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Cover photo: Arnold Moshler directs the Campus Chorale/Choraleers Reunion Concert and hymn sing that was part of the Fall Festival and Homecoming. For years, Moshier directed both the Campus Chorale (a school choral group) and the Choraleers (a community program that included many LMS alumni). He taught at LMS from 1959 to 1982. PHOTO: JONATHAN CHARLES

EVENT RAISES OVER \$133,000 FOR STUDENTS

Fall Festival adds homecoming dimension

he Lancaster Campus' annual Fall Festival, held September 26 and 27, added a homecoming component this year that featured a Campus Chorale/ Choraleers Reunion Concert and Hymn Sing. Approximately 75 alumni singers participated in the reunion chorus which was led by 81-year-old Arnold Moshier, the school's first full-time music instructor (see cover photo).

In addition, the class of 2003 held their 5th year reunion in conjunction with the event. Other weekend events included the Linda Ebersole Memorial Golf Tournament, a barbecue by Hess

Catering, a coffee house organized by D.J. Kling (1975), bike ride, Brent Nauman Endowment 3 v 3 basketball tournament, Iron Bridge 5K Run/Walk, benefit auction, alumni reception, children's activities, and Mennonite Sports Organization field hockey games that drew participants from all four campuses as well as the local community.

Thank you to everyone who helped raise over \$133,000 for our students. Next year's event, set for November 19-21, will include the high school's fall play.



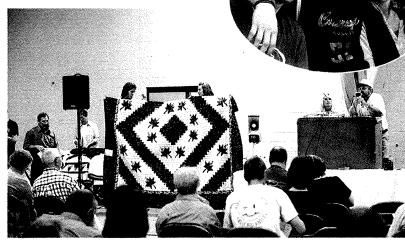


Top photo: Finely Tuned quartet from Harrisonburg, Va., sang at the reunion concert and the coffee house that followed. They are, left to right: Karen Moshier-Shenk, 1969; Elaine Warfel Stauffer, 1967; Elaine Hunsecker Dunaway (attended 1971-72); and Judy Keener Bomberger, 1969, PHOTO: IONATHAN CHARLES. Bottom photo: First place golf winners pose with committee members lay Ebersole, left, and Deryl Denlinger, right. They are, left to right: David Denlinger, championship division; Denny Windish, men's net; Kathy Figart, ladies; and Wayne Stauffer, senior men. PHOTO: CINDY BURKHART





Top left photo: Mennonite Sports Organization participants are, left to right, Molly King, Locust Grove; Calla Ashley, Locust Grove, Cheyanne Waller, Locust Grove; Elizabeth Hoke, New Danville; and Kayla Fisher, a home schooler. Middle left: Brent Nauman Endowment 3 v 3 basketball tournament winners are, left to right: Ed Plakans, Jeff Rumbaugh, Wendel King, 1988, and Matt Hartzler, 1991. Bottom photo: Iron Bridge Run. Oval photo: Yoder siblings enjoy the basketball tournament (Jared, 2003; Jamie, 2006; and Janae, 2001). Below: Saturday's benefit auction included beautiful quilts and wall hangings plus vacation packages and many other items. PHOTOS: (ALL BUT MIDDLE LEFT): JONATHAN CHARLES





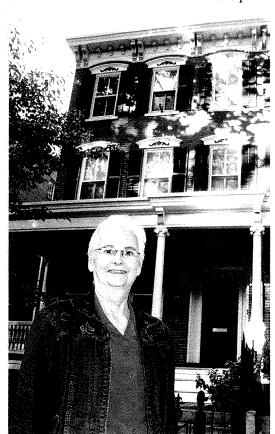
City living attracts LMS alumni

It's no secret. Lancaster City, with its thriving fine arts, world class drama/music performances, its popular Central Market, business growth, a revitalized historic district, and festive First Friday events, is attracting more and more persons who want to call it home. Today more than 55,350 persons live in the city of Lancaster. About 700 are LMS alumni; this story focuses on four of them.

Lois Zimmerman Good, 1959 City a great place to live, retire

I think (city living) enhances my commitment to follow Christ as a peacemaker.

- Lois Zimmerman Good



Lois Zimmerman Good in front of the Lancaster Avenue home she shares with husband Carl.

t all started when Lois Zimmerman Good and her husband, Carl, served a term of voluntary service in New York City and then kept their city address for an additional four years. When the young couple left New York in 1970, they vowed they'd someday return to some kind of city living.

In 1991, 21 years later, they fulfilled their dream. They sold their suburban home near Eden and purchased a fixer-upper house on Lancaster

Avenue in the city of Lancaster.

"Living in Lancaster has been great," Lois said. "We found our community to be very friendly and as neighbors we look out for one another. Recently when Carl was ill and I needed assistance with house maintenance tasks, neighbors on both sides helped us."

Lois says she has close friends from a variety of backgrounds that are very different from her own Swiss German roots, but dialogue with these persons has led to respect for others' points of view and an opportunity to learn from them. "I think (city living) enhances my commitment to follow Christ as a peacemaker," she said.

She and Carl like living close to many services, going to Central Market, and being able to take in special cultural events such as music, theater, First Friday, ethnic fairs, etc.

Two years ago, Lois retired from 18 years with Lancaster County Office of Aging. Retiring in the city has been a good thing, she says.

"I have close friends who live next door, and I can walk to meetings of organizations for whom I volunteer. If I want to have coffee with a friend, there are several coffee shops or restaurants within walking distance." During her retirement, Lois enjoys volunteering for the Lancaster Area Victim Offender Reconciliation Program and Lancaster Downtowners, a newly formed organization of older adults who have lived in the city or recently moved here for retirement. Both are in the city and within easy walking distance. In addition, she participates in a variety of activities at her church, James Street Mennonite, just five blocks away—again within walking distance.

