

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

LuEtta June Frey, 82, was born on June 23, 1929, in Goessel, Kansas, the tenth and youngest child of Abraham and Elizabeth (Schmidt) Schmidt. She grew up on a farm south of Goessel and attended Emmental School and Goessel High School. When her parents moved off the farm and into Newton in 1945, she attended and graduated from Newton High School. She was baptized upon her confession of faith on May 25, 1947, at Tabor Mennonite Church, where she was a faithful member until her death on December 30, 2011. LuEtta married Raymond E. Frey on May 19, 1949. To this union three children were born: Marcene, Melissa, and Sherwin.



LuEtta was a homemaker and worked as a personal care attendant to a quadriplegic patient for a number of years. She trained as a nurse aide and worked at the Salem Memorial Hospital when the family lived in Oregon. Later, when they returned to the Goessel community, she worked at Salem Hospital in Hillsboro. Her skill as a nurse aide and her compassionate heart allowed her to lovingly care for Ray through his last years with Alzheimer's.

Listening to classical music, working in her flower and vegetable gardens, canning hundreds of jars of produce, and knotting comforters and sewing clothes for the family and those in need brought her absolute joy and satisfaction. She was a true servant throughout her entire life, despite suffering from chronic pain for many decades.

This servant heart also extended to her church family. Early in her married life she taught the preschool Sunday School class and accompanied the junior choir, directed by her sister, Viola, as well as the men's chorus, directed by Ray. Later in life and for numerous years, she served as a dedicated member of the funeral committee. LuEtta loved Tabor Church and its pastors, where she attended faithfully until her health failed her. Her parents instilled in her the value of scripture, and she read through the Bible numerous times and in different versions, which allowed her to memorize many passages.

Family was of the utmost importance to her. She and Ray maintained a sweet and loving relationship throughout their married life. Together they enjoyed yearly trips to Colorado, two trips to Europe, and many visits to their children and grandchildren who lived out of state. Living in the Pacific Northwest was a family highlight, and Lu in particular delighted in the beauty of that region. Spending time with her children and grandchildren brought tremendous joy to her throughout the year, but she especially treasured the holidays when everyone gathered for an extended time. Her skill in the kitchen produced delicious meals and the family delighted in the abundance of Christmas goodies and the ever-present jar of her famous dill pickles. As her grandson, Jim, wrote on the occasion of LuEtta and Ray's 50th anniversary, "I know a place where a blue star always lights the path to acceptance and forgiveness. I know a place where sacrifice seeps from a hot stove and a murky pond. I know a place where you can taste the love in a jar of pickles."

LuEtta is survived by two daughters, Marcene Entz and husband, Thurman, of rural Newton, Melissa Beitler and husband, Jim, of Berne, Indiana; son, Sherwin Frey and wife, Debra Fischer, of Los Angeles, California. Also surviving are grandchildren Jim Beitler and wife, Brita, of Barrington, Rhode Island, Genevieve Beitler of Chicago, Illinois, Ashley Beitler of Durham, North Carolina, and Samantha and Emily Frey of Los Angeles; one great-grandchild, James Beitler of Barrington; three sisters, Emma Reimer of Loveland, Colorado, Nola Koehn of Newton, and Viola Ratzlaff of Goessel, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers, Waldo, Philip, Marvin, Harlow, and Eldon, and one sister, Verna Reimer.

Wednesday Evening Family Fun Night in January



Here's Our Sign! Welcome!!

Worship Themes

February 5 - "Facilities"

Exodus 40:34-38, Hebrews 9:11-14;
Ephesians 2:21-22
Pastor Karen preaching
Adult Sunday School —
What are our goals with regard to
our buildings and grounds?

February 12 - "Love is a Verb"

Mark 12:28-31, I John 4:7-21
Pastor June preaching
Adult Sunday School — TBA

February 19 - "Cracked Pot"

Youth Sunday
II Corinthians 4:7
Adult Sunday School — TBA

February 22 - Ash Wednesday

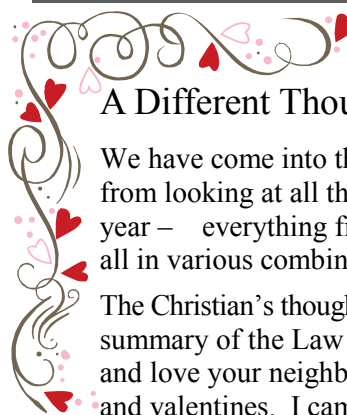
Service: 6:30-7:15 pm
Activities as usual.

