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## Pastor's Corner with Dawn Yoder Harms



This summer has been a season of transition...

We've said good-bye to two be-

loved pastors: Pastor for Pastoral Care, Susan Wheeler, who ministered among us for nine years before her retirement in June, and Bridge Pastor for Faith Formation Susan Jantzen, who ably resourced the Faith Formation Commission and pastored us all for the past year. We also said good-bye to long-time BCMC Treasurer, Richard Friesen, who retired from that position after many years of dedicated service to this congregation.

The good-byes continue as we lay to rest loved ones from our congregation—twenty-one from among us have died since January, 2019. This has been a season of significant loss.

And in the midst of these many good-byes, we have been richly blessed with opportunities to say hello. In July, we said hello to Mike Claassen, our new Finance Manager. In August, we said hello to Renee Reimer, our new Pastor for Faith Formation. In October, we look forward to saying hello to Nathan Koontz, our new Pastor for Pastoral Care. And we will be welcoming new members

among us later this fall. Navigating the space between what has been and what will be is the work of transition. It involves saying good-bye well and opening ourselves to new possibilities as we say hello. It asks us to consider: *what are we being invited to release? What are we being invited to hold on to? How are we deepening our connection to each other? How are we deepening our connection to Christ? What are the spiritual practices that deepen our trust, patience and gratitude along the way?*

While transition is hard work, it is holy work as we meet God there and grow through it together. I am aware of and grateful for God's provision for us along the way--wise congregational leaders who help guide us; new and gifted pastors who are joining us; energy, creativity, and commitment that bubbles up from among us as we move forward together; grace that helps us learn patience along the way. Thanks be to God for God's faithful accompaniment, and for the work, the growth, and the gifts shared along the way!

## Welcome Renee Reimer!



Perhaps it was the years as part of Sermon on The Mount Mennonite Church in Sioux Falls, SD where her mother was pastor that planted the seed. In a very small congregation the opportunity to be involved in many parts of worship certainly provided an introduction for Renee to the variety of tasks in pastoral ministry.

Following graduation from Bethel College Renee chose to nurture that seed as she began working as Youth Program Director and then later as Youth and Outreach Ministries Director at Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City. During her four years there she watered the seed with seminary courses, some on-line and some where she spent intensive weeks on campus. It was a course in Worship and Preaching which eventually led to her decision to move to Elkhart, IN to finish her seminary work with a year as a full time seminary student, graduating from

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) this past May with a Master of Divinity in Christian Faith Formation. At graduation Renee also received the 2019 preaching award.

Music has always been an essential part of Renee's faith journey. As a Music Education major at Bethel she was a part of numerous music ensembles: Concert Choir (for which she was assistant director for several years), Jazz Ensemble I and II (both as pianist and vocalist), one of the founding members of the women's ensemble Woven, Wind Ensemble and Women's Chorus. As she considered a career in teaching she student taught at both Goessel Elementary and North West High School in Wichita. It was also as a Bethel student that she

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directed the Junior Choir at BCMC for three years.

As the internship part of her seminary degree, Renee spent the summer of 2018 as Camp Pastor at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, specifically as Pastor to the summer staff. Other camp experiences include attending Swan Lake Christian Camp as a middle schooler, counseling and leading worship at Camp Mennoscah for a number of summers and a retreat at Camp Friedenswald during seminary. Clearly the church – camp intersection has been a vital part of Renee’s faith formation. Another part time internship at Silverwood Mennonite Church in Goshen, IN provided experience in preaching and pastoral care.

In addition to her work as Associate Pastor for Faith Formation at BCMC Renee is looking forward to leading a Bible Study for women on the Bethel College campus this fall using a curriculum she developed as part of a seminary course. We welcome Renee as Associate Pastor for Faith Formation at BCMC and look forward to her ministry among us.  
~ Dianne Epp



**The Treasurer By the Numbers By Richard Friesen**

I like numbers. And did I mention squiggly graphs? So serving as treasurer has fit me well over the past

nine years. (That’s three two-year terms and another three years with various arrangements.)

