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Bridges is the quarterly magazine of Lancaster Mennonite School, sent to alumni, parents and friends. LMS exists to transform students so they can change our world through Christlike love, peacemaking and service. The school welcomes students without regard to sex, race, nationality or ethnic origin.

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Cover photos: At the Lancaster Campus the new track and field facility was used for its first home meet April 12 against Annville-Cleona. While construction is finished, \$90,000 is still needed to complete the funding for the project. Send gifts to the school, Att: Heidi Stoltzfus.

PHOTOS: JONATHAN CHARLES



J. Richard Thomas

Daily transformed

The new track and field facility has brought excitement to the school as it allows us to host home track meets. It also recently enabled us to host a track meet that included numerous Mennonite middle schools in our area. This facility allows more students to learn important life lessons and is another school venue where lives are transformed to change our world.

During the Staff Appreciation banquet we celebrated 672 years of service by staff who daily implement the LMS mission. That evening we also recognized the 2010 Alumnus of the Year, J. Alex Hartzler. You may read more about him and his accomplishments on page 15. At LMH, Alex participated in athletics and other cocurriculars where he grew as a leader and learned life skills such as focus and discipline.

Recently I attended a number of Senior Presentations where I heard echoes of the LMS mission statement and our graduate profile. (See graduate profile at www.lancastermennonite.org.) They said:

- My future includes earning a doctorate and then urban ministry.
- When I came to LMH I began to grow in my faith as I found friends whose Christian faith is based on love.
- As I reflect on the future I believe I can make a positive difference in our world.
- After LMH I plan to study business and work in my family's business.
- At LMS I discovered my gifts in science.
- After coming to LMH I began to feel rooted. I will be baptized soon.
- The drama program was wonderful. It connected me to others and provided a creative outlet.

The summer issue of *Bridges* will include more in-depth information about Senior Presentations. As you "listen" to these seniors, you also will have a chance to be on holy ground.

I also attended and participated briefly in the fun, LMH-produced musical, *High Button Shoes*. This student-led activity included 75 students and again demonstrated the many life lessons learned through school activities.

Through daily chapels, Senior Presentations, the PreK-12 planned curriculum, the hidden curriculum of social interaction with students and staff and cocurriculars, the LMS mission is being implemented daily and students are being transformed to change our world toward the intention of God. Soon the class of 2010 will join the many other alumni who are actively witnessing to God's healing and hope. To God be all glory! ❖



A highlight of the Gateway hymn sing was a boys octet, made up of Kraybill middle schoolers (L-R): Zachary Waltz, Josiah Kratz, Noah Burger, Joshua Brubaker, Colin Wolgemuth, Austin Melinger, Samuel Aungst and Daniel Brubaker. The octet was directed by Kraybill teacher Jim Baer.

FINAL DRAWINGS ON THE TABLE

Hymn sing spotlights Gateway project

An old-fashioned hymn sing on April 17 brought members of the Kraybill community back on campus to enjoy some four-part harmony, fellowship, and an update on Kraybill's building plans.

Kraybill's building project, called "Gateway to Kraybill," has now reached \$325,000 in funding, allowing final drawings to be prepared. Another \$875,000 (80 percent of cost including endowment) is needed to schedule ground breaking.

A key part of the Gateway project is providing a distinctive entrance that will welcome families and guests to the campus. Warren Miller, Mount Joy, recently donated back to the school a set of large stone steps that were part of the Meetinghouse before renovations. These steps will be part of the new entrance.

"Incorporating these stone steps into the new addition symbolizes not

only the historic relationship," Kraybill Principal John Weber said, "but also the shared mission between church and school to provide an excellent Christ-centered program for our families."

The Gateway project will also include an enlarged lobby, an additional classroom for PreK and kindergarten, relocated offices, enlarged middle school hallways, and changes that will improve the flow of student traffic between classes and provide better security for the school.

To help move the Gateway project to ground breaking, please contact Director of Advancement Heidi Stoltzfus at (717) 299-0436, ext. 308, or stoltzfushe@lancastermennonite.org. ❖



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Center photo: Before the hymn sing began, guests enjoyed desserts made by Kraybill parent Randy Wolgemuth (third from right) and others. Helping him are Kraybill eighth graders Aria Hess (next to Wolgemuth) and Heidi Shuman. During this fellowship time, which was held in the Kraybill gym, guests also learned more about the Gateway to Kraybill building project. Above: artist's rendering of new Kraybill entrance.