"My car can sit for several days and I have not driven a mile, but I have been involved with people and meaningful activities. Great energy conservation!"

Lois and Carl hope to remain in their city home for many more years—as long as they are healthy enough to maintain it. She says it is relatively easy to access support services if they need help with house maintenance or personal care. The Lancaster Downtowners is one organization that should prove invaluable in their later years since it plans to provide social and educational events for older adults and is compiling a list of reliable service providers.

"I believe movements such as the Downtowners, which encourage independence and provides support for older adults, are important as our society ages," she said.

Some folks question whether it's safe to live in the city. Lois figures it is probably as safe as most other places.

"It is important to use safety precautions, but I do not live in constant fear," she said. "I walked to work for years and had very few occasions when I felt my safety might be at risk. There is safety in being in a place where other people are present, and walking in well-lighted, frequently-used streets is one way to be safe."

Lois says she occasionally misses the country but not to the extent that she wants to return to it.

"When I drive into the country and see a lush green meadow or field of tall corn I am in awe of its beauty," she said. "However, I recognize that not all of us can own acres of land or even have a big lawn because there is not enough space for everyone to spread out that way. ... I am often glad that I don't have to spend hours mowing lawn but still have a small garden in which to grow flowers and enjoy the birds and squirrels."

Ismail Yoder Salim, 1990 City teacher

or Ismail Yoder Salim, Lancaster City has felt like home all his life. Even though he lived in Willow Street as a child, he says he "grew up" at the South Christian Street Mennonite Church (now Crossroads Mennonite Church) where his parents were active as Sunday School teachers and members of the church council.

"Essentially, I don't feel like I ever ventured very far from the city of Lancaster," he said. "I don't feel so much that I chose it as that it chose me."

While Ismail calls Lancaster "the home that I never left behind," he and his wife, Melanie, did experience another urban setting prior to moving back to Lancaster five years ago.

After graduating from Goshen College, Ismail signed up for a Mennonite Voluntary Service assignment that took him to the Academy of Hope, a Washington, D.C., adult education program geared toward preparing students for the GED exam. There he realized he wanted to teach, so after completing a teacher certification program at Millersville University, he and Melanie moved back to D.C. where Ismail taught at Parkmont School (a small private school), and Melanie worked as a therapist.

But Lancaster City beckoned when D.C. living became too pricey for their teacher/social worker salaries.

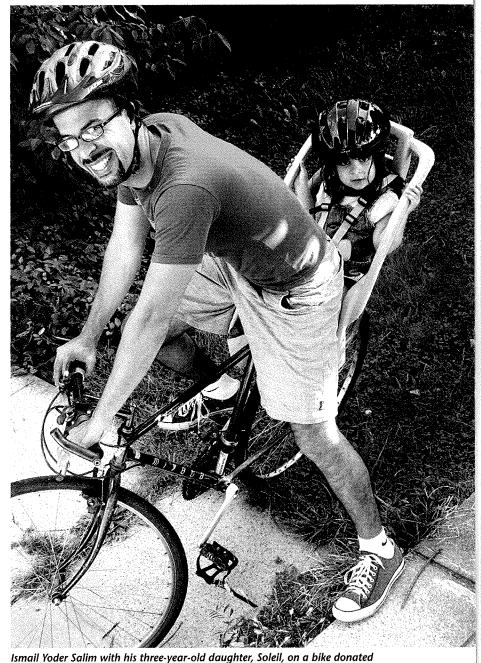
"We were interested in buying a house and starting a family," he said. "Both of these dreams seemed pretty unattainable while dealing with the cost of living in D.C."

Today Ismail is an ESL (English as a second language) classroom and support teacher at McCaskey High School. He says some of his most satisfying moments come when he is able to connect with his students.

"I am elated when they respond to class work with comments that are thoughtful and creative," he said. "I've been inspired by the perseverance shown by many of the students as they learn about chemistry and physics while also learning English."

Ismail says his main goal with his students is to "help empower them to pursue their ambitions beyond high school."

"I want to help them see the connection between a solid education and a successful future," he said, "and to further appreciate their own language and culture as they learn a new one."



by alumnus and city friend, Tim Shenk, 1988, who lives on Line Street. Ismail and Soleil have enjoyed rides to the library on Duke Street, the county pool, and Lancaster County Park. The Yoder Salim family lives at the edge of the city in Grandview Heights and attends Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster, located on Orange Street. PHOTO: MELANIE YODER SALIM

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Janet Breneman

I can't think of another church I'd rather be pastoring, or anything else I'd rather be doing.

- Janet Breneman

Janet Breneman, 1967 City church ministry

ven before Janet Breneman became pastor at Laurel Street Mennonite Church in 2004, she was envisioning a congregation that would rub shoulders with its neighbors.

During her initial interview she suggested a neighborhood survey to discern needs and wishes. That survey and other efforts to become acquainted with the neighborhood led to programs that include a summer reading club for children, a health fair, parenting classes, a multi-cultural night, a Zambian music event, strawberry festivals, women's teas, Christmas programs, and financial assistance for persons facing health and other crises.

"A whole lot of the congregation is involved in all these ministries," she said. "They are very active, and I give the whole congregation a lot of credit for what we have been able to do.

"We also probably have a higher than usual percentage of persons struggling with mental illness and we consider our support of them to be a very important part of our ministry. . . . We did a Christian education class on mental health/illness to raise awareness and will probably repeat this class soon again."

Janet says youth ministry is also very important, and the church is currently remodeling the first floor of a house across the street to create a central place for them.