Here’s some numbers for those nine years:

- Combined annual budgets - \$4,395,137
- Benevolences - \$790,804 to 29 organizations and causes
- Caring Fund distributions - 493 for \$79,714
- Living Stones I & II expenses - \$1,403,620
- Meat Canning - \$37,682
- MCC My Coins Count - \$6,768
- Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale - \$31,185
- Number of times worried about cash flow - 0

Of course, this means lots of contributions, from the small to the large, from many people:

- Intents - 374 households
- Contributions – 510+ households
- Electronic fund transfers - 68 households
- Qualified charitable contributions (direct IRA transfers from someone over 79 ½) - 46 individuals
- Bequests - 6

Volunteers are essential to the functioning of the church, but a lot of checks were written to individuals in nine years:

- Payroll checks - 15 different staff (such as pastors, administrative assistant, custodians)
- Choir directors or accompanists - 27
- Organists or pianists - 24
- Special musicians (not BCMC members) - 59

Young people have been an important recipient of financial support:

- College scholarships – 39
- Service scholarships – 4
- Internships - 8

Death brings another set of financial transactions (meals, memorial gifts, etc.):

- Funerals – 83+
- Interaction with elected and appointed members of the congregation is essential for preparation of budgets, approval of expenditures, development of policy and priorities, etc.:
- Church board – 42
  - Finance Committee – 17
  - Audit Committee – 9
  - Chairs of commissions or board-appointed committees – 46

Special mention goes to the assistant treasurers over the years who faithfully coordinate the counting of offerings and the tracking of contributions:

- Milly Stucky
- Bernice Esau
- Lois Goertzen
- Nancy Hilty

The top spiritual highs of being treasurer:

- Entering over 200 Pony Express intents each year and pondering the amazing expression of faith and commitments being made
- Writing benevolence checks each month and quarter and reflecting on our commitments to the wider church and social justice
- Participating in providing educational and service scholarships that encourage both our youth and our institutions about the future

Thank you, congregation, for this wonderful opportunity and experience.

Disclaimer: These numbers have not been verified by the Audit Committee.

## Welcome Mike Claassen New Financial Manager



Say hello to the new Financial Manager at BCMC, Mike Claassen. You’ve seen Mike in the

past singing in the Chancel Choir and you’ll see him in the future playing bells with the Chancel Bells. Mike is married to Stahli Claassen and they are parents to Emma (sophomore at Newton High School), Alice (freshman at Newton High School) and Payne (7th grader at Chisholm Middle School). We bid farewell to Richard Friesen as he retired as treasurer at BCMC, although he’s not going far, you’ll still see him in the pews at BCMC.

And this reminds me that the Pony Express will be coming November 3, which is Stewardship Sunday at BCMC, and concludes when the Pony Express packets are returned on November 17. More information will be coming later concerning the Pony Express. ~ Monica Lichti

## Welcome Suzanne Burch New Chancel Bells Director



Say hello to Suzanne Burch, the new Chancel Bell Choir director.

You’ve seen

Suzanne play in the Chancel Bells for years. She’s the one on the end with the small bells, sometimes playing

with two bells in each hand. Suzy is married to Brad Burch and they are the parents of Lucy, a 7th grader at Chisholm Middle School and Faith, a 3rd grader at Walton Elementary School. Suzy will also continue to direct the Menno Ringers. Suzy replaces Vada Snider who stepped away from her long-time role as Chancel Bell Choir director. BCMC thanks Vada for building up and maintaining the bell choir program for 33 years!

### Community Playschool starts September 3



The halls of the BCMC church basement have been quiet over the summer but they are about to be buzzing with the sounds of children's voices, laughter, and activity once again. While Community Playschool took a break from classes in the building for the summer, it is now time for the children to return to preschool! There has been a flurry of activity going on behind the scenes in the month of August as we have been enrolling children and securing volunteer teachers and helpers for the new school year. These are time intensive activities involving paperwork, phone calls and visits from interested families. We will start the year in the first week of September with 25 children in three classes.