"Betty was a wonderful colleague. ... She was a good listener who responded to the needs of students and families with innovative solutions."

- Jay Roth, former Locust Grove principal



Betty Newswanger, a 1960 LMH graduate, died of breast cancer at her home in Lancaster, July 4, 2009.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Endowment contributions may be sent to:

Lancaster Mennonite School
Attention: Heidi Stoltzfus
2176 Lincoln Highway East
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Checks should be made out to "LMS" and clearly designated for the Betty Newswanger Endowment.

JONATHAN CHARLES



Kraybill preschoolers enjoy their loft, a concept that was introduced to the Kraybill Campus by Betty Newswanger when she was a teacher there. Betty recognized that an early childhood program needs both play time and academic time. The loft also encourages imagination.

BETTY HERSHEY NEWSWANGER MEMORIAL EARLY EDUCATION ENDOWMENT

Encouraging innovation and excellence in early education program

Betty Newswanger was fun loving, positive and encouraging. In her 40 plus years in early childhood education, she enjoyed watching children grow, and she had a way of making them feel like she was their special friend.

Betty's accomplishments in the LMS system are many. She taught kindergarten at Kraybill for many years. At New Danville, she helped develop the early childhood education program after their merger.

She also conceived the idea of the three, four and five-day kindergarten program for the LMS system; worked with families who requested evaluations and learning strategies for their children; and assisted home school families. Most recently, she provided leadership at the lower elementary grades at Locust Grove and New Danville. Earlier work included teaching

and leadership assignments in New York City, Ethiopia, and Washington D.C.

As a way to continue Betty's legacy, husband Wesley Newswanger (1957) and brother Glenn Hershey (1970) have established an endowment fund to support the LMS early education program. It has been named the Betty Hershey Newswanger Memorial Early Education Endowment.

Gifts to the fund will strengthen families by enabling students' early entry into the LMS school system. It will support PreK to first grade classes by providing funds to enrich and maintain a quality early educational program. As a named endowment it will keep alive Betty's life witness and passion to provide an excellent Christian education to future generations. ❖

CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT

An “excellence plus” PreK education

Parents investing in Christian education for their pre-school children are asking for a holistic program that includes both the faith dimension *and* the rigors of academia.

Locust Grove parent Dawn Leaman describes that balance as “a well-rounded Christian education that makes a great transition to kindergarten,” and Lancaster Mennonite has coined it “excellence plus.”

To make sure the “excellence” part of the program is intact, the school this year introduced “Blueprint for Early Literacy,” a PreK curriculum that recognizes that learning begins with a strong literacy foundation. It was developed by Children’s Literacy Initiative (CLI), a non-profit organization whose goal is to transform instruction so “all children can become powerful readers and writers.”

The new curriculum includes read alouds from high-quality children’s books; five author studies; a daily modeled writing/shared reading program called Message Time Plus which helps develop alphabet knowledge, phonemic awareness, and print conventions; instruction to build vocabulary and comprehension; and small group learning applications that stress letter and phonemic awareness, math concepts; and development of independent learning skills.



JONATHAN CHARLES

State-of-the-art playground equipment at each campus provides opportunities for children to develop gross motor and socialization skills as they enjoy safe, free play with their friends (above photo taken at New Danville Campus). In photo at right, Kraybill PreK teacher Jessica Lloyd makes learning fun with the help of “reading glasses” and *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*.



“It has added a richness to our PreK program,” says New Danville PreK teacher Anne Roth, who has been in early childhood education for 14 years. “It is so important for young children to be exposed to the world of words through good literature.

“I am so thankful that at LMS, we are able to address the needs of the whole child—social, emotional, spiritual, physical, and intellectual. During the PreK day, we provide opportunities for the children to grow in these areas through Bible stories, prayer, singing, free choice time, recess, learning stations, a strong literacy program, and a nurturing, caring environment.” ❖

More about PreK at LMS

- Teachers are state licensed and early childhood certified
- Teachers tailor their lessons to meet individual learning styles and abilities so their young students can feel successful from the very beginning.
- Parents like the fact that they can choose from two, three, four or five-day programs.
- Learning Stations give children opportunities to manipulate, engage in art activities, and develop skills in other “hands-on” ways.
- Daily Free Choice time allows children to choose what to play, how to play, and who to play with. Social and verbal skills are developed as children interact with each other.
- Music opportunities, science exploration, and global awareness activities are woven into the day.
- The Everyday Math program engages children in active learning.

