

NEW DANVILLE MENNONITE SCHOOL

FREE FOR
EDUCATION

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Top: Marian Book, second row, last girl to the right side, with the student of 1951. Teacher Mrs. (Hou) Housh, second row, second from the right side.

Locust Grove
Mennonite School
CELEBRATION SINGERS
MAY 1970 5:30 PM

Mariel
Kraybill
Ground
Breaking
Phase II
1976

BRIDGES MAGAZINE

Celebrating the legacies and futures of the
New Danville and Locust Grove campuses

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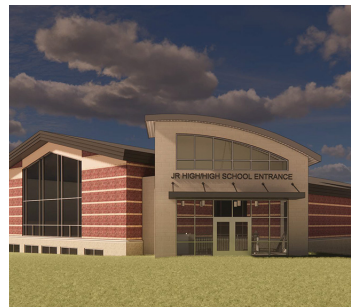


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SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF OUR CONTRIBUTING WRITERS & HISTORIANS!

Edie Hess, Joanne Siegrist & Locust Grove 50th Anniversary Book, and Dave Helmus.

Bridges Editors, Photographers and Designers: Aubrey Kreider & Carrie King

The next edition of Bridges, in Fall 2022, will feature updates to the unification of campuses as well as begin a series on our core values, beginning with Seek Jesus Wholeheartedly, and how our alumni and school are living those out daily.

TOGETHER WE WILL

SEEK JESUS
Wholeheartedly

LIVE
Compassionately

BUILD
Bridges of Peace

CULTIVATE
Global Citizens

NURTURE
Curiosity & Creativity

EMPOWER
Lifelong Learning

CHANGE THE WORLD



TWO PART SPECIAL BRIDGES EDITIONS

FALL 2021 - PART ONE: VISION
LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FUTURE

SPRING 2022 - PART TWO: REFLECTION
CELEBRATING THE LEGACIES OF NEW DANVILLE AND LOCUST GROVE

MOVING LOCATIONS: VALUES & COMMUNITY REMAIN CONSTANT

This issue celebrates and features the Locust Grove and New Danville campus histories. We are excited to honor the unique legacy of each campus in *Bridges* and also at our campus events this spring (Page 22).

As you enjoy the tributes to each campus, you will notice that both the current Locust Grove and New Danville campuses moved from their original historic locations. **As we look forward to the unification of all grades, PreK-12, on the Lancaster Campus (Lincoln Hwy E), it is a reminder that, though we may move locations, Lancaster Mennonite's commitment to Christ-centered education, caring community, and empowering students to change the world remains consistent.**

SUPERINTENDENT TRANSITION

It was with sincere regret that the Board of Directors accepted and announced the resignation of LM Superintendent, Dr. Pam Tieszen. January 14, 2022 was Dr. Tieszen's last day. She is looking forward to living closer to her family and accepted the position of Vice President of Advancement at Bethel College in Kansas.

Under Pam's leadership the past five years, LM has made many strategic achievements which have strengthened the school. **This past year our enrollment increased, and we are well prepared for the campus unification in the fall of 2022.** Dr. Tieszen put in place an exceptionally talented Administrative Team, and the school is well positioned for continued growth.

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT NAMED

The Board named Elaine Moyer as Interim Superintendent. She joined the staff on January 18, 2022. Elaine brings a wealth of educational administration experience – 11 years as Executive Associate Director of Mennonite Education Agency, and prior to that, 20 years as Chief School Administrator at Christopher Dock High School. She has also worked as an administrator, professor and teacher in elementary, high



school and college settings. Elaine will serve as an excellent facilitator and resource to the Administrative Team and Board throughout this semester.

Elaine shares, "LM is on a trajectory from what is to what will be. It gives me joy to support leadership as we together live in the transitional space that imagines the creativity that unification of campuses brings and the opportunities that PreK-12th grade education has when students and faculty are in close

proximity. I'm excited to be part of the conversations and planning that bridge from today to tomorrow, and continue to strengthen the educational excellence that LM offers."

The Board and Search Committee have begun the search process to select a new Superintendent for the upcoming school year.

In closing, I am excited that this edition of *Bridges* highlights the amazing histories and people who are part of the Locust Grove and New Danville school communities and their reflections on what God has in store for LM. We're excited about the unification and updates for the school, and will continue to provide excellence in education today and for the future. We invite your prayers during this transition.

Sincerely,

Kathleen R. Beiler

KATHY RUTT BEILER '85, Board Chair



LOCUST GROVE CAMPUS

EST. 1939

In 1935, a group of Mennonites met to discuss opening a private Christian school for their children to attend. After much prayer, counsel and research, in 1938 nine persons went to a public auction of East Lampeter School District's "little red schoolhouses." They bought the "Locust Grove Schoolhouse" for \$1,900 at its original location at 1901 Old Philadelphia Pike, now High Steel Structures. 32 students were enrolled when they opened their doors.

By the late 1950's, the Locust Grove Schoolhouse was bursting at the seams as more families were flocking to the school to receive the benefits of Christian education. In 1960, a 10-acre tract of land was purchased east of the "little red schoolhouse" at 2257 Old Philadelphia Pike for \$21,500. In 1964, students moved into the newly constructed school with a multi-purpose room, office space, and six classrooms. The school continued to expand over the next 25 years to add a second story addition of twelve classrooms and offices.

In 2011, the school added a Spanish Immersion track curriculum for students starting in Kindergarten. The school had added Conversational Spanish in 1960, so this harkened back to former days. This also matched the school's values of preparing students for being compassionate global citizens, whether they served abroad or interacted with people in their own communities.

The school has moved locations multiple times, but the unifying threads of teaching about Jesus, passionate teachers, and being a caring community have remained consistent throughout the school's history.

HISTORICAL TIMELINE



- **1939 - Locust Grove founded**
Locust Grove Mennonite School founded with 32 pupils from 12 families. Grace B. Lefever was the teacher with a salary of \$80/month. Tuition was \$115/mo. family.

- **1944 - Added Classrooms**
Purchased the adjoining gas station and store to turn into more classrooms and basement apartment for teachers. Photo on bottom left of page 5.



- **1964 - Old Phila. Pike Location**
School moves to current building at 2257 Old Philadelphia Pike



- **1976 - Two-story addition**
Offices and 12 classrooms added

- **1989 - 50th Anniversary**
Celebration of 50th Anniversary

- **2011 - SPANISH IMMERSION**
The Spanish Immersion program starts with pilot group of first graders



- **2022 - Lincoln Hwy E Location**
Move to 95 acres at Lancaster Campus (2176 Lincoln Hwy E) for unification, and established as PreK-12th grade campus



- **2003 - Merges with LMS**
Locust Grove Mennonite School merges with Lancaster Mennonite School, becomes Locust Grove Campus PreK-8 grade

- **2021 - CURRENT CAMPUS**
229 students PreK-8th, 102 Spanish Immersion students

Administrators

PRINCIPALS

Maribel Kraybill - 1964-1987*
Dave Helmus - 1987-2002
Jay Roth - 2003-2007
Judi Mollenkof - 2007-2017
Debra Denlinger - 2017-2018
Miles Yoder - 2018-present

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Dave Helmus - 1984-1987
Jeff Shank - 2007-2008
MJ Smith - 2013-2014

HEAD TEACHER

Margaret Horst Breneman - 1964-1980*

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPERVISOR

Vi Bender - 1985-2003

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPERVISOR

Betty (Hershey) Newswanger - 1982-2006

*Maribel Kraybill is noted as the first Principal and Margaret Horst Breneman as the first Head Teacher as they began at the new building. Before that there was no official Principal since there were only one or two teachers at the old one-room and then two-room school house, and the school was overseen by the Board.



