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Elementary students at the Locust Grove Campus stretch as wide as they can during music class.



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**Cover:** The exterior of the new Lancaster Mennonite School — Hershey Campus in Hummelstown, Dauphin County.

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from the acting superintendent

## A mix of rich tradition and new perspectives

**Lancaster Mennonite School is preparing for its 75th year celebration, beginning October**

**2016. Throughout those 75 years, LMS has been blessed with a rich tradition of many legacy families that have supported the school by enrolling their children, giving financially, investing time and praying faithfully.**



Miles Yoder

Alumni from legacy families have commented about the strong sense of community that emerges with classmates and within their family generations as they share the experience of attending LMS with each other.

The value of having students from multigenerational families enroll at the school is balanced with the benefits of having students enroll who have no prior connections with LMS.

Millstream Hall, the name of our new residence hall, recently held an Open House event that was well attended by supporters of the school. A group of local pastors also gathered in Millstream Hall for a breakfast and time of prayer before the students moved into their new “home away from home.” Many of our residence hall students are the first generation from their family to enroll at our school. These students bring a fresh perspective and new ideas to the dorm and high school. About 75 percent of the current dorm population is made up of international students who bring a rich diversity and understanding to the broader school community.

What makes LMS so special is the fact that legacy families join with first-generation families to form a truly special learning community. We are all one under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Students build bridges and recognize the value in others as legacy students and first-generation students come together and benefit one another. Thank you for supporting all of our LMS students in prayer as we attempt to follow Jesus by being restorative in relationships and promote peace in daily school life. ❖



# BUILDING A Legacy

As the youngest, Betty Sauder was the only member of her family able to attend the new Lancaster Mennonite School when it opened in 1942. Now almost 75 years after she was a part of the school's first graduating class, Sauder's great-grandson, Matthew Eshleman, is preparing for his own graduation, representing the family's fourth generation at LMS.

For the Eshleman family, choosing Lancaster Mennonite School was simply the next step in their education.

Betty's son Robert, 1965, married his classmate, Anna Ruth Neff, and the couple then decided to send their three children to LMS, too.

"For me growing up, I think the



Betty Sauder Eshleman's picture in the first LMS yearbook

private education was just kind of assumed," their son, Daryl, 1988, said. "I do remember my parents talking about the value of Lancaster Mennonite and they gave me the opportunity to think about public school if I desired, but all of my friends were going to LMS, so it was just a natural transition."

Daryl's wife, Cheryl, had grown up in the public school system, but when it came time to choose where to send their kids, they agreed they wanted to send them to private schooling.

The Eshleman children began at Hinkletown Mennonite, where Cheryl had previously taught music classes. The youngest three are still at Hinkletown, but their oldest, Matthew, will be graduating from LMS in June.

"I think (Cheryl) saw and I experienced the solidness of the education, the integration of faith and the academic opportunities that were there," Daryl said of LMS. "We didn't know where our son's interest would be and wanted him to have the opportunity to experience all those things, and we both saw that in Lancaster Mennonite."

At LMS, Matthew has had the chance to follow in his dad's footsteps by joining Campus Chorale and National Honor Society.

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The Eshleman family after Matthew's senior presentation: Robert and Anna Ruth Neff Eshleman, both of 1965, Matthew, 2015, Cheryl Eshleman and Daryl Eshleman, 1988. Betty Sauder Eshleman died in 2003.





**Top left:** Jim Baer plays a game with his daughter, Zôë, and granddaughter, Jada, a student at the Kraybill Campus.

**Bottom left:** Four generations of LMS students: Ann Wenger Miller, Valerie Miller Baer, Zôë Baer Rohrer and Jada Rohrer.



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In addition, Matthew had the opportunity to play baseball and excelled in academics, being recognized as a commended student in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Daryl Eshleman said what he appreciates the most about LMS is the consistency of the education and the way life, church, faith and career knowledge are seamlessly woven together into a well-rounded experience.

But there's also a sense of legacy.

"There is sense of nostalgia of walking these halls and then nostalgia of

thinking of my parents doing that and my grandmother," he said. "There is a sense of nostalgia that this is a place of academic excellence and also a part of our history and our roots."

### **"The intangibles"**

When Anne Wenger Miller returns to the Lancaster Campus now, there's not too many buildings left from when she was a student in the school's early years.

"It's very different," the 1952 graduate said. "You get a little lost."

The only building that remains is the apartment building on the bank of the Millstream. When Miller was a student, the building served as the library and study hall with the residence hall on the upper floors.

She said she and her four siblings always knew they would attend LMS.

"I was very eager to go because I had family there and lots of friends," she said.

Her husband, Parke, also attended LMS, but they didn't start dating until the final weeks of their senior year.

"I appreciated the teaching that I got there," she said. "I felt like I got a good education and I felt like the teachers really cared about us."

The couple chose to send their children to LMS, including Valerie, who married Jim Baer, another student with a rich family history at LMS.

