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Pastor's Corner with Susan Wheeler



I have been reviewing and reminiscing as I think about the nearly nine years of pastoral care work that I have been privileged to

offer among you all at Bethel College Mennonite Church. It became apparent to me that it has been all about, "the life-giving task of making connections," a quote of Paul Tournier I used at my first introduction to the congregation. These connections have deeply enriched my life and will become a legacy I will cherish.

As I reviewed my files in preparation for sharing with the Sojourner's Sunday School class, I thought about all the people I have visited; shared intimate times of illness, and walked alongside in vigil. There are the families who have surrounded loved ones and assisted us in preparing and hosting worshipful, loving, tributes and meaningful memorials. I have enjoyed 80th birthday interviews, Women's Fellowship circle meetings, Western District Conference meetings, attending

the Mennonite Church USA conference in Orlando, FL with Dawn Yoder Harms. I will sorely miss seeing our BCMC staff each week with all of our different roles and life situations. The list goes on! I have found these years full of richness, as well, because of Sunday mornings when I was leading worship - but maybe even more so when participating and taking it all in from the pew. I have found life-giving the quality of music and choice of songs, the theological emphasis of open inclusion, our worshiping the God of love with joy and hope while naming cultural and community struggles as well as controversial topics. Much I have loved and will miss as my husband, Lee, and I are making adjustments to my retirement. My prayer is for God to guide this congregation as you welcome new staff, face the many challenges of this present day, and continue to seek God's will and grace in everything.

From BCMC:

We will miss you Pastor Susan and wish you joy in your retirement!

Welcome to Renee Reimer, the new Associate Pastor for Faith Formation



Renee Reimer, Elkhart, Indiana, has accepted BCMC's call to be-

come Associate Pastor for Faith Formation, starting August 5. Renee received an MDiv degree with an emphasis in faith formation from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) on May 4.

After the Search Committee conducted a "quiet visit" with Renee in Wichita on March 2, the Church Board affirmed the committee's recommendation that she candidate for the position, which was announced to the congregation on March 17.

Renee was in North Newton April 5-7. She spent time with pastor Dawn Yoder Harms; visited over meals with the Search Committee, Church Board, Faith Formation Commission, Agape Class (young adults) and senior high youth and sponsors; and met with Bethel College campus pastor Peter Goerzen and several students. At five, hour-long sessions with Renee, 83 people shared what originally brought them to BCMC, what they appreciated about their Sunday school

classes and the church as a whole, and how they viewed faith formation across the age spectrum. On Sunday, Renee gave the sermon during worship, and shared her faith journey and answered questions during the Christian education hour.

After worship on April 14, members voted 185-1 to invite Renee to become our next faith formation pastor. She wrote in response, "I was humbled by the vote of affirmation calling me to be your pastor this past Sunday, and I am pleased to accept your calling to walk with you as your pastor. The candidating weekend felt like a coming home to a church and a people that have been pivotal pieces of my faith journey. I am looking forward to where we continue to journey together come August."

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Renee graduated from Bethel College with a bachelor's degree in music education in May 2014. From 2011 to 2014, she directed the BCMC junior choir, including engaging youth as well as children in the musical "Godspell Junior." She was the Worship and the Arts Symposium events coordinator while at Bethel, interim music coordinator at our church for a short time, and music director at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Newton.

Renee went on to serve as youth and outreach ministries director at Rainbow Mennonite Church, Kansas City, which solidified her interest in becoming a pastor. She also led music and taught at Village Presbyterian Preschool in Prairie Village, was the Vital Worship Grant project director at Rainbow, served as a camp pastor at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, and has been chapel coordinator and assistant while at AMBS.

This summer Renee will assist with a Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp session in June, coordinate the Mennonite Church USA convention Children's Program in Kansas City in early July, and help with junior high camp at Mennoscah in mid-July.