"My favorite memory was the Locust Grove auctions. We ran around all afternoon and into the night while our parents were busy. I loved being with my friends after school to play games and eat BBQ and strawberry pies."

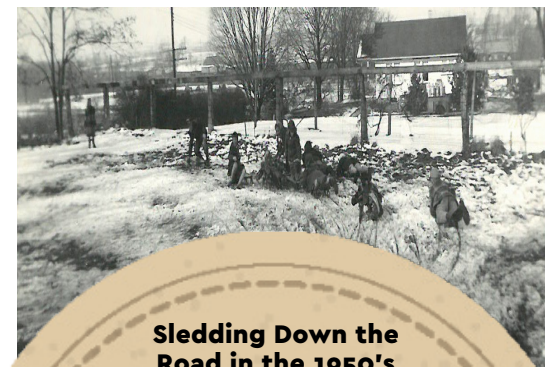
- MAYA DULA '17, Locust Grove Student
2002-2013 (Kindergarten-8th Grades)



Purchase of adjoining building provided additional classroom space and apartment for teachers.

Annual Locust Grove Auction
Valentine's Day Service Project
Dan Glick's Pretzel Deliveries
Race for Education
Annual Book Fair Week
Spring Middle School drama
Ski Trips for Middle Schoolers
Family community
Strong parent support blessing staff with food in the faculty lounge each month
Monthly fun days to build school spirit
Staff gathering for worship, sharing scriptures and prayer
Sunshine Committee An amazing group composed of several staff who led with campus celebrations (Showers, farewells, breakfasts)

Favorite Memories and Traditions



Sledding Down the Road in the 1950's

"I went to the first Locust Grove campus in the schoolhouse, and when it would snow they would close the road at the Greenfield Road and Old Philadelphia Pike intersection. We would sled down the hill on the road. We could get going pretty fast and far; it is a really fun memory."

- ALLON LEFEVER '64, Locust Grove Student 1953-1960
(2nd-8th grades)

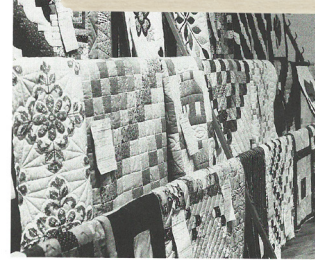
LOCUST GROVE historic scrapbook

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AUCTIONS STARTED IN 1974



"I have fond memories of the annual Locust Grove auction. It was an eagerly anticipated event. It was an opportunity for the Locust Grove community to come together, reconnect between school years, volunteer, and financially support their school. The auction brought out the best in everyone!"

- ABE DIFFENBACH, long-time auctioneer at Locust Grove Campus auctions & Locust Grove parent



3rd grade Locust Grove students visit the Lancaster campus (Lincoln Hwy E) to rehearse for their Christmas concert.



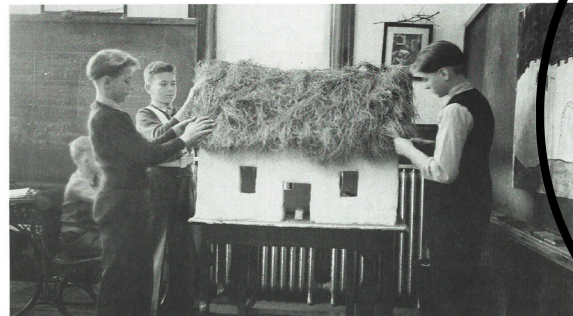
FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MILES YODER

It has been an absolute privilege to serve as Principal at Locust Grove the past number of years. The staff have functioned so well as a team, parents have been incredibly supportive, and we have seen amazing growth in many students! As Locust Grove transitions to the Lancaster Campus, we will take many learning experiences with us as we anticipate the LM future with hope and optimism. As we turn the page and anticipate LM campuses unifying, we take with us many wonderful memories and the knowledge that God is in control of the future moving forward. We are reminded in the words of Deuteronomy 7:9, "Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations." Let it be so!



"I was most impacted by the connections with overseas missionaries during my time at Locust Grove, like James Hess who visited during his furlough from Honduras, and my second grade teacher, Miss Snively, who went on to serve in Honduras. I know my faith formation and vocation was shaped by these encounters."

- MIM BOOK '66, Locust Grove Student 1953-1962 (1st-8th grade)



NEW DANVILLE CAMPUS

EST. 1940

Acting on a concern to have local Christian education, numerous Mennonite families in the Willow Street area formed and opened the new "Willow Street School" in 1940. This first school building was a one-room former tinsmith shop in Willow Street. The shop was chosen because of its many windows, which provided good natural light for students to read, write, and to learn arithmetic, science and Bible studies.

Emily Kraybill was the first teacher at the school, and she became something of a legend during her 19 years teaching at New Danville. The school started with 23 students in eight grades, and a three-member board.

Four years later, in 1944, a new spacious two-room building was constructed on Sprecher Road between the villages of New Danville and West Willow. By 1950, the enrollment at the "New Danville Mennonite School" had grown to 83 students.

On the school's 10th Anniversary, enrollment had increased to 91 students, with three teachers, ten grades, including middle school and some high school courses, and was overseen by a five-member board.

In the late 70's, the school was outgrowing the Sprecher Road building, and in the fall of 1978, moved to its current location along Long Lane.

The years have brought many changes, but a strong tradition of Mennonite/Anabaptist Christ-centered teaching and being a caring community has remained consistent throughout the school's history.

HISTORICAL TIMELINE



1940 - First school opens
Opens in former tinsmith shop in Willow Street with 23 pupils, Grades 1-8, and Emily Kraybill as the teacher.



1944 - Sprecher Rd. Location
School moves to two room building on Sprecher Road.

1982 - Add 7.6 Acres
Signed deed for an additional 7.6 acres of land for continued growth.

1986 - Gym and Middle School Added
Gym and Middle School classroom wing added

2021 - CURRENT CAMPUS
105 students PreK-5th Grade

2022 - Lincoln Hwy E Location
Move to 95 acres at Lancaster Campus (2176 Lincoln Hwy E) for unification, and established as PreK-12th grades campus



1978 - Long Lane Location
School moves to 393 Long Lane (current location).

1986 - Accreditation
Initial Accreditation by Association of Christian Schools International

1990 - 50th Anniversary
Celebration of 50th Anniversary

2001 - Merges with LMS
New Danville Mennonite School merges with Lancaster Mennonite School, one K-12 school with two campuses.



"I always felt our staff enjoyed a special camaraderie, and the spirit of the school was such a welcoming and friendly one. We celebrated birthdays by providing food in the staff room; we celebrated weddings and new births as a staff group...we always seemed to have such fun together!"

