

An abstract painting with swirling colors of green, blue, yellow, and red, creating a sense of movement and depth. The colors are blended and layered, with some areas appearing more saturated than others.

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Cover art: This oil painting, titled *Kosmic Koi II*, was done by Megan Heisey Fleming, a 1995 LMH graduate living in Goshen, Ind. Megan entered this piece in the alumni art exhibit that was held at the Lancaster Campus on November 21 (full view shown here).



from the superintendent

Nurturing the whole child

"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. ... so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children."
— Psalm 78: 4-6



J. Richard Thomas

Recently I have been drawn to Psalm 78 when thinking about an LMS education. The psalmist makes the case that educating a generation of students leaves a legacy that will continue as generations yet unborn are impacted by the education of this generation.

Faith and values are passed on best when education is holistic—when it touches both hearts and minds, when it cares about the social, emotional, spiritual and academic development of the child and teen. At LMS, this is at the heart of our vision. In partnership with you, we nurture respect, responsibility, perseverance, the ability to work in teams, spiritual disciplines, listening skills, leadership, thinking and analysis skills, discernment skills, reverence for life, empathy, and Christian discipleship. These skills and others combine to form a person's emotional intelligence.

We know that about 80 percent of success in life is determined by Emotional Quotient (EQ) while only 20 percent is determined by Intelligence Quotient (IQ). One of the reasons for the success of our graduates is that we educate and nurture the whole child—academic, social, spiritual and physical.

We continue to improve our PreK-12 curriculum and classroom environments to not only reach academic goals but to also help our students develop crucial EQ skills. In this way LMS is participating in the vision of Psalm 78—educating this generation in a way that leaves a legacy for generations yet unborn.

As I hear public school teachers lament the strictures on curriculum related to the "No Child Left Behind" law, I celebrate that LMS teachers are free to offer a holistic education—one that grows out of faith commitments that touch hearts and minds, one that nurtures the EQ so important for our children's success in all of life. I celebrate, too, that this holistic educational vision, this "LMS Difference," does not require sacrificing achievement, as evidenced by strong scores in college entrance exams and achievement tests.

Thank you for partnering with us in providing our children with an education that leaves a legacy for future generations. Shalom!—jrt

P.S. Please help us by sending names and contact information for potential students for the 2010-11 school year. In doing so, you will empower us to extend the mission of this holistic education. ❖

Alum returns as principal at Lancaster

Thirty-one years ago Elvin Kennel was an LMS student with teachers such as Richard Thomas, Dan Dietzel and Merle Reinford. Beginning in July, these persons will be colleagues for the 1979 alumnus as he assumes the role of principal at the Lancaster Campus, which serves grades 6-12.

Kennel replaces Miles Yoder who this past summer was named assistant superintendent for the Lancaster Mennonite School system. Steve Geyer is serving as interim principal and Dawn Landes as interim assistant principal.

For the past 10 years, Kennel has served as principal at West Fallowfield Christian School. Prior to that he served two years as assistant principal at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School. He also taught science for 16 years at Christopher Dock, Penn View Christian and Linville Hill Mennonite.

Kennel says he is excited that LMS is part of his ongoing ministry in Christian education.

"I have found places like LMS to be wonderful grounds for dialogue and serious conversation as the intersection of social issues and faith come together naturally," he said. "In education, you have more time to flesh out issues and to talk openly."

Kennel says academic excellence and the spiritual growth of students and adults are his top priorities in his new role.

"I have been blessed to have worked in schools where this uncompromisingly was the focus," he said, "and I believe

that this is already an established goal at LMS."

Kennel says having two children at LMS (Benjamin is a sophomore and Rachel a senior) has rekindled a deep appreciation for the school.

"I have been richly blessed by their friends and the wonderful families (these friends) represent," he said. "I have seen the LMS community in times of celebration—as Rachel played in the state championship games the last two years (soccer)—but also in times of tears as we grieved together the loss of life. My view of LMS has been shaped by both as we have experienced the highs and lows of life in a community of love."

When asked what he is looking forward to the most in returning to his alma mater, Kennel said it is getting to know the larger LMS community, including its broad diversity.

"The cultural diversity of the school has increased since I have been there," he said. "Diversity can bring community strength or division, and I look forward to working together in making sure that it continues to be part of our strength."

Superintendent Richard Thomas says part of the discernment process in selecting a new principal was getting feedback from faculty. According to Thomas, Kennel meets the criteria the faculty listed.