The Search Committee—Suzy Burch, Marlene Ewert, Carol Flickinger, Elizabeth Lamp, Dave Linscheid (chair), Austin Prouty, Dale Schrag and Dawn Yoder Harms—thanks everyone who participated in Renee's candidate weekend, sup-

ported the committee's work since June 2018, and prayed for both the committee and Renee along the way. ~ *Dave Linscheid*

From the Education and Service Scholarship Committee

As this school year draws to a close, the Education and Service Scholarship Committee wishes to share a brief update on our six yet-to-be-featured Bethel students. This group clearly takes advantages of the opportunities available at a small liberal arts college!

Angus Siemens, after receiving a Disaster Management Certificate from Hesston College, has transferred to Bethel, where he is pursuing Social Work as an academic discipline, but is also making his presence felt in the Music Department, and on the track (indoors and out), not to mention at Mojo's!

Sisters **Elizabeth Tran** (junior) and **Laura Tran** (sophomore), while certainly not interchangeable, have some parallel experiences. Both have been studying the natural sciences; both have enjoyed participating in the Steel Drum band; both had pieces in the recent Student Art Exhibit (photography and ceramics for Elizabeth; jewelry for Laura); both continue to be involved in Student Government; and both continue to serve our congregation as ushers on a regular basis.

Seniors **Sarah Turner**, **Austin Prouty** and **Serena Wong** are each busy completing their respective requirements for graduation, and are looking to the future with anticipation.

Sarah's involvement with the Student Activities Council, her study of business management, and her love of travel will all stand her in good stead as she ventures out -- to who knows where! -- and possibly pursues a career as an event planner. (If you need a good cake/cookie baker, Sarah, we might have a recommendation for you!)

Austin's work will be highlighted as a part of the Senior Art Exhibit in Regier Gallery, or may be seen at Kauffman Museum. He plans to be in Santa Clarita, CA, next year, to continue his studies at the California Institute of the Arts.

Serena just completed her 4th season on the Bethel Tennis team, also had a piece in the Student Art Exhibit, has been interning at a Newton business, and sends this message to the congregation: "I've had a wonderful time at Bethel College and it has prepared me for my long journey ahead which will start this summer in Wichita! I will pursue my Master's degree and work from there!"

Our congratulations and good wishes go to these students, and our three other Bethel graduates, Connor Born, Emily Kondziola, and Seth Larson. ~ *Carol Flickinger for the ESSC*

Editor's Note: Our congratulations also go out to our students graduating from Newton High School this year: Jonah Hodge, Christa Kondziola, Ignacy Kitlowski, Noah Massanari, Anjela Rodriguez, and Lulu Williams.



Ignacy Kitlowski at BCMC



This year, the Senior High Youth Group has been privi-

leged to welcome Ignacy Kitlowski, a Greenheart exchange student from Wroclowe, Poland.

After hearing about a friend's experience in this exchange program, Ignacy decided to pursue it for himself. He was particularly interested in having an English language immersion experience and visiting the United States.

Ignacy connected with BCMC by happenstance. When his originally assigned host family needed to pull out of the exchange program at the last minute, he was hosted for six weeks by Marlene Faul, who brought him to BCMC for worship and introduced him to the youth group. Although Ignacy was eventually placed with another host family in Newton, he has continued his involvement with the BCMC youth group because he likes being with friends in the youth group.

Giving From Our Abundance

51st Annual Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale April 12 and 13, 2019

Throughout this school year Ignacy has been studying at Newton High School, alongside many BCMC youth. He has especially been enjoying Government and English classes. He will soon be traveling to Topeka for the National History Day state-level competition. His project is focused on the fall of the Soviet Union: what have been the consequences, and what might have improved the outcome?

Ignacy will complete two more years of high school after he returns to Poland at the end of this school year. After graduation, he hopes to enroll at the University of Edinburgh (Scotland) to study linguistics.

Ignacy loves learning languages. He is fluent in Polish, English, and Spanish, and is currently learning Japanese, German, and Italian. Other interests include photography and video and role play games.