Alumni share passion for Mennonite ed

Lancaster Mennonite School is honored to have alumni involved in Mennonite education all over the world. Following is a visit with three LMH alumni who hold leadership positions at Eastern Mennonite University (EMU), Harrisonburg, Virginia. They are all EMU alumni as well.

“All of life is about education—formal or informal learning that leads people to change.” - Dr. Ken L. Nafziger



Dr. Ken L. Nafziger received his master's degree and doctorate from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Dr. Ken L. Nafziger, 1974

EMU Vice President for Student Life

When eighth grader Ken Nafziger lost his mother in an auto accident, he was welcomed into the home of Aunt Esther and Uncle Melville Nafziger, a Lancaster County couple who valued Christian education enough to send their seven children, plus Ken, to Lancaster Mennonite High School.

At LMH Nafziger enjoyed solid academics with teachers such as Edna Wenger and Stanley Kreider, as well as leadership-building opportunities like soccer, Campus Chorale, and serving as senior class president.

“My LMH experience greatly influenced my interest in education, service, and leadership,” he said.

Even challenges turned into learning opportunities.

“I spent way too much time in detention my freshman year because of talking too much in chapel and disrupting classes,” he said. “It helps me now when I deal with disciplinary issues with students; I trust they can change. It helps me think about a much more educational and restorative approach.”

After high school, Nafziger studied math and psychology at EMU while continuing with extracurriculars.

“I didn’t realize it at the time, but by being involved in choir, soccer, drama, track, ... I was actually majoring in student life,” he said. “I learned as much or more outside the classroom as in

classes. All of life is about education—formal or informal learning that leads people to change.”

In his EMU position as VP for student life, which he began in 2003, Nafziger works with 10 student life departments, including athletics, campus ministries, counseling, career services, health services, housing and residence life, international student services, multicultural student services, and student activities. He serves as a member of the President’s Cabinet and the Provost’s Academic Cabinet.

Dr. Fred Kniss, 1974

EMU Provost

Dr. Fred Kniss never dreads going to work in the morning.

“My job is different every day,” Kniss says, “and so much of it involves problem solving. ... It’s great fun to pull together talented people and tackle a problem together. ... I have never yet been bored.”

As EMU’s provost (chief academic officer), Kniss answers directly to the president and is responsible for the internal operations of all aspects of the university that support the academic mission, including student life, finance, physical plant, etc. He has been in the position since July 2009.

Kniss sees EMU as having two central tasks: (1) training and developing the next generation of leaders who will serve the church, world, and professions; and (2) providing a safe place

for exploring difficult questions and advancing knowledge that matters “for the deepest concerns of the church and the world.”

“I am deeply committed to the mission of Mennonite higher education which I see as being a true community of learning that embodies core Anabaptist values,” he said. “It’s a pleasure and an honor to be a part of it.”

Kniss says LMS was central in his development as a Mennonite and life-long learner.

“I specifically remember a conversation John Weber had with me and several other students, impressing upon us the importance of higher education, specifically Mennonite higher education. I’ve spent the rest of my life doing things I first learned well at LMH.”

Dr. Sara Wenger Shenk, 1971

*Eastern Mennonite Seminary
Associate Professor of Christian
practices and Interim Dean*

In 1995, Dr. Sara Wenger Shenk stepped out of her comfort zone as a writer and pastor into a teaching position at Eastern Mennonite Seminary (EMS). This set her on a trajectory into theological education teaching and administration she hadn’t expected. Eventually she became an associate professor of Christian practices and associate dean. In January she became interim dean.

Wenger Shenk recently talked about her years at EMS—being mentored by church leaders like George Brunk III and Ervin Stutzman and the satisfaction of working with students who aren’t afraid to ask the big questions, examine their lives, and wrestle with how God relates to all of it.

“It’s been a thoroughly rich and wonderful experience,” she said.

In October, Wenger Shenk’s life transitions again as she becomes Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary’s first female president. New territory once more—from the “internal work” of a dean to an “ambassador” for theological education and the church.

“I look forward to big picture visioning about who we are called to be,” she said, “revitalizing the church, calling out people who have energy and imagination to lead the church into the future.”