"Elvin is called to this position with a proven track record and a passion for the way Mennonite Christian education transforms lives," he said. "We are excited to welcome Elvin back to LMS as Lancaster Campus principal." ❖

GETTING TO KNOW ELVIN KENNEL

Students might be surprised to know - I love sports of all kinds.

Favorite subjects when I was an LMH student - The biological sciences, especially anatomy and physiology.

Favorite LMH memory - Leading the senior class hoagie sale where we made over 9,000 hoagies.

On leadership - Leadership, in my view, is simply the empowering of excellent teachers and staff to do their work. I believe that things are in place for continued excellence here at Lancaster Mennonite.

Elvin Kennel received an undergraduate degree in biology education from Eastern Mennonite University and a master's in biology from Villanova University. He and Wendy and their two children live in Parkesburg and attend Parkesburg Mennonite Church.





Teacher Sheri Wenger's AP United States History class steps back to 1965 as they debate the various options facing the United States government on how to respond to the escalating crisis in Vietnam.

AP courses offered at LMH

Calculus
Chemistry
Comparative Government
English Composition
Introduction to Literature
Music*
Physics
Psychology
Spanish 5
Statistics
U.S. History
World History

*being developed

HACC courses offered

U.S. History
English Composition
Introduction to Literature

BEST PREPARATION FOR LIFE College prep plus

After Charise Garber graduated from LMH in 2008, her next step was college. But instead of entering at the freshman level, she enrolled as a sophomore.

That allowed her to register for classes earlier than her classmates which she said was “a huge advantage” since upperclassmen often fill the popular classes quickly.

Entering college as a sophomore was made possible through Lancaster Mennonite's strong college prep program. At LMH, Garber was involved in the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) program as well as the College in the Classroom program. She also took a three-credit psychology course taken through Lancaster Bible College's Jump Start Program. As a result, Garber accumulated 38 college credits in high school.

The AP program offers rigorous college-level courses in high school. Each course translates into college credit, advanced placement, or both

for successful performance on the AP exam. According to the College Board, over 90 percent of four-year colleges in the U.S. provide credit and/or placement for qualifying exam grades.

The College in the Classroom program, provided through Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC), allows students to take HACC courses on the LMH campus and then transfer the credits to most colleges. HACC provides a syllabus but, according to social studies teacher Sheri Wenger, gives teachers the freedom to add content that reflects our Anabaptist values and heritage. An LMH teacher, who generally is required to have a master's degree in the subject area, teaches the class.

“One of our goals at LMS is to provide a college prep program that is second to none,” Superintendent Richard Thomas said. “Academic excellence coupled with inviting our students to Christian faith is what I believe will

give them the best possible preparation for life.”

Garber says the AP courses she took in high school prepared her well for college level coursework.

“My transition from high school to college course work was very easy,” she said. “Several of my AP classes actually satis-

fied general education requirements, which gave me much more flexibility in choosing classes and allowed me to jump into upper level major courses more quickly.

“Although I chose not to graduate early, my credits from high school have allowed me to pursue two demanding majors (biology and music) and a minor (history). I am on the pre-med track at EMU, but I have been thinking recently about the possibility of pursuing a research degree through study of music and how it relates to biology.”

Being so far ahead of the game allowed Garber to take a semester off this spring to study in the Middle East.

Unlike Garber, many students who take college-level courses in high school do graduate early from college. Tyler Kreider, for example, graduated



Charise Garber



Tyler Kreider

in three and a half years, thus saving himself the cost of one full semester. But, despite the obvious savings, Kreider, like Garber, focused more on how those courses taken in high school improved his college experience.

“I have really appreciated the AP classes that LMH has offered,” he said, “mostly because they allowed me to take classes (in college) that were outside my program—meteorology and Ecosystem Restoration, for example. ... These classes would not have been available to me, had I not had AP credit coming into college.”

Kreider, a 2006 LMH graduate, completed his undergraduate degree in December at State University of New York's College of Environmental Science and Forestry and is currently

considering schools like Virginia

Tech and Oregon State University for his

master's. He has

interest in stream restoration. He

recently scored a perfect 800 on

the math section of his GRE's and

wrote to thank the school and its teachers

for “your part in getting me to where I am today.”

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Brenda Bare says that besides helping high school students prepare for the rigors of college, college-level courses help them think about what they might want to study. Taking college-level courses in the senior year also helps prevent the coasting that is caused when seniors find they have already met graduation requirements.

“Now, instead of wasting time, they

AP Scholar Awards

Seven 2009 Lancaster Mennonite School alumni and one high school senior have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams.

Kaela Landis, 2009, qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more exams.

Three students, all 2009 graduates, qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more. They are Erika Babikow, Joel Nofziger, and Rachel Stoltzfoos.

