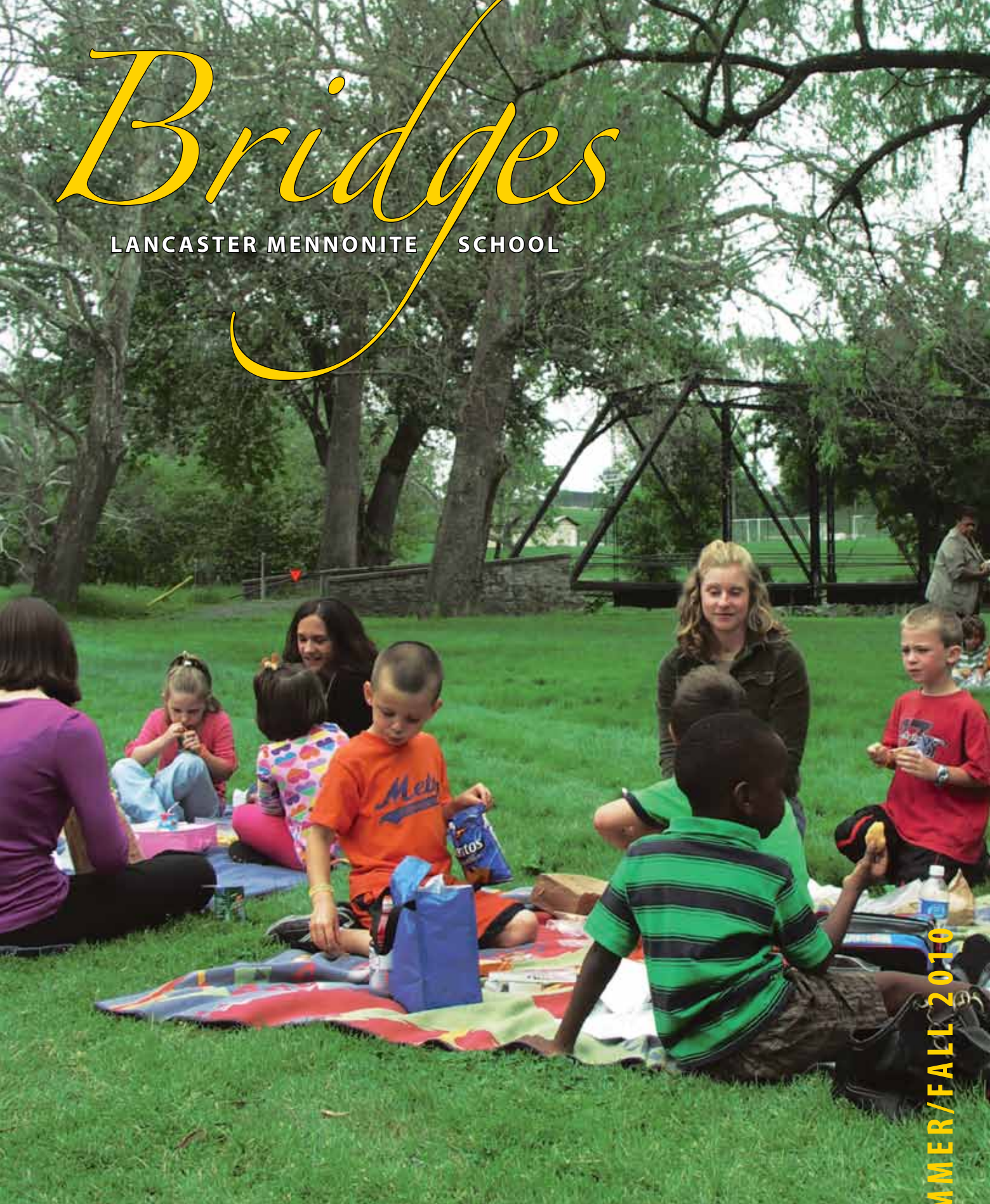


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J. Richard Thomas



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Cover photo: In May, Locust Grove kindergarten students visited the Lancaster Campus where the high school child development students involved them in a cooking class, craft activities, and story telling. Afterward the kindergartners enjoyed a picnic down by the Mill Creek.

from the superintendent

**Hired recently to help us communicate the LMS mission is Ruth Leaman, who joins our advancement team to focus on student recruitment and fund raising. Ruth first learned about the school through friends when she was a Goshen College student. She says:**

*Our family has experienced LMS to be everything we had hoped for: an engaging and dynamic community of learners, a place of significant opportunity, and a place where students are inspired and challenged to grow in their understanding of how to be the community of faith in the world around them. The Lancaster community is incredibly blessed to have such an outstanding educational institution right here, accessible and affordable for families and students.*

*I am very excited to get out into the community and share with people about the wonderful things happening at LMS. I believe these LMS stories will have the same impact on others that they had on me all those years ago—they will inspire and invite people into ... becoming involved in this special school and its mission: "Centered in Christ, transforming lives and changing our world."*



Ruth Leaman

Ruth's words make me think about 1987 alumnus Glen Lapp who died while engaged in peacemaking in a sometimes hostile environment. How Glen lived his life is what LMS is all about. Glen represents what attracted Ruth Leaman to LMS and why both she and new Principal Elvin Kennel say they are glad their children could attend a school like LMS.

I think of the thousands of LMS alumni who today are making a difference in our world. And I feel a tremendous sense of gratitude to my colleagues—people like Ruth and Elvin who are involved in the daily work of the school—and also to the friends, businesses, congregations and families who, through their support in so many ways, are making the LMS mission possible for our young people. Thank you for caring enough to invest in students so they can be transformed and our world changed. ❖

**LMH ALUM REMEMBERED**

**Tribute to a peacemaker**

In his back-to-school chapel talk, LMS Superintendent Richard Thomas told the middle and high school students at the Lancaster Campus that his prayer for them is that they grow to have "tender hearts and trained minds"—tender hearts that "see the world through the eyes of God" and minds that think critically and develop informed opinions rather than allowing "the world's crazy thought patterns" to determine what they believe.

It is persons with this kind of thinking who can change our world, he explained—"people like Glen Lapp who was killed in Afghanistan because he was there as a peacemaker."

"He was out as a change agent ...," Thomas said, "and wasn't afraid to push beyond his comfort zone and love the world the way God loves the world."

Before he died on August 5, Lapp, who would have completed his two-year Mennonite Central Committee assignment in October, wrote in his End-of-Term report: "Where I was, the main thing that expats can do is to be a presence in the country—treating people with respect and with love and trying to be a little bit of Christ in this part of the world."

