

Bethel Mennonite Church

Celebrating 125 Years

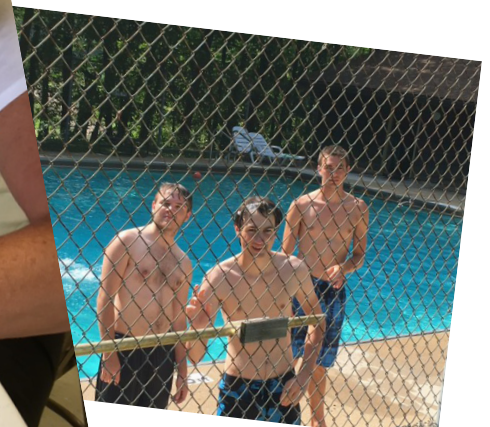
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Photos from the recent Youth Mission Trip this Summer. Attending were Michael & Daniel Lehman, Annie Steiner, Michelle Link, Cheryl Shank, Trace Robinaugh and Becky Wilkins. The group made repairs and helped at a summer camp in Illinois.

Announcements:

- ♦ **Labor Day Festival** is slated for Sept. 3-5. We still need volunteers to help in the Sausage Booth to raise money for the Student Aid Fund. Please sign up to help if you can!
- ♦ **Bethel Church Annual Outdoor Service and Church Picnic** is August 28th at 10:00 a.m. at Lions Park in the big Pavilion. Please bring a covered dish to share. Note, there is no Sunday School this day.
- ♦ **Green Hills Service** is at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 14th. Please plan to attend.
- ♦ **Phone Directory Updates** need to be completed this month. Please check your directory listing and let the office know if you have any changes to make by August 31, 2016.



Congratulations to Brody & Megann Robinaugh, married June 12, 2016. Pictured left to right are Darin & Kath Robinaugh, Groom, Brody & Bride, Megann Robinaugh, Jason Robinaugh and Danielle Mouhlas, and kneeling are Trace & Jordy Robinaugh. The newlyweds honeymooned in Florida.

EXAMINING OUR Files

A look back into the headlines...

50 Years Ago...June 27, 1966

Dr. Harry Graber, 34, a native of Auburn, IN, will begin his medical practice July 5 with Dr. Paul E. Hooley and Dr. Glen Miller at Oak Hill Association, along US Route 68 between Bellefontaine and West Liberty.

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Next Newsletter Deadline: Aug. 20, 2016

Bethel VBS 2016 "Surprise!"

by Miriam Lapp



The week of June 6-10, Bethel was a hub of activity. Children and adults were playing, learning, laughing, thinking quietly, singing and praying. An average of 38 children attended. About 50 adults and youth helped with Bible School in many varied ways throughout the week.

Each day started with a drama, prayer, singing, Bible memorization and the offering project. \$1,268.06 was the final total for our offering project, MCC's Education for Hope in Burkina Faso. This program covers educational costs, serves lunch and provides social skills training for HIV/AIDS orphans and other vulnerable children in the capital city of Burkina Faso.

In the dramas we saw Jesus in five New Testament



stories. As a child, Jesus grew and learned. Jesus loves and blesses children. We can give to others and bless them. We can choose to seek Jesus. We recognize Jesus with us.

The new venture of Fast Food for Women was a sweet time of sharing together emphasizing God's love and care for all women. Attendance ranged from 1 to 4 women (average 3).

On Monday, one of the youngest children pointed out to Mary, Joseph and the rest of us that Jesus was right there in front of us on the stage. That was a reminder all week to open our eyes and see Jesus. We noticed Jesus in new and fresh ways during Bible School this year.

Please Consider a Donation to The Interfaith Welcome Coalition

Barb Kauffman

The Interfaith Welcome Coalition of San Antonio, TX is so grateful for our past support. They need our help to continue to serve women and children from Central America fleeing violence and seeking protection. IWC provides many services—Back Pack Ministry, Shelter Ministry (overnight housing, hot meals and hospitality), Travel Ministry (escorting families to the bus station or airport and help with purchasing tickets), Advocacy (raising



awareness and advocating for immigration reform.)