Jim's father, Russell, was one of the original four teachers at the Kraybill Campus in 1949. Jim and all of his siblings went to Kraybill for elementary and middle school and then to the Lancaster Campus for high school. He then became a teacher at Kraybill in 1983 and continues to work at the campus.

Jim and Valerie's five children all went to Kraybill, but only their younger three went to LMS for high school. Jim said he now regrets not looking into it sooner because, as he found out, it was more affordable than he thought.

He said one of the things that continues to impress him is how many of the students who go to Mennonite schools end up going into service work.

"For us, it's a no brainer," Baer said. "There's the intangibles that you really can't name."

### **A decidedly different school**

As an LMS student, Sam Thomas, 1968, appreciated the opportunity to become friends with others who shared his values and to be taught by teachers that encouraged him, cared for him as a person and helped nurture his spiritual development.

When he became a parent, Thomas and his wife chose to send their children to LMS for many of the same reasons.

His daughter, Janelle, 1991, a teacher at



Lancaster Mennonite School has a rich tradition of educating students, centering on the school motto, "Teach me thy way, O, Lord." As LMS prepares to celebrate its 75th anniversary in the fall of 2016, it is evident that many of our current students are not first generation attendees, but come from second, third or fourth generation LMS families.

The school appreciates the long-term commitment of many families who, in some cases, make sacrifices to enroll their children. One of the highlights each school year is when we celebrate Grandparents Day and see students connect with their grandparents. On these special days it is interesting to see how many of the grandparents are LMS alumni. These legacy families help to provide stability for the school over the years.

We also value first generation students at the school as they help to bring new ideas into the school community. It is exciting to see legacy and first generation students become unified in Christ through the school experience, as we all ultimately find our true legacy in Jesus.

John D. Roth reminds us in his book, *Teaching That Transforms*, that "each of our students has a name that bears within it a unique treasure. Each has been entrusted with a unique voice—a distinctive inflection, dialect or song—that is



**The Yoder Family:** (Back row) Jamie, 2006; Jared, 2003 and current LMS Athletic Director; Miles Yoder and Rodney Hostetter; (middle row) Amy Denlinger, 2006, Yoder; Meredith Yoder; Dawnell Yoder; Janae Yoder, 2001, Hostetter; (front row) Addi Yoder, Rilynn Hostetter and Brynlee Hostetter.

shared by no one else." At LMS, we treasure all students, whether they come from a legacy family or a first-generation family.

— Miles Yoder, Acting Superintendent

LMMS, said she took her years at LMS for granted because she assumed her high school experience was typical.

"It's only in retrospect and with more life experience that I realize the uniqueness of the education I received here," she said. "As an adult, I've lived and taught in other contexts, so I feel confident saying that LMS is decidedly different. I see students participating in authentic community, both with one another and with their teachers."

Her daughters are now in the early years of their own LMS journey as students at the Locust Grove Campus.

"I value the ways in which my own kids are being challenged to live lives aligned with Jesus' message of peace, love, inclusion, justice and service," Janelle said.

Sam Thomas said he's excited to see how the school has grown since the days

his father, David, was a teacher.

He called the multi-cultural diversity of today's LMS beautiful and is excited about the broad range of service and extracurricular opportunities for students. And while a big part of his experience as a student centered on proper attire, Thomas said he now senses more of a commitment to seeing the whole person formed.

"I experience a strong interest in nurturing a community spirit that respects every individual as a person

formed in God's image and worthy of respect, regardless of sex, race, gender or ability," Thomas said. ❖



**Above:** Sam and Marian Thomas with Janelle at her graduation in 1991. Sam was the commencement speaker.

**Left:** Sam and Janelle now with Janelle's daughters, Macy and Pippa.







High School Principal Elvin Kennel and Associate Principal Elizabeth Landis pray over the students who will be living in the new residence hall during an Open House on Feb. 10.

## *Welcome to* **Millstream Hall**

Students, faculty, staff and friends got their first look at Millstream Hall, the new residence hall, during an open house on Feb. 10.

The ceremony marked the end of the much-needed project a few days before students officially moved in.

The \$1.8 million renovation of the second floor of the 2160 strip mall was made possible through generous gifts from donors and residence hall fees over a period of time. Of the \$500,000 in gifts, LMS students raised nearly \$30,000 through the senior class gift, student council mini-golf tournament and a special international meal hosted by the International Students

Association.

The new residence hall will help LMS continue to be a place where local and global meet, serving students throughout Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, the US and 17 other



### **The Naming Process**

When it came time to name the new residence hall, school administration decided to ask alumni and friends for their opinion.

After coming up with two options, an online poll was set up for visitors to vote on their favorite. Millstream Hall was the overwhelming winner and fitting, since the new residence hall has one of the best views of the Millstream (see above).

**From top to bottom:** 1) One of the large couches in the great room. 2) Residence hall students check out the new security system. 3) A sitting nook that looks out over the Lancaster Campus. 4) Students check out the new rooms for the first time. 5) Open House guests relax on a couch in the great room in front of a large wall map of the world. (Photos by Stephanie Weaver)



# Hershey Christian joins LM system

As of Feb. 27, Hershey Christian School became the fifth campus of Lancaster Mennonite. Leaders of both schools believe that joining these two schools strengthens Christ-centered education in Central Pennsylvania.