- EDIE HESS
Former Admin. Assistant at New Danville, 1985-2020

Favorite Memories and Traditions

Annual New Danville Auction

Taste of New Danville - A favorite newer tradition where families brought a food representing their family's culture and shared it potluck-style with the community

Christmas programs, Spring concerts and Spring Arts Showcase & Talent Shows

Faculty prayer in the mornings

Race for Education

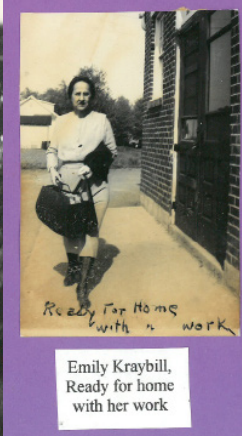
Used Book Sales

End of School Year Picnic - Families came to the school for activities and food outside. In the past this used to include a "teacher sled pull" where each class would pull their teacher in a sled race across the field. Other activities included: kickball, petting zoos, gardening, cookouts, baseball, and ice cream socials.

Service Projects

Apple Day - Kindergarteners would pick apples at Cherry Hill Orchards, make applesauce, and learn about apples

Victorian Tea - When there was a middle school, they always held a Tea event with period costumes and food



Emily Kraybill,
Ready for home
with her work



Administrators

HEAD TEACHER

Emily Kraybill, 1940-1959
Lois Miller, 1959-1961
Mabel Horst, 1961-1965
Ruth Siegrist, 1965-1966
Anna Mae Herr, 1966-1968, 71-78
Naomi Siegrist, 1969-1971

PRINCIPAL

Lucille Wingert, 1978-1980*
David Helmus, 1980-1983
Jane Moyer, 1983-1990
Eugene Kopp, 1990-1992
Dave Siegrist, 1992-1995
Carl Hess 1995-1998
Shirley Garber, interim, 1998
Judi Mollenkof, 1999-2013
Eloy Rodriguez 2013-2018
Lindsay Carson, 2018 - present

*Lucille Wingert is noted as the first Principal. Before that there was no official Principal since there were only one or two teachers at the old one-room and then two-room school houses, and the school was overseen by the Board.

"I have countless lasting memories from my time at New Danville that I will always cherish. My teacher, Ms. Beck, had a big impression on me. She would help me study for tests and finish homework, and talk with me on a personal level, like a friend."

- EVANGELYN RODRIGUEZ '00,
New Danville Student 1987-1996
(K-8th grade)

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"Nothing was more special than singing together! The two-room school had a wall separating grades 1-4 and 5-8, and there were times when we'd open up the wall and sing together. I loved belting out hymns and songs, like *Fairest Lord Jesus*, *Goodbye Little Desk* or *My Grandfather's Clock*."

- ANN RISSE '63, Student at New Danville from 1951-1959 (grades 1-8)



Denny Dagen cooks chicken at the annual barbecue



FROM THE PRINCIPAL, LINDSAY CARSON

The New Danville Campus has seen so much growth and change throughout the decades, but in my experience and the stories I've heard from so many, New Danville carries with it a sense of "home" and "welcome." For the 10 years that I have been a part of the New Danville community, I have continually found the school to be a joy-filled space, built on the foundation of Christ's peace, love, and hope. As faculty and staff have built and transformed the school program, and new families and partnerships have shifted the demographics to broaden our diversity and provide new connections, the steady theme that "you are part of this family" has remained the same through the decades. It is with this spirit of joy and welcome that we look with hopeful expectation towards our next school site, with all the new possibilities it brings. With this move, we look forward to a sustainable path for sharing this rich spirit of "home" to even more families in our community in the years to come. We invite your storytelling about how Mennonite-Anabaptist education, and New Danville specifically, has shaped you and your family, and also your prayers for this continued transformation to be broadened further as we transition to our new site. May we carry on this rich history and openness to change well into the future.



outing in Meadow Harnishes



>>> FUTURE FORWARD >>>>

UNIFICATION CONTINUES AT FULL STEAM! By KATHY R. BEILER '85, Board Chair

OUR FUTURE IS TOGETHER, and 2022 is an exciting year! We are looking forward to the unification of all three LM campuses when grades PreK-12 will gather at the Lancaster campus (Lincoln Hwy E) next fall. **The unification process is on schedule, and Lancaster Mennonite is financially strong. Enrollment is up this year, and the endowment is growing.** As a board, we are committed to making decisions that fulfill the mission to provide education in a diverse community that nurtures students to become creative and innovative learners who are prepared for college, career and life.

Lancaster Mennonite is not defined by the buildings; it is a community of people. Our legacy is built on schools that were established to provide students with an education based on Christ-centered values and high-quality academics. So, though our locations have changed throughout our history, the unifying threads of a caring community and a shared mission and values remains consistent.

We will continue to remember where we came from and look forward to where we are going. The future is bright, and we're excited for you to be a part of it! Explore the latest updates that are part of the unification process.



MEET OUR PRINCIPALS!



LINDSAY CARSON
ELEMENTARY
GRADES PREK-4

"I'm excited to continue to strengthen LM's curriculum and programming, particularly in restorative justice and peacebuilding instruction to meet the needs of diverse learners, and development of future-ready skills in STEAM. I love welcoming families and students to LM's unique Christ-centered learning community and am eager for the new relationships that will be formed in the coming year as we unify grades PreK-12th at one campus."



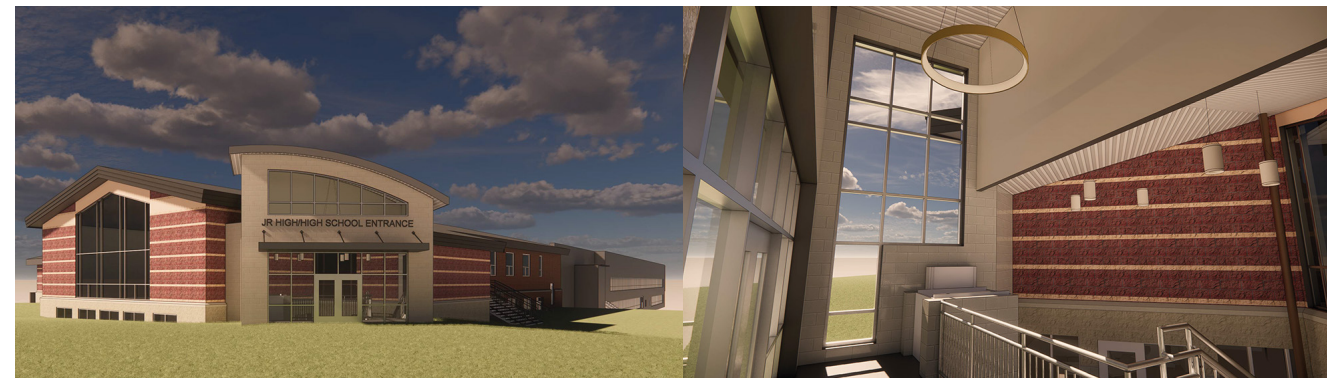
The search process for a Middle School Principal, Grades 5-8, for next school year is currently underway, and this new Principal will be named soon!