"Our youth group is made up of kids from the city, and six advisors work with them. We are trying to work really hard at making our worship services inviting to kids who aren't from church background.

"I love it when in the middle of my sermon one of the youth pipes up with "I don't like it that God created Eve just to help Adam," or "Who do you think should get the blame for the first sin?"

Actually, Janet loves pretty much everything about city church ministry.

"Seeing people who have little faith come to new faith in Christ, walking with people in difficult struggles, the life and energy on Sunday mornings, ... the diverse nature of this congregation, the freedom to try new things, God's faithfulness in this little place—I find this all very exciting," she says. She attributes her attraction to city ministry to her nearly 30 years in Central America, much of it teaching, writing and working out of SEMILLA (Latin American Anabaptist Seminary) in Guatemala City.

"All my experience in Central America brought me here," she said. "I can't think of another church I'd rather be pastoring, or anything else I'd rather be doing. I thank God for this place and this calling."

Laurel Street Mennonite—home to 50–60 regular attendees—represents many cultures, including five ethnicities, says Janet. Most live in the city, including Janet who has a 10 to 15-minute walk to the church.

After graduating from Eastern Mennonite University with a degree in home economics and sociology (with one year at Haile Selassie I University in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia), Janet taught home economics at LMH for a year. Later she received her master's of divinity at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary and her doctor of ministry degree at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Keith Weaver, 1997 Business owner

eith Weaver and his wife, Crystal, had a dream to someday own a commercial building in the center of downtown Lancaster, even though they both grew up on farms. Crystal even dreamed about owning a coffee shop. So when the fourstory building across from the Fulton Opera House went up for sale about two years after they married and moved into the city, it got their full attention. Within a year they had purchased it.

During that year they explored the cafe idea and invited other couples to join them in the business venture. By September of 2006 the Weavers and three other couples combined resources to open the cafe. The other couples are: Dave, 1975, and Carol Witmer; Kevin, 2002 (Keith's brother) and Valentina Weaver; and Ed and Joan McMannuss.

"We figured that God had given all of us a very identical vision for a coffee shop in Downtown Lancaster," Keith said. "It made sense for us to combine our resources. There's been a lot of grace on our business relationships. We are glad we did it together." Crystal is general manager and Keith helps out on weekends when needed. The cafe is open Monday through Saturday, 6:30 a.m.-11 p.m., and Sundays, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Their goals for the cafe are to provide a "clean, safe, beautiful place for people to relax and enjoy each other," and to be a viable business. Both seem to be happening, Crystal said, adding that they aim to serve "some of the best coffee and lite food fare in town."

"We love owning a business in the city," Keith said, "because there are a lot of exciting things happening downtown. There's an abundance of business growth—not to mention the art scene which we get to be a part of because of being across from the Fulton Theatre and the Pa. Academy of Music, and near many of the art galleries."

Will these farm-grown business owners always be in the city?

"Someday we'd love to raise a family in the country so our kids can learn how to feed goats and take care of guinea gigs," Crystal said, smiling. But for now the city is a good fit.

"We knew there was a passion in our hearts for the city. Perhaps it is the people. We hope to make a positive difference in the lives of those we come in contact with."

Both Keith and Crystal enjoy helping people find apartments and purchase or renovate city



Keith and Crystal Weaver pose in front of the Prince Street Cafe that they own and operate with three other couples. Julia Eby Swartz, 1970, a highly respected Lancaster artist, occupies the second floor with her art gallery. Jed Burkholder and Tim Hoover, both 2002, recently opened the Infantree Art Gallery on the fourth floor. The building is owned by the Weavers.

homes. Keith is a licensed realtor, and his primary work is his job at Wolf & Kline Property Management in Akron. They live on Lime Street beside one of their rental properties.

Mennonite Sports Organization off to a strong start

n August 23, under a cloudless sky, 160 children gathered for the kickoff of the Mennonite Sports Organization (MSO). The fall season included girls field hockey, grades 1-6, and boys soccer, pre-kindergarten through grade 6.

A program of Lancaster Mennonite, the MSO provides Christ-centered sports opportunities for elementary age children in a nurturing environment that promotes sportsmanship, fun, knowledge and enjoyment of the game. The focus is on learning the game, developing team unity, and building friendships. By working closely with church congregations, the program will also encourage students to remain in the faith community.

Children do not need to be enrolled in Lancaster Mennonite School to participate. Practices are held at Lancaster Mennonite School's three elementary campuses, and games are played at Lancaster Mennonite High School.

According to Superintendent Richard Thomas, MSO parents have expressed appreciation for a program that allows their children to develop ath-

letic skills in a Christian context and that protects Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings for church and family life.

The winter season—boys and girls basketball for grades 2 to 6—begins in November, and registrations are now being received for spring (girls soccer, pre-kindergarten to grade 6). To register, go to www.mennonitesports.org. The registration fee is \$25 per player; additional players in a family are \$20 each, up to a maximum of \$85 per family. A team shirt is provided in the price. For more information, please contact Jeff Shank at (717) 299-0436, ext. 706, **•**



Mennonite Sports Organization coach Andy Dula teaches soccer skills during the program's kickoff August 23 at Lancaster Mennonite School's Lancaster Campus. Participants represented the school's three elementary campuses, home school families, and public schools. MSO leadership is provided by Jeff Shank, director of development—alumni relations, as well as by the volunteer coaches and committee members.

During the high school's October Commitment Week, Dr. Brian Smith. teaching pastor and senior lecturer in Bible at Messiah College, talked about love—loving God, loving ourselves, and loving others.