Four qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. These AP Scholars are Joseph Bomberger, Aaron Gish, Lauren Stoltzfus and Thea Weaver—all class of 2009 except for Aaron Gish who is an LMH senior.

About 18 percent of the nearly 1.7 million high school students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

can get a jump start on their college,” Bare said. “That is especially attractive in today's economy.”

This year 294 students are enrolled in AP courses at LMH. ❖



Victoria Heisey, 2008, died in November of 2008. The Victoria Heisey Memorial Learning Support Center Endowment will keep Victoria's giving spirit alive as it benefits Learning Support students at Lancaster Mennonite School.

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LEARNING SUPPORT ENDOWMENT NAMED

A life goes on

BY JEANNETTE SCOTT, SUNDAY NEWS STAFF WRITER

Victoria Heisey couldn't stand to see anyone teased. Especially those with special needs.

Her crusade began at an early age, her parents, Jim and Gloria Heisey, said.

When Victoria was in elementary school, a student with Down syndrome became the target of teasing.

"She clearly let everybody know they were to be nice to him," Mrs. Heisey said. "And in the end, they were very nice to him."

Victoria, a 2008 Lancaster Mennonite High School graduate and Lock Haven University biology student, died a year ago.

To honor their daughter's memory, the Heiseys, who live in Rapho Township, have set up an endowment fund to benefit the Learning Support Center of Lancaster Mennonite High School.

Victoria, who played volleyball for LMH, Norlanco Volleyball Club and Lock Haven University's intramural team, seemed healthy. Until one week-end last November, when she returned home from college with flulike symptoms, including a fever. The following Monday afternoon, her father drove her to the family doctor.

On the way, Victoria complained of a sudden, severe headache. "I think I'm having an aneurysm," she told her father.

He changed course for Lancaster General Hospital. There, Victoria was quickly diagnosed with leukemia and airlifted to Penn State Milton S. Her-

shey Medical Center, where she was more specifically diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia.

AML is a fast-progressing cancer affecting cells that would otherwise develop into normal blood cells. It starts in the bone marrow and can spread to the lymph nodes, liver, spleen, brain and spinal cord, according to the American Cancer Society Web site.

The white blood cell count for a healthy person is between 8,000 and 10,000; Victoria's count was 263,000, Mrs. Heisey said. At Hershey, at least 15 professionals tried frantically to save her even as her brain swelled from bleeding.

On November 12, 2008 —54 hours after her diagnosis — Victoria died. She was 18 years old. ...

Living loud

"She was sociable and very loud," said Victoria's younger sister, Valerie, 16. "She would constantly sing and when she was in the room, you knew she was there."

"She would come up to [my face] and say 'Oh, you're cute, be my friend,' and she would hug me and body slam me," Mrs. Heisey said. "She was always willing to be different. It was nice to know she knew who she was."

Victoria also loved to walk into a room full of strangers and meet new people, Mrs. Heisey said. ...

But for all her loud living, Victoria knew how to listen, her sister, Valerie,

said. "She was always listening to people's problems. ... She would always say 'tell me more, tell me more.'" ...

Leaving a legacy

The Heiseys want their daughter's concern for others to live on, they said. To mark the anniversary of Victoria's death November 12, they announced the establishment of the endowment fund.

The Victoria Heisey Memorial Learning Support Center Endowment will benefit students at LMH. The Heiseys hope the fund will grow large enough that students will no longer be charged for learning support services, which assist those who learn differently from others or who have educational challenges such as dyslexia or attention deficit disorder.

Currently, at least 105 students in the Lancaster Mennonite school system benefit from learning support — about 70 of those are in the high school — according to Superintendent

Richard Thomas.

Another endowment also offsets learning support costs, but has not kept up with program growth, he said.

That's why the school system started charging parents for learning support about three years ago, Thomas said.

Students in kindergarten through eighth grades pay about \$2,000 per year for learning support on top of their tuition. High school students pay about \$500 because the expense is subsidized by the existing endowment, Thomas said.

The Heisey endowment is also earmarked to reduce the learning support fee for high school students. Any excess will offset the fee for elementary students.

The Heiseys said they hope the endowment will encourage learning support students, just as Victoria did. ...

"The money will help to do things Victoria would have done herself," Thomas said. ❖

HOW TO HELP

Endowment contributions may be sent to:
Lancaster Mennonite School
Attention: Heidi Stoltzfus
2176 Lincoln Highway East
Lancaster, PA 17602.

Checks should be made out to "LMS" and clearly designated for the Victoria Heisey Memorial Learning Support Center Endowment.