Lancaster Mennonite School grew to five campuses in March with the addition of Hershey Christian School.

The new Hershey Campus, with 210 students in kindergarten through grade 12, will continue to offer a high school program in Dauphin County.

While many of the details of the acquisition are still in the works, LM Superintendent J. Richard Thomas said he believes the merger of the two schools will be a positive witness in the community.

"These are exciting times," Thomas said. "We believe this acquisition is in keeping with our missional Christ-centered vision and is a way to grow the peaceable reign of God."

Hershey Christian School approached LM about becoming one of its campuses in June 2013. Although LM initially declined, conversations continued with HCS parents, faculty and board members.

This January, the LM Executive Board came to a unanimous agreement to acquire Hershey Christian School and, on Feb. 10, the Hershey Christian School Association voted to become an LMS campus.

The new campus will be known as Lancaster Mennonite School — Hershey Campus, keeping a distinction between the Hershey-based high school program and the Lancaster Campus high school. Both schools will field separate athletic

teams, with LMH remaining in the Lancaster-Lebanon League and the Hershey athletes continuing to compete in the Commonwealth Christian Athletic Association.

A Parent Council will be developed for the Hershey Campus, and one or two current Hershey board members may be invited to serve on the LMS Quarterly Board.

While Lancaster Mennonite was originally founded in 1942 to serve Mennonite students, people from many denominations have increasingly become part of what is now an interdenominational student body.

LM is committed to the core values of Anabaptist Christian faith, most of which are shared by the people involved with Hershey Christian School and other Christians. In discussions, school leaders learned they hold much in common since they are united in and through Jesus Christ.

A celebration was held at the Hershey Campus on March 9, with remarks from administration and board members and tours of the campus. The event was a great way for the campuses to meet and



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**Making it official:** Administrators and school board members from both schools sign documents to finalize the acquisition.

celebrate this new stage.

Al Roth, the headmaster at Hershey Christian said it's a privilege for the school to become part of the LMS system.

"We believe that the new team will be better able to carry out our shared mission of providing students a Christ-centered, well-rounded education that equips them to live faithful, God-honoring lives whatever their occupation or calling," Roth said. "We thank God for His guidance and direction, and ask for His continued blessing on our schools as He leads us to jointly work to serve Him." ❖

**Bottom left:** LM teachers and friends get a tour of a Hershey Campus classroom.

**Bottom center:** The Hershey Christian logo in the school's gym. **Bottom right:** Faculty from LM and HC mingle during the March 9 celebration.



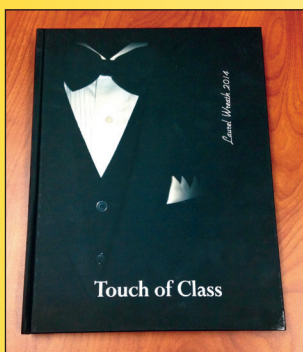
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Charlotte Schreyer, Emily Rosenfeld, Brandon Roe and Austin Sauder compete on WGAL's Brain Busters game show tournament.

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Five seniors were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program this year (left to right): Josiah Nisly, commended student; Andrew Milligan, finalist; Charlotte Schreyer, commended student; Matthew Eshleman, commended student; and Micaiah Barley, finalist.

Keystone Winners (left to right): Cierra King, Kaleigh Gerringer, Tyler Weaver, Dylan Coleman and Mason Stoltzfus at the 2015 Pennsylvania Farm Show.

## Celebrating Achievements

### LAUREL WREATH EARNS FIRST-EVER FINALIST STANDING

The 2014 Laurel Wreath, "Touch of Class," (at left) was named a finalist for a silver or gold crown in the annual Columbia Scholastic Press Association awards. The association will announce whether the yearbook earned a gold or silver crown at its convention in March. This is the first time the yearbook made it to this level of the competition.

### QUIZ BOWL TAKES SECOND IN LL LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

The LMS Quiz Bowl team had another strong year, repeating as the second-place finishers in the Lancaster Lebanon League tournament. Four members of the team, seniors Charlotte Schreyer, Emily Rosenfeld and Austin Sauder and sophomore Brandon Roe, are also currently competing on WGAL's Westfield Insurance Brain Busters game show competition.

The LMS team lost its third round match against Harrisburg Academy after victories over Big Spring and Cedar Crest, but can still earn a wild card spot.

### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

Seniors Micaiah Barley and Andrew Milligan were named finalists in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program competition. The two seniors will now be considered to receive a National Merit Scholarships.

Seniors Matthew Eshleman, Josiah Nisly and Charlotte Schreyer were also recognized in the competition as commended students. The honors are based on the students' performances on the preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test taken during their junior year.

