

Mennonite Weekly Review Report February/March 2008

Rochester Mennonite Church

On Feb. 10 we began Lenten services based on the theme, “Out of the Depths.” Each worship service included a related drama by Ruth Mellinger and the singing of the hymn, “From Ashes to the Living Fount.” A cloth banner was hung, depicting in colors from dark to light our journey of despair to rest and joy through God’s grace. On Feb. 14 six members began a biweekly exploration of their own spiritual growth and discipleship guided by Pastor David Brunner and the book, Invitation to the Journey by Robert Mulholland.

On Feb. 29 Pastor Brunner’s comments were elicited and appreciated at a meeting at the First U.U. Church on the topic, “Beyond Just War and Pacifism,” where Dr. Paul Rasor was guest speaker.

On March 20 the annual Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service was held at the home of Art and Lois Kennel.

On March 19 Hank Kliewer participated in a candle light vigil and walk at Silver Lake Park, commemorating the fifth year of the Iraq War.

Easter Sunday brought us together following worship for the annual potluck and egg hunt (in the snow) at the Phil and Kim Leichty home.

On March 29 members joined the Open Hearts Helping Hands—an interfaith volunteer group—with Salvation Army volunteers in cleaning up their new free medical and dental clinic space. A potluck meal followed, at which representatives of different faiths expressed their reasons for participation.

March visitors included the Tim and Susan Harrison family of Toronto, Mary Ellen Widrick of NY and Janae Weikel of PA.

Births: Caleb Owen, Feb. 22, to Kurt and Betty Kennel; Milly Spring, Feb. 27, to Justin and Sarah Kohorst.

--Lois Ruth Kennel