Ignacy, thank you for being part of our youth group! You've added energy, interest, and global connection to our gatherings. We will miss you, even as we also know your parents, brother, and friends are waiting to welcome you home!
~ Dawn Yoder Harms

Ignacy Facts:

- Family: Mom, Dad, brother four years younger
- Appreciates the relationships he has built here.
- Attended Snow Camp with the BCMC Senior High Youth Group
- Biggest surprise: this area is car dependent; can't get around by public transportation. In Poland, public transport is free for anyone under the age of 21

It is impossible for me to think about the MCC relief sale without thinking of hymns and spiritual songs. In my mind and in my soul, the coming together of the 70 odd anabaptist congregations and supporting groups as they serve the Lord is an act of Christian love, Christian identity and Christian service. The entire week from set up to take down is an act of worship. "Great is thy Faithfulness".

This year was not without its bumps and challenges. Indeed there was plenty of opportunity for us to engage in prayer and join together in one voice for the benefit of MCC and helping those less fortunate...acting out of our own abundance, and our desire to serve God.

We had some key volunteer spots to fill. It was not always clear where we were going and who was going to fill those spots. But volunteers stepped up. Groups who have been on the periphery of the sale agreed to help cut and bake sausage on Saturday. The help and smiles of the Yoder Amish, combined with the humor and hard work of the Working Men of Christ produced the baked sausage at a rate that allowed them to get ahead and enjoy some of the rest of the sale. For

volunteers seeking to serve God, we are thankful.

Another bump was the decision of the Kansas Department of Revenue to change the regulations concerning charging and remitting sales tax as it related to the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. A whole host of MCC's Angels contacted their congressmen and senators, and the decision was reversed, at least for one year. Young people, board members, booth chairmen, and an 80 year old lady, engaged their representatives and senators in conversations that put pressure on the Kansas Department of Revenue. I am not sure what the future holds at this point, but I know that we will have more time to deal with it before next year, and that we will have more opportunity to offer ourselves as servants of the Lord.

But bumps in the road also provide opportunity. Opportunity to raise money, opportunity to form community, opportunity for us to give from our abundance in so many ways. Our sole purpose is to raise money to donate to the Mennonite Central Committee....and we will do that. The initial tabulation from last weekend is \$504,296... and we know there will be some additional monies that will continue to come in for the next month or so. The ability for a community to come together, thinking more of others than of themselves, is what makes it possible to raise over a half million dollars in 24 hours. And everyone who has contributed to the sale in any way gave from

their abundance.

Thank you to the many people in this congregation who contributed in so many ways. Creating quilts that are works of art. Creating and donating crafts that will continue to please long after the sale is over. Helping to set up the quilts at the sale, baking bread, going to Hillsboro to make verenike, or to Moundridge to make bohne beroggi. Signing up to serve at the Feeding of the Multitude or to help with children's activities...all are examples of giving from our abundance.

Was the sale a success? Yes, in so many ways. But the biggest success is being able to provide health care, food, emergency relief, school opportunities, and empowerment to people around the world.

As Chairman, I am pleased to be part of an organization that seeks to do only good, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, and to help those who do not share our abundance. I thank you, BCMC, from the bottom of my heart.

I also thank you for the many prayers, words of support, and concern for my well being as I have struggled with illness as well as trying to stay a little bit involved in the sale. I needed to be involved, at least a little bit, for the sale is a grand and glorious way to serve the Lord.

~ Jim Robb



Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale

Happy 80th Birthday Sue (Young) Penner! June 21, 2019



Sue grew up in Louisville, Ohio as the only girl with two older brothers. Sue was active in the youth group and played piano at the

Evangelical United Brethren church her family attended. Because immersion was important her baptism took place in the local Church of the Brethren that had a baptistry. Mushroom hunting was a fun family activity, and she still wonders how her mother knew where and when to find these healthy, natural treats.