Joining in the leadership of the process this year is Kasey Newell. Kasey began her new job as assistant director at the beginning of August. Kasey is a native of North Newton who has extensive experience in

early childhood education. She has already been actively adding new ideas and interest to our organization in her role here.

Please look for changes on the playground, as we have been hard at work on a revitalization of that space. Local grant opportunities have provided a start in funding several projects. These include upkeep and maintenance of the surfacing material, a new deck which will serve as a dramatic play structure/nature classroom and replacement of a worn out child size picnic table. Thanks respectively to Et Cetera Shop Local Giving Fund, Harvey County Special Projects Fund and the North Newton Community Foundation for accepting our requests for these projects. Completion of the funding will be from existing memorial funds from the Playschool budget. Brad Burch will be leading the charge in getting these projects accomplished.

We continue to look to the future of the organization and discerning how that may look in an educational environment that is ever changing. Over the last 53 years many changes have been implemented and adaptations made. The service to families who need it most has remained consistent, however and we continue to strive to keep it that way. Please consider how you might be able to contribute to this mission outreach of our church. There are many ways to be part of this organization and I would be

happy to visit with anyone interested in helping!

~ Jeanette Leary, Director

### Mennonite Church USA Convention—July 2-6, 2019 Kansas City

Attending the MCUSA conference is an opportunity to look at our denomination from a different perspective than what we see in our local churches. Many adults attend as delegates representing their local church or conference, and as such are responsible to attend delegate sessions each of the five days. Other adults choose to attend conference to hear the sermons of prominent church leaders, or to pick from the plethora of seminars offered each day for the adults or youth. Finally, others attend as representatives of a church organization such as Mennonite Disaster Service, Voluntary Service, SOOP (Service Opportunities with Our Partners), the Pink Mennos, Mennonite Mission Network, Mennonite Women, or a Mennonite college. Attendees went home with an updated vision of Mennonite Church USA.

The worship sessions were in a large hall seating 3000. Little children were enrolled in the childcare program. The speakers were thought provoking, the music uplifting. Glen Guyton spoke on "Where is the Journey Forward Taking us?" He said you are here for a reason – pass the peace. Glen said many church conferences are struggling; MCUSA is not alone in this. We need less structure to continue to ac-

cess where God is calling us to today. We should be training our replacements – the youth. We need to work together as Christ's Church. MCUSA is at a place of new beginning as we witness the transformation of the Holy Spirit.

Megan Good, pastor from Arizona, told us the energy of God was present before creation. Ezekial saw the dry bones, but God breathed life into them. We need God like we need Air! She told us to breathe in the living "ruach" of God.

Storytellers shared personal experiences. Music was led by The Walking Roots Band.

I attended a Seminar entitled Forbearance, led by Tom Yoder Neufeld. (He also led our Delegate Bible study on Ephesians) The forbearance resolution was passed at the 2015 convention. Tom pointed out that forbearance usually means restraint. It is not language of the weak. Those who have power can exercise forbearance. He reminded us that Love is Indispensable. Love bears all things, believes, hopes, and endures all things. We are to clothe ourselves in humility, meekness, kindness, and forbearance. God is bringing people together – people who would NEVER choose to be together. Jesus brought Jews and Gentiles together in the Early Church. Tom commented "Church hurts, we are always carrying someone in the church." Our homework was to read Matthew 18. The Sermon on the Mount is five collections of teachings of intra-communal relation-

ship. He said read it all, especially the part about forgiveness. Is there a boundary to forbearance? Yes, Jesus said 70 x 7. See the face of God in each other. God is looking for ways to be found. How much stretch does love have? ~ Carol Peters

**Western District Conference  
Annual Assembly: We are  
Witnesses!  
July 26-27, 2019  
Bethel College,  
North Newton, Kansas**



The 2019 Assembly theme was from Acts 10:

34-43 where Peter witnesses that God shows no partiality. Delegates were reminded throughout the weekend that we too are witnesses to God's work in the world. The Friday evening worship with communion service at BCMC began with land recognition of the place we worship. The land on which we worship was formerly occupied by the Osage, Kansa, Wichita, Comanche, and Sioux peoples. Music led by Bob and Melissa Atchison and Mustard Seed Grant testimonies were interspersed in all worship gatherings.