Comparing gifts to love, he explained that though we might sometimes define ourselves by how well we do something—how we worship or how many times we do devotions, for example that's not what matters.

"It's not about who's better," he said. "It's about how we love each other."

Smith used the story of Lazarus to illustrate how Jesus loved by being moved by others' mourning. He loves people just as much today, Smith said.

He also compared Jonah's lack of love for the Ninevites to the sharply contrasting, unconditional love of God for all people. Smith encouraged taking action with a faith that is rooted in love.

"It's easy to tell people we love them," he explained, "but we actually behave lovingly when we manifest God's love for us and God's love for them."

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America ranked our girls team 12th nationally after they won last spring's PIAA championship.

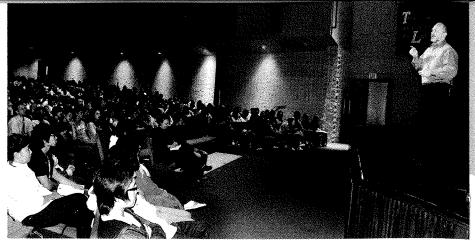
The varsity field hockey team received the league sportsmanship award for their sport for the 2007 season.

LMS senior Katelyn Vanderhoff has been awarded a full basketball scholarship from the University of Maine, a Division I program that competes in the America East Conference. Van-



Katelyn Vanderhoff

derhoff helped her team win the Section 4 title last year and the school's first ever District Three Class AAA Championship. She enters her final season with 896 career points.



Messiah teacher and lecturer Dr. Brian Smith led the high school's Commitment Week, October 7-10.

Mennonite Children's Choir Christmas Concerts

| Thurs., Dec. 4, 7 pmNew Covenant Mennonite Church, Lititz | | |
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| Sat., Dec. 6, 4 pmSt Edwards Episcopal Church, Lancaster | | |
| Sun., Dec. 7, 6 pmJames Street Mennonite Church, Lancaster | | |
| Wed., Dec. 10, 7 pmElizabethtown Mennonite Church, Elizabethtown | | |

SAT scores reflect academic excellence

The 2008 SAT scores for LMS students increased from last year and are higher than any Lancaster County public school.

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Visit our campuses

Prospective students and families may call anytime to arrange a personal tour at our four campuses. In addition, here are several visitation opportunities planned for the next several months:

Prospective Student Day—January 22

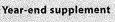
Prospective students are cordially invited to attend classes at our four campuses on Thursday, January 22. For times and registration, please call the campus you wish to visit.

Open House—February 3

LMS will hold an open house at each of its four campuses on Tuesday, February 3, from 6-8:30 p.m. Along with guided tours and the opportunity to meet teachers, there will be a 7:00 information assembly at the Kraybill and Lancaster campuses. At the high school there will be an opportunity for students entering grades 9-12 to register for courses for the 2009-10 year.

For more information or to schedule a visit

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Lancaster Mennonite High School is a dynamic learning community that welcomes students from many backgrounds. This year's 65 international students come from China, Congo, Ethiopia, Germany, Kenya, Korea, Tanzania, Thailand, Viet Nam, and the United Arab Emirates. Many of these students live in Graybill Hall, the school's residence hall, but others live with host families.

That is where you can help. Opening your home to an international student could produce results felt the world over. As LMH students, these future world leaders attend chapels, Bible classes, and experience Christian community. Many will be transformed by the Gospel, making the world a better place whether they remain in the U.S. or return to their homelands.

International students speak English, are fully insured, and have their own money for personal spending. Host families receive a monthly stipend to cover the cost of providing room and board. To learn more, please contact Curtis Edwards at (717) 299-0436, ext. 721.

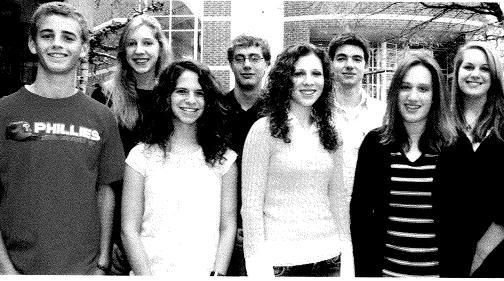
November 23 Campus Chorale at Landisville Mennonite Church, 7 p.m.

December 18 Middle School Christmas Concert, 7 p.m., Lancaster

December 21 High School Christmas Concert, 3 p.m. (Academic Center drop-in before/after concert, dedication at 5:30 p.m).

January 22-24 High School Drama, Play On, 7 p.m.

February 3 Open House, all campuses, 6-8:30 p.m.



Lauren Stoltzfus has been named a semifinalist in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program, and seven others have been named Commended Students. Pictured above, the eight seniors are, left to right: Jordan Miller, Thea Weaver, Kaela Landis, Joel Nofziger, Devin Troy, Andrew Kreider, Lauren Stoltzfus, and Lindsey King. The students qualified for the honors by participating in the PSAT/NMSQT test taken in 2007. About 90 percent of the semifinalists become finalists who are eligible for merit scholarships, presented in the spring.

New faculty

ight faculty joined the school this year, and Curtis Edwards expanded his responsibilities to include admissions counseling. New appointments:

Kraybill Campus—Jessica Lloyd, prekindergarten; Candace Rosenberry, physical education; and Rebecca Wolgemuth, science.

Lancaster Campus—Marcy Hostetler. music, and Gail Bomgardner, English Language Learning.

Locust Grove & New Danville campuses: Bethany Reiff, Spanish.

New Danville Campus—Rhoda Yost, music.