### FFA SENIORS EARN KEYSTONE DEGREES

Five LMS seniors received their Keystone Degrees at the State FFA Convention during the Pennsylvania Farm Show: Cierra King, Kaleigh Gerringer, Tyler Weaver, Dylan Coleman and Mason Stoltzfus. To earn this award, these students had to keep records of a Supervised Agricultural Experience project that showed they had worked more than 600 hours and had earned and productively invested \$1,000.

The students also had to be involved with local and state FFA activities, prepare an agricultural speech and participate in 25 hours of community service.







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### BLAZER NATION ALUMNI NIGHT

The new alumni athletic club, Blazer Nation, hosted an alumni night at the boys basketball game against Columbia on Jan. 22. During halftime of the varsity game, the school's eight 1,000-point career scorers were recognized and honored with the semi-unveiling of a banner noting their achievements.

The boys soccer team was also recognized for its postseason run in the state tournament, making it to the championship game for the third time in four years. The team presented High School Principal Elvin Kennel with the state silver trophy. After the game, a reception was held in Gym A with the basketball team, coaches, 1,000-point scorers and other alumni and friends.

### SUPERINTENDENT ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Superintendent J. Richard Thomas is in the midst of a special assignment to focus on several initiatives, including planning for the school's 75th anniversary and working on the faculty and student manuals. During the assignment, which began in January and will end this spring, Assistant Superintendent Miles Yoder will serve as acting superintendent of LMS.



David Alejos



Ian Burkhart

### FALL ALL-STARS RECOGNIZED

Senior David Alejos finished his LMS soccer season with numerous recognitions at the section, league and state levels. Alejos earned a spot on the all-state team and was recognized as LNP's Player of the Year and was recognized as a member of its all-league team. Alejos was also named the LL League Section 3 Player of the Year and Section MVP.

Three other student athletes also earned spots on the all-league all-star teams: Senior Ian Burkhart (boys soccer), senior Shayna Landis (field hockey) and junior Maia Garber (girls soccer). ♦



Shayna Landis



Maia Garber

LMS basketball 1,000-point scorers, from left to right: Steve Leaman, 1999, (holding his son Alex); Missy Hostetter, 1991; Acting Superintendent Miles Yoder; Nellie Sharp, 1996; Athletic Director Jared Yoder; Carmen Chiles, 1997; Karen Rheinheimer (for daughter Jessica, 2012); Katelyn Vanderhoff, 2008; Mike Rheinheimer (for daughter Jessica); Erin LaVenice, 2010; High School Principal Elvin Kennel and Jamie Yoder, 2006.



### Collazo all-time leading scorer for boys basketball

Guard Julian Collazo had a senior basketball season to remember. After hitting his milestone 1,000-point against Columbia on Dec. 23, Collazo led the team to a repeat Section 4 title and to the league and district playoffs.

Collazo finished his career with 1,398 points, the most of any boys basketball player in LMS history. Missy Hostetter, 1991, holds the school record with 1,652 points.

Students at the New Danville Campus play a game of Gaga Ball in one of the new courts installed last fall.



## Campus Auctions

Join us at one of our remaining auctions this spring to reconnect with LMS families, alumni and staff. Proceeds go to the Annual Fund, which helps keep tuition affordable.

- Locust Grove Campus — April 17
- Kraybill Campus Auction & Pig Roast — May 8
- Hershey Campus — May 9

## Going gaga for Gaga Ball

Students at the three LMS elementary campuses are eager for the warmer weather this spring so that they can get back on the Gaga Ball courts.

LMS ordered kits for the popular game, which is like dodgeball in an enclosed arena, and the family of Locust Grove students Jonathan and Joshua Klein built the courts last fall. The courts were then installed at the three campuses in November.

Locust Grove Campus principal Judi Mollenkof said students have been asking about getting the game for several years now after learning about and playing Gaga Ball at summer camps.

Mollenkof said there's been a tremendous positive response to the game so far. "Each recess you can see students playing and enjoying the game," she said. ❖

Locust Grove students Joshua (above) and Jonathan (right) Klein assembled the Gaga Ball courts with their family last fall.



## Winey earns national accolade

Following another run to the state championship game, boys soccer coach **Fred Winey, 1990**, earned a slew of recognitions at the league, region, state and national levels.

Winey, who became the head coach in 2007, was named the LL League Section 3 Coach of the Year and the overall league's co-coach of the year.

Winey was then recognized by the Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association as the Class AA Coach of

the Year. And to cap the season, the National Soccer coaches Association of America named Winey its High School Boys' East Region Coach of the Year. The region includes Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey.

Winey has lead three teams to the state championship game, with a title win in 2011. His teams also won district titles in 2010 and 2011, league gold in 2012 and 2013, and claimed seven Section 3 titles.





# LMS: Voices of Community

A book of photos of memories from LMS is being created to celebrate the school's 75th anniversary.

LMS is preparing a 75th-anniversary book, and you can help.

We know you have special memories of your time at LMS, and we want to capture them for the book.

To do that, we will be posting LMS-related photos online that we hope will prompt you to respond. We'll also post questions, such as:

- What service project through LMS meant the most to you?