IWC offers hope, compassion and friendship to mothers and young children who are hurting and living in fear.

If you wish to contribute financially to their work, designate IWC on the memo line of a check written to Bethel. Prayfully consider how you can be a part of this meaningful ministry.

Senior Spotlight on Kenny Hostetler

by Dean Horn

In April, we honored our 80 and up members with a celebration tea. The following is what Dean Horn had to say about his senior friend, Kenny Hostetler.

Kenny was born May 1, 1930. Kenny has never left Logan County except for Voluntary Service in La Junta, Colorado. There he worked in maintenance and while working there he met several people that go to Bethel.

I believe Kenny never knew anything but hard work. He shared with me that he had 2 sets of clothes. One set for school and one for work. As soon as he came home he changed and still practices this today.

He started school in 1936 at Iron City (Pine Avenue). Since 1957 he has been in farming when he bought chickens and one cow from his Dad. He grew and had 65 milking cows before selling them in 1989. He farmed 200 acres.

Kenny & Jeanette adopted 2 boys, Dennis at 2 weeks old and Neil at 4 weeks old.

Two tragedies in his life were losing Neil in 1998 and a barn fire in 1985.

He helped build Bethel's kitchen, elevator shaft and balcony.



When he sold and got out of the dairy, I guess work on my part began.. I went to Sunday School and asked if anyone would help in Habitat. He came to me the next week and said he would talk to Jeanette and wanted to help.

He was with Habitat for 7 years and built 6 homes. Kenny organized, built and took pride in all that he did. I helped and learned from Kenny. He taught me to always be on time, and could fix anything. He is always willing to help.

One thing I found out early on--after you ask him to borrow a pencil 2 or 3 times he will get

grumpy! Ken has been a mentor to me and I am so grateful. I guess he did a good job--now he asks me to fix his things! Through the years, I'm proud to say I know Kenny, and I love you, man!

Noteworthy Dates

July Birthdays

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| 3- Julia Yoder | 19- Miriam Lapp |
| 7- Cindy Kauffman | 20- Hayden Sanford |
| 10- Ella Mae Kauffman | 20- Sharon Showalter |
| 12- Jeff Steiner | 23- Darin Robinaugh |
| 13- Alex Steiner | 25- Elaine Newcomer |
| 13- Brody Robinaugh | 25- Madelyn Sanford |
| 16- Megann Robinaugh | 30- Dena Hostetler |
| 18- Mary Yoder | 30- Doug Steiner |

July Anniversaries

- July 4, 2005 --Lee & Tesa Jordan
- July 6, 1980 --Neil & Peggy Wirick
- July 18, 1964 --Carl & Elaine Newcomer
- July 21, 1979 --Greg & Jane Core Thomas
- July 23, 1965 --Chuck & Jeanie Swartz
- July 27, 1968 --Mike & Rita Roberts

August Birthdays

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| 2 - Janet Wilkins | 23 - Cody Buck |
| 3 - Michelle Link | 23 - Harry Graber |
| 3 - Bill Shumaker | 26 - Sally Harshbarger |
| 12 - Mary Psolla | 29 - Sam J. Plank |
| 18 - Art Newcomer | |

August Anniversaries

- August 6, 1994 - Greg & Joanna Hostetler
- August 8, 1981 - Jeff & Suzan Hooper
- August 11, 1978 - Rick & Kathy Norviel
- August 15, 1970 - Bill & Carole Barrett
- August 18, 1973 - Steve & Miriam Lapp
- August 19, 1961 - Art & Mary Newcomer
- August 19, 1967 - Byron & Barb Kauffman
- August 21, 1971 - Jerry & Barb Landes
- August 29, 1954 - Lowell & Ellie Kauffman

Senior Spotlight on Bob & Mary Psolla

by Carl & Elaine Newcomer

Bob was born March 30, 1934 to a farm family near Canton, Ohio. The farm was near a railroad track so hobos often stopped by their place for a bite to eat. Bob's Mom made tasty peanut butter sandwiches for them. While growing up Bob helped his father on the farm. During his high school years, Bob would help with spreading lime. After returning from school, on lime hauling days he would drive His dad's truck 65 miles into Pennsylvania, get a load of lime, drive back home and finish his school assignments. That would be the daily routine during lime spreading season.