From what friends and family have shared about Lapp, that's who he was—a mission worker who helped those less fortunate in a way that made them feel valued. That level of maturity was already noticed in high school, says English teacher Janet Banks.

"He was respectful," she said. "I re-

member how much that meant to me."

LMH math teacher Merle Reinford, who had Glen for Algebra I and Advanced Math, remembers him as "a very strong mathematics student." Lapp went on to earn a mathematics degree from Eastern Mennonite University.

To his closest friends, Lapp was one who had a passion for adventure—always ready for action, whether it was hiking, bicycling, playing a pick-up game of volleyball, etc. Phil Hess, 1987, became friends with Lapp at LMH and later roomed with him at EMU.

Hess remembers him as "one who was loyal and committed to friends and family, and one who always seized every opportunity to explore new frontiers. ..."

"Glen absolutely lived his life to the fullest," Hess said, "and I admire him deeply for that."

A statement from Lapp's family, released to the press shortly after Lapp's death, includes these words: "We all were at peace with his decision to serve (in Afghanistan). Although his absence is painful, we would not for one moment deny him the great fulfillment that his work there brought him. His gentleness, love, grace and kindness is and always will be a blessing to us all."

And so he is to the LMS community as well—"a blessing to us all"—and forever a reminder of what Lancaster Mennonite School and its mission is all about: "Centered in Christ, transforming lives, changing our world."

Thank you, Glen, for that gift. ❖

**"He ... wasn't afraid to push beyond his comfort zone and love the world the way God loves the world."**

**- Richard Thomas  
LMS Superintendent**

Mennonite Central Committee worker Glen Lapp, 1987, died August 5, along with nine other International Assistance Mission (IAM) workers, in Afghanistan's northeastern Badakhshan province. IAM is a partner of MCC. When the team was ambushed, they were returning home after providing eye care and medical help in a remote area of the country. Lapp was working as executive assistant at IAM and manager of IAM's provincial ophthalmic care program.

Lapp attended Kraybill Mennonite School (now the Kraybill Campus) for grades 1-8, and LMH for grades 9-12. He served as an LMH residence hall advisor for several years following his graduation from Eastern Mennonite University. He received a nursing degree from Johns Hopkins University.







## NEW PRINCIPAL SETTLES IN It takes all of us

**One of the top priorities for Elvin Kennel, new principal at the Lancaster Campus, is maintaining academic excellence. Equally important, he says, is the faith component.**

“I see challenging students in the way of Christ to be my overall goal,” he said, “and the reason for my being here.”

So, how do those two come together for the 1979 LMH alumnus? He believes the key is relationships.

“Ninety percent of education is relationships,” he said. “When you have a community that cares for each other, excellent education can happen.”

“Knowledge is only one part of being a successful student. Students also need to be able to give to the world.”

“If we can create an environment where students feel support they will be able to be life givers.”

Kennel believes that part of providing a supportive environment is making students feel comfortable enough to ask the hard questions, such as “How do we find Christ in a world where there are a lot of gray areas?”

“Having the opportunity to talk about all of this is a gift,” he said. “This is when LMS becomes a ministry. Sometimes it seems we can do church more easily at a school like this than in a church.”

With the arrival of a new principal come changes, although Kennel hastens to explain that his are just “tweaks” to an already strong program. In continuing his theme of providing a caring

environment, Kennel is working to create greater visibility in the guidance department so that, in addition to providing career and college counseling, it can be a place where “all students can share their dreams and goals.”

“A guidance department can be a school’s ‘best kept secret,’” he said, “but we want to make sure here that it is seen as a central part of meeting all students wherever they are—academically, socially and emotionally.” His dream is to have it open before and after school so students feel free to come in.

The most obvious change, perhaps, has been the starting time for chapel—from first thing in the morning to 9:54 a.m. Students welcome the morning break, Kennel says, and the result is increased alertness, fewer tardies, and better participation. Another change was moving the back-to-school night up a month in order to connect with parents earlier in the school year.

In addition, the instructional leadership team is re-evaluating programs such as minicourses, field trips, and senior presentations—looking for ways to strengthen the graduate profile and make these experiences more congruent with the school’s goals.

In his work as principal, Kennel says he is very grateful for the strong community spirit—for the teachers and their support for him and the students, as well as for the positive support from parents.

“We all have a common goal and desire for our students,” he said. “It really does take all of us.” ❖



In establishing an atmosphere that encourages discussion, Principal Elvin Kennel believes it is important to be accessible to his middle and high school students whenever possible—before and after school, at lunchtime, at games, in the hallways.

## CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT

### Ag education prepares students for life

**Lancaster Mennonite School has long been recognized for its excellent Agriculture Science and Technology curriculum that provides opportunities in the applied sciences, technology, and business environment. Nine high school courses challenge students to apply the scientific method to areas as diverse as landscaping, forest management and animal nutrition.**

In addition, a strong FFA program provides many leadership and competition opportunities. In 1992 Lancaster Mennonite was the first private school to receive an FFA charter in Pennsylvania and today remains only one of two (the other is Milton Hershey School). Hans Herr Chapter members have received many state and national awards.

Paul Hostetter, 2001, is one of many LMH grads who today use skills learned in LMH’s ag program. In a recent e-mail conversation,



Paul Hostetter

Hostetter discussed the skills and values that continue to serve him, including public speaking, accurate record keeping, how to conduct an efficient/meaningful business meeting, and the importance of honesty and integrity as a leader.

His experiences include a year as the Pennsylvania State FFA President, an



Above, FFA students share their animal science knowledge with Locust Grove elementary students at the school’s farm. Top right, FFA students participate in a leadership activity that teaches cooperation. At right, teacher Ryan King conducts a lesson in welding.

animal sciences degree from Pennsylvania State University, and two years as a supervisor in a food processing facility.

Today he is employed at Rembrandt Enterprises, a food company in Rembrandt, Iowa, where his work revolves around production information management and system implementation.

“I am proud to be an alumnus of the LMH ag science and technology program,” he said. “Throughout all my experiences I have felt prepared and properly skilled ... and, most importantly, I feel I have been able to reflect the love of Christ to everyone I work with through practicing integrity and honesty in business dealings.”