Glen Guyton from San Antonio Mennonite Church in Texas and Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA was the Assembly Speaker Friday and Saturday. Friday evening he spoke on 'Bring the Peace'; church is a place of transformation. Glen, a former military man,

left the Air Force Academy 25 years ago when he was invited to know Jesus. His story challenged delegates to acknowledge the transforming nature of the Holy Spirit and accept our role as witnesses as we live the call of Christ.

The Saturday morning witness theme, 'Serve people of the Church', was based on Ephesians 2:13-18. We were instructed in our role as a body of Christ to be witnesses:

- understand the unifying message of bringing the peace,
  - share the message of peace and reconciliation, (disagreeing on issues are part of our life and living)
  - be a hopeful church, (We will get through the mess. The worst thing is an unhappy Christian.)
  - acknowledge that God has a reserved place for each one (you, them, us) at the table,
  - practice hospitality, and
  - respond to the movement of God's Spirit.
- Leaders, be less anxious and reactive: take risks, understand goals, direct and guide resources.

The two delegate sessions Saturday included accepting Iglesia Camino de Santidad of Liberal, KS as a member congregation of WDC, approval of the 2020 budget of \$608,327, and an election of leadership roles. The slate is available on the Western District Conference Website.

Next year the assembly will be in Denton, TX July 31-August 2. ~ Lois Preheim

**Service Report from  
Janet Stucky**



For the last six years, I have had the privilege to serve the people of west Africa. The first four years

were in the country of Benin, followed by Cameroon and Guinea. While in Benin I experienced firsthand the local language, food ways, and belief systems, which prepared me well for the challenging work on Mercy Ships medical teams.

With my varied professional experiences and passion for good health and nutrition, I have been involved as part of Mercy Ships surgical teams identifying and selecting patients to begin the process of transforming lives with lifesaving surgeries. By providing and encouraging proper nutrition presurgically, through inpatient recovery, transition to outpatient care and in the weeks and months of healing I have seen lives transformed from suffering and despair to hope and a bright new future.

I especially am grateful to the congregation for partnering with and supporting me to see the impossible happen, giving life-altering surgeries to those deserving a better life. My journey has been fascinating as I have related to the locals who have opened their arms and taken me into their hearts, sharing their struggles and hopes for the future.

Taking a sabbatical leave from Mercy Ships, I will be

serving as a host at the International Guest House in Washington D.C. beginning the end of August 2019.

**Happy 80th Birthday  
Dianne Waltner Epp!**



Dianne, pictured here with her Lassie dog, remembers bringing the cows in from the pasture on their family dairy farm near Freeman, South Dakota. Growing up and baptized in Salem Mennonite Church, Dianne found her calling when she attended her first chemistry class at Freeman Academy. Her chemistry teacher at Freeman Junior College, Annabelle Lerch, proved a woman could also be a chemist. After graduating from Bethel College Dianne went on for graduate study at the University of Missouri. The only female in her graduate chemistry classes, she thrived. She was asked to return to Bethel to teach chemistry while Ronald Rich was on leave. Then came marriage to Tony Epp before they both left to study French in Belgium and continue on to teach in Africa under Mennonite Central Committee's Teachers Abroad Program (TAP). Returning to the states, Dianne worked as an industrial chemist in the Denver area while Tony completed his doctoral studies. A teaching position at

Nebraska Wesleyan for Tony took their family to Lincoln, Nebraska. There, Dianne joined the Lincoln East High School Science Department.