Bob was required to register for the draft when he was 18 years of age. At the time he registered for the draft, he was wearing a back brace due to a back injury. The admissions officer inquired why he was wearing the back brace. When he explained the reason, the officer said "Get out of here" so he obeyed and went on his way. His cousin went with him to also register and fainted when he saw his blood that was drawn from him. The recruiter told him to also leave. What a blessing for both boys!

Peg, a cousin of Jim Steiner's caught Bob's eye. They fell in love and 6 weeks before Bob turned 22 they married on February 18, 1956. Three girls were born into their family. Bob started out farming with his dad, then rented a farm and finally he and Peg bought a 150 acre farm near Wooster, Ohio in 1967. In 1968 at the age of 34, he worked for a business along with farming. While in business, he became a job supervisor and then a manager of 40 employees. The company went through 2 mergers and after the last merger, Bob decided that was enough, took a buyout and left the business. He and his family regularly attended the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

After 30 years of marriage, Peg was diagnosed with colon cancer in 1986. Bob, being very loving and caring, a smart thinker, an excellent planner and organizer as well as a "go getter", researched who treated Ronald Reagan's colon cancer. He found out it was a Dr. Rosenberger. Bob called Dr. Rosenberger's office and explained the situation of Peg's cancer. Dr. Rosenberger accepted Peg as a patient, she was treated and lived 7 years without pain before dying in 1993. During the seven years of Peg's can-

cer journey Bob rented out the farm so he and Peg could spend quality time together. They spent this time travelling to many places.

Mary Wolber now known as Mary Steiner Psolla was born August 12, 1933 in Deer Creek, Illinois. Mary's father died of a lung infection when Mary was 3 years old. Mary, her siblings and mother Anna Wolber then went to live with Anna's mother on a farm. When Mary's sister was ready for high school, Mary's family moved into Deer Creek with her aunt to be closer to the school, since no buses came out to the farm.

Mary had a desire to do missionary work when she was 16 years of age. After high school graduation, she attended Goshen College and received her AA degree in elementary education. Mary's aunt helped financially with Mary's college education.

Mary met Jim Steiner at Goshen College, having roomed with his sister Joan. They were married June 1955. After college Jim attended Hahnemann Medical School in Philadelphia, Pa. Dan their first born arrived in 1957.

After medical school, Jim and Mary learned that MCC needed a doctor for 6 months in Vietnam. They journeyed to Viet Nam when Mary was very pregnant

with Doug. Doug was born in a lepersarium in Viet Nam. After leaving Viet Nam, the Steiner family journeyed to Thailand and lived there for three years. Jeff was born in Thailand.

They then returned to the States where Jim practiced medicine in Dalton, Ohio for five years. Jim and Mary learned about a need for a doctor in Zaire, Africa. Thus began the journey to Africa for two years. When Dan was a fifth grader and Doug a fourth grader they attended boarding school in Kinshasa, the capital of Zaire. After two years in Africa, they were in the process of deciding what to do when Harry Graber contacted them and asked Jim to join the Oakhill Medical Team here in West Liberty. During the time that Jim was given a sabbatical the family all except for Dan moved to New Mexico where Jim worked for the Public Health Service on the Navajo Indian reservation. Dan finished his senior year at West Liberty -Salem High School while living with Jack and Ruth Yoder. (Cont. P6)



In Memory of Velma King

by Mary Kay King

Velma Irene Headings, daughter of Ezra and Nelly Headings was born March 28, 1920 on a farm near DeGraff, OH. She had one brother, Floyd. The family attended South Union Mennonite Church.

