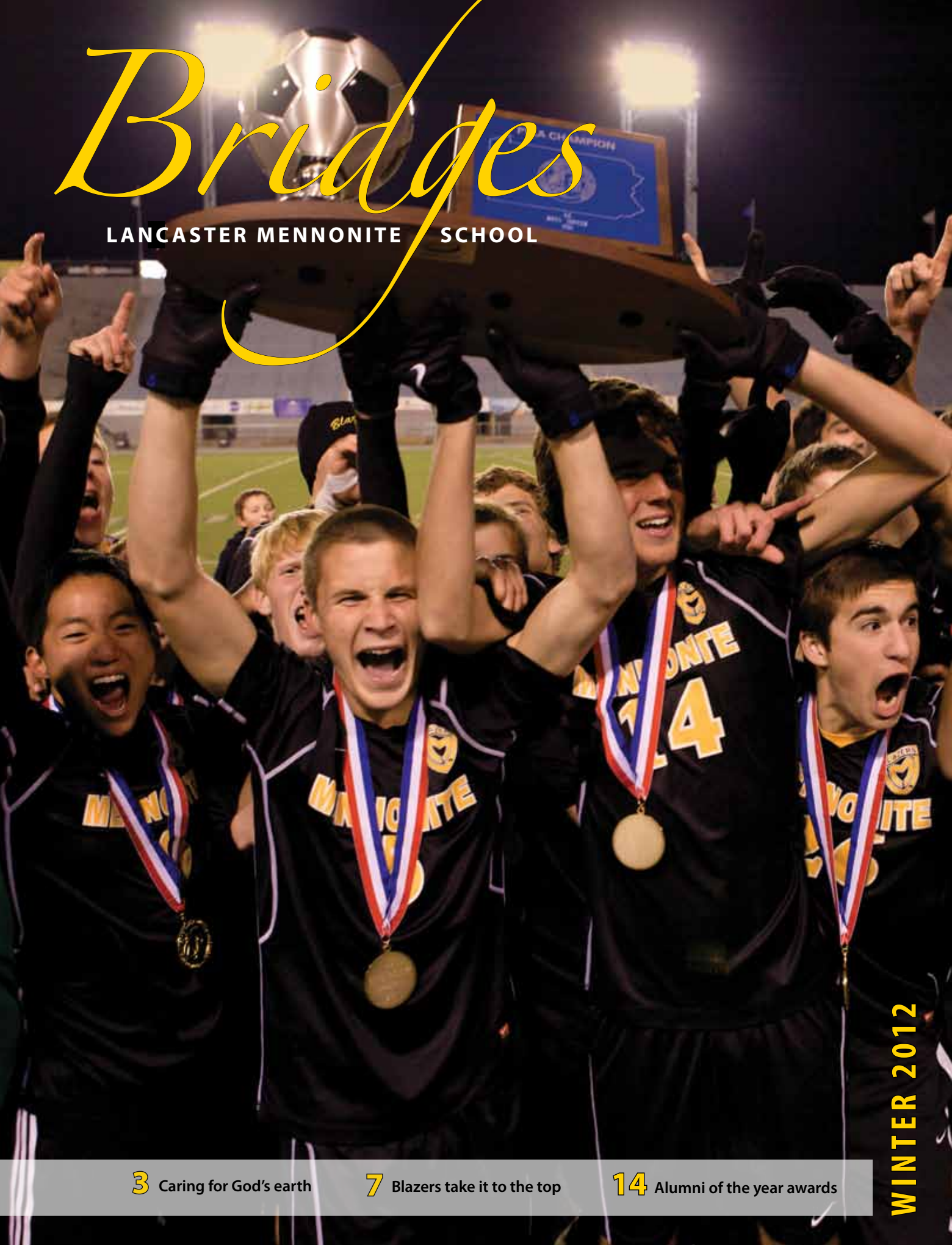


# Bridges

LANCASTER MENNONITE SCHOOL



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Cover: In November the LMH boys soccer team outscored Tulpehocken 2-1 to capture the PIAA Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association boys soccer championship, a first for boys soccer. See story on page 7.

PHOTO: KIM WINEY

from the superintendent

**According to Psalm 24, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein." This verse, memorized in my childhood, fits with the care of creation I learned on the family farm as well as from my parents, my congregation, and the agricultural organizations in which I participated.**



J. Richard Thomas

I was taught a reverence for the earth and an understanding that each generation should pass the land on to the next in better shape than they received it. Later, as we all became more aware of environmental concerns, I read the 1970 book, "Pollution and the Death of Man," by evangelical leader Francis Schaeffer. He writes that Christianity is not just "pie in the sky," but something that has the possibility of substantial healing—in every area where there are divisions because of sin. He says this includes the division of humans from nature, and nature from nature. In all of these areas, he writes, the Gospel brings substantial healing "now."

This issue of *Bridges* contains stories of alumni who are living this vision—a vision that is also part of the LMS Graduate Profile that says our graduates "will have a love for God's creation." Through these representative stories we celebrate all our alums who provide care and healing, whether to the natural environment or through working with people as exemplified by our alumni of the year, Jessica King and Edith Yoder.