When asked how her four years at LMH factored into her life journey, Wenger Shenk described yet another transition—returning from Ethiopia with missionary parents to a Lancaster County Mennonite subculture. But it was that experience, she says, that helped her deepen her awareness of her Mennonite heritage and develop a critical appreciation for it with the help of good friends, and teachers such as Myron Dietz, Dan Wenger, Don Sensenig, Charles Longenecker and Janet Gehman.

“They had a warmth and genuineness that made you glad to engage subjects,” she said. ❖

Dr. Fred Kniss, below, received his master’s degree and doctorate from University of Chicago.

Bottom photo: Dr. Sara Wenger Shenk, center, relaxes with seminary alum **Selamawit Stifanos**, left, and **Center for Justice & Peace-building alum Solomon Telahun**. Wenger Shenk received her master’s degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., and her doctorate from Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, Va.



LINDSEY GROSH



GERALD SHENK



Seth Moffett has been named a finalist in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program.



Senior Kayla Klase (soprano 1) qualified for the PMEA Regional V Choir Festival, which was held in March.

During the school's April 6 chapel service, Alan Strock, treasurer of the Farm and Home Foundation of Lancaster County, congratulates LMH freshman Isaac King for his winning science fair project.

Celebrating Achievements

CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY STUDENT HONORED

In February, LMH senior Jasmine Walker took first place in Web Design in the Career and Technology SkillsUSA District Competition, qualifying for the Pa. State Championship.



Jasmine Walker

WRITING AWARDS

Kraybill 8th grader Emily Hess received a Gold Key award—one of 12 in the county—at the Lancaster County Region Scholastic Writing Awards ceremony in February. She also received a Silver Key award and a Certificate of Merit. In addition, Emily was one of four Gold Key winners to be cited as an American Voices Nominee (and later was one of 100 to receive an American Voices medal) and the only Lancaster County student to earn these four awards. Emily is shown here with language arts teacher Mary Bucher. Hess is one of 20 LMS winners.



Mary Bucher, left, and Emily Hess

SPELLING BEE FINALISTS

This spring Kraybill 8th graders Lydia Jones and Aria Hess, who finished first and second in the LMS middle school spelling bee, were named finalists in the Lancaster Intelligencer Journal/Lancaster New Era spelling bee contest. At the Intelligencer Journal/Lancaster New Era Championship bee they finished second and fourth.



Lydia Jones

SCIENCE FAIR PROJECT EARNS AWARDS

Freshman Isaac King (bottom photo) received honors at the Lancaster County science fair for a project that studied the impact water has on the environment and local agriculture. The project, titled "A Comparative Study of Nitrate Levels with Land Use of the Tributaries of the Conestoga River," received a medal for high school honorable mention (4th place in the overall competition of over 800 students). In addition, King received two monetary awards: Farm and Home Foundation of Lancaster County High School First Place Award, and Lancaster County Conservancy High School First Place Award.



Aria Hess





Merle Reinford and his high school chess team have served as mentors for younger players in the LMS system. In photo at left, Reinford is playing Ben Erickson, a second grader at the Kraybill Campus. The match was part of a Challenge Program project in which Erickson chose chess as his subject. The match also gave Erickson the opportunity to prepare for States (grades 1-3 category) in early March.

CHESS COACH ENJOYS 300TH CHESS WIN

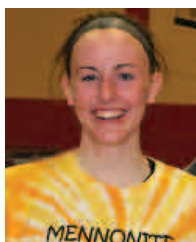
LMH math teacher and chess coach Merle Reinford enjoyed his 300th chess win January 28 against Ephrata High School and then saw his team win the 11th league title for the school. A state championship trophy in 2004 was also the school's first state championship win. Reinford is in his 31st season of coaching in the Lancaster Scholastic League.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Both the girls and boys teams finished second in District III and entered the state AA playoffs where the girls advanced to the quarterfinals. The girls were Section 4 champions. Erin LaVenice (a 1,000-point career scorer), Stephanie Rheinheimer, Philip Yoder and Dean Royal were named to the Section 4 first team and to the District III AA All-tournament Team Starting Five. Also, LaVenice and Yoder were selected for the overall Lancaster-Lebanon League first team, and Jonathan Lapp was named to the L-L coaches' all-defensive team. Both coaches—Sherri Gorman for the girls and Geoff Groff for the boys—were named Coach of the Year for Section 4.