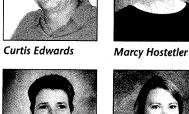


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Denlinger wins state golf title

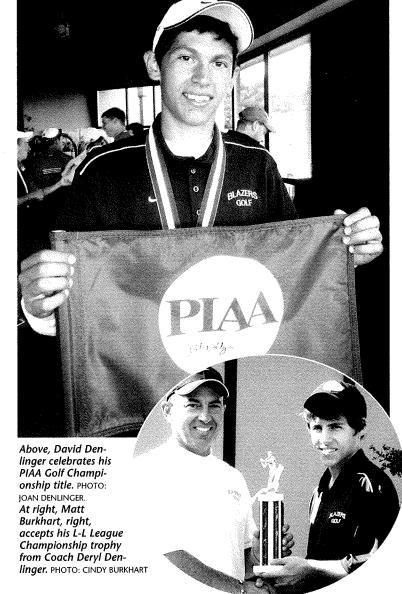
MS senior David Denlinger drained a 10-foot, par-saving putt to win the PIAA Golf Championship at Heritage Hills Golf Resort on October 21.

Denlinger is Lancaster County's first boys individual state golf champion since Brad Hertzog won the title in 1988 (Jim Furyk won in 1987), and he is the fifth boys state champion from Lancaster County since the tournament began in 1935. He joins another notable golfer—Arnold Palmer—who won the state title in 1946 and 1947 when he lived in Latrobe, Pa.

Denlinger's teammate, Matt Burkhart, finished 9th in the state tournament, making LMS the only school in Pennsylvania to have two players finish in the top 10. The PIAA Golf Championship is a true state championship, since there are no school size classifications such as AAAA, AAA and AA, as there are in most sports.

Lancaster Mennonite won the L-L Section 3 team championship trophy for the fifth consecutive year, and the individual section scoring title went to Burkhart. The team is coached by Deryl Denlinger.

Denlinger's PIAA win is the school's third state title in 18 months—girls soccer this past June and Lindsey Shertzer's 1,600-meter track and field title in 2007. ■



Bowman's art selected for top honors

unior Carli Bowman's photograph, "Through a Horse's Eye" has been selected for exhibition in the U.S. Department of Education building in Washington, D.C., for the next year. The photograph, which won a national Gold Key (first place) in the 2008 Scholastics Art Awards, is one of 50 high school pieces selected for display in our nation's capital.

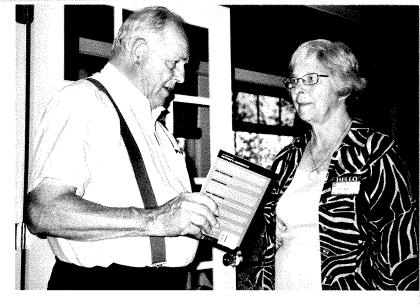
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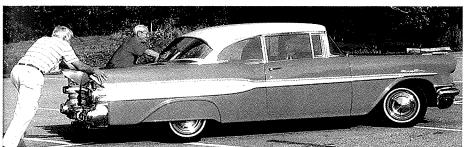
2008 Class reunions

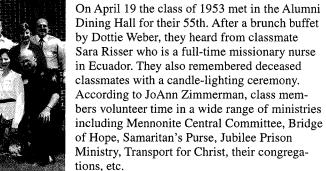
Be sure to check out the full stories on these and other class reunions at www.lancastermennonite.org. Click on Alumni and Reunion Reports.

1948

The class of 1948 celebrated its 60-year anniversary on September 27 with a tour in the Franconia/Souderton area, directed by classmate John Ruth. A highlight was seeing a premiere showing of a film by John and son, Jay, which gives the Anabaptist history of Europe and the beginnings of the Mennonite community in eastern Pa. In the photo at right, John Ruth chats with classmate Sue Herr Burkholder. PHOTO: LOIS GARBER







1958

The class of 1958 met June 28 at LMS. Classmates were invited to bring items that meant much to them, so Karl Stoltzfus brought his 1957 Pontiac which is similar to the one he drove to LMS as a student. Pushing the car in photo are Abe Clymer and Harold Shenk. According to reunion reporter Noah Martin, the nearly 90 percent class attendance was partly due to a class book that includes personal stories.



The class of 1963 met September 19-20 at classmate Jerry Martin's Green Grove Gardens in Greencastle. A Friday evening concert featured classmate Willie Longenecker and a southern gospel male quartet. Saturday included sharing, dinner, and music by the above senior quartet and others. L-R, quartet members are: John S. Stoltzfus, George Stoltzfus, Stan Benner and Jim Clymer.



Thirty years ago, when AT&T Bell was inventing the first cell phone, the LMH class of 1978 was walking over the bridge to graduate. Their class reunion on September 20 at the LMS Alumni Dining Hall included a prime roast beef dinner, sharing, and a trivia game that quizzed guests on the color of the girls athletic uniform, the cost of an ice cream sandwich, and the meaning of "606." Go to the school website for game details. Guests were able to purchase reunion booklets that include updated information on classmates. Photo at left: Barbara Esh Lapp and Julie Bare Horst.



CLASS NOTES

Bob Shreiner, 1960, Goshen, Ind., was named Rotarian of the Year by the Goshen Rotary Club. Bob serves as coordinator of pastoral care at Oaklawn Psychiatric Center in Goshen. Prior to that, he pastored churches in Indiana, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Dennis Eby, 1970, Gap, works for the Lancaster County Conservation District to promote soil and water conservation practices among the farmers of Lancaster County. Back at the family farm, his son, James Eby, 2000, has assumed responsibility for farming operations.