Teaching and writing about chemistry were central to Dianne's professional life. One way Dianne encouraged other science teachers was writing monographs for Terri-fic Science Press, to help high school chemistry teachers introduce their students to the world of industrial chemistry. Titles include the chemistry of ice cream and a Palette of Color series on the chemistry of dyes (think food dyes, indigo denim vat dye, and natural dyes.) By the end of her teaching career Dianne had received several teaching awards including The Christa McAuliffe Prize for Courage and Excellence in Education from University of Nebraska, and Nebraska's Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching, grades 7-12. She had also coached the Lincoln East High Science Olympiad teams, advancing to nationals twice.

Her nominator for the McAuliffe Prize summed it well: Dianne is a teacher who has worked her entire professional life in a field largely dominated by men. She was the only woman in many of her graduate classes and has served as the only woman on the science staff in several educational institutions. It takes courage to work in non-traditional fields and to excel in those fields. She is an outstanding teacher of chemistry and many students have benefitted from her choice to teach rather than work as a chemist.

Her chemistry skills follow

*BCMC Kaleidoscope*

her into the kitchen where Dianne enjoys creating everything from French cuisine to Indian curry to sumptuous berry pies.

Dianne's service ethic has been life long. In addition to her years in Africa with TAP she spent three summers in Voluntary Service at the Woodlawn Mennonite Church on Chicago's Southside during her young adult years. While the family lived in Lincoln she and her husband Tony helped start and spent many volunteer hours sustaining the Lincoln Ten Thousand Villages store. She has always served her local congregation as a board member or committee member. Currently, she keeps busy sewing comforter tops for the MCC comforter blitz.

Readers may remember Willard Waltner, Dianne's 101-year-old photojournalist father, who attended BCMC from 1995-2011. He and her husband, Tony, both died in 2011. Daughter, Rachel Epp Buller, and family live in Newton; Rachel is associate professor of visual art and design at Bethel College. Son, Alain Epp Weaver, and family reside in Lancaster, PA; Alain directs strategic planning for MCC and will be preaching here at BCMC, Oct. 27, before delivering this year's Menno Simons lectures. ~ Pat Friesen



A current picture of Dianne

## Peace Sunday

Peace Sunday at Bethel College Mennonite Church will be observed Sept. 15. Members of the BCMC Witness Commission are currently planning the morning worship service as well a second hour alternative for that date. We are pleased to announce that Karin Kaufman Wall will be our guest speaker. Karin is the Peace and Justice Education Coordinator at Mennonite Central Committee Central States. Karin will also join us during the Sunday School hour to answer questions and help educate our congregation on issues of social justice and the role that MCC is currently playing in these issues. One of the goals of the Witness Commission is illustrated by an item that appears on each meeting's agenda: Peace and Social Justice at BCMC: How are we equipping our congregation in doing justice, living mercy and walking humbly with God? We are excited to welcome Karin on Peace Sunday. Her experience and expertise will help to continue this conversation. Members of the Witness Commission are: Karen Penner, Kathy Stucky, Elaine Schurr, Brad Born, and Tom Jackson. Dawn Yoder Harms serves as staff liaison.

## Menno Simons Lectures

The Menno Simons Lectures this year at Bethel College will be Oct. 27-29 with presenter Dr. Alain Epp Weaver. His topic: *In the Name of Christ: Missiological Reflections on Mennonite Central Committee's Past, Present, and Future.*

The schedule:

