

SCATTERED SEEDS Annual Report  
May 2007-May2008

In our sixth year as an organized church we notice repeated thrusts and activities. We celebrated Communion on Maundy Thursday, on Covenant Sunday in May and during Advent in December. We enjoyed the Easter potluck/egg hunt and the Labor Day Picnic to which we invited friends.

Sunday School curriculum for the children was Gather 'Round. The youth joined the adults for a study, MCC's Return to the Earth Project. Pastor David Brunner led them in a study of God's Story, Our Story by Michelle Hershberger. They also participated in a congregational asset-mapping exercise during a S.S. hour.

We enjoyed singing at the Oak Center Forum and St. Mary's Hospital Rehab. We offered the Shalom Readers' Club at the Public Library. Pastor Brunner served as chaplain for Mennonite-related Mayo Clinic patients and their families. Members offered hospitality to them as well. This and their attendance at our worship services was mutually rewarding.

A scheduled pastor/congregational evaluation was held. Women's Bible Study continued, as well as the men's monthly breakfast. There was a heightened awareness of healthy snacks and environmentally friendly practices as we fellowshiped at homes or church.

A bulletin board display, "Who Are the Mennonites?" was put in the Public Library. That in conjunction with a revamped website served to make us more visible here and beyond. A sign now exists at the entrance to Schaeffer Academy where we meet.

Pastor Brunner's leadership with interfaith activities continued. He was one of eight faith leaders participating in the high school baccalaureate. He led the third interfaith walk/potluck in October. Later this group served the Salvation Army together by cleaning and moving the free medical and dental offices into new space.

Our church enthusiastically supported the Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale again. In addition five collections of MCC kits/money were enthusiastically supported. Locally we worked for Habitat for Humanity.

Women's Bible Study continued as well as the men's monthly breakfast. Church Council members are participating in a spiritual formation study led by Pastor Brunner using the book, Invitation to the Journey by Robert Mulholland, Jr. The entire congregation memorized the Beatitudes and is currently working on Philippians 2:1-11 with selected verses assigned to the children.

The births of Caleb Owen Kennel and Milly Spring Kohorst five days apart in February may be the most memorable events of the year for RMC!

--Lois Ruth Kennel