DR. MICHAEL BADRIAKI
HIGH SCHOOL
GRADES 9-12

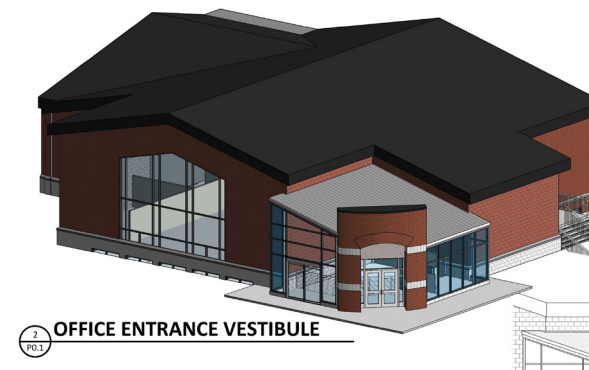


"There is a lot in store for students as we proactively focus on making sure that all our students receive the culturally responsive and holistic support they need to be successful in their grade level and in the future. LM is a wonderful community, and I remain amazed at our faculty's commitment to ensuring that each student is safe, known and cared for. I love that I get to be a part of it!"

THE NEW LANCASTER MENNONITE UPDATES / RENDERINGS / PHOTOS



A new front entrance to the middle and high school has been chosen; see design renderings in the images below. Our goal is for this project to begin construction after school is out in June 2022.



OFFICE ENTRANCE VESTIBULE

NEW DESIGNS FOR FALL 2022!



Rendering of new science labs for high school!

Students baking in the new Family and Consumer Sciences Kitchens!

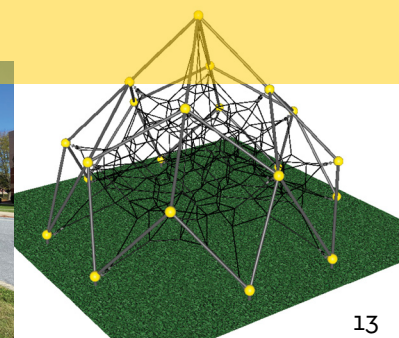


"We're excited for the construction that is underway at the Lancaster Campus for unification next fall. There will be new Science labs for high schoolers, a new middle and high school entrance, and a new MakerSpace and playground areas for elementary students. Classroom upgrades and updated facilities will provide students with state-of-the-art technology to learn with and Christ-centered teaching to prepare today's and tomorrow's world changers."

- ROD LEFEVER '84, Board Vice Chair

NEW ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUNDS FOR FALL 2022

The LM Playground Committee, made up of LM staff and parents, spent the last year meeting together to organize, brainstorm and choose new playground equipment and spaces for our elementary students. Exciting features include ramps, lower play features, music makers and more for accessible play, as well as slides, climbing items, and swings. The playground surface will be a rubberized porous material, great for drainage and durability. The new playgrounds (spaces for our youngest and oldest elementary students) will be ready to go by the beginning of the 2022-23 school year!



CURRICULUM

What will change?
What will stay the same?



By Jenn Esbenshade, Curriculum and Spanish Immersion Director

KEY CURRICULUM - In the process of moving toward unification, we have heard from parent surveys, listening sessions, teacher input and the work of the Program Taskforce that there are definite priorities for our curriculum focus. LM has identified faith integration, fine arts, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math), world languages, and outdoor education as top priorities for curriculum.

Both our art and music departments are working to create a unified PreK-12 program that fosters a love of the arts as a vital part of our education.

STEAM courses have been added to the high school while Makerspace is being incorporated into both the social studies and science curriculum in elementary. Middle schoolers will have a heavy focus on design thinking and problem solving.

Students in grade 6 will have the opportunity to explore global cultures and get a taste of Spanish and German while 7th and 8th graders will have a world language added into their schedule, allowing them to reach higher levels of language learning in high school.

All students will have more opportunities to take advantage of our 95-acre campus to connect the outdoors with their learning. There is excitement around connecting our greenhouse with new garden plots and creating unique areas for classrooms outside.

In every aspect, LM remains committed to infusing our faith into all that we do. Teachers are refocusing their curriculum to more visibly incorporate our core values (pictured left) into their instruction and activities so that every subject area points to our mission.

12 YEARS OF SPANISH IMMERSION AT LM

It is hard to believe that the first class of Spanish Immersion (SI) students will be graduating in 2023! Even as we enter the 12th year of our program, we continue to learn and grow.

The elementary program is working to update and refine their language program to more closely align with the new Language Arts program adopted by the English classes while still holding immersion distinctives. The middle school maintenance phase of SI will remain as a social studies and language course in the new middle school program.

The options for our High School immersion students are expanding. Immersion students in 9th and 10th grade can take AP Spanish Language and Culture for two consecutive years. One year focuses on the history and culture of South America while the other year focuses on Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean. Students can take the AP test after either year. AP Spanish Literature and Culture will be offered every other year so students can take this course either their 11th or 12th grade year. Immersion students can also serve as peer tutors in Spanish courses and participate in service learning opportunities that require their use of Spanish.

REIMAGINING MIDDLE SCHOOL

Teachers from both the Locust Grove and Lancaster campuses have been working to develop an exciting new curriculum that takes the best from each current middle school program and creates something new for the coming year.

While 5th grade will be housed with the middle school program, these classes will remain self-contained. The core curriculum is a continuation of elementary programming with a focus on foundational skills to prepare for the transition to middle school.

The program for 6th grade is driven by two overarching semester themes. Students change classes to not only have content-specific instruction, but also to learn a variety of skills to prepare them for collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and creativity. The year culminates in an interdisciplinary project that celebrates their learning.

The 7th and 8th grade experience is framed around a driving question, creating a focused theme each quarter. Each content area class has instruction that fits into that overarching theme and promotes project-based learning in that discipline. The quarter culminates with an interdisciplinary project focused on answering that driving question, which allows for student choice in presenting their learning.

Middle school instruction is rich in project-based learning and design thinking courses. Students have the opportunity to study world languages and incorporate outdoor education and service learning into their courses.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

With 95-acres, a stream, wooded trails, a greenhouse and prospective outdoor classrooms and gardens, the future is full of fresh air and exciting new growth.

NEW GARDENS

High school students have long been growing plants for the elementary school gardens in the greenhouse and helping young students plant each spring. Now they will all be on the same campus which will allow for increased collaboration to establish new gardens!



STREAM HEALTH AND SCIENCE

From learning about conservation, erosion and planting hundreds of native trees, to studying the health of our own campus stream and the life cycles within it, the Mill Stream is its own natural classroom of lifelong learning.



RESTORING THE COVE!

High school students on the LM Green Team are restoring 'The Cove' (pictured here as the background), a historic spot on campus that will be used for outdoor classes, nature study, prayer space and special events!