We also celebrate the boys state soccer championship and many other student achievements, some of which are noted in this issue of *Bridges*. And we are pleased to announce the writing of two new endowments that will build a strong future for students through the Sustaining Hope Endowment Program.

These past months we also have walked with each other in times of pain. We felt and continue to feel God's presence and your prayerful support, and we thank you for that. In all of these experiences—both the celebrations and the challenges—we have focused on our core values, expressed as being centered in Christ and providing a transformative education that nudges our world toward the intention of God. ❖

## ALUMNI CHOOSE VOCATIONS THAT CARE FOR GOD'S EARTH

# Living responsibly with our neighbors

The school's graduate profile says our graduates will practice stewardship of all God has intrusted to them, including the natural environment. We hear stories about LMH alumni turning recycling into a vocation, addressing environmental issues, using straw bales and solar energy in building construction, and choosing to live more simple lifestyles. Following are just four examples of how our alumni are trying to be respectful guests on a planet they share with nearly seven billion others.

### BETH WEAVER-KREIDER, 1985

Beth Weaver-Kreider and her husband, Jon, operate Goldfinch Farm in York where they grow a wide variety of vegetables following strict organic standards. The produce is sold through a 220-member CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) organization in which customers become members of the farm for the season. Each week, June through early November, members come to the farm or to another York or Lancaster pick-up site to receive 8–12 varieties of vegetables.

Goldfinch Farm also sells organic and sustainably-raised meats and dairy products from other local farms, as well as fair trade coffees, teas, chocolates and olive oil. Beth describes her and Jon's work this way:

- We have chosen to farm vegetables without chemical pesticides, herbicides or fungicides in order to maintain the health of the local ecosystem and the waters that run to the Chesapeake Bay, and for the health of our customers. We believe that raising a wide variety of crops on one farm maintains a biodi-

versity that sustains and feeds the soil, as well as creates habitat for beneficial insects and bird populations.

- We try to recycle and compost what we can, though it's probably more important to try even harder to reduce our waste stream by minimizing our consumption.

- Instead of living according to a culture of consumption, I want my family to live according to a Making culture: I want us to first think about how we can repair, make, or refashion what we already have, using natural materials when possible to fill the needs we have. The result keeps broken and out-of-date items and clothing out of landfills, it keeps us from acquiring yet another thing that will eventually find its way into the waste stream, and it is more satisfying because it has our own creative energy behind it.

- When we do buy things, or when we go out to eat, I try whenever possible to buy from locally-owned businesses. The money paid to local folks gets recycled back into the local economy.

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*- Beth Weaver-Kreider*



JONATHAN WEAVER-KREIDER

(Living responsibly, continued from pg. 3)

### MERLE RANCK, 1979, & SONS

“Going Green” has been a way of life for as long as Merle Ranck, 1979, can remember. He grew up hearing about compost and has passed the concept and technique on to his three sons.

Merle manages Terra-Gro, Inc., a compost facility near Peach Bottom. Situated on the corner of a 600-head dairy farm, Terra-Gro receives the solid raw material from the farm plus specific horse tracks that need to dispose of used wood shavings and manure.

In recent years, Merle has begun to bring in pre-consumer food waste such as potato skins and eggs that haven't met quality standards. In a measured recipe, the raw material is laid in long windrows, turned and aerated three times a week for up to 12 weeks by a turner machine specially designed by Merle. At that point the compost has reached maturity and shrunk to half its total mass.

Last year a second site, Oregon Dairy Organics, Lancaster, was built. Canvas

hoop buildings house the windrows that are exposed to natural air flow and keep precipitation off the curing product, a process that reduces water runoff to local waterways.

Merle's sons—Derrin, 2006, and Brent, 2007—work alongside him. Derrin manages the Oregon Dairy Organics site which welcomes educational tours, and Brent works as a loader operator at both sites and transports heavy equipment back and forth. Merle's youngest son, Curtis, 2011, is limited to summer work while studying mechanical engineering at Cedarville University, Cedarville, Ohio.

The fine-textured, screened, finished compost is used for home gardens, athletic fields, parks, landscape areas and more. Composting keeps tons of waste out of landfills and returns nutrients back into the ground instead of sending them into streams and eventually the Chesapeake Bay. The two sites produce about 500 trailer loads a year.

- Information provided by Merle's wife, Charlene Rohrer Ranck, 1980

### ROY BRUBAKER & JULIE HURST, 1988

When Roy Brubaker was a child he wanted to be either a cowboy or a farmer. The farmer won out and today he and his wife, Julie Hurst, own and operate Blue Rooster Farm, described on their website as “a beef and sheep farm located in the Ridge and Valley region of South Central Pennsylvania.”

Roy believes “the most critical way we as humans can care for the earth is to learn to take better care of each other so that we don't, as individuals or societies, require so many unsustainable ‘inputs’ to be content.”

With that as a guiding principle, the two 1988 grads raise grass-fed livestock, avoiding synthetic growth hormones and unnecessary antibiotics. They also pay attention to how the animals graze their 50-acre pasture. By rotating the grazing, they enhance soil fertility and plant diversity.

Besides sheep and beef, they are experimenting with free-range pigs and offer a limited amount of pork products. Though not USDA certified organic, they have been farming according to organic standards since 1998.