Velma married Robert Plank in June of 1944. (Bob was a brother to Sam Plank & myself.) Bob & Velma were the parents of Becky, Bob Jr., Sammy Joe and Ann.

They lived for a number of years on the Tony Fischer farm near DeGraff. On the farm was a lake where many friends and family enjoyed a good time swimming and visiting. Bob and Velma entertained many people in their home.

Velma was friendly and pleasant. She was an optimistic person that had no time to be negative. A good cook, Velma was also a seamstress and farmerette. For a number of years she made beautiful floral arrangements for the altar here at Bethel.

Bob died in 1980. Later, she married Herman King. They were married about 15 years before his death.

In later years, her health declined and her children, especially Becky, cared for her at home. She died Feb. 25, 2016 at the age of 96. Her son Bob Jr., conducted the memorial service at Bethel on Feb. 29, 2016.

She had 10 grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren.

From the editor: I didn't know Velma and was unable to attend her service. I asked Mary Kay to write a tribute to her.

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After returning to West Liberty from New Mexico, the Steiner family decided to adopt a child through the Holt Adoption Agency. Eight year old Matt arrived from Viet Nam to join their family. Twenty years later Mary and Matt traveled to Viet Nam to reacquaint Matt with his birth country.

In 1997, sadness enveloped the Steiner family when Jim was hit by a truck while jogging and was killed. Mary was then a single mother for 9 years. By that time Bob had been single for 4 years after his wife's death and desired companionship. Bob and Mary had been in contact throughout their married years though family get togethers on Jim's and Peg's side. Bob knew about Jim's death and wondered If Mary was still single so he called her. He found out that she was so decided to take the leap and began dating Mary who was only 6 months older than he was. After dating for 7 months they were married in 1997.

Travelling is something they both love to do. After their marriage, they headed to Alaska and spent 12 weeks travelling through Alaska and some of the Canadian provinces. They put 100,000 miles on their motor home.

Women Serving In Love

by Donna Lehman

Oops! In last months' notes I had called this group "Women Sewing in Love"--but its amazing what a difference two letters can make--it's seRVing in love, not seWIng--even though we also do that too!

Anyway, we met on July 12, 2016, enjoying our sack lunches which were topped off with delicious brownies ala mode. Hostesses were Pat, Julia & Jeanie. They had the tables arranged with birds (several carved by Dorcas Kauffman) and summer flowers, along with chocolate goodies.

Miriam Lapp shared in the devotional time 'Creativity for the Audience of ONE.' This stressed whatever we do in word or deed, do all for the Glory of God. There was sharing in ways we do this.

Attendance was 24. There were 3 comforters, 3 school kits completed, and 31 bars of soap for MCC.

Next month, we will have a Garden Potluck and the project is school kits.



Editor's note: The Monthly Calendar that is also in your mailbox today lists this group under its old name, Mennonite Women. We'll get that corrected on the September Calendar!

It finally came time to sell their motor home, and they began building a cabin in Coshocton County which they recently have sold. While building the cabin Bob had quite adventure. When he was working on the roof he slipped and got his foot caught. For a time he was hanging upside down by one foot. No one was near to rescue him, so he went into survival mode and began swinging his arms and body in hopes of catching the edge of a cement bock. He finally caught the edge of a block was able to move it so he could push himself up enough to dislodge his trapped foot and saved himself. Lesson learned- never to work alone in high places.

Bob and Mary have been married 19 years. Their combined family includes Mary's four sons and their wives, Bob's three daughters and their husbands, 17 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and one more on the way. Mary and Bob are very grateful to God for each year they have together and for the many interesting experiences they have had throughout their lives. It seems with all the experiences Mary has had overseas and in the states that her desire to become a missionary was fulfilled in God's way and timing.