FINANCIAL REPORT

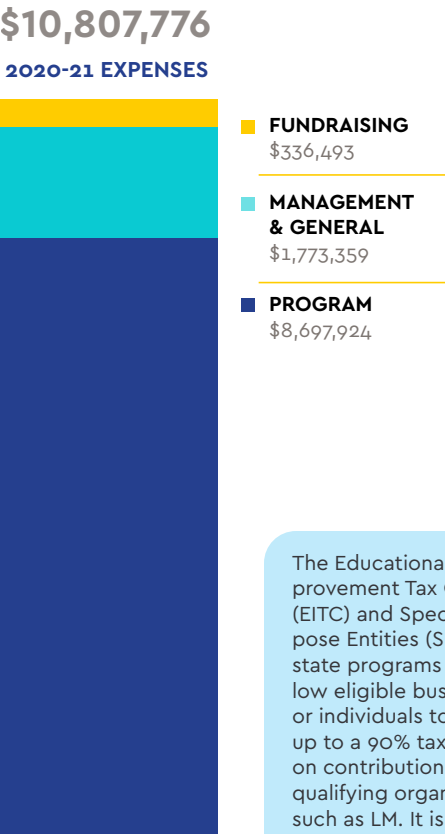
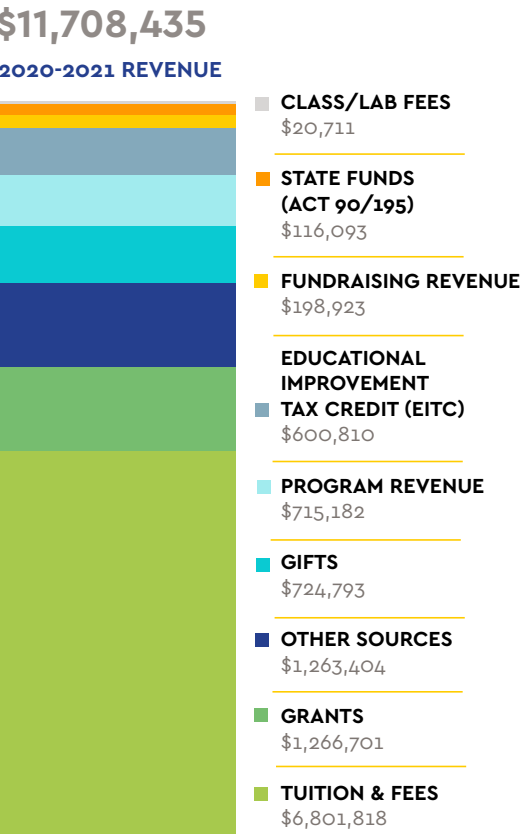
FINANCIALLY STRONG By Lorri Hengst, LM CFO & Interim Administrative Team Lead

Lancaster Mennonite School remains financially strong, and the unification process is on schedule. The endowment has grown from \$7.8M to \$10.2M over the last year. This helps ensure the sustainability of LM, benefiting both current and future students. The endowment funds provide financial support to programs like drama, athletics, academic support, music and FFA to name a few. The proceeds from the Locust Grove campus will be used to further strengthen the endowment as well as fund a portion of the unification renovations.

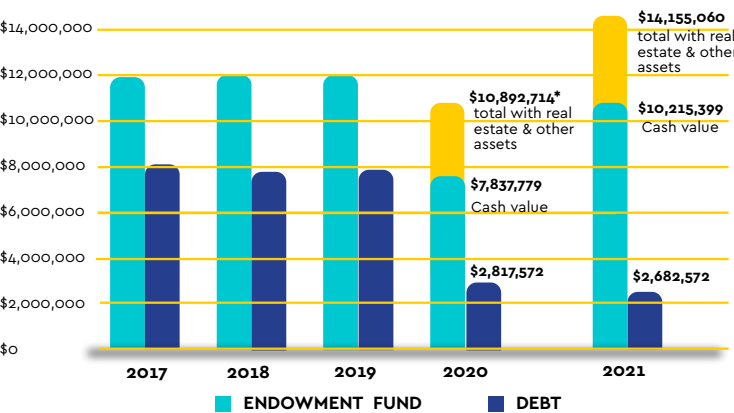
Our Business Office is working toward GAAP compliance over the next 2-3 years. The annual financial review now reflects some of these changes, including writing a Revenue Recognition Memo as well as identifying expenses based on Endowment, Program and Fundraising.

This is a high-level view of our financials. If you are interested in more detail, please contact Lorri Hengst, hengstlk@lancastermennonite.org or 717-740-2434 for the full report or to answer any questions.

REVENUE & EXPENSES

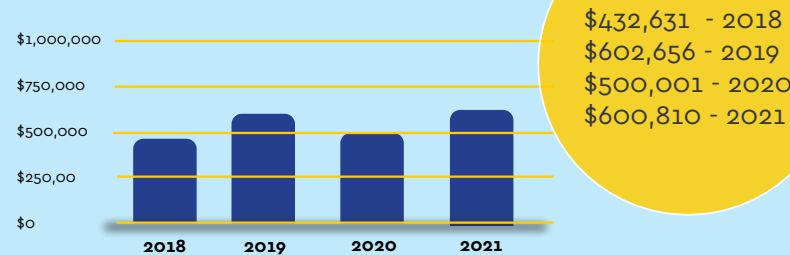


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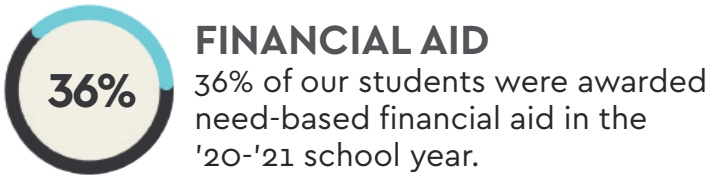
* The endowment value is reported differently starting with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 due to recommended changes by our accountants after working through our financial review process.

EITC & SPE CONTRIBUTIONS



The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Special Purpose Entities (SPE) are state programs that allow eligible businesses or individuals to receive up to a 90% tax credit on contributions to a qualifying organization, such as LM. It is used to support LM students and families through need-based tuition aid.

QUICK STATS



ENROLLMENT

YEAR	ENROLLMENT
2019-20	850
2020-21	669
2021-22	691

3% increase within a year - Largest enrollment increase since 2003 (not as a result of adding a school)

RETENTION RATE

YEAR	RETENTION %
2017-18	85.52%
2018-19	81.98%
2019-20	84.42%
2020-21	77.65%
2021-22	87.05%

Highest retention rate in 7 years!

MEET OUR NEW CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR

Kate Grieser joined the LM Advancement team in January in a halftime role as Capital Campaign Coordinator. As an alumna of Christopher Dock Mennonite High School and Goshen College with a Business degree, and current LM parent with a student in the Spanish Immersion Program, Kate is excited to contribute to the future of a strong Christ-centered education at LM. Most recently she served as Development Assistant at Eastern Mennonite Missions where she played a key role in the "Moving in Mission" capital campaign. She also previously worked as an Underwriter at Eastern Alliance Insurance and in her family business, Family Heritage Restaurant in Franconia, PA. At LM, she will work closely with the Board, Superintendent, and Director of Advancement in coordinating and advancing LM's unification capital campaign.



Kate shares, "I'm excited to work at LM because I believe in the core values and in applying Christ-centeredness to all aspects of life. I have been so impressed by both the academic learning and the faith formation that my daughter has experienced in her first two years at LM and am thrilled to be a part of making this available to others as well."