In photo below are, left to right: Derrin Ranck, Brent Ranck, Merle Ranck and Curtis Ranck. In photo at right are Roy Brubaker and Julie Hurst.

SARAH LAWRIE



JON STYER



Roy says the opportunity to draw sustenance from natural systems in ways that “do justice” to the Creator rather than destroying what the Creator has given us is “something at once so heady and so humbling ... it is simply addicting.”

“And,” adds Julie, “the perks of living where I can see a million stars and hear coyotes howling on the mountain aren’t too bad either.”

### ANDREA STONER LEAMAN, 1994

In August 2010 Andrea Stoner Leaman co-founded Lancaster Creative Reuse, a project of the nonprofit Keystone Art & Culture Center. The center puts excess craft stash, business samples, sewing room cleanouts and other scraps into the hands of those who need them.

“What appealed to me so strongly about the concept was that it is one key

that unlocks so many solutions,” Andrea said. “Businesses have a place to go with materials that otherwise went in the dumpster. Schools and other organizations can get creative supplies without having to deal with storage and sorting. Families and organizations can stretch their budgets. Crafters who hate to waste anything can finally clear space in their cabinets.

“In addition to the store aspect, creative reuse centers enhance the community by providing a craft table where families and groups of youth can gather and create together. There are opportunities to partner with social service organizations. And on top of all of this, it’s just plain fun for everyone involved.”

Soon after the center opened, Andrea’s neighbor and friend, Valerie Miller Baer, 1979, along with her



mother, Ann Wenger Miller, 1952, volunteered to keep the store open on Thursdays so store hours could be expanded. Andrea says there are about 100 creative reuse centers across the country. ❖

## Solar panels help Kraybill Campus reduce carbon footprint

MARLIN GROFF

Last summer Haller Enterprises, Inc., installed 385 solar panels at the Kraybill Campus. The panels, provided by alumni and friends, produce 326 kilowatts of electricity daily, about 65 percent of Kraybill’s electricity needs. The panels were activated in October.



Austin Haller

Austin Haller, 2006, is solar manager at Haller Enterprises, Inc. In October, as guest speaker at the school’s seventh

Business Networking Breakfast, he said one of his most rewarding work experiences was helping to bring solar to the Kraybill Campus.

Kraybill also utilizes 11 sun tubes

(several are shown in photo), which allow the campus to keep lights off in hallways during the school day.

Other ways the school attempts to care for the environment include the green construction of the Rutt Academic Center and going paperless school-wide with report cards, progress reports, etc. In addition, the four campuses are exploring the possibility of turning some grassy areas into natural habitat, saving the energy (and time) that is needed when areas are kept more manicured. ❖



In photo, left to right, are: Herb Kraybill, Lancaster Campus maintenance; Richard Thomas, superintendent; Miles Yoder, assistant superintendent; and James Baer, Kraybill Campus teacher.



JONATHAN CHARLES

## Lancaster Mennonite School—*Up Close*

- **Founded:** 1942
- **LMS motto:** Teach me your way, O Lord.
- **Living alumni:** Over 10,000
- **Students represent:** Five states and 14 countries
- **Number of international students:** 110
- **Graybill Residence Hall enrollment:** 50
- **Students from Anabaptist churches:** 33 percent
- **Students of color:** 29 percent
- **Student/faculty ratio:** 15–1
- **Students receiving financial aid:** 570
- **Advanced Placement classes:** 10
- **High school programs beyond college prep classes:**
  - Agriculture
  - Business Education
  - Family and Consumer Sciences
  - Learning Support
- **Number of high school varsity sports:** 18
- **Athletic teams' nickname:** Blazers
- **School colors:** Black and gold
- **New endowments in 2011:**
  - Advanced Biology Endowment
  - Glen D. Lapp Memorial Endowment
- **Daily electricity produced by LMS Solar Panels at Kraybill Campus:** 326 kilowatts

## Glen D. Lapp Memorial Endowment for Student Aid

The Glen D. Lapp Memorial Endowment for Student Aid has been established to honor Mennonite Central Committee worker Glen Lapp, class of 1987, who died in August 2010 while providing eye, dental and medical care in rural Afghanistan.

The new endowment supports need-based scholarships that will benefit students from a wide range of socioeconomic backgrounds. Immigrant students and students from Native American backgrounds will particularly be considered in awarding the Glen D. Lapp Scholarships.

When Glen was presented with the opportunity to serve in Afghanistan, he chose to go even though he was well

aware of the dangers of living in this country at war. His adaptable, peaceful and quiet ways served him well, and he always treated the people there with love and respect. This endowment will keep Glen's story alive as it enables the school to enroll the kinds of young people for whom Glen had a special place in his heart.

