



# The Mustard Seed



*Kalona Mennonite Church*

## CHRIST LEADS US THROUGH CHANGE

Within our family, changes continue to take place at what seems at times an alarming rate. Our daughter, Jill, is in her third year of college, and our son, Jeff, is continuing his education at the University of Iowa and just recently became engaged. A wedding for Jeff and Lindsay will take place in June 2011. The Christmas pictures that we used to take of Jeff and Jill and share with you are now a tradition of the past that is giving way to a changing family unit and a different stage of life.

As we enter into a new year, we become very aware that change is something that cannot be stopped. It happens whether we want it to or not. In the midst of these changes, we need to be reminded that we have a Savior who will faithfully and lovingly lead us through changing times.

Our family wishes all of you a year of faith, hope, and love. Each one of these three things is needed as we follow Christ in our day-to-day journey through life. It also is truly a blessing and joy to know we don't walk alone in this life. We have each other to worship with and to pray with as we all take on different life joys and challenges.

Thank you for your passionate and compassionate faith in Christ that is seen and experienced in so many wonderful ways. In the New Year, may we all be quick to love, forgive, and to lift one another up in prayer. May we realize that as we face changes, we have a Savior who will faithfully prepare the way and direct our steps.

Christ's Love and Joy to all of you in 2011!

Scott, Jan, Jeff, Jill Swartzendruber