Monroe Weber-Shirk, 1980, Ithica, N.Y., a civil and environmental engineering senior lecturer at Cornell University, has been taking student groups to Honduras for five years so they can see firsthand how their class work (designing water treatment plants) has produced clean, treated water for the villagers. The Cornell students are part of the AguaClara (Spanish for "clear water") Project Team that is led by Weber-Shirk. The team links up with a Honduran organization called Agua Para el Pueblo (Water for the People). In January, 18 Cornell students witnessed the ceremonial handover of a completed project in Ojojona that is now being operated by a local water board. Previously the village had only been treating its water—taken from a wetland source on a mountainside with chlorine.

In June, Wendell Gehman, 1985, Hot Springs, S.D., was named Distinguished Educator of the Year by the Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS). He teaches high school science at Red Cloud Indian School. The principal there says, "Wendell is a wonderful example of someone who puts so much passion into everything he does. Our students are better because of it." He also volunteers his time to teach ACT preparation courses to high school students, resulting in an improvement of the institution's average composite score over the past four years.

Patrick and Regina (Jeannie) Hershey, 1985, Hartsfield, have completed two years of language study in Cambodia at the university in Phnom Penh. They and their three children now live in Koh

Kong Province. They will return to the U.S. next summer for a six-month home assignment before returning for another three-year term. Jeannie's mother says: "If you really want to know the history and present conditions of Cambodia as a nation and a people, read Killing Fields.. Living Fields, by Don Cormack, an Anglican pastor."

Diane Thomas Polllon, 1987, Lititz, is president and chief operating officer at Willow Valley Associates, Inc. Messiah College's MBA association featured her at their sixth alumni breakfast.

In August Joy Kraybill, 1991, Washington, D.C., completed her doctorate in Public Policy at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Her dissertation addressed the oversight of the Medicare program and analyzed how the civil False Claims Act is used to monitor Medicare providers.

Ryan Good, 1996, Elkhart, Ind., graduated from Associate Mennonite Biblical Seminary in May of 2006 with a master's in Theological Studies. Since then, he has worked at the Center for Community Justice in Elkhart with the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program.

Michael Stoner, 2000, Manheim, and Jesse Pellman, 2003, Lancaster, recently opened Longview Structures, an environmentally friendly designbuild firm. The "green" focused business depends on local materials and craftsmanship to construct their projects.

Cynthia Gingrich, 2003, Philadelphia, graduated from Temple University in May with a bachelor of music in history degree. She now works for Temple in the computer services department.

Joy Shalebly, 2003, Harrisonburg, Va., played goalkeeper for a semi-professional women's soccer team, Lancaster Inferno, of the Women's Premier Soccer League (WPSL) in Lancaster. Shaiebly begins her second year of teaching 8th and 9th grade health and physical education at Page County High School in Shenandoah, Va., where she plans to begin a soccer program and coach co-ed varsity soccer.

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MARRIAGES

Paul Sadaphal, 2001, and Sonia Topiarz, August 31, 2008. They live in

Melissa Weinhold, 2004, and John Irwin, May 24, 2008. They live in Ephrata.

BIRTHS

Michael and Marcia Zehr, 1985, Engle, Harrisonburg, Va., third child, Megan Elizabeth, March 12, 2008.

Nicholas Plummer and Jennifer Pelfer, 1988. Durham, N.C., second child, first daughter, Nora Claire, July 23, 2008.

Todd and Michelle Helm, 1988, Carvin, Largo, Fla., fourth child, second son, Wade Isaac, June 21, 2007.

Terry and Wanda Reinford, 1989, Martin, Goshen, Ind., first child, Emilia Rose, July 28, 2008.

Dean Hess, 1990, and Loretta Rock, Lancaster, first child, Mia Fay, September 19, 2008. Dean and Loretta recently moved back to Lancaster after 15 years in New York, Los Angeles, Washington and abroad. He has joined Coldwell Banker as a real estate agent.

Kirby, 1992, and Jennifer Wofford Denlinger, Flower Mound, Texas, first child, Dax Kirby, July 15, 2008.

Michael and Nevada Bowman, 1993, Kirchner, Lancaster, a son, Kyan Charles, September 21, 2006, and daughter, Allison Shea, July 1, 2008.

Jeffrey and Gwenyth Stambaugh, 1993, Eyler, Hanover, third child, second daughter, Sarah Joy, June 28, 2008.

Michael, III, and Regina Denlinger, 1994, Romanucci, Butler, third child, second daughter, Gabrielle Marie, September 8, 2008.

Myron, 1997, and Courtney Bechtold, 1998, Brubacher, Lancaster, second son, Pryce Landon, September 5, 2008.

Gregory, 1997, and Lanessa Hess, Lititz, second child, first son, Garrett John, July 3, 2008.

Melvin and Cheryl Gehman, 1999, Horst, Ephrata, third child, second son, Melvin Zander, June 5, 2008, joining

siblings Ashton William, 4, and Olivia Marie, 2.

Travis, 2000, and Janie Lucas Good, Ephrata, a son, Austin Travis, March 3, 2004, and daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, August 29, 2006. Travis is employed by Rocky Ridge Auto Sales, Ephrata.

Dwight 2002, and Allison Gehman, Elizabethtown, first child, daughter Madelyn Rose, August 18, 2008. Dwight was recently hired as youth pastor at Conov Brethren in Christ Church, Elizabethtown.

Terry and Nicole Martin, 2003, Doyle, Ephrata, a son, Alexander Lee, January 23, 2007.

Tony, 2004, and Kelly Horning Zimmerman, Lebanon, first child, Tanner Ashton, August 14, 2007.

DEATHS

Evelyn Weaver Good, 1947, Terre Hill, September 18, 2008.