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW & LEAD GIFTS TASK FORCE

Lancaster Mennonite is in the "silent phase" of a capital campaign to fund unification renovations and new construction that will provide physical spaces that support holistic Christ-centered education for students in PreK-12th. Several Board members, the Superintendent, and Director of Advancement have been working behind the scenes. A Lead Gifts Task Force consisting of alumni, Board members, current and alumni parents, and friends of LM began meeting in December to support campaign planning and networking with prospective donors. Director of Advancement, Jon Heinly, has also been meeting with donors to invite gifts to the campaign, and some have already generously contributed to this exciting work. Stay tuned for more details and ways to be involved! Contact Jon Heinly at heinlyjd@lancastermennonite.org or 717-740-2425 with any questions or to become involved.

MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Kirsten Johnsen Martin
Director of Osteopathic Medicine & Associate Director of Family Medicine, Penn Medicine Lancaster General Hospital

Kirsten graduated from Franklin & Marshall College where she studied Spanish, Anthropology & Latin American History, and from Lake Erie College of

Osteopathic Medicine. She and her husband, **TIM JOHNSEN MARTIN '87**, and their children attend James Street Mennonite Church. Their four children currently attend Lancaster Mennonite for elementary and middle school.

Yaury Pagano

Office Manager, Pagano & Associates Accountants and Advisors



Born and raised in Costa Rica, Yaury studied business administration and manages Pagano & Associates, Inc. as well as runs her own realty business. She and her husband, Vincent, and children attend The Worship Center. Yaury has two children at Lancaster Mennonite in elementary and middle school.

SCHOOL NEWS



FALL PLAY 2021 LMH's Fall Play, "Scapino!", was performed November 4-6, 2021. The play took place on an incredible and immersive set on the docks along the Mediterranean Sea in Naples, Italy, built by students and volunteers. Full of much slapstick comedy (including a flying plate of spaghetti), this year's fall show was given four standing ovations from delighted audiences. The staff congratulates the young but talented cast and thanks them for all their hard work. LMH's winter Musical was "Godspell," which ran February 24-27, 2022 (recap will be in the next edition of *Bridges, Fall 2022*).



WPTA PIANO GOLD AWARD

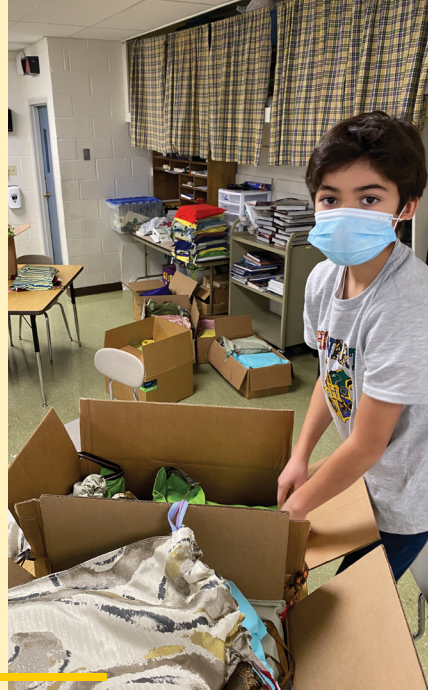
Congratulations to LM junior, Qianxiang (Daniel) Ma '23, who won both the Gold Award and the Best Performance of Virtuoso Composition in his category of the 2021 World Piano Teacher Association (WPTA) China-North America International Piano Competition!

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LM STUDENTS SERVING THEIR COMMUNITIES

INTERNATIONAL - LM students assembled 300 school kits for **Mennonite Central Committee**. The Middle School Bible classes at our Locust Grove campus took on this project and worked hard to fill the need after they heard the supply was getting low. These school kits are sent overseas to many different countries. According to the MCC website, "51,549 shipped last year to Ecuador, Jordan, Syria, Ukraine, and Zambia!"



LOCAL - New Danville campus community gathered school supplies, packed school kits and made cards for **Church World Service - Lancaster Immigration & Refugee Program**. These backpacks full of school supplies, stuffed animals, and welcome cards were given to refugee families in our local community.



LOCAL - The LM High School Orchestra performed at the **Lancaster Neighborhood Senior Center** in downtown Lancaster in December. They had an amazing audience of seniors who enjoyed a combination of Christmas, classical, and other music performed by our students. They also got to decorate cookies and drink hot chocolate before and after their performance. We look forward to performing in the community more often with our Orchestra in the future!

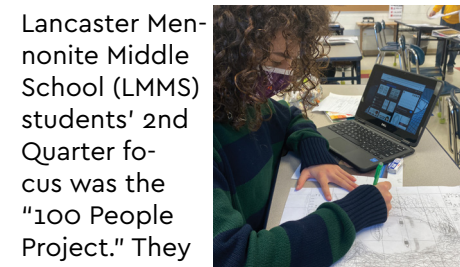


LOCAL - Señora Maddox's 4th grade Spanish Immersion class helped collect water bottles to donate to **Water Street Mission** after a representative visited the school this fall to share about their ministry and needs. Students collected the water bottles to be handed out to guests of the mission.

ACTIVE LEARNING



Señor de la Rosa's high school Spanish classes celebrated Christmas with a traditional Mexican Posada. Posadas represent the pilgrimage made by Joseph and Mary and are a time for family and friends to gather together to pray, eat, dance, etc. Students made and broke piñatas, sang a song, and enjoyed food together as they celebrated the week leading up to Christ's birth.



Lancaster Mennonite Middle School (LMMS) students' 2nd Quarter focus was the "100 People Project." They created a narrative biography and photographic portrait highlighting global and local needs all themed around the question, "What if the world were made up of 100 people?" and also looked through the lens of Jesus' interpretation of "neighbor."

STUDENT AWARDS

ART

Regional Scholastic Awards
GOLD KEY: Madeleine Gerz '22 (2 works)
SILVER KEY: Seunga Park '22
HONORABLE MENTION: Julia E. Fisher '24 (2 works), Madeleine Gerz '22, Amina Khilo '23, Seunga Park '22 (2 works), Lily Kratz '22



Scholastics Gold Key award winning pieces by Madeleine Gerz '22 - "Glow" (L) and "Simple Soiree" (R) which also won a Lancaster County Young Artists Gold Award.



ABOVE - Scholastics Silver Key and Lancaster County Young Artists Silver award winning piece by Seunga Park '22, "There's no Present without History."

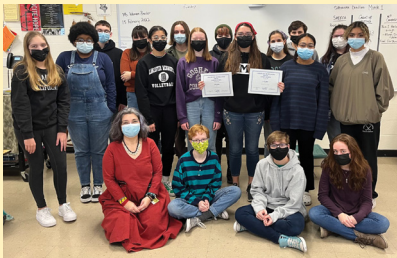
RIGHT - Scholastics Honorable Mention Photo "Building Bridges" by Julie Fisher '24

Lancaster County Young Artists Awards
GOLD: Madeleine Gerz '22 (Ceramics)
SILVER: Seunga Park '22, Madeleine Gerz '22
HONORABLE MENTION: Julia E. Fisher '24, Daniella Stringer '23, Madeleine Gerz '22, Myla Esbenshade '25, Rebecca Harmer '22

WRITING

Regional Scholastic Awards
GOLD KEY: Sim Spurrier '25 - Science Fiction and Fantasy, "So I Rose"
SILVER KEY: David Lapp '25 - Short Story, "The True Goal"
HONORABLE MENTION: Kay Beidler '25 - Science Fiction and Fantasy, "The Lionsparrow Heist"

LM STUDENT MAGAZINE GETS FIRST PRIZE IN AMERICAN SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION
LM's student magazine, *Silhouette*, has received two awards this year from the American Scholastic Press Association, First Prize, and the Most Outstanding High School Literary/Art Magazine for 2021 award for Contemporary Issues.