With a spirit of adventure, Sue followed an employment opportunity that took her to Colorado. She lived with a family who attended First Mennonite Church in Denver. How fortunate that a certain Kansas boy named Al Penner was part of the Voluntary Service unit there! Their relationship blossomed and led to marriage on May 30, 1958 at the Louisville Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Sue found the General Conference Mennonite church to her liking because they were not as conservative as the Mennonites she'd known in eastern Ohio—no bonnets for her! Al's influence also led her to Bethel College for studies. While Al finished his degree at Bethel,

Sue worked as an accountant for Faith & Life Press and bookstore. When their family of three children was growing up, Sue continued her accounting practice from their home. Through this work that spans more than 50 years, she enjoyed contacts and relationships with many people. Being able to continue to use these skills in a volunteer capacity for a couple of charities gives her the opportunity to help a little—make a difference in others lives.

She enjoys attending activities of the seven grandchildren who live in Hesston, Kansas City; Goshen, Indiana; and Denver, Colorado. She is grateful for meaningful relationships with them and experiences them as attentive—keeping in touch with a telephone call or text. To encourage family life and interaction between the generations, she and Al developed a pond and family picnic, recreational area on farm land near Inman. Although the grandchildren are older now, they continue to share fun, outdoor activities with family and friends there.

Sue and Al celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last year with a cruise up the St. Lawrence River to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Meeting new people, experiencing different activities and unusual vistas make travel enjoyable for Sue as she shares these with Al. Sue enjoys people and finds meaningful ways to connect and share her gifts in hospitality. I am especially grateful for her acts of kindness

during my husband, Lou Gomez' brief illness and death last fall. Highlights of involvement at BCMC are the Open Circle Sunday school class and the pastors' sermons that hold her attention and provide food for thought. Her attitude of thankfulness that God has brought her to this 80th year shows in her gentle and genuine presence. With gratitude for her health as it is, "I'm going for 90," she says. We are blessed by Sue's ready smile and her kind and welcoming spirit. Thank you, Sue.

~ Elizabeth Raid

Happy 12th Birthday Lucy Burch!



Meaningful roots at home and curiosity about

the wider world – both are present in Lucy Burch, who turns 12 on May 11. Her home at the eastern edge of North Newton is a creek-side haven for time with her family and close encounters with the natural world in the woods around her house. Lucy has a younger sister, Faith, and her mom and dad, Suzy and Brad. Lucy loves being a part of this family, appreciating the character of each one and the "safe" and loving unit they are together. Lucy treasures wandering in the woods along the deer trails. Their family has a remote camera that allows them to view the deer, a

coyote, and the occasional human trespasser. The Burch household includes Skip, the thirteen-year-old dog, and six cats – two different sets of kittens and two cats that "came with the house."

In addition to a pet-lover, Lucy describes herself as friendly, loyal, curious and fun-loving. When asked if she thought of herself as a good friend, she quickly responded, "You will have to ask my friends!" Lucy carefully observes all that is around her. Asked what she would miss if she were to lose her eyesight, Lucy said it would be viewing people's expressions and the different looks her pets give her to communicate how they are feeling. If her hearing were lost, Lucy would miss music—all kinds of music. She loves playing piano, flute and plays bells in the Menno Ringer bell group here at BCMC. She enjoys being at church where she feels "safe and loved." In the sanctuary she senses being "in the presence of God." Junior Choir has meaning for her, where they actually sing "to God, or for God." Sunday School is important to Lucy as well. Her favorite parts of the Bible are when Jesus rose again, and the stories "when anyone gets healed."

Lucy will be exploring the wider world. She would love to visit Paris to follow up on her curiosity about the Eiffel Tower and all the other landmarks in that city.

Lucy would like to be a teacher when she grows up. She observed relatives and friend's relatives who teach and she has come to admire them. In Lucy's view, a teach-

Anniversaries

er needs to be kind to students, and refrain from showing too much of the “sternish part” of their personality. Math is Lucy’s favorite part of school – also, reading and hanging out with friends.