At LMH, ag science and technology classes are housed in the state-of-the-art G. Parke Book Building that includes three spacious classrooms, a greenhouse, and a large laboratory for ag mechanics, small engine study, building construction and animal science. The Lancaster Campus also offers hands-on learning through its woodlands, stream, pond, and a farm located along Mill Creek Road. ❖



## Did you know?

- One in five jobs today is related to agriculture.
- New in 2009-10 at the Lancaster Campus: an FFA program for middle school students.
- LMH ag teacher Ryan King received his agricultural education degree from Penn State.
- Assistant FFA adviser Andy Hershey holds a physics degree from Millersville University and a masters from Eastern Mennonite University. Before LMH, he worked nearly nine years at Hooper, Inc., a farm machinery business in Intercourse.
- For a list of ag courses and their descriptions, go to [www.lancastermennonite.org](http://www.lancastermennonite.org) and click on High School, Educational Program, and Agriculture Science and Technology.





PAUL BRUBAKER

#### SENIOR PRESENTATION A COMMUNITY EVENT

### Looking back, looking forward

Michael Madea, front, poses with family and teachers after sharing his Senior Presentation, a requirement for all seniors at Lancaster Mennonite. With Michael are, left to right: Shirley Garber, middle school teacher/principal when Michael attended the New Danville Campus; Beth Yoder, kindergarten teacher at New Danville; Marcella Hostetler, LMH music teacher; Gretchen Madea, mother; Timothy Yoder, LMH advisor and Bible teacher; Douglas Madea, father; and Kirsten Madea, Michael's sister who graduated from LMH in 2004.

**For Gretchen Madea and her family, her son's Senior Presentation in March was a "very, very precious memory." Hearing Michael recount his K-12 journey and share career plans reminded her, again, why she and her husband, Doug, had invested in an LMS education for their children.**

The Madea family's experience was colored by the fact that several former teachers (kindergarten and middle school) cared enough to attend the presentation.

"We were so stunned," Gretchen said. "I had to hold back tears. It was just such a very pleasant surprise (to see them there)."

Michael Madea and his 163 classmates were the first class to be required to give a Senior Presentation. What makes the Senior Presentation so significant is that each student is encouraged to combine the faith, academic and social aspects of her/his life into

the presentation—a holistic approach that results in a meaningful and often emotionally moving experience for family and friends.

To prepare for this senior activity, students maintain a vocational portfolio for the duration of their education at Lancaster Mennonite. Along the way, faculty advisors guide students in reflection of their experiences, and to make this easier in high school, each student has the same advisor all four years.

When students reach grade 12, they use documents from their portfolio to give their presentation. A faculty advi-

sor plus one other high school teacher scores the students in how they share growth, school highlights, personal interests related to career ideas, and future plans. The teachers also look at factors such as eye contact, delivery and creativity. The presentation is generally held on campus after school hours.

The Senior Presentation grew out of the school's educational strategic plan to become more deliberate in helping students identify God-given gifts, interests and career options.

Following are excerpts from what Michael Madea and Jessica Zook shared as well as their responses to the Senior Presentation Program.

#### MICHAEL J. MADEA

My senior presentation went very well. I covered the areas I've grown spiritually, physically, and academically in both my home and school. Many unexpected guests arrived. Three elementary teachers came in support which blessed me very much. They had played a huge role in my early development and my victory over personal struggles.

**Spiritually:** I grew up nurtured by two parents who were also the pastors at my home congregation, Crown of Life Fellowship. At LMH, though, I grew spiritually on a different level. Because of the school's diversity of people, I met students my age who attended different church denominations. One of the most enjoyable times at LMH was learning about the differences and similarities of various Christian brothers. I finally was able to see that, though we are all part of one body of Christ, that body is made up of many different kinds of people. I got to see worship presented

in various ways and heard sermons from diverse speakers who cared about the next generation.

The Bible classes were full of both "gold nuggets" of knowledge and deep spiritual discussions. Kingdom Living was my most fulfilling Bible class at LMH. There I learned to question my spiritual beliefs and to fortify them with the word of God. I also learned to become Kingdom minded in my journey through life. The class became an environment that both grounded my spiritual beliefs and prepared me for tough spiritual discussions in the college realm.

**Physically:** I grew up participating in active competitions and events. In elementary and middle school I competed in various track and field events. I also joined the middle school soccer teams and played soccer at LMH for two years. During my last two years at LMH I joined the drama department and explored a hidden dancing talent. LMH enabled me to explore my capabilities through its variety of activities and clubs.

**Academically:** I had struggled academically in my elementary years at New Danville. With a history of failing math and reading backwards, I was tested by a psychologist to discover how I think and reason with problems and ideas. The tests showed I had good learning potential but was slow in reaching the answers to problems.

Going into my middle school years, the school worked hard to accommodate this problem. From then on I decided to face this struggle and work hard to make a positive transformation. High school became my playing field

to test my academic ability in order to win the reward of excellence. Starting freshman year, I made a goal to graduate with a 4.0 GPA. I decided to challenge myself with AP courses in chemistry and math. I took AP Calculus and finished with an "A" in the class. I also made the honor role and became a member of National Honor Society.

With plenty of prayer, positive confessions, and encouragement from family and teachers, I met my old goal on June 5, 2010—graduation day. Looking back I didn't know for sure that I was going to make it this far, but now I am encouraged and am setting new goals for college.



#### JESSICA ZOOK

Making my senior presentation helped me realize how many activities are available at LMH. I tried to get involved in a lot of different areas of the school while I had the chance and it definitely paid off. It made me realize how many different types of people I had become friends with from participating in

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES REFLECT LMS MISSION

## Students helping students



EDIE HESS

In top right photo, Anya Kreider, 2012, tutors middle school math students. In above photo, Heather Gochnauer, 2010, reads to New Danville second graders during National Reading Week.

**For two months this past year Nick Piraino, 2011, tutored a Lancaster Campus middle school student who was having difficulty learning pre-algebra in the larger classroom setting.**

“The student that I helped seemed hesitant at first to work with me but after a couple days of learning about each other ... we grew into friends,” Piraino said. “I looked forward to the class because I felt like every day ... he made significant progress.”

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Brenda Bare sees tutoring and other kinds of service opportunities—especially activities where a relationship

is developed—as settings where high schoolers can discover their God-given gifts and experience the value of serving others.

“And it develops their ability to work with people,” she said, “a great skill to have in the work force.”

For Piraino, tutoring was such a positive experience because it made him realize how sharing his gifts could help others. It was tremendously affirming when he discovered unique ways to make algebra lessons interesting—ones that actually helped his student learn.

Superintendent Richard Thomas sees service as an integral part of the school’s mission to “transform students

so they can change our world through Christlike love, peacemaking and service.”

“By getting involved in service in high school, many students will develop a lifestyle of service,” he said.

Bare, who also is a math teacher, said tutoring is very effective because hearing a lesson—math, for example—from several different persons reinforces the concepts. Besides, she said the younger students really look up to and value the high school students.