February 26 - First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10,
I Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15
Pastor June preaching
Adult Sunday School —
Regular classes + "Seeing Gray" elective

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A Different Thought On Valentines

We have come into the season of red, pink and white. I get a chuckle from looking at all the inane merchandise in the stores at this time of year – everything from food to toys to decorations to clothing – and all in various combinations of red, pink and white.

The Christian's thoughts move naturally to God's love for us, and Jesus' summary of the Law into the two great love commandments: love God, and love your neighbor as yourself. We don't as easily connect Jesus and valentines. I came upon the following piece in Joyce Rupp's "Out of the Ordinary – Prayers, poems and reflections for every season." Perhaps it will cause you to think, as it did me. *-Pastor June*

Will You Be My Valentine?

"Peter, will you be my valentine?"

"Jesus, you know everything. You know I want to be your valentine."
(rough translation of John 21:17)

Jesus speaks to me:

"Will you be my valentine? Will you be my friend?"

Which is to say:

Will you let me give you my unconditional love?
Will you accept my peace for your tired and worn self?
Will you receive my mercy and forgiveness?
Will you believe in my love when everyone else has gone away or given up on you?
Will you be generous enough to take my love to others when they need you?
Will you be bread to my hungry, love to my needy, hope to my desolate?
Will you love yourself well and believe in the gifts I've given to you?
Will you trust me to always companion you?
Will you lay down your life for me?

"Will you be my valentine? Will you be my friend?"

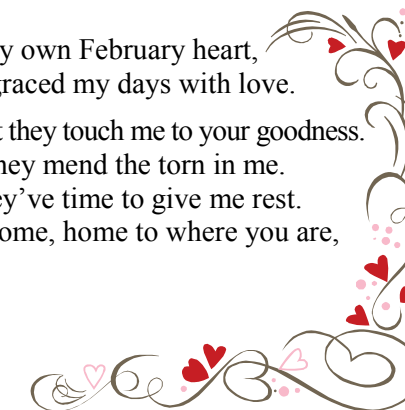
I listen to the invitation.

I look within and find "yes" answers in my own February heart, "Yes" because of dear friends who have graced my days with love.

Their hearts are plainly flesh and earthen, yet they touch me to your goodness. Their hearts are weak and wounded, yet they mend the torn in me. Their hearts are tired and troubled, yet they've time to give me rest. My friends are loving pathways leading home, home to where you are, O Lover of All Hearts.

And so I respond humbly, gratefully:

"You know everything,
You know I want to be your valentine."



Love Explained . . .

. . . by 4 & 5 year olds.

*-Love is what makes you smile
when you're tired.*

*-Love is when your puppy licks
your face even after you left
him alone all day.*

*-Love is when a girl puts on
perfume and a boy puts on
shaving cologne and they go
out and smell each other.*

Willing Helpers

Date Change for Christmas Breakfast: The Willing Helpers Ladies Christmas Breakfast will be the second Saturday, December 8 instead of the usual third Saturday in December in order to allow more time for preparation for a wedding at Tabor that day. Please mark your calendars with this change.

The Goessel area Exchange Students will give a program along with Carol Duerksen at the next Willing Helpers meeting. Isabelle Houben, an exchange student, will have music. Anyone interested to hear what the exchange students have to tell us about their country and living in the U.S. are invited to attend on Monday evening, February 20 at 7pm in the fellowship hall. We will have a chance to visit with the students during refreshments after the program.

Save Stamps and Labels

1. You can help Willing Helpers save used stamps for a good cause. Put your cancelled stamps in Bonnie Heinrichs mail box and she will send them to Christian Missionary Alliance for Sunday School curriculum in Latin America.
2. Save your Campbell's soup proof of purchase labels and put them in the box in the library. These give credit to Hopi Mission School in Arizona. Joyce Ashley sends these in.
3. We are also collecting box tops for education coupons which are taken to Goessel Elementary School.

Mystery Question

The last mystery question must have been too difficult. Here is an easier one:

Who left their wedding (reception) on a John Deere tractor?



The first person who tells me the correct answer gets a very practical prize. ☺

-Pastor June

We are still waiting for an answer to last month's question. So find the January newsletter for the question and be a winner!!