CORRECTION

Lisa King, 2004, lives in Lancaster, not Harrisburg as stated in the summer Bridges. She graduated from Eastern Mennonite University in April with a degree in nursing and is now a registered nurse at Lancaster General Hospital. She also coaches field hockey for the Mennonite Sports Organization and assists with junior varsity and varsity field hockey at the Lancaster Campus of LMS. She is an MYF sponsor at East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church. ■

The 1959 class reunion will be held lune 27, 2009. For more information, contact Ernie and Esther Mast at esthermast@isp.com or (717) 394-2199.

Big Apple at Christmas

There are still several seats available for the bus excursion to Manhattan on Saturday, December 20, leaving at 6 a.m. and returning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$40 each. The day is yours. Come enjoy the splendor of N.Y.C. at Christmas. Please call Deb Sprunger at (717) 394-7107. Proceeds benefit the Annual Fund.

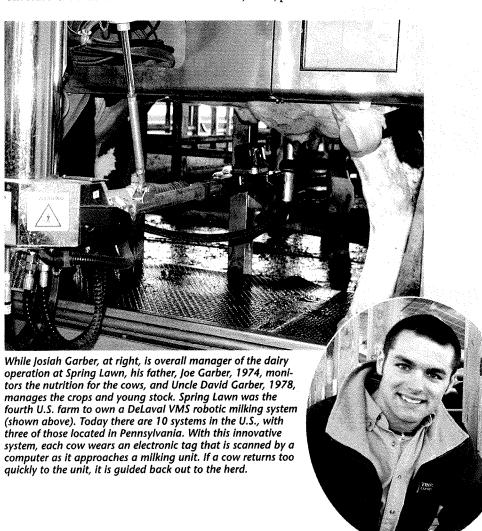
On the cutting edge of dairy technology

t has been a year since Josiah Garber, 2005, and his family installed four DeLaval robotic milking units at their Spring Lawn Farm just south of Lancaster. Garber, manager for the dairy operation, says it was well worth the effort. He no longer has to go to bed early every evening so he can get up for the 3 a.m. milking, since the cows are milked automatically. The extra time allows Garber to concentrate more on farm management and herd health.

The cows benefit, too. They have more control as to when they will be milked and are no longer herded or chased, actually increasing their longevity. Production is up since the new system allows the family to have more cows (220 milking right now) and to milk them three times a day instead of two. The robots provide a much better way of tracking milk production.

According to Garber, the new system has drawn about 2,000 visitors from 20 countries so far. Not only is this an educational opportunity, it also gives the family a chance to share the faith that guides their mission and lifestyle. The words of Psalm 127:1 are inscribed on the entrance door—"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain."

Garber is currently auditing a seminary class on Congregation Revitalization at Eastern Mennonite University, Lancaster. He attends Byerland Mennonite Church. Next summer he and Valerie Brubaker, 2005, plan to be married.



Art journey an act of faith

By Liz Hess, 1983

When the time came that I did feel the need to put Christ first, the foundation had already been laid to pursue a life of commitment, discipline and excellence.

The following was written by Liz Hess in response to an e-mail interview. Liz is a member of Living Hope Church in Centerville.

fter graduating from LMH, I applied for and was accepted into art college with full intentions of pursuing a career in architecture and interior design. However, life is so much more interesting and exciting when we allow God to determine our course, as I was about to find out. Just a couple of months after high school graduation I gave my heart to the Lord. Suddenly, the career dreams I had seemed rather empty and small compared to the larger picture I was beginning to see as I pursued a personal relationship with the Lord.

A few years later I was on my way to a small town in Northern Sweden, where I would spend the next eight years living and working with a local church through Eastern Mennonite Missions. Those years were the best and most exciting of my life. I thrived in the land of the midnight sun and in the work God called me to there. I learned to read, write, and speak Swedish fluently, truly connecting with the way of life and culture. I would probably still be in Sweden today, but God had another turn for me to take on this road called Life.

After a time of prayer and soul searching, I returned to the U.S. for what I thought was just a temporary hiatus to care for my parents who were both undergoing major operations. But it was during this period that God began indicating to me that my time in Sweden had come to a close.

I settled back into Lancaster and in the process of looking for a job, discovered that God had one

waiting for me. An acquaintance who owned an art gallery and knew I was an artist, asked if I would consider working in sales at her gallery. It wasn't long before she invited me to consider painting a piece of art to hang in her gallery. The first work I painted sold immediately. I was asked to create two the next time, and you can guess the rest. I spent 12 happy years working for and selling my art through her gallery before deciding to take the risk of launching my own gallery in downtown Lan-

downtown arts district in what is now called "Gallery Row." From the moment we opened our doors, we were overwhelmed with positive customer response. I realized that, once again, God was surprising me with this unanticipated direction my life had taken. That was 2 1/2 years ago. Since then, my colleague in the business decided to fulfill one of his life-long dreams and move to New York City to pursue the art market there. That left me with no other recourse than to buy out his share of our gallery and call it my own.

Gallery 2, which is now going through the process of name change to Liz Hess Gallery, has done extremely well—beyond my initial hopes. The business continues to grow and generate enough income for me to spend much of my time in my home studio painting, while my faithful employee manages the gallery. I can be found at the gallery several days a week, and always on the First Friday of each month when the entire arts district in downtown Lancaster stays open late, offering live music in many of the galleries and serving complimentary hors d'oeuvres for those who are browsing the galleries and shops.