Three LMH seniors received top honors at the April 6 FFA Banquet. They are, left to right: Casey Kelly, Outstanding Keystone Male Leader, Dekalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award; Chelsea Kanagy, Outstanding Keystone Placement On Farm Award; and Erin Secker, Outstanding Keystone Female Leader.



Erin LaVenice



Danielle Peirson



Charlotte Schreyer



Seth Buckwalter

PEIRSON TO PLAY FOR UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Lancaster Mennonite senior Danielle Peirson has signed a letter of intent to play Division I field hockey at the University of Iowa. Peirson finished her senior season as a section all star and tallied 31 goals with 23 assists for her career.

GEO BEE SEMI-FINALIST

Locust Grove 7th grader Charlotte Schreyer was a semi-finalist at the Pa. Geography Bee held in April—a first for Locust Grove. The bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

TEACHER SELECTED FOR FELLOWSHIP

LMH science teacher Seth Buckwalter (1997 LMH graduate) has been selected to participate in a Summer Research Fellowship in Bioinformatics at Franklin and Marshall College. He will research mutations in the DNA of bird diseases. ❖

For more student achievements, visit our web site at www.lancastermennonite.org.

Below, Learning Support Center teacher Jan McDowell discusses the Kurzweil program with parent Anna Williams and her son, Charlie Hargrove. The Kurzweil program was donated to the school by the family of a former Learning Support student who did very well in college and is now working in social work.



Computer program helps students learn

The Learning Support Center at the Lancaster Campus received a Kurzweil computer program this spring that can “read aloud” in various voices and languages to students with reading difficulties.

According to Learning Support teacher Jan McDowell, a student who can only read at a fourth grade reading level can have the computer read a 12th grade level document. The student can click on any word not understood and receive the meaning from one of four dictionaries.

The program also offers a writing component that converts highlighted material into an outline or text, completes applications or tests, and reads students’ written material back to them. It also allows students to use sticky notes in the document.

The Kurzweil can be purchased by individual students and used in post high school training, college, and work, which, says McDowell, can “really level the playing field” as they compete with peers.

“It’s a wonderful tool,” she said, “because it helps students take classes they wouldn’t be able to otherwise.”

To find out how you can support the Learning Support Center, contact Director of Advancement Heidi Stoltzfus at stoltzfushe@lancastermennonite.org or (717) 299-0436, ext. 308. ❖

LMS summer day camps scheduled ... *register by May 31 and save!*

BASKETBALL

Girls basketball, grades 5–10	July 12–16
Boys basketball, grades 5–10	July 19–23

BOYS LACROSSE , grades 7–12	June 21–25
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FIELD HOCKEY

Jr. high field hockey, grades 6–8	June 21–25
Sr. high field hockey, grades 9–12	August 9–13

SOCCER

Jr. high boys soccer, grades 6–8	June 28–July 1
Elem. coed soccer, grades 1–5	July 6–9
Girls soccer, grades 6–12	July 26–30
Sr. high boys soccer, grades 9–12	August 9–13

TENNIS

Beginner/intermediate tennis, gr. 5–8	August 2–6
Intermediate/advanced tennis, gr. 9–12	August 9–13

VOLLEYBALL

Girls (afternoon), grades 6–9	July 26–30
Boys (evening), grades 6–9	July 26–30

OTHER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Painting Adventures, grades 6–8	June 14–18
Mixed Media Art, grades 6–8	June 14–18
Math SAT Prep, grades 11–12	June 28–July 2
Eagles football, ages 6–14	July 12–16
Coed culinary arts, grades 4–9	July 19–23
Sewing/Crafts, grades 4–9	July 19–23
Middle school drama, grades 6–8	July 26–30
Spiritual fitness, grades 10–12	August 13–14

For a complete listing and application, go to www.lancastermennonite.org/camps or call (717) 299-0436, ext. 310.

Growing God's Kingdom one seed at a time

In February, New Danville teacher Eloy Rodriguez heard Mennonite Educators Convention speakers Tom and Christine Sine challenge teachers to update their teaching styles so their students will be ready to enter the “real world.”

“Their talk inspired me to think of a tangible way to make our motto, ‘Centered in Christ, Transforming Lives, Changing Our World’ more real to my students,” he said.

When Rodriguez returned to Lancaster, he wrote a lesson plan for his fourth and fifth grade science classes that included planting a garden and sharing the produce with others. He called it Project AME (All May Eat).