“When the younger students see what the older ones have learned already, this builds excitement for learning,” she said. “They want to emulate these older students.”

This past year 22 student tutors served in middle school classes and the Learning Support classroom.

Subject areas included science, math, language arts, music, middle school FFA, and ELL (English Language Learners). See sidebar at right for additional ways students are working with younger students.

Bare believes these student/student relationships build community throughout the school.

“It helps our elementary students connect with the whole of LMS rather than just their individual campus,” she said. ❖

*Students interested in tutoring during 2010-11 should contact their assigned guidance counselor. Students receive a half credit for all peer tutoring assignments, plus the experience is great to list on one’s resume. A non-credit opportunity called “Service” is also available.*

### Senior Presentations, continued from pg. 7

activities in various areas of the school. I got to know people on athletic teams, in the drama and music departments, in the LMH newspaper, and in some other organizations. It was fun for me to look back over all of my high school memories at LMH and see how the different activities impacted my friends and my lifestyle. I have had such a good high school experience and I owe a lot of that to my opportunities at LMH.

Playing volleyball at LMH made me realize how blessed I was to play a sport in a Christian setting. We had devotions before every game, and team

members were really supportive of each other. Participating in the dramas at LMH helped me to branch out of my friend group and learn to relate with different people and personalities. My involvement in Student Advancement Committee gave me the opportunity to give tours to prospective students and helped me realize how much I love LMH. I was able to go on and on about all of the opportunities there are, and I enjoyed trying to show the people how much LMH had impacted my life.

I plan to attend West Virginia University and major in pharmacy. I attend New Holland Mennonite Church. ❖

## Other ways high school students are relating to younger students

- Mentoring middle school students through PALS (Peer Assistance Leadership)
- Reading to kindergarten students
- Assisting teachers in music classes—Lancaster’s middle school choir and Locust Grove’s band
- Family & Consumer Sciences child development classes hosting/visiting kindergarten students
- FFA teaching K-3 students about farm animals at LMS farm
- Athletes assisting with Kraybill’s track and field day
- FFA helping New Danville start a garden



CANDACE ROSENBERY

Benjamin Kennel, 2012, assists second grade teacher Audrey Yoder during Kraybill’s annual track and field day.



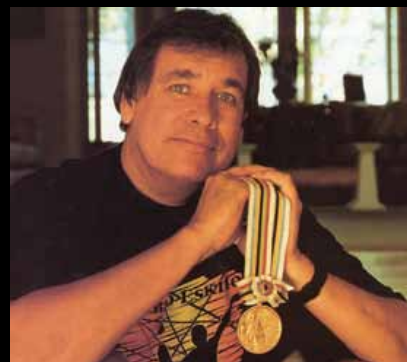


Something for everyone—alumni, parents, staff and students!

# Providing a Christ-centered education for our students

## 2010 FALL FESTIVAL and HOMECOMING

### Olympic Gold Medalist Billy Mills to speak



Olympic Gold Medalist and Christian motivational speaker Billy Mills will talk at the school's High Fine Arts Center Saturday, November 20, at 11:30 a.m. Mills was the 1964 Olympic 10,000 meter Gold Medalist in one of the greatest upsets in Olympic history. Mills will share how he came from one of the poorest Indian reservations and overcame prejudice and impossible odds to achieve his stunning victory. He also will serve as official starter at the school's Iron Bridge 5K Run/Walk at 9:30 a.m.

For ticket information, contact LMH cross country coach Mark Gallagher at (717) 823-2027 or coachgallagher16@gmail.com.

### Need more info?

For information regarding all Fall Fest events, go to [www.lancastermennonite.org](http://www.lancastermennonite.org) or contact Matt Weaver at (717) 299-0436, ext. 706, or [weaverm@lancastermennonite.org](mailto:weaverm@lancastermennonite.org).

## Schedule of events

### Thursday, November 18

#### High School Fall Drama, *Fools*

High Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. Don't miss this wonderfully funny, yet profound fable—for all ages. See details at [www.lancastermennonite.org](http://www.lancastermennonite.org).

Adults \$8.00

Students \$5.00

Tickets sold at the door or call (717) 299-0436, ext. 340.



### Friday, November 19

#### All-you-can-eat Hess's Barbecue (Pig Roast and Chicken)

Alumni Dining Hall

Take-outs: 2:30-8 p.m. • Dine in: 4:30-8 p.m.

Adults \$9.50 • Children 3-12 \$5.00

#### Class Reunions

1950: Rutt Academic Center atrium, 4 p.m.

1965: Classroom Bldg., Media Center, 5 p.m.

1970: Classroom Bldg., room 115, 6:30 p.m.

1975: Classroom Bldg., room 200, 6 p.m.

#### High School Fall Drama, *Fools*

High Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

### Thank you!

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### Saturday, November 20



JONATHAN CHARLES

#### 3 v 3 Basketball Tournament

Gym B, 8:30 a.m. • Registration 7:45 a.m.

#### Country Breakfast

Alumni Dining Hall, 8:30-11 a.m., \$5.00

#### Iron Bridge 5K Benefit Run/Walk

Outside Gym A, 9:30 a.m.

Registration 8:30 a.m.

#### Olympic Gold Medalist Billy Mills

High Fine Arts Center, 11:30 a.m.

#### Alumni Literary & Culinary Adventures

International Food 1-3:30, Rutt Ctr. Atrium

Author Talks 1:30-3:30, High Fine Arts Ctr.

Book Signing 3:30 in Gathering Area

#### Silent Auction

Gathering Area, 5-7:30 p.m.

Alumni Dining Hall

#### Benefit Dinner & Specialty Auction

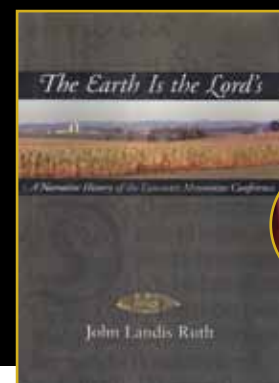
Alumni Dining Hall

Appetizers/Sale Preview 5 p.m.

Dinner/Auction 6 p.m.

#### High School Fall Drama, *Fools*

High Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.



## Alumni Literary & Culinary Adventures

At Lancaster Mennonite School we celebrate our diversity. Appropriate, then, that Saturday, November 20, features Native American and Olympic Gold Medalist Billy Mills in the morning and a feast of international stories and cuisine in the afternoon.