• What was the most memorable thing about your LMS banquet or prom?

• Did the annual reading of "The Little Engine that Could" inspire you?

• If you lived in the dorm, what happened that would raise eyebrows if broadly known?

We want to hear from students, parents, alumni, friends and staff.



A photo from the book: Dorm students loading up a car to go home for the weekend one Friday evening, Spring 1963.

Watch for announcements about how to respond to our photos and questions. We look forward to working with you in creating a special celebratory book. Look for it in the fall of 2016. ❖

## Mark your calendar

April 1-2	Kraybill Middle School Drama, 7 p.m.
April 10-13	MSC High School Choir Festival at Bethany Christian
April 16	MCCL at Willow Street Mennonite Church, 7 p.m.
April 19	MCCL at Weaverland Mennonite Church, 6 p.m.
April 19	Campus Chorale at Groffdale Mennonite Church, 7 p.m.
<b>April 23-25</b>	<b>High School Spring Drama, <i>The Tempest</i>, 7:30 p.m. daily; 2 p.m. Sat.</b>
April 25	MCCL at Elizabethtown College, 7 p.m.
April 26	Campus Chorale at Zion Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.
May 1	MSC Middle School Choir Festival
May 3	MCCL at James St. Mennonite Church, 4 p.m.
May 3	Campus Chorale at Landisville Mennonite Church, 7 p.m.
May 4	New Danville Campus Music Showcase, 7 p.m.
May 5	High School Spring Concert, 7 p.m.
May 9	MCCL at Stumptown Mennonite Church, 7 p.m.
May 10	Campus Chorale at Weaverland Mennonite Church, 7 p.m.
May 14	LMS Grades 3-5 Spring Music Program, 7 p.m.
May 17	Campus Chorale at Stumptown Mennonite, 7 p.m.
May 21	LMMS Spring Concert, 7 p.m.
May 28	Kraybill Middle School Spring Program, 7 p.m.
June 5	Senior Class Dedication, 7 p.m.
June 6	Commencement, 10 a.m.

## Emulate holds deput performance at LMS

Lancaster Mennonite hosted the first-ever performance by Emulate, a new elite vocal ensemble from Eastern Mennonite University.

The ensemble, which is made up of 16 EMU students and directed by professor Ryan Keebaugh (pictured below), held a four-day "Spring Break Tour" in Pennsylvania at the beginning of March.

The group's first stop was LMS to perform at chapel and give workshops in music classes.



## CLASS REUNIONS



PAUL JACOBS

The Class of 1959 met at the Lancaster Campus for its 55th class reunion on June 28, 2014. The afternoon began with informal fellowship at the iron bridge, followed by refreshments in the Alumni Dining Hall and a group photo.

The reunion committee also provided a table for classmates to bring memory items from the past 55 years, which included many photographs from their time at LMS and of their families. After a dinner, a class octet performed several pieces and the 15 members of the class who have since passed away were remembered. The group also joined in a hymn sing and sang its class song and class dedication song. Of the class' 110 members, 64 made it back to LMS for the 55th reunion, along with 32 spouses and friends.

*Submitted by Lola Lehman*



PROVIDED BY CHARLIE KREIDER

The Class of 1964 celebrated its 50th class reunion with a weekend trip from Oct. 19 to 21 to the Finger Lakes in upstate New York.



PROVIDED BY NELSON HOOVER

About 61 members of the Class of 1969 gathered at Keefer's Barn in Marietta on Sept. 20, 2014, to celebrate their 45th class reunion. The reunion committee said it was a great turnout for the event and an enjoyable evening filled with memories.

### CLASS NOTES

**Audrey (Stoltzfus) Feters, 1977**, Huntington, Ind., was recently named one of the top ten finalists for Indiana Teacher of the Year 2015. Feters teaches kindergarten at Flint Springs Elementary School in Huntington, Ind.

**Lloyd K. Smucker, 1981**, West Lampeter Township, a Republican state senator, was chosen to lead the Education Committee during the two-year legislative session that began in January.

**Paula Weaver, 1982, Schrock**, Truro, Nova Scotia, and her husband Brian run a non-profit organization that was recently chosen to receive \$17,300 at the event, 100 Women Who Care in Truro, in December. The organization, Archway Counseling Association, offers quality professional family, couples and individual counseling at reduced and

affordable prices. Paula and Brian first moved to Truro in 1993 to serve with MCC in a Christian Counseling Center.

**Derek E. Frey, 1988**, Smoketown, was featured in an article in the July 2014 issue of Lancaster County magazine. Frey works for Turkey Hill as the manager of its Research and Development department, helping to create the company's new products.

**Matthew B. Hartzler, 1991**, Manheim, is the president of Warfel Construction Company, which was recently named General Contractor of the Year at the Associated Builders and Contractors Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter's award program.

**Karen Long, 1997, Maddox**, Lancaster, is now a first grade teacher in the Spanish Immersion program at our Locust Grove Campus.