“We use the FOSS (Fuel Option Science System) science kits for our science curriculum, and the kit we are working through during this project is titled Food and Nutrition,” he said, “so it fits right into Project AME.”

Mark your calendar

May 16

Spring Open House at Lanc., 1–3 p.m.

May 16

High School Spring Concert, 3 p.m.

May 23

Campus Chorale at Living Waters Theater, 3 p.m.
300th anniversary celebration of Mennonites in Lancaster County

June 4

Senior Class Dedication Service, 7 p.m.

June 5

Commencement, 10 a.m.

June 21

Menn. Children's Choir at Manheim Menn., 7 p.m.

August 20

Lanc. New Student Orientation, 6:30 p.m.

August 24

First day of school

In mid-April his students began planting, and soon they watched the earth birth its first green shoots.

Over the summer, New Danville families will take turns maintaining the garden, with most of the produce going to the Lancaster County Council of Churches who will distribute the food to families who need it.

“My hope is that students will have a deeper appreciation for the food they eat and the resources God has given them,” Rodriguez said. “Using those resources to show love to someone else is, I think, the true meaning of what it means to be followers of Christ.” ❖

New Danville teacher Eloy Rodriguez, far left, helps his students plant a garden which is a nice supplement to the science curriculum for grades 4 and 5. With Rodriguez are, left to right (foreground): Anna Wenger, Shea Richardson, Hannah Adams, Dominic Mattilio and Shaolin Gardner. In March, several LMH FFA students visited the New Danville Campus to teach the classes about seeds and the layers of the soil.

EDIE HESS



CAREER AND FAITH

LMH's January Career and Faith Week included a panel of three alumni (all 1977 grads) who described how their LMH experience and faith influences their health professions. At right they are, L-R: Carol Spicher, nutritionist/diabetes educator; Tim Lapp, cardiovascular specialist; and Dan Mast, internal medicine and geriatrics physician. Also sharing during the week were Liz Hess (1983), local artist, and Nelson Longenecker (1975), vice president of business innovation at Four Seasons Produce.



CLASS NOTES

Connie Stauffer, 1955, Lititz, is chair of the advisory board of Pathways Institute for Lifelong Learning at Landis Homes. Connie also volunteers for Booksavers in Ephrata, and the General Store in Harvest View, Landis Homes.

In January, Russian Baptists at the Trinity Video Seminary in Kursk, Russia, hosted **David W. Shenk, 1955**, Lancaster, for 25 hours of teaching on Islam and Christianity. The video course will help equip Christian leaders for peacemaking with Muslim communities. Shenk is a global consultant with Eastern Mennonite Missions.

As Mennonite Mission Network (MNN) volunteers, **Wayne Hochstetler, 1965**, and wife Lois, London, England, provide MNN mission workers with encouragement, a connection to their sending church, and counseling (www.loisandwayne.blogspot.com).

Angela Miller Petersheim, 1975, Greencastle, has been named the administrator of Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg. Petersheim, who served as interim administrator this



Angela Miller Petersheim, 1975

year and principal of the elementary and middle school for 10 years prior to that, will oversee the elementary and middle school. Petersheim graduated from Hood College and received her masters from Philadelphia Biblical University.

Douglas S. Witmer, 1989, Philadelphia, presented a solo art show at the Blank Space Gallery, New York City in March. He has shows scheduled in New Zealand, Oakland, Calif., and Indianapolis this year.

Lowell Brown, 1990, Lancaster, was recently hired as a part-time marketing and publicity assistant at Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. He is also a client support director for The TEAM Approach; and a technical assistant for Franklin and Marshall College's theater department.

Tashya Leaman Dalen, 1992, Harrisburg, is the program coordinator of Poetry Paths, an endeavor created to take poetry off the page and put it in the paths of Lancaster City residents and visitors (see www.poetrypaths.org). Dalen, a Harrisburg landscape architect, graduated from Messiah College and Cornell University.

Calvin Steidler, 2002, Lititz, has been

nominated for the "America's Most Wanted" All Star Award. Steidler, a Manheim Township police officer and school resource officer at Wheatland Middle School, was nominated by a teen from his church, Grace Fellowship, Ephrata.

MARRIAGES

Paul Wenger, 1962 and Elsie Miller Esh, September 20, 2009. They reside in New Holland.

Laura Hess, 1999, and Stuart Metzler, September 5, 2009. They live in Lampeter. Laura is serving as Community Life Coordinator at the Millersville International House.