Titled "Alumni Literary and Culinary Adventures," the afternoon events include three alumni authors discussing their writings and international experiences (1:30-3:30 p.m. in the High Fine Arts Center) in this order: John Ruth, Patricia Lehman McFarlane and Peter Dula. Immediately following, the authors will sign and sell their publica-



tions in the Gathering Area. The book signing is open to other alumni authors as well. If interested, call Matt Weaver at (717) 299-0436, ext. 706.

From 1-3:30 p.m., LMS teachers, students and parents will serve South Korean, Chinese, Haitian and Hispanic food samples in the Rutt Academic Center atrium. A \$5.00 ticket (\$2.00 for ages 3-12) covers the author talks and food.

#### Benefit Dinner and Specialty Auction

Saturday evening, registered guests will enjoy fine dining and a specialty auction in Alumni Dining Hall.

The auction will include items such as a Liz Hess "Red Umbrella" original that depicts early school buildings (to benefit the Kristin Palazzo Visual Arts Endowment), art by Velma Magill, Hershey quilt, student apple pies, Ethiopian meal, turkey dinner for 30, and a Hilton Head Island villa for one week.

## REGISTRATION FORM

### Indicate No. of persons for each event

\_\_\_\_\_ Benefit Dinner & Specialty Auction (\$50 each)

\_\_\_\_\_ Alumni Literary & Culinary Adventures (\$5.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child ages 3-12)

\_\_\_\_\_ Iron Bridge Run/Walk (\$30 each)

### Amt. Enclosed

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**Instructions:** Please return this form with payment to LMS Fall Festival & Homecoming, 2176 Lincoln Hwy. East, Lancaster, PA 17602. Please register by November 2. See Benefit Dinner menu and other details at [www.lancastermennonite.org](http://www.lancastermennonite.org).

## Meet our guest authors



John Ruth, 1948, Harleysville, Pa., was ordained as a Franconia Mennonite Conference minister at age 20 and served as associate pastor of Salford Mennonite Church 1972-1993. Today he serves as a commenta-

tor for Tourmagination's historical tours in Europe. He graduated from Eastern University and received his doctorate from Harvard University. His books include *Conrad Grebel, Son of Zurich* (1975); *A Quiet and Peaceable Life* (1985); *The Earth is the Lord's: A Narrative History of the Lancaster Mennonite Conference* (2001); and *Forgiveness: A Legacy of the West Nickle Mines Amish School* (2007); and others. He has produced over 30 films and videos.



Patricia Lehman McFarlane, 1970, Goshen Ind., teaches communication at Goshen College. Her presentation will include monologues from her play, *Heavenly Voices*, which tells stories of Mennonite women

of color around the United States. The play, impacted by experiences in her interracial/intercultural family, is part of her doctoral research for her Ph.D. She received English degrees from Eastern Mennonite University and Georgetown University. McFarlane is a former LMS teacher and also taught at Franklin & Marshall College, Millersville University, California State University San Bernardino, and University of Redlands.



Peter Dula, 1988, Harrisonburg, Va., is assistant professor of Religion and Culture at Eastern Mennonite University. Before coming to EMU in 2006 he was the Iraq program coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee.

He has taught at Lancaster Mennonite High School and at the Meserete Kristos College in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where he was a Fulbright scholar in 2001-02. He is the author of *Cavell, Companionship and Christian Theology*.





Coach Dale Stoltzfus and Taylor Wenger, 2010.

## Celebrating Achievements

### STUDENTS HONORED IN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Seniors Kyle Kreider and Matthew Lauver have been named semifinalists in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program.



Kyle Kreider

### STUDENT NEWSPAPER RECEIVES TOP RATING

The high school student newspaper, the *Millstream*, recently received a first place rating from the American Scholastic Press Association for work done during the 2009-10 school year.



Matthew Lauver

### SECTION CHAMPS

LMH girls soccer won their section championship and advanced to District and State play. Coach Dale Stoltzfus was L-L League Coach of the Year, and Taylor Wenger, 2010, was Section Most Valuable Player.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL RUNNERS EXCEL

For the 13th consecutive year for the girls and eighth for the boys, Kraybill track teams placed first in the Commonwealth Christian Athletic Conference (CCAC) track and field championship. At the Mid-Atlantic Christian Schools Association (MACSA) event, the boys placed first and the girls second.

In May, Locust Grove middle schooler Lindsey Kreider took first place in the 100 meter dash at the Mid-Atlantic Christian School Association (MACSA) Track and Field Day at Messiah College.

### TOP DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Twelve seniors received top department awards at the high school awards assembly in May. In photo below they are, front, left to right: Lisa Weaver, science; Bethany Rudy, family and consumer sciences; Brooke Phipps, social studies; Lillian Mozloom, business; Casey Kelly, agriculture; and Kyle Siegfried, physical education. Back, left to right: Noah Jemison, science; Aaron Gish, mathematics; Erica Engle, art; Nicole E. Leaman, world language; Logan Ressler, music; and Travis Gehman, technology education.



The school's 4 x 800 meter relay team celebrates after placing 8th at states with a time of 7:59.39, beating their districts qualifier time of 8:07.82. Left to right, they are Keith Mast, Ben Shoff, Ryan Schloneger and Zach Zook.



On June 5, 164 seniors joined about 10,000 others in becoming LMH alumni. The 10 a.m. commencement ceremony concluded with the traditional gathering on the front lawn where, forming a large circle, the graduates bowed their heads as Assistant Interim Principal Dawn Landes offered a prayer of blessing. The prayer was followed by a celebrative mortarboard toss. Guest speaker for the morning was Keith Weaver, LMS parent and moderator of Lancaster Conference of Mennonite Church USA. The evening before, three seniors spoke at the Class Dedication program. Shown at right with Weaver, they are, left to right: Aaron Gish, Brooke Phipps and Seth Moffett.

### STAFF RECOGNIZED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

This spring, 37 staff persons were recognized at the school-wide Staff Appreciation Celebration, including high school social studies teacher Allan Shirk who retired after 29 years of teaching, and two other high school teachers for 35 years of service—Verlen Rufenacht, business education, and Merle Reinford, mathematics.

Recognized for 30 years: Janet Kreider, Kraybill (KR) administrative assistant; Kenneth Schildt, KR social studies/athletics; Dorothy Weber, Lancaster (Lanc.) family and consumer sciences/food services. For 25 years: Fern Clemmer, communications; Lois Kennel, KR special education. For 20 years: Dean Brubaker, Lanc. mathematics; Paul Brubaker, Lanc. photography; Cara Engle, KR grade 3; Duane Evans, Lanc. chemistry; Dorothy Hershey, KR grade 1; Gary Hiller, director of marketing; Mildred Martin, KR administrative assistant; Jane Moyer, Lanc. English; Cheri Rittner, KR teacher assistant; Christopher Peterson, Locust Grove Campus (LG) grade 5; Aden Stoltzfus, Lanc. technology education; Carolyn Weaver, Lanc. food services (retiring).