**Rachel L. Dickinson, 2011**, Millersville, was named the NCAA Division II field hockey national defensive player of the year by Synapse Sports. Dickinson plays field hockey at Millersville University and helped the team earn its first NCAA Div. II national championship title last fall. Dickinson also earned a spot on the All-American first team, becoming the first three-time first team selection in Millersville field hockey history.

### MARRIAGES

**Mary E. High, 2008**, and Adam Sheir, Aug. 23, 2014. They live in Lancaster.

**Julie Heinly, 2009**, and Kyle Pegon, Jan. 18, 2014. They live in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Stephanie Peifer, 2011**, and Colton King, May 31, 2014. They live in Atglen, Pa.





The Class of 1979 celebrated its 35th reunion on Oct 11, 2014, at the Alumni Dining Hall. We had a great night filled with reminiscing and catching up with other classmates. The evening began with an optional tour of the campus and included a meal catered by Yoder's Catering from Gordonville. Cliff Wenger created a trivia quiz about events from 1979 that tested the wits and Phyl Weaver created a Powerpoint video with past and present pictures of classmates put to music with songs from 1979. We had a great evening and missed the classmates that were not able to attend.

*Submitted by Phyl Weaver*

## Class of 1984



Thirty-two members, along with 20 spouses, from the Class of 1984 met at the Four Seasons Golf Course for their 30th Reunion on Nov. 15. We had a wonderful dinner and a great time of fellowship — renewing friendships, catching up on each others' lives, including occupations, children and college, weddings, and even the newest phase, grandchildren! We look forward to gathering again in five years and hope to see even more classmates then.

*Submitted by Boni Landis*

## BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Matt and Paula Stutzman, 1992, Musser, Lancaster, third child, a son, Elijah Roman, Aug. 9, 2014.

Jared Hankee, 1998, and Mindy Nolt, 1996, Hankee, Lancaster, second child, a daughter, Moselle Sinead, Oct. 20, 2014.

Clinton, 2003, and Christina Simmons, Elizabethtown, first child, a son, Everett Timothy, May 22, 2014.

Todd, 2004, and Mandie Denlinger, Lancaster, fifth child, a son, Emerson Ray, July 31, 2014.

Bradley and Sara Lefever, 2008, Jackson, Exton, first child, a son, Wesley Todd, May 14, 2014.

## DEATHS

Mary K. Todd, 1943, Columbia, July 21, 2014.

Anna Ruth (Zeiset) Rohrer, 1944, East Berlin, Nov. 22, 2013.

Erika L. Malin, 1945, Malvern, May 31, 2014.

Ruth S. Weber, 1946, Lititz, Aug. 19, 2014.

Henry W. Harnish, 1947, Enid, Okla., Sept. 25, 2014.

Thelma B. Wolgemuth, 1947, Lititz, Feb. 23, 2015.

Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Stoltzfus, 1948, East Earl, Dec. 25, 2014.

Luke Wenger, 1955, New Holland, Oct. 16, 2014.

Wayne Miller, 1956, Mount Joy, Aug. 17, 2014.

Noah S. Martin, 1958, Johnstown, Nov. 16, 2014.

Hubert P. Graybill, 1964, Richfield, Nov. 4, 2014

Sherrill G. Martin, 1964, East Earl, Sept. 25, 2014.

Delmar L. Sauder, 1965, Gordonville, May 22, 2014.

Virgie G. Hurst, 1977, Ephrata, Dec. 9, 2014.

Rev. Mahlon Murry Hess, former LMS Bible teacher, Lititz, Oct. 12, 2014. ❖



A limited number of prints of 1983 alum Liz Hess' piece, "By the Millstream," are available for \$200. If interested, call (717) 509-4459, ext. 701, or email [bloomkg@lancastermennonite.org](mailto:bloomkg@lancastermennonite.org).

## 2015 CLASS REUNIONS

1965 ▶ Oct. 2-3, 2015  
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Contacts:

Mary Ellen Groff, (717) 572-1410  
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A slideshow from the 45th reunion is available at [www.lancastermennonite.org/alumni/reunions](http://www.lancastermennonite.org/alumni/reunions).

1970 ▶ Oct. 2, 2015  
Dinner at the Lancaster Campus  
Contact:  
Jay Carpenter, (717) 341-7062

1990 ▶ July 26, 2015, 4-7:30 p.m.  
High Pavilion at Greenfield  
Contact: Jan Good-Bollinger,  
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# Preserving an icon

**As it nears its 125th birthday, the Iron Bridge on the Lancaster Campus is in need of some minor repairs to maintain its symbolic presence. As a community, LMS hopes to raise \$50,000 for this project.**

*By Marlin Groff,  
with research provided by Tim Weber*

The historic Iron Bridge on the Lancaster Campus is a symbol of an education that has connected with students and alumni for almost 75 years. It represents an unchanging commitment to an excellent Christ-centered education, helping students grow socially, spiritually and personally, and is a symbol of the important connections LMS offers to alumni, churches, and communities.