FUND UPDATE

So far, \$13,000 has been received for the endowment. The goal is to have the fund reach \$40,000 by the end of 2010.

High school Learning Support teacher Jan McDowell works with students at the Lancaster Campus. Increasing the Victoria Heisey Memorial Learning Support Center Endowment will minimize or eliminate charges beyond tuition for students in the Learning Support program. The students are, left to right: Emily Zimmerman, Tim White and Destiny Ginder.



MUSIC PROGRAM GOES BILINGUAL

Feliz Navidad entertains and educates

For Principal Judi Mollenkof, choosing a bilingual program for Locust Grove's PreK to grade 3 Christmas concert happened pretty naturally.

First, Lidys Fernandez, a visiting teacher from White Dove Christian School in Honduras, was a significant Spanish presence at Locust Grove this past fall. Fernandez spent about five weeks assisting Locust Grove teachers in Spanish and music classes.

In addition, as of last year, all K-8 students now study Spanish. So the bilingual Christmas program (nearly half the songs were sung in Spanish) fit perfectly with the goals to develop the Spanish program.

"It also fit well with our vision to be more globally minded," Mollenkof added.

Another reason, and perhaps the most important one for going bilingual, is that the Spanish population at Locust

Grove has grown to 15 percent. Locust Grove music teacher Jan Stauffer says one of the goals for the concert was to reach out to those families.

"I was so pleased to hear a grandmother from Puerto Rico say that she approved of our Spanish songs," Stauffer said, "and that she had her granddaughter (a Locust Grove student) sing her songs over the phone to family members in Puerto Rico.

"It was very satisfying to do a program that was both educational and community-building and gratifying to share the good news that 'Si Cristo Me ama' (Jesus Loves Me), no matter where we live or what language we speak." ❖



Lidys Fernandez, below right, came to the U.S. in September with 18 students who spent a week at the Kraybill campus and also presented bilingual chapel programs at New Danville and Locust Grove. When the students returned to Honduras, Fernandez spent several weeks at New Danville before coming to Locust Grove.

Directly below: Locust Grove second and third graders communicate, "Jesus, I love you" (Te Amo, Jesús), in sign language after singing "Happy Birthday Jesus." The bilingual Christmas program, held December 4, was titled "Feliz Navidad."



Selected for PMEA District 7 festivals are, seated, left to right: Andrea Mast and Dawon Suh. Standing, left to right: Kayla Klase, Shinik Choi, Logan Ressler and Anne Marie Baer.

Celebrating Achievements

MUSIC STUDENTS SELECTED FOR PMEA

Six high school students have been selected to participate in Pa. Music Educator Association (PMEA) District 7 music festivals this winter. Qualifying for the chorus festival are sophomore Anne Marie Baer (soprano 1), senior Shinik Choi (tenor 1), senior Kayla Klase (soprano 1), and senior Logan Ressler (tenor 1). Qualifying for the orchestra festival are two LMS violinists: junior Dawon Suh (second place), and senior Andrea Mast.

GIRLS SOCCER COACH, TEAM HONORED

The Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association (PSCA) recently announced LMH girls soccer coach Dale Stoltzfus as the recipient of the 2009 W. Gene Davis Memorial Award as Coach of the Year in the AA Girls classification. Stoltzfus is a 1979 LMS graduate. His team is one of 425 soccer teams (164 boys, 261 girls) from throughout the United States that have earned the NSCAA Team Academic Award for exemplary performance in the classroom during the 2008-09 academic year. To qualify for the award, the team must have a minimum grade point average of 3.25 for the entire academic year.



Dale Stoltzfus

FOUR FALL TEAMS ARE SECTION CHAMPS

This past fall, boys cross country, boys soccer, girls volleyball, and the golf team were section champions. Field hockey and boys cross country qualified for state play. In addition, golfer Jason Sauder qualified for regionals, and cross country runner Kara Lofton qualified as an individual at the state level. ❖



Lancaster Mennonite High School senior Casey Kelly, second from right, received a Keystone FFA Degree, the state's highest FFA award, during the Pa. FFA Association's 81st Mid-Winter Convention. Kelly is a member of the Hans Herr Agricultural Mechanics Team that placed first at last summer's FFA Week and 10th at the 2009 National FFA Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event (CDE). The other Ag Mechanics team members, shown above with Kelly are, left to right: Kyle Leaman, sophomore; Bryan Miller, 2009; and Josiah Rohrer, 2009.

For more student achievements, go to www.lancastermennonite.org.