For 15 years: Kriston Horst, Lanc. English; Jonathan Metzler, Lanc. English; Jessica Newswanger, LG grade 3; Neil Reinford, LG science and mathematics; Irene Sensenig, Lanc. food services; Jane Yoder, KR kindergarten.

For 10 years: Troy Bomberger, New Danville (ND) physical education; Carol Dale, Lanc. art; Anita Dickert, KR Learning Support; Miriam Dohner, KR busing; Kathleen Engle, Lanc. English; Wayne Lehman, Lanc. middle school science; William Mitten, Lanc. music; Nathan Rush, LG language arts; Galen Sauder, Lanc. middle school social studies; Dawnell Yoder, LG teacher assistant. ❖



Allan Shirk



Verlen Rufenacht



Merle Reinford



## Wikis enhance learning, communication

**For several years, LMS teachers have been using wikis to enhance their curriculum and communicate with students and their parents.**

A wiki is a web site most often used for collaboration because the creator of the wiki can allow others to also edit it. It has had an increased use in schools because of this collaboration aspect as well as its discussion feature, privacy options, and wide application. Following are some of the ways wikis are used at LMS:

- Teachers use them to connect students to web sites, videos, assignments, google calendars, and information/pictures related to subjects students are studying in class.
- Lancaster Campus Spanish teachers show students how to pronounce passages they need to memorize; the teachers also upload audio of students talking, to aid in grading the work.
- Some classes record their poetry to share with others.
- Seventh grade teacher Jeffrey Pauls (Lancaster Campus) posts videos to help drama students with their acting techniques.
- Kraybill seventh grade social studies students made podcasts (video and audio) about Egypt and created online quizzes.

This past spring Janice Greenleaf, a sixth grade teacher at the Lancaster Campus, used the computer program, "Audacity," to show her students how to prepare their book reports before uploading them to a wiki where parents, grandparents and others could view them. Says Greenleaf: "You wouldn't believe how serious the sixth graders were as they read their reports into the microphones. They wanted it to be perfect because they knew it would be online for others to hear." ❖

## Donors provide Gateway to Kraybill match

Conversations started at a dinner hosted by Randy and Betsy Wolgemuth have resulted in a \$105,000 match to help move the \$1.2 million Gateway to Kraybill renovations to groundbreaking. Construction may begin in March if 80 percent of the cost is committed in cash/pledges. To learn how you can help make this project a reality for our Kraybill students, contact Director of Advancement Heidi Stoltzfus at [stoltzfushe@lancastermennonite.org](mailto:stoltzfushe@lancastermennonite.org) or (717) 299-0436, ext. 308. ❖

MATTHEW WEAVER



In the spring, LMS friends gathered at the home of Randy and Betsy Wolgemuth to hear about the vision for the Gateway to Kraybill project. The project will provide a new entrance, an enlarged lobby, an additional classroom for PreK or kindergarten, relocated offices, enlarged middle school hallways, and changes that will improve security and the flow of student traffic.



Technology coordinator Valerie Garton, far right, and Lancaster sixth grade teacher Janice Greenleaf show Greenleaf's students how to share their book reports through a wiki.

## Endowment for early childhood

In May, friends and classmates of Betty Newswanger joined LMS staff for a tea that celebrated Betty's life and introduced the endowment established in her name.

Betty, a 1960 LMH graduate who was involved in early childhood education for over 40 years, died in July 2009. The Betty Hershey Newswanger Memorial Early Education Endowment will enable more families to take advantage of the school's early childhood program while it enriches and maintains a quality curriculum. Endowment gifts can be sent to Heidi Stoltzfus at Lancaster Mennonite School, 2176 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA 17602. Please make your check payable to LMS and clearly designate it for the Betty Newswanger Endowment.

In photo, looking at a display at the tea are, left-right: Wesley Newswanger, 1957 (Betty's husband); Peg Groff Engle, 1960; Mabel Jean Boll Baum, 1960; and Anna Mae Herr, 1960. ❖



HEIDI STOLTZFUS

## Mark your calendar

October 11	Prospective Student Day at all campuses
October 17	Fall Open House, 1-3 p.m. at Lancaster Campus
November 18-20	High School Play, <i>Fools</i> , 7:30 p.m. at Lanc.
November 19-20	Fall Festival and Homecoming, Lancaster Campus
December 2	Menn. Children's Choir at Erisman Menn., 7 p.m.
December 4	Menn. Children's Choir at NewSong, 4 p.m.
December 12	Menn. Children's Choir at Akron Menn., 6 p.m.
December 16	Middle School Christmas Concert at Lanc., 7 p.m.
December 19	High School Christmas Concert, 3 p.m.

## Students care for the environment

In the spring, 15 LMH students began a composting program that demonstrates the value of composting as it decreases the trash stream and adds nutrient-rich humus to the school's topsoil.

Christine Baer, 2010, caught the vision when she attended a band festival at Eastern Mennonite High School (Harrisonburg, Virginia) and saw students collecting food waste in their cafeteria as part of their composting program.

Each day students collect food waste from the school kitchen, the dining room, and the Family & Consumer Sciences foods classes. Then they put the waste into composting bins on the south edge of campus. A lot of food waste can be recycled into humus that, when added to topsoil, results in greatly enriched soil that can be used around campus and in horticulture and forestry classes. At right, Chloe Mattilio, 2013, participates in the program by adding her lunch scraps to the collection container. ❖





## CLASS REUNIONS

Forty-three 1980 classmates plus spouses met July 31 to celebrate their 30th class reunion. The event, held in the LMS Alumni Dining Hall, included a "delicious meal" catered by Dottie Weber plus a multimedia presentation by Nanette Miller Lamb that included high school and current photos as well as events from 1980. At right are, left to right: Marlin and Doreen Becker, along with Dawn Oberholtzer Winey and husband, Rich.



RACHEL GAGE



JONATHAN CHARLES

One of the highlights of the 1960 class reunion was the "Oneanddone" quartet made up of Harold Hess, Carroll Lehman, Lorraine Murphy and Rhoda Longenecker. Word has it they may not be "done" if future reunion planners have their way. Another highlight was the compilation of a memory book that enjoyed a nearly 100 percent participation. The event drew a great turnout—81 of 118 living class members (plus 73 spouses). It was held at LMH.