An artist friend and I decided to collaborate in

this venture, so the name of our gallery became,

quite appropriately, Gallery 2. We both exhibited and sold our works there and found that our loca-

tion was more than perfect. We were central in the

The Red Umbrella Collection

My most popular signature work is my Red Umbrella Collection (can be viewed on my website at www.lizhess.com). What began as a group of three paintings created during a painting trip to Italy six years ago, has transitioned into an extremely successful series. Nearly every year I travel somewhere to paint, and the solitary figure with the red umbrella follows me, showing up in my works created during these journeys. Customers know when I travel each year and anticipate the exhibit when I return, creating a demand for this body of work which I unveil every September. I have also introduced several Lancaster landmarks into this collection; the red umbrella has found its way to Central Market, Olde Towne Lancaster, and other recognizable local areas of inter-

Cats and dogs

I paint in a variety of mediums and styles, so it's hard to define a particular look for me, but most of my work is representational with the exception of a second signature that has gained popularity: my wacky and eclectic cats and dogs (also viewable on my website). Most of those creatures were created



On Saturday, October 11, the Bon-Ton at Park City Center, Lancaster, featured Liz Hess' Red Umbrella Collection to celebrate National Arts & Humanity month. The event, with the theme, "Women in the Arts," was sponsored by Chanel Beauty who provided live models (above photo) and plenty of red umbrellas. Early in the day, Senator Michael Brubaker attended the promotion and presented Liz with a proclamation from Governor Ed Rendell that recognizes Pennsylvania artists. At right is Liz's art piece, "Old Main at Franklin and Marshall College."

in the middle of the night as I burned the midnight oil in my studio. Viewing them now, one can see what the brain produces between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m.

Many artists are forced to compromise and create subject matter they really don't enjoy in order to sell successfully. I am so grateful that the public has responded positively to my style, allowing me to sell that which I most love to paint. I have had the fortune of watching my paintings increase in value and now wish I had some of my earlier works back as I could sell them today for three to four times more than what I sold them for just a few years ago.

Art scene thriving in city

The move to downtown Lancaster was the best thing I could have done to expand my art career. I love the diversity, vibrancy, and quantity of art in this little city, all of which have developed in the last five years or so. After visiting some of the nation's largest art meccas—such as Chelsea, N.Y.C., and Scottsdale, Az.—I am pleasantly surprised by how competitive Lancaster City is with those areas. It is astounding to me that I am able to get similar prices for my work right here in Lancaster without having the high overhead of maintaining a gallery in a larger metropolitan area. Granted, I have a significant customer base from New York, New Jersey, and D.C., and my biggest customer by far is a couple from London. They fly in twice a year to choose original pieces from my collection for their two homes. But the majority

of my client base is right here in Lancaster and the surrounding areas.



Although I was fairly uninterested in spiritual things during my years at LMH, its Christ-centered atmosphere, caring teachers, and emphasis on excellence and discipline left a lasting impression. Therefore, when the time came that I did feel the need to put Christ first, the foundation had already been laid to pursue a life of commitment discipline and excellence.

My favorite teacher was Mary Lou Houser. Not only was she talented at teaching, inspiring, and introducing the art world to her students, she was a fabulously gifted artist as well. I wanted to paint like her.

No regrets

I have never regretted not pursuing my initial dream of architecture and interior design. Instead, I find myself established in a career that I could never have planned so successfully as God did for me. The diversity he introduced into my life along the way proved invaluable and much more interesting than any of my original ambitions. Pursuing him has been by far the most satisfying quest of all my endeavors. Everything else pales in comparison to knowing him and making him known.

This past spring Liz Hess was invited to conduct an art course at world class spa Rancho La Puerta in Mexico. And in August she was recognized as a runner-up in the local artist category of Lancaster Newspaper's 2008 Readers' Choice Awards supplement.



Artist Liz Hess, 1983, attended Locust Grove and LMH for her entire K-12 education.



Come celebrate with us!

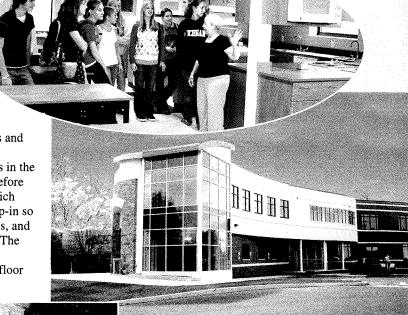
n the spring issue of *Bridges* we shared with you our excitement that the new academic building at the Lancaster Campus will provide wonderful learning opportunities for our students and, with its green construction, teach future generations to respect and care for God's creation. That excitement continues as we anticipate students and faculty moving into the facility in early December. System personnel continue to get settled in as this issue of *Bridges* goes to press.

Thank you, dear friends and alumni, for your prayers and generous gifts that have made this facility possible!

Now we warmly invite you to come celebrate with us in the completion of the project. On Sunday, December 21, before and after our 3 p.m. high school Christmas concert, which will be held in our Fine Arts Center, we will hold a drop-in so you can tour the facility, visit with teachers and students, and observe demonstrations by each academic department. The drop-in, which will run 1–3 p.m. and 4:30–6 p.m., will include a brief dedication ceremony at 5:30 in the first floor atrium. Refreshments will be served.

Please join us December 21 as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ as well as this new facility, which will greatly enhance the transforming Christ-centered education that is offered at Lancaster Mennonite.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at (717) 299-0436, ext. 301, or thomasjr@lancastermennonite.org.—jrt



Top photo: Teacher Dottie Weber takes her foods class through the family and consumer science area of the newly-completed academic center (center photo). The building also includes classrooms for math, science and business, along with offices for system personnel. Its green aspects include geothermal heating and cooling, an energy recovery ventilator that efficiently keeps air fresh and clean, motion and heat sensors that reduce power usage, a green roof, increased insulation, increased window glass for natural light and higher insulation, and the use of natural and recycled building materials. PHOTOS: GARY HILLER

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