The Iron Bridge was built in 1890 after the community asked local leaders for a safer way to cross the Mill Creek. For most of the 1700s and 1800s, wagons and carriages needed to ford the Mill Creek just down a bit from the existing bridge. The road would have passed through the current tennis courts to the top of the hill.

In 1864, a petition was submitted to the Court of Quarter Sessions of Lancaster County by citizens of East Lampeter Township. Names appearing on the petition are family names common in this community: Eshleman, Buckwalter,

Diffenbach, Landis, Rohrer, and Doner. They requested a bridge be constructed because "... the creek being frequently rendered impassible by ice and high water and that the entire expense of erecting a bridge there will not exceed \$600 of which the neighbors will contribute at least one third."

Twenty-five years later, on April 19, 1889, another petition was presented with 58 names. A public meeting was held Aug. 20 to view the proposed new road and bridge. Early concepts were for a three-arched stone bridge, but with the age of steel, a truss bridge was proposed that would be higher above the water level.

On Dec. 4, 1889, the county commissioners approved the construction of the new road and bridge. Their names appear today on the top of the bridge entrance. The bridge was put into service on Sept. 2, 1890.

We do not have record of the initial cost, but major repairs were needed within eight years. These repairs cost \$400 and included rebuilding the abutments on the south side, the entire flooring planks, stringers and joists to

be taken up and relain with white oak planks and wheel guards added on the inside of each truss.

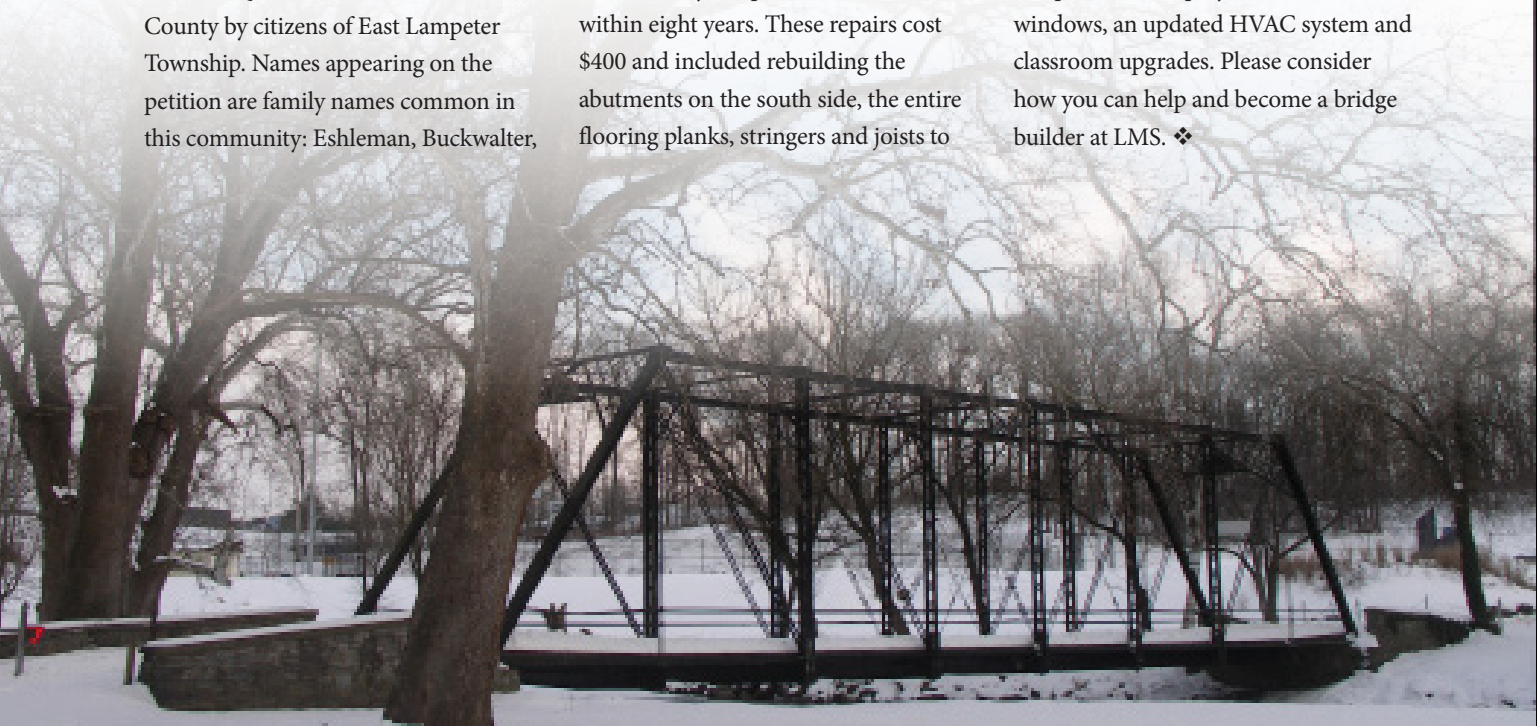
In 1907, the wooden planks and wheel guards needed to be replaced again. Sometime later, the flooring was changed to the concrete we have today.