MUSIC

Lancaster-Lebanon MEA Honors Band
Andrew Dewan '23, Darah Kraenbring '25, Sean Swartley '22, Owen Horvath '23, Cole Eshleman '27, Lukas Kehler '27, Gavin Shenk '26, Daniel Thomas '27, Ezra Kauffman '26, Jack Irons '27
Lancaster-Lebanon MEA Orchestra Festivals
Tessa Armstrong '24, Caleb Metzler '23, Maya Stauffer '24, Noelle Brubaker '27, Munira Siegrist '27
Lancaster-Lebanon MEA Chorus Festivals
Caleb Metzler '23, Carter Palmer '22

PMEA District 7 Chorus & PMEA Region V Choral Festival
Caleb Metzler '23

PMEA District 7 Youth Strings Fest
Antonio de la Rosa Ruark '26
PMEA District 7 Orchestra (pictured below)
Caleb Metzler '23, Emma Wilson '23
PMEA District 7 Band (pictured below)
Jared Bowman '25, Claire Thomas '24, Emma Wilson '23



District 7 Jazz Band Festival ("A" Band)
Owen Horvath '23

Regional Orchestra Festival Wind Section and Region V Band 2022 All-State Wind Ensemble
Emma Wilson '23

ATHLETICS (2021 Fall Sports)
Winter sports will be in the next edition, Fall '22.

FIELD HOCKEY
Section Champions; District and State Playoff Qualifiers



LL League All-Stars: All Team: Ellie Lefever '23
1st Team: Ellie Lefever '23, Rebecca Lane '22, Maya Habacivch '22, Lily Good '24
2nd Team: Charlyze Ganse '23
Honorable Mention: Hailey Nelson '24
LL League Coach of the Year: KARISTEN (EMERY) BUCKWALTER '99

LL LEAGUE COACH OF THE YEAR!
"Karisten did a fantastic job this season and deserves this honor. She should be proud of the strong players and program that she has built!"
- Marvin Sanders, LM Athletic Director

BOYS SOCCER
DIII District Champions & State Playoffs
LL League All-Stars:
All-State Team & Section 3 Player of the Year: Ethan Groff '22
1st Team: Ethan Groff '22, Ben Nolt '22, Matt Sampsell '22
2nd Team: Zach Coryell '23, Zach Nell '22



Photo Credit: Keith Nisley

GIRLS SOCCER
LL League All-Stars:
1st Team: Ava Buckwalter '23
2nd Team: Ava Brubaker '23
All-Academic Team: Sophia Lehman '22

GIRLS TENNIS
2A LL-League Doubles Champions
advanced to PIAA District III
2021 Girls Tennis Championships:
Sarah Steckbeck '22 & Madeleine Gerz '22



LL-League All-stars: Sarah Steckbeck '22 & Madeleine Gerz '22

Madeleine Gerz '22 - third in the PIAA District III 2021 Girls Tennis Championships, advanced to the PIAA State championship

CROSS-COUNTRY
LL League All-Stars:
1st Team: Claire Thomas '24
2nd Team: Caleb Metzler '23
Academic All-Star: Aidan Grambau '22

Claire Thomas '24 - PIAA State Championship Meet, 8th at PIAA District 3 Championship Meet, 7th in LL-League Championship

District Championship
Race: Claire Thomas '24, Caleb Metzler '23, Ethan Kanagy '23, Mara Carlson '25, Amanda Yoder '23



Photo by Robert Kanagy

GOLF
LL-League Section 4 Honorable Mention: Ian Kennett '24

VOLLEYBALL
LL League All-Stars:
1st Team: Julia Fisher '23
2nd Team: Daniella Stringer '23
Academic All-Star: Daniella Stringer '23

FFA
Keystone Degree Recipients
Gabriela Lopez '22, Chris Mast '22, Victor Mattilio '22, Drake Rohrer '22, Heidi Stoltzfus '22

First Year Member Jacket Scholarship Winners
- Matthew Stillman '25, Claire Thomas '24



6th in PA MATH CONTEST
Out of 16 teams in the Central PA Math Contest, our LM team placed 6th, including an 8th place overall finish (out of 64) by senior Yoseph Chong! Team photo (L-R): Emma Wilson '23, Claire Thomas '24, Skyler Martin '24, Yoseph Chong '22.



PARADISE ROTARY CLUB STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



CALEB METZLER '23
JANUARY

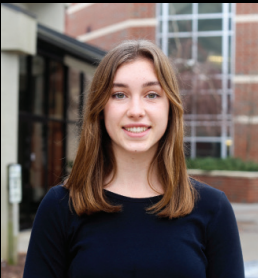


CICI MANN '23
JANUARY



MATT FRIESEN '23
FEBRUARY

Students were recommended by the school's guidance department, principal or faculty on the basis of significant achievement, as well as good character and citizenship.



CHARLYZE GANSE '23
MARCH



QIANXIANG DANIEL '23
APRIL

National Merit Scholarship Program

Noah Haas '23, has been named a Commended Student in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from Lancaster Mennonite School and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, was presented to this scholastically talented senior on Friday, October 1, 2021.



We just can't fit it all!
SEE ALL THE STORIES & NEWS ON INSTAGRAM: @LMBLAZERS



UPCOMING EVENTS

lancastermennonite.org/events

World Changer Day - March 18, 2022

New Danville Celebration: BBQ, Music & Auction - April 1, 2022

Locust Grove Celebration: BBQ, Auction & More - April 22, 2022

Spring Open House - May 1, 2022

Benefit Golf Tournament - May 11, 2022

Commencement & Graduation - June 4, 2022

Dedication - Aug. 21, 2022, 2PM

Fall Festival and Homecoming - September 30-October 1, 2022



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singing praise to God!



Mennonite Children's Choir
OF LANCASTER

Spring 2022 Concert Series

www.mennonitechildrenschoir.org

Derry Presbyterian Church
Hershey, PA
Sun., April 10 at 4 p.m.

Strasburg Mennonite Church
Strasburg, PA
Sun., May 1 at 4 p.m.

Neffsville Mennonite Church
Lancaster, PA
Sat., May 7 at 3 & 6:30 p.m.

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26th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament

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EVENT GALLERY: FALL 2021

Our **FALL FESTIVAL AND HOMECOMING 2021** was a great success with BBQ take-out, outdoor music performances by *The Walking Roots Band* and LM students, Iron Bridge 5K, and recognizing our 2021 Alumni of the Year, **HAROLD '65 AND RUTH '66 MAST**. More photos on our website and social media.