Spotlight on Tabor's Young Adults

Greetings! My name is Marie Unruh and I have been part of Tabor for my entire life. I grew up between Goessel and Peabody and went to school at Peabody. Some fond memories were the close intense sports games between Goessel and Peabody and then getting to go to youth group the following week. I enjoyed getting to be involved in both communities. I graduated college from Wichita State with a degree in Art, while working as a florist throughout school.



When they have been available, I have spent a lot of my time and finances abroad. I have been fortunate enough to have traveled to Belize, Europe, and got to study abroad in New Zealand. People I have met and memories that I have made in these places will always be cherished. More practical hobbies include photography, sewing, and basically creating anything.

This past year I lived in Bradford, England as part of the voluntary service program Radical Journey through Mennonite Mission Network. I worked as a teacher's assistant and got to share my love of art with the kids, all while showing a positive view of Christians and Americans.

Currently I am enjoying spending time in the area with my family. I am running the flower shop (The Victorian Rose) in Whitewater, Kansas and preparing for Valentine's Day. I'm also getting to help out with the Jr. High Youth Explorers on Wednesday nights. In the future I am interested in getting my teaching certification to be able to teach art. I appreciate all of your support over the last year and am looking forward to getting to spend more time with my Tabor family.

Tabor Mennonite Youth Fellowship

The TMYF have been keeping up their role in church and with the community this past month. The youth started out January by leading the games for the Wednesday night pizza kickoff party for the new year. It was great to get together with all of the kids in the church, play some games and have some fun. The following Saturday, five youth and Doug went to *Out of the Pew* at Yoder. The youth got the chance to learn about MVS, MCC, and MDS and also go on site with the Hutch VS unit and other volunteers for some service work. They had a blast! The next Wednesday the youth started a new curriculum called *"The Truth about Sex"*. This will be a four week session. Some of our meeting time has also been used to plan the upcoming Youth Sunday, the summer service trip, and the fund raising meal. Following the annual church meeting on January 22 the youth put on the fundraising meal. The youth served taco salad with cake, and coffee and tea. We were able to make over \$1,300! Thank you to all of our church family for coming out to support us and help us get to Montana for our summer service trip!

-Reece Hiebert, reporter

Lent to Easter 2012



Though the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany decorations have just come down, it's time to look toward Lent and Easter. The theme this year is "Where do I sign?" The materials were developed by a team from Western District and South Central Conference people, including Carol Duerksen.

The Old Testament scriptures for Lent tell us about God's covenants with Noah, Abraham and Sarah, and Moses, people who signed up with God, and how that covenantal relationship was broken, then restored. The Gospel readings focus on the life of Jesus from Mark and John. What did it mean for Jesus to "sign on" with God's plan for his life? What did it mean for the disciples to "sign up" with Jesus? And, of course, what does "signing up" as disciples of Jesus mean for us in central Kansas, 2012?

This year's observance of Lent begins with an Ash Wednesday service on February 22, following the community meal. There will be children's activities as usual, and the nursery will be staffed. Besides Ash Wednesday and Sunday morning worship, we anticipate a Maundy Thursday communion service on April 5, and a Community Good Friday Service at Tabor on April 6. There will be more information later about these services, as well as about a possible Lenten retreat.

Come, plan to participate in this rich series of worship events which are designed to help us all grow in our understanding of, appreciation for, and embodiment of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, our Savior. Perhaps you will be moved to ask in new ways, "Where do I sign?"

A Man With a Plan

Tabor Church is a strong supporter of MCC, always has been. How would you as members, friends, and neighbors of Tabor like to do even more? Here's the plan. Those of you that have any air-conditioners and dehumidifiers that don't work anymore, any aluminum doors and storm windows, radiators, plumbing piping, valves, brass fittings, wire or anything that has copper, brass or aluminum in it, let me know and I will pick it up, completely scrap it out, and separate all items that can be sold. I have a place to sell these items at a great price and I will donate all the money to MCC to help pay Jason Unruh's expenses working with the meat canner. Let's do it and you will be surprised how much money can be generated from all the stuff that you need to get rid of.

—Willis Goerzen, 367-8296



Food Pantry Needs

Cereal
Peanut Butter
Jelly

Pasta and Spaghetti Noodles
Spaghetti Sauce
Mac & Cheese
Hamburger Helper
Tuna and canned chicken
Canned fruits
Applesauce

Peas

(we have plenty of corn and green beans)

Chili
Pork'n beans
Bathroom Tissue
Paper Sacks

Please place items in the blue tub in the foyer.
Thanks to all of you for supplying the needs of the Food Pantry.