The best part of being a kid, Lucy says, is not having to worry about “the making-money part” of life. When asked at what age a person becomes an adult, Lucy thought for a bit, then said, about 18 to 20 years old. “There is a maturity that changes about them.” With 6 to 8 years to go, Lucy is well on her way.

Thank you, Lucy, for helping us get to know you! We celebrate your presence as part of our congregation!
~ Susan Jantzen

Happy 12th Birthday Mara Oswald!



Mara Oswald sees the world from a

unique perspective. Happily, since she is turning 12 on May 25, she agreed to sit down and tell us about herself. Mara attends New Creation Fellowship Church but joins us here at BCMC for our Junior Choir.

Mara is the oldest of four children (Mara, Adam, Jude and Ruby) and her parents are Libby and Clark Oswald. Mara is a social person with a quick wit and fun smile.

She enjoys creating artistic things with her hands and her favorite color is a light aqua. Her family has just moved into a larger house so they are in the process of making their new house a home. Regarding family life in general, Mara observes that living in a family works best when everybody does their part. As the oldest child, she observes that it takes some commitment from each part of the family to really do this!

Mara enjoys team sports, volleyball and basketball, but is also curious about tennis. In music, she plays violin in orchestra, particularly intrigued by the hands-on sense of playing music. She enjoys vocal music as well. Mara values school, especially the connecting part of being with friends. She appreciates the teacher who will work with students, rather than simply telling them what to do.

While Mara enjoys people and activity, she is drawn to quiet, peaceful times as well. Music and the sounds of creation are where she feels moved in her own spirit. And, Mara has an active life of the mind. The photo of a black hole which was recently released captured Mara’s sharp and open imagination. Math is a favorite topic – she easily grasps the concepts.

This past summer her family traveled to Germany. Both her parents have connections there, so the family had an incredible time. Mara loved it all, but specifically mentioned the

beauty of the landscape and the quality foods that are everywhere at hand. Mara loves to travel and is curious about other places in the world, like Zambia.

Mara muses about a future career in teaching or in the health profession. She is impressed by the work and service in children’s hospitals where help is found for children who have no control over their disability or disease.

Thank you, Mara, for your willingness to share!
We celebrate your presence among us!

~ Susan Jantzen



**Evelyn (Goering) and
Ralph Lehman**
June 30, 1949
**70 Years
Congratulations!**



☞ **Willis and
Dorothy (Regier)
Harder**
May 28, 1954
**65 Years
Congratulations!**



**Ilene (Schroeder) and
Hartzel Schmidt**
June 4, 1954
**65 Years
Congratulations!**



Frances (Schultz) and Richard Siemens
June 8, 1954
**65 Years
Congratulations!**



Donna (Kaufman) and Harry Neufeld
June 13, 1959
60 Years
Congratulations!



Aldine (Slagell) and Keith Sprunger
June 13, 1959
60 Years
Congratulations!



Florence (Rodgers) and Weldon Schloneger
June 7, 1969
50 Years
Congratulations!



Doug and Raylene (Hinz) Penner
June 7, 1969
50 Years
Congratulations!



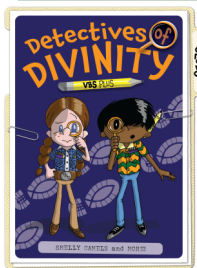
Bonnie (Graber) and Dwight Krehbiel
June 15, 1969
50 Years
Congratulations!



Lieselotte (Lotti) (Zenau) and Harald Boschmann
June 21, 1969
50 Years
Congratulations!

Happy Anniversary!

Make Way for Smelly Camels!



What do smelly camels, a big fish, and detectives have in common?!

