wedel—
December 29,
1955—March
30, 2016

Dr. Suzanne K. Wedel, 60, died after a courageous three-year fight with ovarian cancer. Born in North Newton, she was the eldest daughter of Arnold and Dolores Wedel. Suzanne was raised in Kansas, attended Newton High School and graduated from Bethel College. She later graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine and continued as a resident in the Internal Medicine Pro-

gram. She then moved to Baltimore, Maryland, to perform a critical care fellowship at the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) - known to the world as "Shock Trauma, Baltimore". Shortly after completing her fellowship, she moved to Boston with her husband, Alasdair Conn, a trauma surgeon whom she met in Baltimore. Dr. Wedel worked at Boston City Hospital and Boston University Hospital before assuming the role of CEO and medical director of Boston MedFlight; a position she indicated she would fulfill for only one year, but stayed on for the following 26 years. She participated in the community through her Old North Church in Marblehead, Massachusetts and was involved with the activities of her children. Following Suzanne's diagnosis in late 2012, she used her tenacity and leadership to become an outspoken advocate for awareness and early detection of ovarian cancer. Dr. Wedel is survived by her parents, Arnold and Dolores Wedel of North Newton; her sister, Janine Wedel of Washington D.C; her brother Edward Wedel of Jefferson City MO; her husband Alasdair Conn of Marblehead; her children: Kathryn, Christopher and Alexander; as well as Kathryn's fiancé, Arun Nair of Baltimore.

There will be a celebration of Suzanne's life at the Bethel College Chapel on Oct. 1.



Robert E. Unruh
April 11, 1929 —
March 31, 2016

Robert E. "Bob" Unruh, was born in Goessel, KS to Jacob S. and Sara (Friesen) Unruh. He grew up on a farm with his parents and two older siblings, Eskil and Charlene. The family was part of the Tabor Mennonite Church community of rural Newton/Goessel. Bob

attended Sand Creek Elementary School in rural Marion County and was a 1947 graduate of Goessel High School. In 1952 he received a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from Bethel College, North Newton, KS and in 1956 a Master of Music Education from then Wichita University. Bob began public school music teaching in Lehigh, Kansas in 1952. He married Helen Ruth Jantzen June 19, 1953 in the Beatrice Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE. In 1955 a teaching position took them to Kingman, KS where Bob taught vocal music through 1966. In Kingman, son Jon Robert was born. In 1966 Bob became a piano tuner/technician and part-time employee of the U.S. Postal Service. After his postal service retirement in 1989, he devoted full-time to his piano tuning and repair while living in Kingman and Hutchinson. In 2006 the Unruhs moved to Kidron Bethel Village, a retirement complex in North Newton. In 2013 Bob transitioned to the nursing care unit of Kidron Bethel. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Eskil Unruh and his sister Charlene and her husband Marion Stoetzl. Survivors include wife Helen Ruth and son Jon R. Unruh, nephew Alan Stoetzl and Elizabeth (Betsy) Stoetzl in addition to relatives and friends of both Bob and Ruth.



Naomi L. Krehbiel
March 21,
1919 – April 6,
2016

Naomi Lee Krehbiel was born to A. J. and Clara Hirschler Brubacher in Perry, OK. In 1926 the family moved from Oklahoma to a farm near Moundridge, KS

Return service requested

where Naomi attended school and graduated from Moundridge High School in 1937. She was united in marriage to Orlando B. (Barney) Krehbiel Dec. 28, 1939 in the West Zion Mennonite Church, Moundridge. They established their home in Newton, KS and remained there until a move to North Newton in 1952, where Naomi lived ever since. Naomi was a mother and homemaker until the early 1960s when she began working at JC Penney

Co. in Newton. Later, she was employed at the former Hesston Corporation until her retirement. She was an active member of the Bethel College Mennonite Church, where she taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, as well as serving on various church committees for many years. Survivors include her daughter Barbara (Richard) Stucky of Denver, CO, her son Bradley (Patricia) Kre-

hbiel of Shawnee, KS, son-in-law Don (Anne) Griswold of Lancaster, PA, grandsons Brian (Maryann) Griswold of Downingtown, PA and Darren Griswold of Philadelphia, PA, step-granddaughters Kim (Shawn) Poores and Michelle Nickolett of Prairie Village, KS, great-grandchildren Kevin and Holly Griswold, and step-great-grandchildren Deegan and Ian Poores and Ethan Nickolett. Also surviving are

her brother, Jack Brubacher of Winfield, KS two sisters, Kathryn Stucky of Newton and Yvonne (Allen) Dalke of McPherson, and many nieces and nephews. Naomi was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Orlando, her daughter, Karen Griswold of North Wales, PA, her brothers E.J. Brubacher of Newton and Don Brubacher of Hesston, and her sister, Ruth Dirks of Newton.

Worship schedule *(Check weekly bulletins and church web site, bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org, for updates and details on worship and other events) Sunday worship is at 9:30 a.m., unless otherwise noted.*

May 1	Retreat at Camp MennoScah—There will be no church services at BCMC	June 5	Vacation Bible School Sunday 10:00 a.m. Gathering in Fellowship Hall 10:30 a.m. Worship No Sunday school—Hamburger Fry in the church picnic area follows the service
May 8	Worship with sermon by Bethel College chaplain, Peter Goerzen; music by Cherub Choir, Junior Choir, and Chancel Bells	June 12	Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Vada Snider; Installation of Interim Pastor June Thomsen
May 15	Worship with sermon by Dorothy Nickel Friesen; music by Chancel Choir; Communion will be served; There will be choir member and director recognitions and Graduate recognitions	June 19	Worship with sermon by candidate (Watch for full weekend activities)
May 22	Bethel College Baccalaureate — Service planned by Bethel College students and faculty ; 10 a.m. Prelude 10:30 a.m. Worship	June 26	Worship with sermon by June Thomsen
May 29	Worship with sermon by Dorothy Nickel Friesen; music by Chancel Choir; Release of Interim Pastor Dorothy Nickel Friesen		