The bridge served as a public road maintained by East Lampeter Township until 1970, when it was given to LMS and became a private road.

Spanning the Mill Creek, the bridge is a popular landmark for all persons associated with LMS. And just as human relationships need care and attention, this bridge also needs maintenance and restoration for it to continue to serve.

LMS is hoping to raise \$50,000 for minors repairs and to recoat and protect the steel structure. A donor has graciously agreed to kick off the project with a \$5,000 gift.

The bridge work is just one of the facility upgrades needed at the LMS campuses. Other projects include new windows, an updated HVAC system and classroom upgrades. Please consider how you can help and become a bridge builder at LMS. ❖





# Voices of Hope

In its 7th year, the opera fundraiser organized and founded by Madeline Bender, 1989, packed the Fulton Opera House to raise money to support children through Global Family program.

The voices of the capacity audience filled the Fulton Opera House, swelling as one as they joined in singing a popular hymn to close out the 7th annual Voices of Hope Winter Opera Gala.

The opera fundraiser, held on Jan. 10, has become one of the area's primer fine arts events, featuring some of the world's top operatic performers.

Soprano Madeline Bender, 1989, started the family-friendly show in 2009 as a way to raise money for the Global Family program, a branch of Mennonite Central Committee's international relief efforts.

The money raised through the show helps provide community-based education programs for children and young adults throughout the world.

Bender said she is passionate about the cause and creating opportunities for those in poverty.

"Everyone has united around a most worthy cause," she said. "Education has the power to lift entire families and communities out of poverty."

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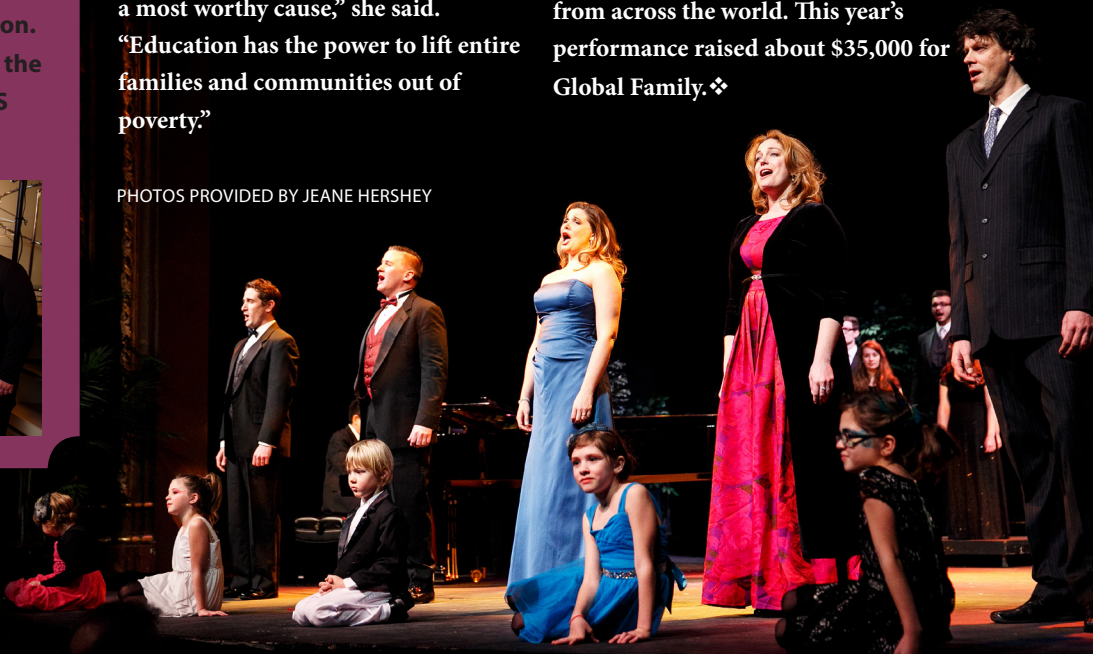
Soprano Madeline Bender performs during the 7th Annual Voices of Hope Winter Opera Gala at the Fulton Opera House on Jan. 10.

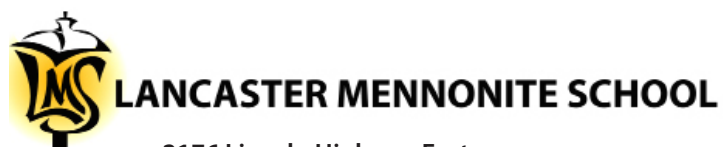
Voices of Hope began as a small recital in a high school auditorium, but has since transformed into a lavish gala with guest performers from across the world. This year's performance raised about \$35,000 for Global Family. ❖



## Hess painting featured in silent auction

As part of the gala, local artist Liz Hess, 1983, donated an original painting, featuring her red umbrella, for a silent auction. The piece, "The Roaring 20s at the Fulton," was purchased by LMS donors Calvin and Janet High.





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