## CLASS NOTES

Four 1961 graduates who sang together in high school lost contact with each other but were recently reunited through a class reunion. When they discovered they hadn't lost their touch, they decided to continue singing together. To schedule the Reunion Harmony Quartet, contact **Henry Erb** at (717) 291-9756 or prosper8@verizon.net. The other three singers are **Wesley Mast**, **Ed Moshier** and **Ken Nissley**.

**Susan Weaver Godshall, 1961**, Lancaster, completed her term as chair of the Eastern Mennonite University board in June, turning over the gavel to **Andrew Dula, 1987**, Lancaster. Godshall has served as chair since 2004. Dula, who is chief financial officer for E.G. Stoltzfus Construction, will serve a three-year term as board chair.

**Allon Lefever, 1964**, Harrisonburg, Va., has been appointed board chair for Mennonite Economic Development Association, (MEDA).

In January, **Gerald Keener, 1969**, Lancaster, was appointed chief operations officer for Eastern Mennonite Missions, Salunga. He began a second role in March as a non-resident missionary to Vietnam, working with pastoral training. Keener served in Vietnam for 12 years with his wife, Donna.

**Liz Hess, 1983**, Lancaster, artist and owner of the Liz Hess Art Gallery, unveiled three paintings she created to share the story of the children of Israel (portrayed as West Africans) traveling to the Promised Land. The paintings were developed in consultation with Beryl Forrester, an Eastern Mennonite Missions worker in Guinea-Bissau. They were taken to Africa in April and given to Forrester by Lisa Landis, anchor of WJTL's "Get Up and Go Show," who reported on the people, culture, and work of EMM.

**Lynette Mellinger Nisly, 1986**, Lancaster, graduated from Millersville University in May with a master's in social work. She continues to work for Bethanna, a Christian foster care and adoption agency, now as supervisor of foster care in the Lancaster area.

In June, **Susan Gascho-Cooke, 1993**, Lancaster, was installed as lead pastor at Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster. Gascho-Cooke graduated from Eastern Mennonite University, received her Master of Divinity from Emory University's Candler School of Theology, and became certified in Clinical Pastoral Education in 2005. She worked as a pastor and chaplain during her 11 years in Atlanta, Ga.

**Kate Hass Goree, 1999**, Downingtown, graduated from Immaculate University this spring with a master's of counseling degree.

In April, four LMH alumni joined Eastern Mennonite Missions in a week of flood cleanup in Cusco, Peru. The alumni are: **Jared Nissley, 2003**; **Jon Heinly, 2003**; **Brittany Clemmer Thiesen, 2004**; and **Meghan Hoover, 2005**.

**Philip L. Shirk, 2003**, Conestoga, who attends Virginia Commonwealth University, received a Fulbright Scholarship for the 2010-11 academic year. He is



Philip Shirk, 2003

pursuing a master's degree in biology and will use the scholarship to travel to Tanzania to study the ecology and potential effects of harvesting on chameleons in the East Usambara mountains.

**Sarah Roth, 2006**, Harrisonburg, Va., recently received the President's Award at Eastern Mennonite University. The 2010 graduate and history major was a four-year starter on the field hockey team, a member of the student government, a Marshall Scholar, and co-presi-

dent of the senior class.

**Alexandra Bybel, 2006**, Lancaster, was recently named the Centennial Conference Women's Tennis Player of the Week and Co-Most Valuable Player for Dickinson College's tennis team. She graduated from Dickinson in May with a degree in economics/political science. A year ago, her sister, **Victoria Bybel, 2007**, Lancaster, was named Freedom Conference Tournament Most Valuable Player, Freedom Conference Player of the Year, and Wilkes University Women's Athlete of the Year. Victoria is a business major in her senior year at Wilkes University. Both women are Certified PTR tennis instructors and teach tennis as private and camp instructors.

**Matthew Burkhardt, 2009**, Lancaster, helped Messiah College's golf team capture their first Commonwealth Conference Championship and qualify for the 2010 NCAA Division III National Championships.

**Deryl Denlinger, 1976**, and son, **David Denlinger, 2009**, both of Lancaster, won the inaugural two-day Pennsylvania Golf Association Father & Son Championship this summer at Hershey Country Club.

## MARRIAGES

**Ray Fisher, 1989**, and Joy Jones, March 16, 2008. They live in Lancaster.

**Joy Kraybill, 1991**, and Thomas Morgan, April 16, 2010. They live in the Washington, D.C. area.

**Brian Longenecker, 1994**, and Lara Nissley, 1994, June 26, 2010. They live in Findlay, Ohio.

**Courtlyn Martin, 1996**, and **Kimberly Garrett, 1996**, June 26, 2010. They are living in Lancaster City.

**Eric Kennel, 1999**, and Elizabeth (Beth) Hackman, August 7, 2010. They are living in Lancaster City.

**Paul Hostetter, 2001**, and Sarah Ann Clark, November 7, 2009. They live in Rembrandt, Iowa.

**Karl Metzler, 2003**, and **Kelly Stoltzfus, 2006**, July 25, 2010. They live in Lancaster. Kelly just graduated from Lancaster College of Nursing. Karl is employed by Christiana Cabinetry, Atglen.

**Ryan Matthew Lapp, 2005**, and **Christie Alison Kelly, 2007**, August 28, 2010. They live in Lancaster.

**Jamie Yoder, 2006**, and **Amy Denlinger, 2006**, June 19, 2010. They live in Lancaster.

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## 2010 CLASS REUNIONS

1950 ▶ Nov. 19      1955 ▶ Oct. 19-20  
1965 ▶ Nov. 19      1970 ▶ Nov. 19  
1975 ▶ Nov. 19

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## DID YOU KNOW?

- Alumni and parents raised a record \$257,642, including \$137,390 in Challenge Fund dollars, during the annual phonathon. THANK YOU!
- For the school's "green" online 2009-10 donor list, go to [www.lancastermennonite.org](http://www.lancastermennonite.org). Click on "Support Us" and "2009-10 Donor List." THANK YOU for your faithful support!
- You can access the school's Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube at the top right of any school web page. Go to [www.lancastermennonite.org](http://www.lancastermennonite.org).
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CLASS REUNIONS, continued

The 1990 class reunion drew 28 classmates from Calif., Texas, Va., Kan., and Pa. to enjoy a “plaza” potluck outside the High Fine Arts Center. A tour of campus changes—“Quite a few!” says Jan Good Bollinger—also included a walk down memory lane in the “old dorm.” Eighteen spouses and 19 children brought the total to 65. For reunion reports and photos, also go to [www.lancastermennonite.org](http://www.lancastermennonite.org) and click on “alumni.”