VALERIE GARTON

Above, Tammy Barton poses with her Cherokee Wattle and Daub house, a plaster and thatch lodge.



Derrick Garber, former youth pastor at East Petersburg Mennonite Church, is working on a Master's of Divinity degree at Eastern Mennonite Seminary's Lancaster Campus.

History assignment builds community

During their fall Native American history unit, Kraybill fifth grade social studies students each pick a Native American tribe to research. After learning about the culture of the tribe and how they used natural resources in their region, the students build model houses that represent the tribe, following specific guidelines about size and materials used.

The assignment is done at home where parents assist students in finding materials and giving suggestions, but

the houses are built by the students. Extra points are earned for handmade items and for using authentic materials such as leather, sticks and clay.

A favorite part of the yearly tradition is showing the houses to their kindergarten buddies (fifth graders and kindergartners meet about every other week to read and do projects together). According to fifth grade teacher Kris Long, the kindergartners are fascinated with the details of the project and look forward to making their own when they get to fifth grade. ❖

“God invites you, what now?”

“God invites you, what now?” was the question that, one word at a time, guided guest speaker Derrick Garber during Commitment Week in October.

On Monday, Garber, a 1997 LMS graduate, challenged students to focus on the question, “What might God want to change about your concept of God?”

On Tuesday Garber reminded students that God, through Jesus Christ, invites us into relationship with him.

Wednesday Garber began by asking, “Why would God as Jesus agree to die?” The answer and the word for Wednesday was “you.” Garber challenged believers to make the day one of praising God for his love, and for those who

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had not yet found new life in Jesus, he offered to talk with them. For Thursday the word was “what” as Garber looked at what it is that God invites us to.

“In Matthew 11:29 Jesus tells us that his teaching, his yoke, is easy because we were created to follow and imitate Jesus,” he said. “This is the ‘what’ of God’s invitation. This is where true life is.”

On Friday Garber talked about the need for spiritual disciplines that create space for the Holy Spirit to work in our lives. He shared Luke 9:23-25 as a reminder that “Jesus calls us to take up our cross daily, or ‘now.’” After giving the students a time of silence to listen, pray and respond to “God invites you, what now?” Garber invited students to come forward to receive a stone as a sign of their commitment to follow Jesus. In the Old Testament, stones were used to mark an encounter with God. ❖

MSO offers girls soccer

The Mennonite Sports Organization (MSO), which provides sports opportunities for elementary age children, will offer girls soccer for PreK to grade 6 beginning in March. Please register today to assure a spot on a team; go to www.mennonitesports.org. For more information call (717) 394-7107 or e-mail at mso@lancastermennonite.org. ❖



This past fall the Lancaster Campus’ new track and field facility was completed, and students began using the facility for practices. In photo below, track and field coach Dennis Kauffman helps his team prepare for the spring season. The first home meet is Monday, April 12, against Annville-Cleona. Thanks to the Iron Bridge Run on November 21, the school is \$21,225 closer to completing funding for the facility. Please join us in keeping the school fiscally strong by ensuring that the project is fully funded. For information on how you can help erase the remaining \$96,000, contact Director of Advancement Heidi Stoltzfus at (717) 299-0436, ext. 308, or stoltzfushe@lancastermennonite.org.



Music and drama

January 28–30	<i>The Winter's Tale</i> , 7 p.m. nightly + 2 p.m. Sat.
February 21	High School Winter Concert, 3 p.m.
February 26–27	Locust Grove Drama, 7 p.m. Fri., 5 p.m. Sat.
March 11–12	LMMS Drama, 7 p.m.
March 18	All-School MS Fine Arts Festival, Lanc., 6:30 p.m.
April 15	Mennonite Children's Choir (MCCL) at Community Mennonite, 7 p.m.
April 25	MCCL at Glossbrenner United Methodist, 6 p.m.
April 29–May 1	HS musical, <i>High Button Shoes</i> , 7:30 p.m. + 2:00 Sat. matinee. Dinner theatre on Saturday.
May 2	MCCL at Neffsville Mennonite, 6 p.m.
May 8	MCCL at Ridgeview Mennonite, 7 p.m.

CAMPUS CHORALE CHURCH SCHEDULE

February 28	Mellinger Mennonite Church 10:00 a.m.
March 7	Forest Hills Mennonite Church 10:30 a.m.
March 14	New Holland Mennonite Church 6:30 p.m.
March 28	Parkesburg Mennonite Church, 10:30 a.m.
May 9	James Street Mennonite Church, 9:30 a.m.