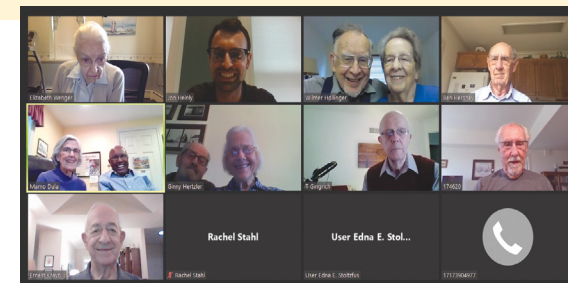


THE EXTRAORDINARY GIVE AND WORLD CHANGER GALA 2021 Thank you to our donors, sponsors, volunteers, students, faculty and staff! Together, through the Extraordinary Give and World Changer Gala we raised \$140,130, with \$94,905 from the Extraordinary Give! The day included Giving Stations, "Pie the Principals" Giving Reward, LM student artists and musicians - Qianxiang (Daniel) Ma '23, and honoring Young Alum of the Year, **BONITA (GARBER) CROYLE '11!**

ALUMNI NEWS

CLASS OF 1951 ON ZOOM!

11 members of the class of 1951, and a few spouses, gathered via Zoom for their 70th class reunion on Oct. 23, 2021. This is their "class photo" screenshot along with LM's Jon Heinly. They enjoyed time together catching up.



REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1962, 60TH ANNIVERSARY - June 11, 2022 - Save the date.

Contact: Paul Wenger: paul@paulwenger.com, (717) 951-9621 -OR- Nancy Garber: nanzg44@gmail.com, (717) 572-2875. Details to follow.

CLASS OF 1977 - September 24, 2022, 4-9 PM at 29 Engle Tollgate Road, Marietta, PA 17547. More details to come via Facebook and email.

Contact: Daryl Groff, audgroff@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 1972, 50TH ANNIVERSARY - October 1, 2022

Contact: Betty Esh, 610-286-5780. Save the date and details to follow.

BIRTHS/ADOPTIONS

Ian Mast '09 & Korinne Wenger '09, Kai Lou, March 11, 2022
Gabriela Hartzler '10 & Thomas Rothermel, Isabella Emerald, Dec. 9, 2021
Dr. Jonathan '03 & Claire Keener, Titus Zion, December 3, 2021
Jeremy '99 & Jenna '99 Peifer, Olive Elaine, November 12, 2021
Darrel '02 & Kelly (Mummau) Martin '03, Rowan Lave, November 2, 2021
Matthew '09 & Bridget Hostetter, Bodhi, October 25, 2021
Elizabeth (Yocum) '03 & James Reid, Evangeline Alethia, October 13, 2021
David '01 & Melissa Hess, Jonah Eugene, October 12, 2021
Ross '06 & Megan Lehman, Adeline Marie, August 11, 2021

MARRIAGES

Heather F. (Beiler) '17 & Brady Fehr, February 13, 2021
Dylan Campbell '17 & Mackenzie (Brubaker) '17, January 2, 2021
Ian Burkhart '15 & Emily (Brabazon) '15, October 2, 2021
Eric Weber '02 & Adrienne (Kuhlengel) '02, September 17, 2021
Ethan A. Beiler '17 & Veronica M. (Lopez) '17, September 12, 2021
Salina Almanzar-Oree ('09) & Josef Almanzar-Oree, September 5, 2021
Jeremy Newswanger '16 & Kara (Leaman) '16, August 14, 2021
Rebekah (Umble) '17 & Derek Thrush, July 4, 2021
Brock D. Rohrer '17 & Kayla (Sauder) '17, June 20, 2021
Carter Hurst '18 & Ashley (King) '18, June 5, 2021
Madison (Peck) '16 & Dirk Gillespie, June, 5 2021
Ezra Buckwalter '17 & Kendall Gibson, June 3, 2021

DEATHS

Edna G. Martin '48, Lititz, PA, March 10, 2022
Norman C. Shertzer '48, Manor Township, PA, March 8, 2022
Huldah (Graybill) Petersheim '55, East Earl, PA, March 1, 2022
Miriam (Garmen) Bauman '51, Lebanon, PA, February 27, 2022
Harold E. Chubb '57, Manheim, PA, February 04, 2022
Miriam (Mim) Eberly '54, Lititz, PA, February 02, 2022
Brenda (Blank) Buckwalter '72, New Holland, PA, January 30, 2022
Jeanette Mae Hostetter '49, St. Anthony, Newfoundland, January 30, 2022
Paul M. Harnish '55, Doylestown, PA, January 22, 2022
David H. Peck '07, January 20, 2022
David Luke Sauder '59, Akron, PA, January 20, 2022
Jeffrey W. Crawford '64, Merced, CA, January 13, 2022
Mervin E. Horst '78, New York, NY, January 6, 2022
John E. Petersheim '79, Lancaster, PA, January 3, 2022
Rebecca A. (Forwood) Nicholson 62', Lancaster, PA, January 1, 2022
Rachel (Stauffer) Brubaker '44, Lititz, PA, December 28, 2021
Mahlon L. Charles '59, Marietta, PA, December 28, 2021
Duane R. Leaman '92, New Holland, PA, December 22, 2021
Paul R. Breneman '59, Lititz, PA, December 6, 2021
Camryn E. Colucci '18, Willow Street, PA, December 5, 2021
Helen (Longenecker) Lapp '54, Lansdale, PA, November 30, 2021
Martha L. (Charles) Pepper '58, East Petersburg, PA, November 28, 2021
Richard E. Metzler '57, Springfield, OR, November 24, 2021
Ruth Ann (Eshbach) Mann '63, Bluford, IL, November 12, 2021
J. Robert Herr, Jr. '66, Lancaster, PA, October 25, 2021
Karla J. (Landis) Sensenig '81, Lancaster, PA, October 13, 2021
J. Richard Witmer '64, Manheim, PA, October 11, 2021
Dr. Clarence H. Rutt, Jr. '49, Lititz, PA, October 10, 2021
Nathan C. Longenecker '20, Lancaster, PA, October 8, 2021
J. Nelson Bechtold '68, Bainbridge, PA, September 29, 2021
Miriam Brubaker McMichael '49, Lancaster, PA, September 21, 2021
Dennis L. Witmer '76, Newville, PA, September 19, 2021
Elma M. (Shenk) Delp '51, Chambersburg, PA, September 17, 2021
Jeffrey C. Martin '93, Findlay, OH, September 17, 2021
Miriam H. (Myer) Martin '57, Lancaster, PA, September 5, 2021
Monroe Z. Stoltzfus '60, Ephrata, PA, August 26, 2021
Dorothy V. (Herr) Stoltzfus '48, Landisville, PA, August 7, 2021
Eunice J. (Gehman) Heisey '70 Manheim, PA, August 3, 2021
Hope E. Yoder '74, Intercourse, PA, July 16, 2021



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FALL 2022 ALL GRADES TRANSITION TO LANCASTER CAMPUS @ LINCOLN HWY E

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MIDDLE SCHOOL: 5th-8th Grades

HIGH SCHOOL: 9th-12th Grades

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