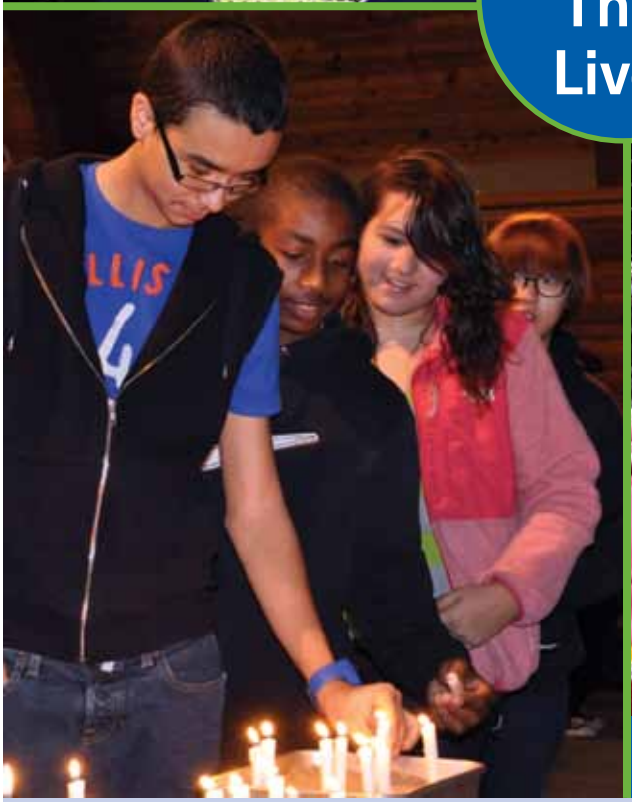
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Seniors Share Faith

Cover (clockwise from top left): Sid Hostetler ('20) sings in a program that grade 4-5 Bible students presented in churches; seniors Jesse Bontreger and Maddie Gerig speak at commencement; Genesis Riley ('21) sorts clothes during a service project at Faith Mission; Nahshon Lora ('15), Clifton Miller ('16), Gianella Salas ('16), and Annie Hu ('15) light candles during Spiritual Life Week.

Justice and Peace



Maddie Gerig will participate in Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's !Explore progam this summer and then study art at Goshen College. Read her article: www.bc-sightline.net/2013/05/06/using-resources/

Jesus holds a significant secret to peace for individuals within and for the broader world. To be like Jesus, we must encompass this giving, loving, accepting, vulnerable being. Like an inexperienced art student might attempt to mimic the work of her predecessors, I want to mold my life in a similar way of vulnerability, acceptance, and peacemaking.

Striving to achieve justice and peace is difficult when I think of the way I consume resources. In the future, I hope to live simply with only the resources I need. I hope to have my own garden, heat my home with wood, use bikes or public transportation, and avoid purchasing items from big corporations. Living alternatively can be difficult and more expensive, but falls in line with my beliefs in a just world.

Science and Faith

I am a scientific person and at one point began to doubt the existence of God. In the course of my study, I reached an interesting conclusion regarding science and faith. All science starts with a hypothesis, based on initial observation, that is not accepted as a theory until it has been proven with fact and observation. My faith in God is like that. I feel God's existence when I pray, worship, and sing; based on that, I believe that God really exists.



Byeong Chan Lee plans to study biology and biochemistry at Goshen College in preparation for dental school.

From the Principal

Sometimes people mistreat each other, even people in the church and in church schools—leave each other out of social circles, tease others, or bully them. At Bethany we're not immune to such dynamics, though we seek to be a welcoming, accepting community.

This past year, Bethany participated in a broad-based social science study that examined bullying behaviors in public and Christian schools. In faculty meeting on May 7, researchers F. Clark Power and Alesha Seroczynski of the University of Notre Dame reported initial findings: "Students in both public and Christian schools agreed that as individuals they should not stand idly by but actively try to stop bullying." However, students at Christian schools were significantly higher—with Bethany students among the highest—in saying "bullying is wrong" and "our group stands up to bullies."