Darrel S. Martin, 2002, and Kelly Mummau, 2003, June 8, 2008. They live in Mount Joy.

Brittany Clemmer, 2004, and Spencer Thiesen, January 2, 2010. They live in Lancaster.

Kevin Yoder, 2005, and Rachel Cleaver, October 24, 2009. Kevin graduated from Penn State University in 2009. They remain in the State College area.

Laura Miller, 2006, and Jordan Risser, June 13, 2009. They live in Middletown. Laura is a registered nurse at Lancaster General Health.

Heidi A. Baker, 2007, and Scott R.



STOLTZFUS PHOTO: DENISE SAUDER

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Karl Stoltzfus, 1958, (oval photo), and his business, Dynamic Aviation, for providing the lead Challenge Fund gift that added \$2 for every \$1 given during the recent Alumni Phonathon. The event is on target for exceeding last year's record of \$230,303. Thank you, also, to all alumni who said "yes" when callers like Frank Albrecht, 1976 (at left), contacted you. The deadline for contributions is June 30, the end of the fiscal year.

Charles, October 17, 2009. They live in Terre Hill. Heidi graduated from Heston College and works at Brubacher Excavating, Inc. in accounts receivable.

David H. Peck, Jr., 2007, and **Danielle Stoltzfus, 2007**, May 30, 2009. They live in Parkesburg.

BIRTHS

Tim and **Maria Hurst, 1996**, Forry, Lititz, third child, second daughter, Serena Jade, November 13, 2009.

Aaron and **Lisa Smoker, 1996**, Underwood, Quarryville, third child, second daughter, Claudia Grace, October 30, 2009.

Pat and **Cheri Forry, 1997**, O'Donnell, Grosse Pointe, Mich., second daughter, Caroline Grace, July 7, 2009.

Amos and **Jodi Nolt, 1998**, Burkepile, Elizabethtown, a daughter, Karissa Jewel, September 17, 2007.

M. Ryan, 2002, and Laurie Groff, South Hamilton, Mass., a son, Micah Ryan, July 16, 2007. Ryan will receive his master's in theology from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in May 2010. At Gordon College, he works with an honors program called the Jerusalem and Athens Forum.

Trevor, 2003, and Jenée High Bare,

Elizabethtown, a son, Isaac Scott, March 17, 2010.

DEATHS

Jay Harold Stoltzfus, 1947, Lancaster, October 18, 2008.

E. Ruth (Ruthie) Ebersole Zimmerman, 1956, Harrisburg, January 19, 2010.

Miriam Good Musser, 1961, Tunkhannock, February 28, 2010.

Allen Graybill, 1962, Mifflintown, March 1, 2010.

Marian Miller Lefever, 1962, Milton, March 7, 2010.

Milton G. Howe, 1971, Stevens, July 6, 2009.

Tamara Anne Caldwell, 1980, Strasburg, January 2, 2010.

Joshua, Andrew McSorley, 2004, Lancaster, January 4, 2010.

Mary Ethel Heatwole (faculty), Harrisonburg, Va., January 1, 2010. She taught at Lancaster Mennonite 1957-59.

Noah L. Hershey (faculty and board member), Honey Brook, March 9, 2010. He taught at LMH 1961-69.

Maribel Garber Kraybill (faculty), Lititz, March 22, 2010. She was principal at Locust Grove 1955-1987. ❖

2010 CLASS REUNIONS

1945 ▶ Sept. 16	1950 ▶ Nov. 19
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1985 ▶ Sept. 11	1990 ▶ June 26
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Elizabethtown Mennonite Church, who has participated in the Congregational Education Support Plan since 1987, is making it possible for 26 children and youth to enjoy LMS opportunities at the Kraybill and high school campuses this year. Twenty-one of the students, plus pastors and two former education committee members, are pictured below. They are front, left to right: Aaron Gish, Christian Cook (red shirt), Elora Cook, Ben Klingner, Youth Pastor Fred Zeiset, Pastor Joe Shearer. Middle, left to right: Hannah Kratz, Annika Cook, Charlie Gish, Joey Gish, Katie Gish, Landon Wenger, John Witmer, Joshua Myers (yellow shirt), Makayla Myers, Dr. Jon Gish. Back, left to right: Dr. Roy Wert, Madelyn Gish, Chantel Wenger, Zachary Gish, Nathaniel Kratz, Caleb Gish, Ethan Miller, Josiah Kratz, Jacob Gish. Missing from the picture are Natalie Fellenbaum, Hannah Good, Rebekah Good, Brandon Kratz and Joseph Witmer.