JAN GOOD BOLLINGER

Clifford Horst, 1995

Alum takes workplace skills to church

When Cliff Horst was called four years ago to serve as a deacon at Strasburg Mennonite Church, he was surprised at how many of his workplace skills came in handy at church.

Public speaking, for example. As an Information Technology (IT) principal at Reinsel Kuntz Leshner LLP, he gives many sales presentations, and at church he moderates worship, assists with communion, and preaches occasionally. Organization is another important skill as he juggles church meetings and work deadlines. A third is leadership.

“The leadership qualities required in both roles are also very similar,” he said. “While I am sometimes out of my comfort zone, it is exciting to experience growth, and it will be neat to see the plans the Lord has for me in the future.”

Horst began working at Reinsel Kuntz Leshner LLP (RKL) in 2002 and has served as a principal for the firm’s IT Services Group for the past one and a half years. Prior to RKL, Horst worked five years as a senior consultant for Arthur Andersen Business Consulting in Lancaster.

Before LMH, Horst attended Locust Grove K-8. He graduated from Messiah College in 1998 with a B.S. in Information Systems. He and his wife, Roselle, have two children—Ella, 6, and Truman, 3.

My deacon work

Besides the tasks mentioned earlier, my work as an ordained deacon includes

serving as a treasurer for our building and benevolence funds, visiting those in hospitals and retirement homes, and attending Church Council and Stewardship Committee meetings. The ministry team consists of lead pastor Steve Weaver, former LMS patron; associate pastor John Meck, 1981; deacon Steve Good, 1987; and myself. We are all bi-vocational, so church members share the load by getting involved at many levels. At Strasburg, the deacon position is a life-long service.

Family connection

It is kind of neat to be serving at Strasburg because my mother’s father, Melvin Barge, as well as my father’s mother, Ruth Shultz, grew up there. It has been really special to hear stories about my grandparents (now deceased).

My IT position

My team focuses on implementing software applications and the data conversion, training, and support that is required when a company switches software systems.

What I enjoy most at work

I enjoy troubleshooting ... finding a resolution to a software problem and getting a client through a difficult time. I also enjoy the variety of work. I may meet with a new prospect and find out the inner-workings of their business, work on a proposal for a new client, install or learn a new software applica-



Cliff Horst is an Information Technology principal at Reinsel Kuntz Leshner LLP, the largest Pa. accounting firm not based in Philadelphia or Pittsburgh. The firm has more than 200 employees and locations in Lancaster, Reading, Harrisburg, and soon in York County.

tion, convert a customer’s data from one application to another, or troubleshoot various issues. The variety keeps it fresh and interesting.

How LMS has impacted me

Lancaster Mennonite provided me with a good education while still placing an emphasis on service and living out your faith. I found that emphasis helpful as I was called to serve as a deacon.

Best thing about LMS

I enjoyed the relationships with teachers and students that still exist so many years later.

Just for fun

I enjoy spending time with my family and listening to music. In addition, I enjoy watching and playing golf and basketball, and I’m an avid Phillies and Eagles fan. ❖



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BIRTHS

Gordon and **Valerie Clemmer, 1990, Anderson**, Newport, Va., first child, a son, Evan Fraser, July 18, 2010.  
Dawn and **Justin Leaman, 1991**, Lancaster, a son, Connor Bennett, September 2, 2009.

Robert and **Addy Trager, 1993, Dangler**, Lancaster, first child, Liam Patrick, March 24, 2010.

Steve and **Tara Bare, 1996, Kenkelen**, Lancaster, first child, a son, Asher Stephen, July 31, 2010.

Aaron and **Lisa Smoker, 1996, Underwood**, Quarryville, a son, Owen Melville, October 9, 2005; daughter Audrey Jane, August 23, 2007; daughter Claudia Grace, October 30, 2009.

**J. Daniel, 1998**, and **Amy Hess, 1997, Hess**, Wilmington, Del., a son, Edwin Daniel, April 1, 2010.

Amos and **Jodi Nolt, 1998, Burkepille**, Elizabethtown, a son, Owen Matthew, January 1, 2010.

Derrick and **Jessica Rohrer, 1998, Weaver**, Elizabethtown, second child, first daughter, Abigail Mae, August 3, 2009.

Greg and **Doreen Shirk, 2001, Nicholas**, Woodstock, Va., a son, Joshua Paul, February 19, 2010.

**Derrick, 2001**, and **Rebekah Good Charles**, Harrisonburg, Va., a daughter, Lia Good, March 22, 2010.

Thomas and **Joy Zimmerman, 2003, Haller**, Denver, second daughter, Juliana Elizabeth, January 8, 2010.

DEATHS

**Alta Mae Landis, 1946**, Lancaster, August 2, 2010.

**Arlene Miller, 1947**, Mount Joy, July 14, 2010.

**Dale M. Weaver, 1956**, New Holland, June 13, 2010, after a brief battle with cancer.

**John Daniel Stahl, 1969**, Blacksburg, Va., July 15, 2010, of chronic lymphocytic leukemia.

**John J. Miller**, Lancaster (faculty), August 1, 2010, after a brain tumor. He taught music 11 years at Locust Grove and 16 years at LMH, retiring in 2008. ❖



John J. Miller





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## Fall Visitation/Mennonite Sports Organization

### PROSPECTIVE STUDENT DAY, ALL CAMPUSES

#### Monday, October 11

- High school: 8:05 a.m.–3:05 p.m.
- Other grades: morning only
- To register, call Kraybill at (717) 653-5236; Lancaster at (717) 299-0436, ext. 312; Locust Grove at (717) 394-7107; and New Danville at (717) 872-2506.

### OPEN HOUSE, LANCASTER CAMPUS

#### Sunday, October 17, 1–3 p.m.

Information about all four campuses

- Tours and conversations with teachers
- Program information
- Scholarship information
- Refreshments

### MENNONITE SPORTS ORGANIZATION

#### Register now for basketball

The Mennonite Sports Organization (MSO) will offer boys and girls basketball for grades 2–6, beginning in November. To assure a spot on the team, register now by going to [www.mennonitesports.org](http://www.mennonitesports.org) or e-mailing [mso@lancastermennonite.org](mailto:mso@lancastermennonite.org). The fall season (boys soccer and girls field hockey) enjoyed a record-breaking enrollment. Girls soccer, PreK–6, will be offered in the spring.



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