They're all part of this

year's Vacation Bible School, **May 28-31 from 8:45-11:45 am at BCMC!** We will be Detectives of Divinity looking for God in the world and in these Bible stories: Rebekah at the well, Genesis 24; Jonah, The Book of Jonah; Choosing Fisherman, Luke 5:1-11; Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37. Registration forms are by the mailboxes -- no cost to attend this year. Lists of items needed is in the back of the sanctuary. VBS is in need of several volunteers. Please speak to Megan Kohlman. It is good to be part of this fun and important week. **The Youth Fundraiser Hamburger Fry** is coming on June 2, the Sunday following our BCMC VBS week! When worship has ended we will gather in the picnic/playground area to the east of the church building. **The youth group has a goal of \$2,000 for this fundraiser to help them attend Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City this summer. Our worship will begin at 10:30 am that Sunday.** See you there!

Parking Issues

Places to park at BCMC – this has been a rising concern for some in the congregation. Various solutions have been attempted. On the heels of multiple conversations be-

tween “church and college,” BCMC’s Bethel College Relations Team (BCRT) is taking its turn at understanding and seeking to address the issue.

Knowing that Haury Hall (the dorm directly to the north of our church building) is a freshmen dorm, the college has given BCRT a spot to connect with incoming students at Bethel’s August freshman orientation. BCRT sees an opportunity here -- personal welcome and an in-person explanation about our parking needs in the life of our congregation.

One significant finding has been this: we here at Bethel College Mennonite Church have a range of feelings regarding this parking issue. Some in our congregation are weary that spots are continually filled, some in our congregation are personally in relationship with new Bethel students and see the issue more from the student’s point of view. Parking near their new “home” seems basic. Congregations in other locations do not have this parking issue, but wish for ways of interacting with Bethel students. We have a challenge and an opportunity.

Regardless of how this conversation unfolds, *how* we speak with our neighbors will be just as important as *what* solutions are decided upon. Let’s lift ourselves, Bethel College and its students in our prayers as we extend our hand in this ongoing sharing and negotiating of resources. ~ Susan Jantzen

Obituaries



Norma Jean (Vorán) Preheim
January 18,
1932—
February 3, 2019

Norma, 87, passed away at Kidron Bethel Village. She was born in Pretty Prairie, KS to Paul J and Hulda (Graber) Voran. Following graduation from Pretty Prairie High School, Norma attended Bethel College where she received her BA in Music. On June 26, 1955 Norma married Marles Preheim and together they raised their three children, Kay, Terri, and Brian. The couple lived in Nebraska, South Dakota, Ohio, Indiana and Kansas. Norma taught in Buhler, Wichita, Cincinnati, OH, and 16 years as an elementary school music teacher at Sunset, Cooper, and Northridge Schools in Newton, KS. She led church children’s choirs, taught piano students, mentored college student teachers, and in 1990 founded and directed the Newton Community Children’s Choir. Norma is survived by her husband, Marles, children, Kay (Bradley) Siebert, Topeka; Terri (Greg) Gaeddert, Leawood; Brian (Cynthia) Preheim, Nashville TN; 9 grandchildren, Joel (Crystal) Gaeddert, Aaron Gaeddert, Aimee (Michael) Voth Siebert, David (Leah) Gaeddert, Megan (Andrew Voth) Siebert, Eric (Kiley) Preheim, Jill (Braden Unruh) Siebert, Christopher Preheim and Caroline Preheim and 4 great grandchildren (Collin and Brett Gaeddert, Emmet and Henry Gaeddert), her brother Myron (Mildred) Voran and sister, Florine Eitzen.