"It's a privilege to be involved in establishing an endowment to honor the life of Glen Lapp," says Superintendent Richard Thomas. "Glen embodied the LMS mission in his Christ-centered values that transformed lives and nudged our world toward God's intention of Shalom." ❖





KIM WINEY

Front, left to right: Assistant coach Brett Martin, Mitchell Rohrer, Caleb Cole, Jared Nisly, Cole Hoover, Andrew Whittaker, CJ Sturges, Logan Kreider, assistant coach Jon Brubaker. Middle: Assistant coach Austin Haller, Nick Weaver, Jacob Hertzler, Alex West, Collin Nafziger, Matthew Hess, Ethan Miller, Keegan Rosenberry, Mark Engle, Isaac Mast, assistant coach Andrew Keener, head coach Fred Winey. Back: Nathaniel Kratz, Luke Hershey, Caleb Kopp, Benji Kennel, Zach Lehman, Billy Hoffer, Viktor Kaltenstein, Sam Stoner, Caleb Gish.



## STATE TITLE SWEETENS HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES

# Boys soccer takes it to the top

**On a cold November night a huge crowd of fever-pitched Blazers fans watched LMH boys soccer go where it had never gone before. The team outscored Tulpehocken 2-1 to capture their first PIAA Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association boys soccer title.**

Coach Fred Winey says team chemistry, staying in the moment, and never giving up were keys to the team's success. Lancaster Newspapers reporter Jason Fulginiti (Nov. 21) quoted Winey as saying, "One of the things I really tried to talk to the guys about was just being a really mentally-tough team.

When you have obstacles come your way ... not to let it get the best of you. Keep pushing on and have a lot of team belief that we'll turn it around." Seems like they figured that out.

Earlier the Blazers captured their seventh straight L-L League Section title and then beat Palmyra 1-0 to win their second consecutive (sixth overall) District Three Class AA boys soccer championship.

Superintendent Richard Thomas praised Winey for being a person whose focus goes beyond winning.

"Fred is a person who cares about how his team wins," he said. "He has developed an exemplary soccer program, yes, but I celebrate his holistic

Christian approach to coaching just as much as I do his leading a team to its first state title.

"It's the character development, teamwork, leadership development, growth as Christians, and training students to persevere and focus. Those are the transformative lessons ... that prepare students to change our world."

The big game came during the school's Fall Festival & Homecoming that ended Saturday night with its annual Benefit Dinner and Specialty Auction—extra special this year with the boys' game ball bringing \$5,400 on the auction block (above photo) and helping the school raise more than \$100,000 for student programs and endowment. ❖

## Celebrating Achievements & other news

### STUDENTS SELECTED FOR PMEA

Two LMH students have been selected to participate in PMEA District 7 festivals this winter—senior Lauren Sauder, soprano 1, for the choral festival and junior Laura Thomas, alto saxophone, for the band festival.



Laura Thomas, left, and Lauren Sauder

RYAN KING

### HIGHEST FFA AWARD/PARENTS ALSO HONORED

Five LMH Hans Herr Chapter members received Keystone Degrees, the state's top FFA award, during the Pa. FFA Association's 83rd Mid-Winter Convention. At left, they are, front, L-R: Luke Hershey, Connor Hofford, Alex Nissley, Austin Nissley and Megan Lehman. Also, three sets of LMH parents were recognized for having had three or more children receive the top award. They are Les and Lois Hershey, Steve and Mary Lehman, and Gerald and Mary Nissley. Ryan King is the FFA adviser.



### KRAYBILL CAMPUS RACE PASSES \$1 MILLION MARK

Kraybill Campus's Race for Education event, begun 11 years ago, passed \$1 million this year under the leadership of race coordinators/parents Holly Ford and Amy Krisko and their 80 parent volunteers. To celebrate, parent Paul Jacobs photographed 11 top runners who wore T-shirts that commemorate the various years. The students represent kindergarten through grade 10, including sophomore Josh Brubaker who ran in the first race when he was in kindergarten. Teacher Nathan Rush ran in all but one race and completed more laps this year than any other staff person. In photo below are, front, left to right: Teacher Nathan Rush; Liliana Lehman, kindergarten; Cecilia Mann, grade 1; Matthew Sampsell, grade 2; Owen Nell, grade 4 (behind Matthew); Samuel Shefnie, grade 3; and Mandi Lehman, grade 5. Back, left to right: Katie Will, grade 7; Zachary Steffen, grade 6; Emily Swope, grade 9; Conrad Esbenshade, grade 8; and Joshua Brubaker, grade 10.

PAUL JACOBS



### NATIONAL WRITING AWARD

LMH senior Grace Jemison was recently recognized for superior performance in writing in the 2011 National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Achievement Awards in Writing contest. Nationally, 520 students were selected as outstanding writers out of 1,649 juniors who were nominated by their teachers. Jemison is one of 24 to receive this honor in Pennsylvania. The winners are among the best student writers in the country. Jemison also was recently named a Commended Student in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program.







L-R: Soccer coach Fred Winey, Benji Kennel, Abigail Basom, Jared Schatz & Keegan Rosenberry

### STUDENTS EXCEL IN FALL SPORTS

Besides boys soccer taking their first State title (see page 7), the team's mid-fielder, Keegan Rosenberry, was named Section 4 Player of the Year and was the Pa. Soccer Coaches Association All-State selection. He also was a Lancaster-Lebanon League All-Star as was defender Benji Kennel. Coach Fred Winey was named L-L League Coach of the Year. Soccer's State title is the fifth for LMH. The others are: chess, 2004; Lindsey Shertzer, track and field, 2007; girls soccer, 2008; and golfer David Denlinger, 2008.