- **Sun. morning, Oct. 27**  
9:30 am Sermon at Bethel College Mennonite Church: *Word and Deed*
- **Sun. evening, Oct. 27**  
7:00-8:30 pm  
Lecture #1: *Constructing Christian Service: The Multiple Publics of MCC*
- **Mon. morning, Oct. 28**  
(student convocation)  
9:00-10:00 am  
Lecture #2: *Listening and Waiting: MCC and Shifting Understandings of Christian Service*
- **Mon. evening, Oct. 28**  
7:00-8:30 pm  
Lecture #3: *First to the Household of Faith? MCC, Humanitarianism, and the Church*
- **Tues. evening, Oct. 29**  
7:00-8:30 pm  
Lecture #4: *Accompanying, Connecting, Measuring, Dismantling: Missiologies in Tension within MCC*

For the past ten years, Alain Epp Weaver has directed strategic planning for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), working from Akron, Pennsylvania. He previously worked with MCC in the Middle East for 11 years. Alain holds a Ph.D. in theology from the University of Chicago and is the author and editor of several books, including *Mapping Exile and Return: Palestinian Dispossession and a Political Theology for a Shared Future* (Fortress Press).



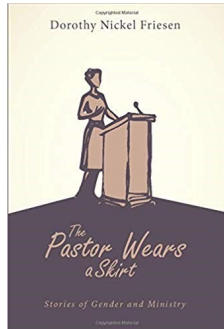
## Dorothy Nickel Friesen's Book Named to Kansas Notable List



Dorothy Nickel Friesen's book, *The Pastor Wears a Skirt: Stories of Gender and Ministry* (Wipf and Stock,

2018), was named by the State Library of Kansas to the list of Kansas Notable Books for 2019. Her memoir is one of 15 books that will be honored at a public awards ceremony, Sept. 14 at the Kansas Book Festival, held at the Kansas statehouse in Topeka.

Congratulations Dorothy!



**Happy Anniversary to Nadine (Janzen) and Al Peters who were married August 2, 1959. They recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary!**

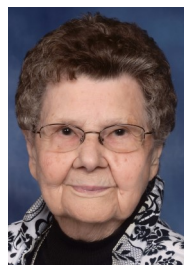
## Obituaries



**Rosemary June Linscheid Moyer—October 30, 1930—June 26, 2019**

Rosemary June Linscheid was born in Mountain Lake, MN to Louis H. and Agnetha (Tieszen) Linscheid. She lived with her parents and older brother in Butterfield, MN where her father was a Mennonite pastor. When Rosemary was 8 years old, the family moved to Freeman, South Dakota. She completed elementary school in Freeman, and graduated from both Freeman Academy (1948) and Freeman Junior College (1950). She attended Bethel College, graduating with a BA in 1952, with a major in Social Sciences and minors in English and Bible. Following college graduation, she returned to her home community and served as both registrar and bookkeeper of Freeman Junior College for three years. She met J. Harold Moyer and they were married Aug. 30, 1955. Rosemary and Harold's first home was in Iowa City, Iowa, where Harold pursued graduate studies in music at the University of Iowa, and Rosemary worked as a secretary in the university president's office. They then moved to Indiana. Daughter Janet joined the family in 1958. A year later the family moved to North Newton, and daughter Rachel was born in 1962. They purchased the P. R. Voth home on College Avenue, and Harold began a long tenure as a professor of music at Bethel College. Rosemary was a member of Bethel College Mennonite

Church, where she was editor of the church newsletter, secretary/treasurer for Women's Fellowship, and served on the Visitation Team. In 1981, she became photo archivist at Mennonite Library and Archives at Bethel College. Rosemary and Harold moved to Kidron Bethel Village in 2004. Rosemary entered Kidron Bethel Health Care in 2012. Rosemary was preceded in death by her parents and husband. She is survived by: Janet and Dwight Regier, rural Newton; Daniel Regier and Sara Rickard, Edwin, Newton; Miriam and Ryan Goertzen-Regier, North Newton; Peter Regier, Albuquerque, NM; Rachel and Clayton Harrison, Kirtland, NM, Rebecca and Caleb Cumiford, Farmington, NM; Melissa and Mathew Chavez, Farmington, NM; David Harrison, Kirtland, NM; brother, Allen and Georgia Linscheid, Reedley, CA, and family; sister-in-law Anna Moyer, Newton.