Fresh approach to a 23-year tradition

In challenging economic times, Elizabethtown Mennonite Church has found a creative way to continue making Lancaster Mennonite School an option for its families.

Elizabethtown Mennonite is one of 24 congregations who participate in the Congregational Education Support Plan (CESP), a plan for those who have a vision for PreK–12 Mennonite Christian education and who invite all church members to share in the cost of that opportunity. Christian education is one of their mission goals.

Dr. Jon Gish and Dr. Roy Wert, former members of Elizabethtown's education committee, are two of several who have set up a \$30,000 endowment to help the church continue its CESP.

Gish, a 1985 LMH graduate, who with his wife, Karen, has three children in the LMS system, saw how his parents

sacrificed in order to provide an LMS education for him and his siblings. He knows some of today's families struggle to do the same thing for their children.

"I look at this fund (CESP) as a way to help families in the congregation make LMS possible for their children," he said. "It's a way to model a New Testament way of giving where everyone gives what they can to help others."

Roy and Esther Wert, who graduated from LMH in 1955 and 1956, have eight grandchildren at LMS. Roy sees LMS as a great place for them to develop character, make friends, learn Christian values, and—like their grandparents—perhaps even find a lifetime partner.

To learn more about the CESP program, contact J. W. Sprunger at (717) 299-0436, ext. 386, or sprungerjw@lancastermennonite.org. ♦



ALEX HARTZLER, 1986

Helping to change the world through impact investing

Alex Hartzler believes there is tremendous hope for the world today, despite what some politicians are saying.

The LMH alum travels extensively, at his own expense, for his work with Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA). As a member of the board and chair of MEDA's International Investment Committee, he was in India recently, working on investments in the agriculture, green energy and low income housing sectors.

While there, Hartzler visited a fruit and vegetable distribution business that MEDA/Sarona is investing in. He saw how a simple introduction of cold storage facilities is creating tremendous value for all parts of the supply chain—farmers, because less of their crop spoils on the way to market; consumers, because of more variety and availability of fresh produce; and the country in general, because higher quality produce decreases reliance on imports. This is just one example, he says, of the kind of “profound change for the good” that is happening around the globe.

At an April 26 Staff Appreciation Celebration, Superintendent Richard Thomas presented Hartzler as this year's LMS Alumnus of the Year.

“J. Alex Hartzler lives LMS values,” he said, “and I believe he will give you reason to celebrate being an LMS staff member, knowing that our alumni, like



J. Alex Hartzler, left, is congratulated by Superintendent Richard Thomas. Hartzler graduated from Penn State University with honors and was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Cologne in Germany where he received a degree in political economics. He received his law degree with honors from George Washington University. He is co-founder and member of Harrisburg Young Professionals.

Alex, are changing our world toward God's intentions.”

Professionally, Hartzler is a managing partner of WCI Partners, LP, Harrisburg, a real estate investment fund. At WCI his primary focus is on urban real estate development projects, including adaptive re-use, restoration and conversion of urban structures.

Prior to that he was executive vice president and co-owner of Web Clients, Inc. Earlier he was an associate attorney in corporate finance for Buchanan Ingersoll, P.C. Other examples of his impact investing include:

- » Founding investor for MicroVest, a commercial micro-finance fund that, earning a modest, consistent return for its investors, will aid poor entrepreneurs by making capital more available, reducing interest rates, and helping them grow their businesses. MicroVest has grown from \$12 million of assets in 2004 to over \$135

million today.

- » Chair of Sarona Risk Capital Fund, launched last fall by MEDA. SRCP is focused on the Small Medium Enterprise (SME) sector and tries to deliver returns for “people, planet and profit.”
- » Board chair for Ten Thousand Villages, which purchases handmade crafts from artisans around the world and each year sells goods in the U.S. valued at more than \$23 million.

Hartzler thrives on helping others through his knowledge of finance and investing because he truly believes it is well worth the effort.

“As millions of people seize on the opportunity to improve their lives through application of business principals and capital infusion, they are driving tremendous positive change throughout emerging markets around the world,” he said. “While certainly much remains to be done, the future is very bright for these market participants.” ❖



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