In cross country Jared Schatz was named L-L League Runner of the Year. His team won their 9th consecutive section title and advanced to states along with girls cross country runner Chloe Mattilio. In field hockey, Abigail Basom was named an L-L League All-Star.

### SOFTBALL TEAM HONORED

The National Fastpitch Coaches Association recently announced in their national and state rankings that the LMH softball team is 18th in the nation in the high school category with a team GPA of 3.837. And, for the second year in a row, it had the second-highest GPA in Pa. Brad Brubaker serves as coach.

### YEARBOOK WINS TOP AWARD 18 CONSECUTIVE YEARS

The high school yearbook, the *Laurel Wreath*, received a Gold Medalist rating from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for the 18th year in a row.

### TEACHER JOINS BOARD OF MENNONITE MAGAZINE

High school social studies teacher Sheri Wenger has been appointed to the board of *The Mennonite*, a magazine for Mennonite Church USA members.



Sheri Wenger

### LANCASTER CAMPUS RECEIVES FOURTH AED

The Lancaster Campus has received its fourth automated external defibrillator (AED). LMS athletic trainer Francesca Scalfaro will keep this AED with her so she can treat LMS athletes immediately. An AED is used for life threatening cardiac arrhythmias which can lead to cardiac arrest. This AED, which costs over \$1,500, was provided through a grant from the Nicholas Ryan Over Foundation. The other three AED's at the Lancaster Campus are located in the Alumni Dining Hall, the hallway between the two gyms, and the sports stadium concession stand. ❖



## College/career fairs for juniors

On December 1, the LMH guidance team held its first college and career fair for juniors. Juniors heard from 32 career fair presenters, chatted with 30 college reps, and took in sessions on college and career preparation. Afterward, in advisory groups, juniors reflected on how they can use what they learned. Career fair presenters included current and former parents as well as alumni such as Hans Weaver, 2009 (above photo).

This fall, staff members also took international students living in Graybill Hall to visit Messiah College, Villanova University, and The University of Pennsylvania. The students learned about the college admissions process for international students. A spring college trip also is planned.

## Bus route for northern Lancaster and Berks counties

An LMS-operated bus for families in northern Lancaster and Berks counties is being considered for the 2012-13 school year. Strong support from area families is needed for the proposal to be approved. Interested persons should contact Curtis Edwards, admissions counselor, at 717-299-0436, ext. 721, or edwardscg@lancastermennonite.org. A public meeting to discuss details will be held in the Ephrata area in March.

**Families interested in first grade Spanish Immersion at Locust Grove, please call Principal Judi Mollenkof at (717) 394-7107.**



The Gateway Project at the Kraybill Campus will increase school safety and security, renovate the middle school common area, make the building handicap accessible, create an early childhood classroom, update the office area, and provide a protected, more obvious entrance for visitors.

## Paving the way, brick by brick

The Kraybill Campus is getting closer to making its Gateway Project more than a blueprint. Plans are to break ground for the new entrance in the spring, since funding for that part of the project has reached 80 percent—the amount required before a building is begun. But the school is hoping that generous community support will make it possible to move forward with the entire \$1.2 million project. Currently, \$200,000 is still needed to do that.

According to Principal Daniel Martin, the school will enjoy significant savings by doing the entire project at the same time, while the construction crews are already on site.

To help make this happen, the Kraybill Campus faculty and Site Council recently launched a program where friends of the school can purchase engraved bricks at \$100 each. The bricks will be part of the entrance walkway and courtyard that lead to the school's entrance.

Since a donor is paying for the bricks and engraving process, 100 percent of each brick purchase will go toward the Gateway Project.

Martin says each donor can have his/her own name engraved on the bricks or take this opportunity to honor others such as students, alumni, businesses, grandparents, faculty, staff, board members and others.

“We hope to include and honor all persons who make up the body of who we are and who we were,” he said. “Brick by brick, one small piece of mortar at a time, we will complete this Gateway project and open doorways to the community.”

To purchase a brick, go to [lancaster-mennonite.org/support/kraybill.html](http://lancaster-mennonite.org/support/kraybill.html) and complete the form, or call Heidi Stoltzfus at (717) 299-0436, ext. 308. ❖

## LMS summer day camps scheduled

### BASKETBALL

Boys basketball, grades 5–10 July 9–13  
Girls basketball, grades 5–10 July 16–20

### FIELD HOCKEY

Jr. high field hockey, grades 6–8 June 18–22  
Sr. high field hockey, grades 9–12 August 6–10

### SOCCER

Elem. coed soccer, grades 1–5 June 25–28  
Jr. high boys soccer, grades 6–8 July 16–19  
Girls soccer, grades 6–12 July 23–27  
Sr. high boys soccer, grades 9–12 August 6–10

### TENNIS

Beginner/intermediate tennis, gr. 5–8 July 30–Aug. 3  
Intermediate/advanced tennis, gr. 9–12 August 6–10

### JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL

Girls and boys, grades 6–9 June 18–21

### OTHER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Coed Culinary Arts, grades 4–9 July 23–27  
Sewing/Crafts, grades 4–9 July 23–27  
Acrylic Painting, grades 6–10 July 30–Aug. 3  
Dynamic Drawing, grades 6–9 July 30–Aug. 3