LMS summer day camps scheduled

BASKETBALL

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

BOYS LACROSSE

Grades 6–12	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

Jr. high volleyball, grades 6–9	June 14–18
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OTHER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Spiritual fitness, grades 10–12	June 11–13
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

Other camps are being considered. For a complete listing and application, please call (717) 299-0436, ext. 310.

Mark your calendar

LMS GOLF TOURNAMENT
Wednesday, April 28
Lancaster Host Golf Resort
Brochures will be sent out in March. For more information, contact committee chair Allan Shirk, (717) 299-0436, ext. 382.

SPRING AUCTIONS

Three spring auctions will provide a way for families, alumni and other friends to support LMS students. Proceeds go to the Annual Fund which keeps tuition affordable.

- New Danville Country Auction—March 26
- Locust Grove Benefit Auction—April 23
- Kraybill Benefit Auction & Pig Roast—May 7 & 8

CLASS REUNIONS

The classes of 1954, 1969 and 1979 held reunions Homecoming weekend, allowing participants to take in activities such as the Hess's barbecue, alumni art exhibit, school play, etc. At right are seven 1979 attendees. Front, L-R: Marilyn Stoltzfus White and Kathy Martin Frey. Back, L-R: Sharon Mast Martin, Phyllis Sensenig Weaver, Tina Stoltzfus Frey, Diane Lantz Umble and Janet Burkhart Groff. For all class reunion reports and photos go to www.lancastermennonite.org.



CLASS NOTES

Allon Lefever, 1964, Harrisonburg, Va., has been elected chair of the MEDA board (Mennonite Economic Development Associates). **Alex Hartzler, 1986**, Harrisburg, and **Yvonne Martin, 1964**, Mechanicsburg, were elected to the 26-member board. **Clair Sauder, 1969**, Lancaster, also serves on the board.

Sara Wenger Shenk, 1971, Harrisonburg, Va., has been named president of Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Ind. She is currently serving as associate dean of Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, Va.

Daniel A. Wise, 1989, Harrisburg, has been promoted to corporal/officer-in-charge of the Millersburg Police Department. Wise will oversee all operations of the police department including patrol, criminal investigations, administrative duties, training and public relations.

Tony Brubaker, 1990, Mount Joy, was the guest speaker at the school's sixth Business Networking Breakfast, held at Brubaker Farms in October.



Tony Brubaker, 1990

Brubaker is an owner of the family business, along with parents Luke and

Barbara Brubaker and brother Michael. In his talk, Brubaker discussed how his faith influences every business decision he makes. He also described ways the business is being environmentally conscious, including adding a manure digester that generates enough electricity to power 150–200 homes a day. The business was recognized recently when his father was awarded the prestigious George C. Delp Award that recognizes “outstanding dedication and commitment to preserving and enhancing agriculture in Lancaster County.”

Valerie Clemmer Anderson, 1990, Newport, Va., is responsible for the new design template introduced in this issue of *Bridges*.

Anderson, a senior graphic designer at Virginia Tech, donated nearly half her time to complete the assignment. Thank you, Valerie, for your generosity.

Megan Yoder, 2007, has been named Player of the Year for the Division III South Region, as well as 1st Team All American. The Centennial Conference also named her Player of the Year.



Valerie Clemmer Anderson, 1990

Megan is a junior at Ursinus College, majoring in exercise and sports science.

MARRIAGES

Fred Winey, 1990, and Kim McCall, June 29, 2009. They live in Elizabethtown. Fred serves LMS as high school phys. ed. teacher and boys soccer coach.

Melinda Martin, 1995, and Brent Eisenberger, September 19, 2009. They live in Lancaster.

Ryan Bechtold, 2001, and Crystal Craig, October 17, 2009. They live in Elizabethtown.

Krista Yoder, 2002, and Jean-Robert Latortue, Jr., September 4, 2009. They live in Philadelphia where Krista is a registered dietitian and owns Family Food, LLC, providing nutrition services to at-risk children.

Renee Nissley, 2002, and Gerald Gruber, October 10, 2009. They live in Elizabethtown.

Stephen Edwards, 2003, and Amy Scivieque, July 31, 2009. Stephen is in doctoral studies in aerospace engineering at Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Ga., where they live.

Ryan King, and **Kim Dilworth, 2003**, October 10, 2009. They live in Oxford. Ryan is the agricultural science teacher

LMS Dinner Theatre ♦ Saturday, May 1

HIGH BUTTON SHOES

5:00 appetizers ♦ 5:45 dinner ♦ 7:30 performance in Fine Arts Center

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ No. attending _____ Amt. enclosed (\$40 each) \$ _____

To reserve group seating, send entire order together and list all names.