**Berta Irene Selzer Miller—January 29, 1921—June 29, 2019**

Berta Irene Selzer was born in Protection, KS. She married Sanford E. Miller on Dec. 28, 1941. He died on July 14, 1999. She graduated from Washburn University in 1963 and became an elementary teacher in Seaman (Topeka) USD 345, where she also taught special education. She retired in 1986. She and Sanford eventually moved to Newton and then to Hesston. They were mem-

bers of Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton and were very active in the community until Sanford's death. After Sanford's death, Berta moved to Schowalter Villa, Hesston, where she continued involvement in many activities. Berta is survived by four children: Stanley (Marianne) Miller, Barbara (Larry) Callahan, Rebecca (Michael) Frederick and Stephen (Shawn) Miller; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.



**Eleanor Gross Wismer Kaufman June 24, 1933—**

**July 13, 2019**

Eleanor Wismer Kaufman died at Kidron Bethel Healthcare, North Newton. She was a resident of Kansas since 1974. She was born in Doylestown, PA to Norman and Laura Gross Wismer. One of five siblings, Eleanor sang in a family quartet. She attended Bucks County Elementary schools and then graduated from Hilltown High School in 1951 and from Bluffton College (Ohio) in 1955. Two years later, she graduated from the Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Chicago with a master's degree in Religious Education. By that time, she had also spent a summer in voluntary service at the Cleveland State Mental

Hospital. She earned her masters in Organ Performance from Wichita State University in 1980. Eleanor began her career as a Minister of Music in the Eden Mennonite Congregation near Moundridge (1957-1959). She married Donald Kaufman Aug. 30, 1958. Beginning in 1960, she and Don served the people and churches of Indonesia for seven years under the auspices of the Mennonite Central Committee. Three children came to grace their lives. Eleanor first became a member of the Deep Run Mennonite Church near Bedminster, PA, at the age of 12. While a member of the Bethel College Mennonite Church, she served as a co-organist for 35 years. She also directed the Bell Choir for about 10 years. Eleanor also worked for the Ten Thousand Villages program of Mennonite Central Committee. She is survived by her husband, Donald; three children, Kendra Kaufman of Wichita, Galen (Rachel) Kaufman of New Braunfels, TX, and Nathan (Jill) Kaufman of North Newton; two sisters, Jean Friesen of Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada, and Nancy Hilty of North Newton; one brother, Donald Wismer (Sue Hoadley) of Corralis, NM; many nieces and nephews; and three grandchildren, Camille Jane Kaufman, Orion Kaufman and Lily Kaufman. She was preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, Earl Wismer of Sellersville, Pennsylvania.



**Catherine Helen Regier Wiens—September 23, 1926—July 20, 2019**

Catherine (Regier) Wiens, 92, died at Kidron Bethel Health Care in North Newton. Catherine was born to J.U. and Minnie (Voth) Regier. She graduated from Bethel College in 1950 with an English degree. She married John Curtis Wiens in 1950. They were married for almost 49 years prior to his death in 1999. Catherine was a teacher in the Walton public schools, until the birth of her children, when she began substitute teaching. When she could no longer drive due to an eye condition, she rode her bicycle throughout Newton well into her later years of life. She was an active member in the Bethel College Mennonite Church and volunteered at the Newton Et Cetera Shop and the Newton Medical Center Hospital Gift Shop. She is survived by her children: Timothy (Kathy) Wiens, and Mary "Minnie" Wiens (Steve Malone); three grandchildren: Terra Wiens, Ruth Lehman Wiens and Seth Malone. She was preceded in death by her husband: John Curtis Wiens; parents: J.U. and Minnie Regier; and sister: Bertha Gerber.