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



## Golf Tournament moves to Conestoga Country Club

This year's LMS Golf Tournament, which benefits the annual fund, will be held Wednesday, April 25, at Conestoga Country Club. There will be morning and afternoon shotguns with Hess's Barbecue meals following at the New Danville Campus, just 10 minutes away. Brochures will be sent in March. For more information, contact Matt Weaver at [weaverm@lancastermennonite.org](mailto:weaverm@lancastermennonite.org) or (717) 299-0436, ext. 706. ❖

## Music and drama

February 16–17	LG Drama, <i>Narnia</i> , 7 p.m.
March 8–9	LMMS Drama, <i>Ramona Quimby</i> , 7 p.m.
March 15	All-School MS Fine Arts Festival, Lanc., 6:30 p.m.
March 24	Mennonite Children's Choir of Lanc. Concert Choir at Children's Choir Festival—Hempfield United Meth., 7 p.m.
April 22	MCCL at Chiques Church of the Brethren, 6 p.m.
April 26–28	HS musical, <i>The King and I</i> , 7:30 p.m. + 2 p.m. Sat.
April 29	MCCL at Mount Joy Mennonite, 6 p.m.
May 4	MSC Middle School Choir Fest. Concert at Lanc., 7 p.m.
May 5	MCCL at Forest Hills Mennonite, 7 p.m.
May 20	MCCL at Lititz Church of the Brethren, 3 p.m.

### CAMPUS CHORALE CHURCH SCHEDULE

March 4	Mount Vernon Mennonite Church 6:30 p.m.
March 18	Hinkletown Mennonite Church, 7 p.m.
March 25	Spring Creek Church of the Brethren/Hershey, 6:30 p.m.
April 1	Hopewell-Reading Mennonite Church, 10 a.m.
April 22	Zion Lutheran Church, 8 a.m.
May 13	River Corner Mennonite Church, 10 a.m.
May 20	Stumptown Mennonite Church, 7 p.m.

## Philly pastor leads Commitment Week

During the LMH Commitment Week in October, Leonard Dow, pastor at Oxford Circle Mennonite Church, Philadelphia, engaged students with an energetic delivery style that welcomed hearty "Amens" and involved students in "The Wave." His talks centered

around, "When We are Young."

Tuesday's "When we are young we can take a stand," included examples like young Ruby Bridges refusing to give in to segregation in her elementary school and his "green guerilla" daughter challenging their family to care for God's earth.

On Thursday, Dow urged students to "dance with God's Spirit" so the Spirit can guide them. He followed that up Friday with permission to be foolish.

"We need a generation who is willing to go beyond being cool, calm and collected," he said. "The message of the cross is foolishness to the world, but for us it is the power of God. Be a fool for Christ." ❖

During Commitment Week, Leonard Dow also shared in middle and high school classes.



### AUCTIONS HELP LMS FAMILIES

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

- New Danville Campus Auction—March 30
- Locust Grove Campus Auction—April 20
- Kraybill Campus Auction & Pig Roast—May 11 & 12

### GIRLS SOCCER

The Mennonite Sports Organization (MSO) will again 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](http://www.mennonitesports.org) or e-mail [mso@lancastermennonite.org](mailto:mso@lancastermennonite.org). MSO provides sports opportunities for elementary age children.



## ALUMNI PHONATHON

This year's Alumni Phonathon will again feature a 2 for 1 Challenge Fund, thanks to some significant leadership gifts. Gifts increased by at least \$20 or first-time gifts of \$20 or more will qualify for the Challenge. In 2011 the phonathon raised \$254,278 for the Annual Fund. Each year both alumni and current students help make calls during the phonathon which is held in February and March.



### CLASS NOTES

**Anna Mast Bishop, 1962**, Harrisonburg, Va., retired from Rockingham County Public Schools after 29 years of teaching.

**Irvin and Janet Stoner Wenger, both 1965**, Guatemala City, Guatemala, recently spent 10 days in Cuba teaching music and theological subjects. This was their third trip, and they have been invited to return in 2012. At the CAM International in Guatemala City, Janet is the director of the School of Sacred Music, and Irvin is professor of theology and missions.

**Johnny Crist, 1968**, won the mayoral election in Lilburn, Ga. He is senior pastor of the Atlanta Vineyard Church.

This fall, **Curtis Book, 1973**, Philadelphia, participated in a Mennonite Central Committee Learning Tour to Palestine and Israel. Since then the MCC East Coast Peace & Justice Coordinator has been educating others about Israeli-Palestinian issues. He says: "If the Christian life and faith is to be relevant, it must intersect deeply with the pain of the Middle East. It must speak life, truth and hope to both Palestinians and Israelis."

**Nelson Longenecker, 1975**, Elizabethtown, has been named to the board of

the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

In May **Krista Miller, 1988, Higham**, Lancaster, graduated with a masters of science degree in Information Systems (MSIS) from Penn State, Harrisburg.

**Larry Zook, 1980**, CEO of Landis Communities, and **Edith Yoder, 1983**, executive director of Bridge of Hope, will participate in a panel discussion March 1-3 at the Mennonite Health Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky. The discussion will focus on housing, taking an organization from local to national, and making over community health services.