Food choice (indicate # of persons per entree):
_____ Lemon Pepper Chicken _____ Stuffed Manicotti

Please return form with payment to LMS Dinner Theatre, 2176 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA 17602. Tickets for reserved seats will be forwarded to you upon receipt of payment. Please register by Friday, April 23. If questions, call (717) 299-0436, ext. 701.

DINNER THEATRE

The annual LMS Dinner Theatre on Saturday, May 1, will feature the musical, *High Button Shoes*. For the best seating, send order and payment today. For “musical only” tickets, call (717) 299-0436, ext. 340, beginning February 8. The musical runs April 29–May 1, 7:30 nightly plus 2 p.m. Saturday. Go to www.lancastermennonite.org for further details.

at LMS and Kim is employed as an interior designer for La-Z-Boy.

BIRTHS

Roger, 1991, and **Jacquelyne Samuel, 1995**, Rudy, Wyncote, second child, first daughter, Eve Jacquelyne, December 8, 2008.

Keith and **Carol Brubacher, 1992**, **Hershey**, Ephrata, fourth child, third son, Joshua Keith, September 15, 2009.

Jonathan, 1995, and **Tricia Bare, 1994**, **Stoltzfus**, Lancaster, third child, second daughter, Joanna Lynn, Dec. 1, 2009.

Seth, 1997, and **Karisten Emery, 1999**, **Buckwalter**, Lancaster, second child, Sophi Grace, November 16, 2009.

Joe, 1997, and **Kristen Kauffman, 1999**, **Lusby**, Atglen, fifth son, Clint Samuel, October 23, 2009.

Nathan and **Denise Hoover, 1998**, **Olmstead**, Croghan, N.Y., fourth child, second daughter, Cassia Lynn, August 19, 2009.

Travis, 1999, and Nicole Sensenig **Bare**, Lancaster, first child, Jackson Robert, November 12, 2009.

Jay, 2003, and Kristen **Lehman**, Manheim, first child, Alexis Grace, August 8, 2009.

DEATHS

Illa Mae Homsher Shank, 1944, Morrisville, Vt., March 20, 2008.

Ruth Graybill Smith, 1945, Mechanicsburg, December 4, 2009.

Earl W. Witmer, 1945, Atlanta, Ga., September 7, 2009.

Ralph Shank, 1947, Morrisville, Vt., August 6, 2008.

Lillian Martin Leaman, 1958 (non-grad), Terre Hill, May 12, 2009.

Jon Lustig, 1989, Philadelphia, October 22, 2009.

Jeffrey Stoltzfus, 2007, Gap, December 19, 2009, from injuries sustained in a snowmobile accident.

Wilbur A. Lentz (faculty), Willow Street, October 21, 2009. Rev. Lentz taught high school Bible and Spanish at LMS from 1961–1973.

CORRECTION

The fall issue of *Bridges* incorrectly reported that **Janet Gehman, 1952**, lives at Landis Homes. Gehman lives with her sisters in Strasburg. ♦

2010 CLASS REUNIONS

1950 ► Nov. 19 1955 ► Oct. 19-20
1960 ► May 15 1980 ► July 31
1990 ► June 26 2000 ► Aug. 21

If you are a contact person for a 2010 class reunion: Consider planning your reunion around Homecoming 2010 which will be held November 18–20. Please contact Matt Weaver at (717) 299-0436, ext. 706, or weaverm@lancastermennonite.org.

ALUMNI PHONATHON

This year's Alumni Phonathon will again feature a Challenge Fund, thanks to some significant leadership gifts, that will add \$2 for every \$1 given, as long as the total gift is increased by at least \$10 over last year. In 2009 the phonathon raised a record \$230,303 for the Annual Fund.



Alumni and friends connect at Fall Festival and Homecoming

On a mild November weekend, over 2,500 Lancaster Mennonite School alumni and friends gathered at the Lancaster Campus to connect with each other and raise funds for current students.

One of the highlights of the November 19–21 Fall Festival and Homecoming was Saturday's first-ever alumni art exhibit that featured over 200 art pieces by more than 50 alumni from 11 states plus Amsterdam.

The weekend also included the high school play, *Charley's Aunt*; a barbecue; a country breakfast; the Iron Bridge Run; a basketball tournament; and a Benefit Dinner and Specialty Auction that featured original alumni artwork, quilts, handcrafted wooden items, vacation packages, and unique experiences.