Jacob D. Goering
January 12, 1918—
January 12, 2019

Jacob D. Goering, died on his 101st birthday, at

Kidron Bethel Village. He was born on the family farm in Lone Tree Township, KS, the 5th of 9 children of Christian B. and Adina Goering. He graduated from Moundridge HS in 1935 and from Bethel College in 1941 with a major in history and psychology. He married Beth Eldridge in 1941. During World War II, Jacob and Beth served in CPS camps in Oregon and California. After the war, Jacob, Beth and their family moved to Chicago, where Jake earned a B.D. at Bethany Seminary and began his graduate education at the University of Chicago in the new field of human development. Jake was a psychologist at Brook Lane Farm, a Mennonite-affiliated psychiatric hospital in Smithsburg, MD. He completed graduate work at the University of Maryland while working full time at Brook Lane Farm. They moved to Silver Spring, MD. Jacob received his doctorate in 1959 and remained at the university as a professor in the Institute for Child Study until his retirement in 1983. Jacob received his Diploma in Analytical Psychology from the Jung Institute, Zurich, in 1978. He began a private psychotherapy practice, which he maintained after retirement from the university and until he and Beth moved to Kansas in 1996. Upon retirement in North Newton he raised funds and developed the Sand Creek walking trail among many other volunteer activities. He is survived by children J. Daniel Goering (Marian) Albuquerque, NM; Kathleen McMahan (Kevin), Columbia, MD; Barbra Goering (James Murray), Chicago, IL; sister Evelyn Lehman (Ralph) North Newton; 5 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren. Beth preceded him in death in 2011.



Lester G. Ewy, June 19,
1922—March 26, 2019

Lester 96, died at Kidron Bethel Village. He was

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born to Gustav L. and Emilie (Miller) Ewy. On May 23, 1943, he married Winifred E. Regier; she preceded him in death Jan. 13, 2009. He later married Elvera Voth in 2010; she survives. Lester attended Bethel College and was a member of the Bethel College Mennonite Church. After retiring as a farmer, he and Winifred did volunteer work for several central Kansas organizations. Lester is survived by his daughters, Eileen Senner, and Emilie Parks and her husband Lee and 5 grandchildren: Lauren Henry, Lindsay Allen, Lillian Mordon, Rosalyn Ediger and Diana Ediger; and 6 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his par-

ents; first wife, Winifred; and one daughter, Rita Ediger.



Roland Albert Schmidt December 7, 1920—April 13, 2019

Roland was born in Great

Bend, KS, to Samuel J. and Katharine (Schroeder) Schmidt. He was the 10th living child of 13. Roland attended elementary school for 7 years; Pawnee Rock HS for 4 years; Oklahoma Bible Academy for a year; and Bethel College, graduating with a Bache-

lor of Science in biology. He married Ethel Richert after college graduation and immediately moved to the farm. Roland and Ethel lived on the farm for 47 years, where they raised their 5 children. They were members of the Bergthal Mennonite Church. Roland and Ethel moved to Kidron-Bethel Village in 1989. They became members of Bethel College Mennonite Church. Roland served on the Kidron-Bethel Board, volunteered at Bethel College, Kauffman Museum, and the Sand Creek Trail. Golfing was an activity Roland greatly enjoyed with his friends for many years. Roland was preceded in death by his wife Ethel in 2009, his parents, six sisters, and six brothers.

He is survived by his sons David (Rita), Wichita; Steve (Wanda), Newton; Don (Debbie), Newton, daughters Meribeth (Bruce) Buhr, Wichita; Susan (Joel) Grasse, Rogers, Arkansas, 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

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.

May 5, 2019—Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

Worship also at BCMC with sermon by Susan Jantzen and music by Vada Snider, flute, and Pat Schmidt, piano.

May 12, 2019—Happy Mother's Day!

Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms and music by Chancel Choir, Cherub Choir, and Junior Choir. During the Sunday school hour the Junior Choir will provide a musical offering of pieces they have been working on throughout the year. Concert will be in the sanctuary.

May 19, 2019—Bethel College Baccalaureate

Worship begins at 10 am. Planned by Bethel College. No Sunday School.

May 26, 2019—Memorial Day—Remembering

Worship with sermon by Susan Jantzen; music by Chancel Bells
No Junior Sunday school today

May 28 through May 31—Vacation Bible School

8:45 to 11:45 am

June 2, 2019—Vacation Bible School Sunday

Worship starts at **10:30 am** and is planned by VBS; a Hamburger Fry hosted by Senior High Youth Group follows worship.

June 9, 2019—Pentecost

Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms

June 16, 2019—Happy Father's Day!

Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms

June 23, 2019

Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms

June 30, 2019 — Details of the service to be announced later