**Justin Leaman, 1991**, and **Joshua Leaman, 1993**, both of Lancaster, have formed a new insurance agency named CCAB Insurance & Benefits, Inc. **Joseph Leaman, 1998**, Lancaster, is commercial lines account manager. CCAB will remain on the Oregon Pike in the same office complex as BCF Insurance Group, where they previously worked.

**Carrie Thomas Bair, 1994**, Lancaster, graduated from Temple University in May with a master's in social work. She works for Healthy Beginnings Plus at Lancaster General Health. Her husband, **Tyrone (Ty) Bair, 1995**, is a social studies teacher with the School

District of Lancaster. He was recently given a distinguished award from "Arms Around the Communities" for his work in Lancaster City. He and another teacher started "Exit Lancaster," a program that offers educational opportunities for middle school students. The Bairs have two boys, 2 and 3.

**Karissa Sauder, 2006**, Cambridge, Mass., says her pre-law classes at Eastern Mennonite University in peace-building, theology, ethics, business and philosophy have prepared her well for Harvard Law School. The first-year student works as an intern for the Program on Negotiation.

**Kelsey Gorman, 2008**, Elizabethtown, was named an All-American for NCAA Division III Women's Soccer. Other honors this season include Commonwealth Conference Championships MVP, Commonwealth Conference Co-Player of the Year, First Team All-Commonwealth and NCAA Championships Most Outstanding Defensive Player. Gorman is a senior at Messiah College.

**Lindsay King, 2009**, Atglen, was named to the All-Commonwealth Conference First Team for volleyball. King plays for Messiah College.

**Hans Weaver, 2009**, and Niles Graber Miller, both Goshen College students,



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have formed a company that brews a tea called Menno Tea. It's based on a family recipe of the popular meadow tea. Weaver is a junior business student.

This past summer **Lanjiabao Ge (Jiabao), 2011**, Rochester, Mich., competed in the Washington International Piano Festival at the Kennedy Center and performed Petrouchka Suite by Stavinsky. Jiabao is a piano performance major at Oakland University.

### MARRIAGES

**Randy King, 1989**, and Rhonda Good, October 22, 2011. They live in Mechanicsburg.

**Laura Kautz, 2000**, and Quan Nguyen, June 25, 2011. They live in Leola.

**Donavon Tann, 2005**, and Kara Glick, July 11, 2009. They live in the Philadelphia area.

**Philip Hess, 2006**, and Ashley Sim, July 10, 2010. They live in Harrisburg.

### BIRTHS

Sam Rhodes and **Emmalie Zak, 1991**, Boca Raton, Fl., first daughter, Mollie Elizabeth Zak Carolina Rhodes, June 9, 2011.

Andrew and **Julie Gish, 1994**, Gingrich, Lancaster, first child, a son,

Logan Alexander, November 8, 2011.

Benjamin and **Tiffany Hershey, 1997**, **Betz**, Lititz, second child, a son, Quinn Alexander, September 26, 2011.

**Ryan, 1997**, and Bethany Umble, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, third child, second son, Asian Ross, Dec. 10, 2010. The Umbles recently began a second term of service in Cambodia with Eastern Mennonite Missions. They work with university students in EMM's residential dormitories alongside the Phnom Penh Mennonite Church.

**Joe, 1997**, and **Kristen Kauffman, 1999**, **Lusby**, Atglen, twin sons, Judd Paul & Darren Jeffrey, August 30, 2011.

Derrick and **Jessica Rohrer, 1998**, **Weaver**, third child, second daughter, Annabelle Grace, July 19, 2011.

**Jordan, 1999**, and Corlissa Nolt Moyer, Mount Joy, a son, Dawson Tate, July 11, 2011.

Stephen and **Rachel Webster, 2000**, **Duteriez**, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland, a daughter, Natalie Joy, December 1, 2011.

**Phillip, 2004**, and Claire Weiler, Monroe, Miss, a daughter, Adalyn Claire, April 13, 2011.

**Abigail Ressler, 2004**, and Melvin Carwile, Lititz, a daughter, Kaylie Joy,

## 2012 CLASS REUNIONS

1957 ▶ Nov. 16      1962 ▶ July 23

1972 ▶ Sept. 22      1992 ▶ June 2

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August 2, 2010. Abigail and Melvin married November 3, 2007.

### DEATHS

**James Robert Hess, 1944**, Lancaster, December 20, 2011.

**Walter L. Miller, 1950**, Oklahoma City, Okla., December 22, 2011.

**Jeanette Miller King, 1957**, Cochransville, December 20, 2011.

**Ruth L. Kreider, 1964**, Lancaster, October 6, 2011.

**Julia Stoltzfus Mumma, 1967**, Parkesburg, formerly of Chesapeake, Va., December 12, 2011.

**Micah D. Warfel, 2008**, Leola, October 3, 2011. ❖

Jessica King, 1992

## Serving others in Lancaster City

Jessica King, executive director of ASSETS Lancaster, says she is most drawn to community and economic development work because she enjoys creating opportunities for others—opportunities like decent housing, vocation, business training, and economic stability.