Thank you to our many participants and faithful volunteers who helped make this weekend a successful, community-building event. Next year's Fall Festival and Homecoming is set for November 18–20. ❖



In top left photo, LMS parent and alumni art exhibit committee chair Lynn Palazzo, left, talks with Rebecca and John Rutt about the art endowment that was named after her daughter, Kristin. Top right, the 3 v 3 basketball tournament. Second right, the Iron Bridge Run. Below, alumni art exhibit committee members Mary Lou Weaver Houser, left (former LMS art teacher), and Joyce Haller (LMS parent) enjoy the show. Other committee members were former LMS art teacher Beky Weidner and current LMS art teacher Kathy Ciaccia. PHOTOS: JONATHAN CHARLES



Remembering artist through endowment



November's alumni art exhibit was an opportunity to educate visitors

about the Kristin Palazzo Visual Arts Endowment. The endowment was established to enable the school's commitment to a strong visual arts program as part of an excellent and holistic Christian education. Kristin Palazzo, who died in 2006 when she was an LMS junior, was a gifted artist who got her start in art while a student at the Kraybill Campus. For more information on how you can help this endowment grow, contact Director of Advancement Heidi Stoltzfus at stoltzfushe@lancaster-mennonite.org. ❖

Brett Forshey 1993

Scientist chases viruses in Peru

While most of us stay as far away from viruses as possible, 1993

Lancaster Mennonite graduate Brett Forshey finds the infectious little germs to be quite fascinating.

Forshey is a virologist in Iquitos, Peru, where he is studying the virus, dengue, one that, like our West Nile virus, is transmitted by mosquitoes. According to Forshey, every year millions in tropical areas around the world are infected with the dengue virus which has no licensed vaccine or cure. Death can result from dengue infection, and even relatively mild cases can be debilitating, causing pressure on the health care system and economy when there are a large number of cases.

"In the US, when the H1N1 flu virus came back in fall of 2009, President Obama declared a national emergency to prepare for the stress on the public health infrastructure," Forshey said. "Dengue causes that level of impact every year in many parts of the world."

Forshey says dengue has increased dramatically in recent years, even becoming a problem in Texas and Florida. No surprise, then, that one of Forshey's goals is to discover the most efficient way to control the mosquito that spreads the virus.

"We are also trying to understand why some people are infected yet have few signs of disease while others ... come close to death," he added. "If we can figure out ways to predict the out-

come, the patients at highest risk can be properly treated in a hospital."

While Forshey's research-focused work won't necessarily improve the public health situation immediately, understanding the dynamics of virus transmission locally and regionally could someday significantly impact how the disease is controlled or a potential vaccine is implemented.

Prior to his work in Peru, Forshey was a research associate at the Division of Infectious Diseases for the New York State Department of Health in Albany. His resume lists a plethora of scholarly publications, national and international scientific presentations, and numerous grants and other professional awards.

Forshey holds a degree in biology from Gettysburg College and a doctorate from the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

Forshey, son of LMS teacher Jean Forshey, also attended Locust Grove. He is married to Anamarie Brown who moved with him to Peru three days after they were married. Brown recently began a graduate program in nursing in Iowa.

What excites me most about my work

That it involves so many fields of study—microbiology, entomology, human immunology, and public health. We also have to consider local and

national politics, the climate, economics, education ... I love what I do.

Most challenging

Communicating in a foreign language. (At least I had a solid background through Senor Kauffman's classes.) Another—balancing our research with the needs of the people in the community and the needs of the local government, since often they are not the same.

The best thing about LMH

Extracurricular opportunities. For me that was orchestra, baseball and yearbook. Also, at LMH there was a strong sense of the world outside the U.S.

Favorite LMH teachers

Mrs. Moyer, yearbook adviser, and Mr. Dan Dietzel, baseball coach. I learned a lot about teamwork and dealing with adversity while playing baseball for Coach Dietzel.

Favorite LMH subjects

Mr. Esh's "Advanced Reading." Also, Mr. Reinford's calculus class. Mr. Reinford was a tough cookie. But no other class prepared me for my future studies quite as much as that one. Easily on par with college-level courses. ❖





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LMS Visitation Opportunities

January 27, 9–11 a.m.

Kindergarten Open House

Kraybill, Locust Grove and New Danville

January 28, 9–11 a.m.

Pre-Kindergarten Open House

Kraybill, Locust Grove and New Danville

February 2, 6–8:30 p.m.

All-School Open House, all campuses

- » Tours and conversations with teachers
- » Welcome assembly at Lancaster Campus, 7:00
- » PreK/K presentation at Kraybill Campus, 7:00
- » High school course selection

March 25

**Prospective Student Day
at Lancaster Campus**

High School: 8:05 a.m.–3:05 p.m.

Middle school: half or full day

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