**Harry Dean Neufeld—September 13, 1934—July 24, 2019**

Harry Dean Neufeld was born in a farmhouse in the Sand Hills near Inman to Abe and Agnes (Doerksen) Neufeld, the second of six children. Always a strong and inquisitive student, Harry had a thirst for adventure, which propelled him from raising Russian watermelons during the Great Depression to his first experience with mental health work at Brook Lane Farm in Maryland, and then to over two years of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) work in Paraguay. While a student at Bethel College, Harry married Donna Kaufman June 13, 1959, and together they earned master's degrees in Social Work from Washington University in St. Louis which led to a 34-year career in Social Work at Prairie View Mental Health Clinic. Harry also contributed to the church and broader community as a youth group sponsor, city council member, Mennonite Central Committee meat canner, Community Play School board member, singing with the Mennonite Men, and a volunteer with Health Ministries and the homeless shelter. A regular blood donor, he was a member of the "100 Pint Club." For 52 years, his home base was North Newton, close to extended family, where Harry and Donna nurtured their two children. Harry and Donna celebrated 60 years of marriage this June

on an Alaskan cruise with their kids and grandkids. Survivors are: wife, Donna; daughter, Kristi (Jonathan) Neufeld, Lawrence; son, Scott (MaryBeth) Neufeld-Wall, St. Louis; and grandchildren: Maya, Olivia, Sadie and Nathaniel; siblings: Elsie Miller, Leana (Orval) Regier, Irma (Don) Gerbrandt, Naomi Neufeld, Paul (Barbara) Neufeld; brother-in-law, Arlan Kaufman; and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be Jan. 3, 2020, at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton.

### Join Mennonite Church USA In Response to Gun Violence

Join Mennonite Church USA congregations in prayer and action in response to the tragedies of gun violence. For more information about how to participate, follow this link: <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/call-to-prayer-and-action-gun-violence/>

#### Lord, hear our grief...

We pray for the lives lost in Gilroy, California, El Paso, Texas, Dayton, Ohio and Chicago, Illinois, which join the climbing number of those lost to gun violence in America. Comfort the mourning, the grieving, the broken-hearted. Compel our prayers to turn into actions. May the triggers of our streets be beaten into plowshares. May the triggers of our hearts be met with the open arms of our neighbors. May we trust in the transformative power of your refining fire.

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Forge us to be instruments of  
your peace.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
May our posture be of a  
readiness to steady a plow-

share.  
May we take hold of your olive  
branch that plots for peace.  
May the plowshare break the  
earth of senseless violence.  
May the furrows bring us a

harvest of solace, a never-  
ending rest from violence.  
May we sit under the vine and  
fig, on earth as it is in heaven.  
May it be so. *Amen*

—Adapted from a prayer  
by Mike Martin originally  
published in The Men-  
nonite after a tragic  
shooting in Las Vegas.

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

**September 1, 2019—Labor Day Worship**

Worship with sharing by Jill Robb, Brad Kohlman, Jeanette Stucky and William Eash

**September 8, 2019—Dedication of the New Church Year**

Worship with sermon by Renee Reimer; music by the Chancel Choir

**September 15, 2019—Peace Sunday**

Worship with sermon by Karin Kaufman Wall; music by Junior and Cherub Choirs

**September 22, 2019**

Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Choir and Menno Ringers

**September 29, 2019**

Worship with sermon by Renee Reimer; music by Chancel Bells  
**2:00 pm Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary**

**October 6, 2019—World Communion Sunday**

Worship with sermon by Dawn Yoder Harms; music by Chancel Choir  
Installation of the new pastor for pastoral care, Nathan Koontz  
Potluck in Fellowship Hall to welcome Nathan

**October 13, 2019—Fall Fest Sunday**

Bethel College plans the worship service; music by the Bethel College Concert Choir—No Sunday school this Sunday

**October 20, 2019**

Worship details to be announced later; music by Junior and Cherub Choirs

**October 27, 2019—Menno Simons Lecture**

Worship with sermon by Dr. Alain Epp Weaver; music by Chancel Choir