“There are so many people who haven’t had adequate opportunities to realize their dreams,” she says. “The sense that ‘to whom much is given, much is expected’ has held a lot of weight with me in my vocational path. I feel more connected to neighbors and to God’s purpose in the world when doing this sort of work.”

“This sort of work” is not new to King. After moving to Pittsburgh in 1997, she became executive director of PULSE (Pittsburgh Urban Leadership Service Experience), a voluntary service organization committed to cultivating a community of young servant leaders to transform Pittsburgh.

In 2001, near the end of her four years at PULSE, King and a group of other Mennonites purchased a dilapidated church building and founded the Union Project, an idea conceived to create a community space where diverse neighbors could come together

to connect, create, and celebrate. The old church, renovated through grants and what the group calls “an urban barn raising,” became that space. Today it houses a ceramics cooperative, a cafe, office and studio space, and space for church services, hula-hooping, theatre and more. King served as executive director of the Union Project for five years before coming to Lancaster in 2007.

Prior work experience also included serving as assistant editor for *Gospel Herald* (now *The Mennonite*).

King says her LMH education was “extremely valuable” in shaping her world view—through learning to know students from other countries, relating to teachers with international and domestic service/development experience, and traveling to Puerto Rico and Canada as part of her academic studies.

Besides her work at ASSETS, King is a site council member at the Locust

Grove Campus; board member of Spanish American Civic Association Development, Inc.; member of the Social Enterprise Committee and the Local Management Committee of the Workforce Investment Board; and volunteer with Lancaster’s Alley Garden, a community project her family helped start in southeast Lancaster City.

She also enjoys fixing up old houses with her husband, Chad, sewing clothing, and spinning and selling yarn.

King graduated from Eastern Mennonite University and did graduate work in community development and nonprofit management at the University of Pittsburgh.

She and Chad attend Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster where Chad is associate pastor. They have two daughters: Eleni, 2, and Esmé, 6, who is shown with her mother in photo. Esmé is a first grader in the LMS Spanish Immersion program. ❖

The LMS Dinner Theatre on Saturday, April 28, will introduce and honor our alums of the year and feature the musical, *The King and I*. For the best seating, send order and payment today. For “musical only” tickets, call (717) 299-0436, ext. 340. The musical runs April 26–28, 7:30 nightly plus 2 p.m. Saturday. Go to [www.lancastermennonite.org](http://www.lancastermennonite.org) for additional information.

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Edith Yoder, 1983

## Advocate for single mothers and children

About 30 years ago Edith Yoder was sitting in an LMH chapel when the speaker suddenly seemed to be looking directly at her. He was challenging students to live lives that impact the poor. About the same time, Yoder was reading Donald Kraybill's *Upsidedown Kingdom* in Myron Dietz's Bible class—a book that calls readers to Christian discipleship.

Yoder says that, though many LMH experiences helped to shape who she is today, those two were pivotal in developing in her “a passion for following Christ in a world filled with homelessness, pain and injustice.” And they help to explain how she ended up serving as executive director of Bridge of Hope for over 20 years—first for Lancaster and Chester counties and later for the national organization that she helped to launch.

Bridge of Hope builds partnerships between homeless families, trained church-based mentoring groups and social workers. These relationships, which provide rental assistance and employment training, help single mothers find long-term solutions to homelessness.

Under Yoder's leadership, Bridge of Hope has grown to 15 locations in seven states. She works out of the national office in Exton, Pennsylvania.

“It is incredibly rewarding to see once-homeless families experience new life and hope because of Bridge of Hope mentoring groups from churches of many different Christian faith traditions,” Yoder said. “The church today can be polarized along many different lines. ... But I am energized by seeing local churches practice unity in Christ

when it comes to befriending homeless single mothers and their children.

“I have seen how homeless families remind us that our relationship with God is more than just a private response to the God of the universe. ... When we enter into an authentic relationship and mutual friendship with a homeless mother or child and see through their lens, it is surprising how often our eyes are open anew to the presence of Jesus in the world.”

Yoder graduated with honors from Eastern Mennonite University and received her master's of education in Adult and Organizational Development (also with honors) from Temple University. For her graduate program sabbatical, she attended the Peace Studies Centre at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

Prior to her work at Bridge of Hope, Yoder was a client fiscal consultant at the Association for Independent Growth, Philadelphia, and earlier was director of the after-school tutoring program at Glad Tidings Community Center in Bronx, New York.

Published works include co-editor of *Journeys of Hope* (2004), a collection of Bridge of Hope stories; seven affiliate manuals for boards of directors; a Bridge of Hope training manual; and



co-editor of *Amazing Hope: A Ministry of Friendship to Homeless Families* (1998).

She has participated in many workshop presentations and conference trainings and has shared her financial expertise while serving on numerous committees and boards. She attends Frazer Mennonite Church where she is a Sunday School teacher for 3 and 4-year-olds.

Yoder and her husband, Garth Scott, live in the Roxborough neighborhood of Philadelphia and are raising their 5-year-old granddaughter, Jennteale, “a budding peacemaker” who attends Greene Street Friends School.

Scott, who has three adult children, is the information systems auditor in the Controller's Office for the City of Philadelphia. ❖



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