When researchers asked why Bethany students scored so high, one teacher said, "we often talk with students about appropriate ways to treat each other." The foundational community life policy at Bethany, "Respectful Relationships," is based on the convictions that every person is created in God's image and we are called to live as Christ lived. Implementing that ideal is an ongoing challenge.

Along with theological principles, students need skills to relate appropriately. Next year pastor and peace educator Steve Thomas will lead students in a series of "Peacemakers: emPower" workshops, and assistant principal Tim Lehman will enhance our use of restorative discipline. Ultimately, our goal is to help students develop the moral compass and skills to relate to others with Christ-like respect.



—Allan Dueck

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Seniors Share Faith

Is Missional a Good Word?

Sadie Gustafson-Zook ('13) wrote this essay for her Church History final exam.

The missional label is often misused. Some books insert "missional" into the title as a selling point. But what might a missional church look like and why is the Mennonite church concerned with being missional?

Early Anabaptists were very missional. They shared their beliefs with their neighbors and were dedicated to living out their faith, even to the point of death. This public dedication gradually disappeared and Mennonites, one of many Anabaptist groups, became content to quietly live with the mentality "let us worship in private and we won't bother you."

In the first half of the 20th century, Mennonites became increasingly interested in "saving souls from the damnation of hell." In retrospect, this interpretation of mission may give the term "missional" bad connotations, if missional implies forcing people to get rid of their local customs and adopt Christianity.

During World War II, conscientious objectors began serving others without the intent to evangelize. H.S. Bender articulates this expression of faith in his essay, "The Anabaptist Vision." These ideas about mission combined with declining church membership and a more literal interpretation of the Great Commission contributed to the emergence of the missional movement of the late 20th century. This movement centers around going and making disciples (both locally and globally) instead of waiting for people to come to the church. Many churches wrestle with ways to make their church missional.

Making "missional" the focus of a church isn't easy. My Church History class was given the challenge of organizing a hypothetical missional church. The teacher, Dale Shenk, split us into table groups and assigned each table a church responsibility: mission, worship, education, and fellowship. We talked in groups about how our area of the church could be missional: how we could extend the church into the community and increase membership.

Our ideas for missional integration:

• Organize diverse worship services in different community locations every week,

• Send long-term missions groups to international locations with a focus on building relationships,

• Advertise (radio/newspapers) or invitations with the message: "meeting you on your faith journey,"

• Offer missionary preparation classes (for international missions and on how to best relate to the local community),

• Create regular community service days combined with a fellowship meal,

• Start a community organization run by church members to immerse the church in the local community.

The "missional" label turns young people away from the church when seen as a way to increase membership and convert people. That type of missionality isn't appealing or life-giving. If missional churches focus more on relationship building between churches and the community and less on conversion, the church would grow. Focusing on interpersonal relationships with people different from us is one of the most appealing ways the Mennonite church can attract new people and retain its young people.

God = Love

Though John 4:8 says God is love, they are not exactly the same. However, since Jesus is the most loving person ever to live, this is the best way for me to understand, and live out, Christian faith.

For the past 16 years I have attended church with people recently out of jail and people who live out of their car. The beauty of my church is not in its speakers or eloquent worship space, but in quirky, broken people coming together to form a community.



Sadie Gustafson-Zook, 2013 recipient of the Beth Berry Peace and Justice Award, plans to study music at Goshen College, continue performing folk music, and use music to make the world a more loving place.

Senior Faith Statements

Each senior's final Bible assignment is to share his or her faith journey, present beliefs, and future dreams/plans in class, chapel, or a group setting outside school. On pages 2 and 3 are excerpts from three presentations shared in chapel or a church setting.

Campus News

Bus Route Expands

Following two years of a successful transportation program, Bethany will expand its coverage.

In addition to the existing route that covers northwest Elkhart County, plans are to add a second route that will cover an area northeast of Goshen.

Interested in driving bus? Learn more at bethanycs.net/jobs.

Bethany Launches New Initiative for Digital Competence

On April 29 Bethany's board of directors approved the administration's proposal for a major new initiative in technology innovation to equip students for college and citizenship in the 21st century. When students return for classes in August, each student in grades 4 through 12 will receive a personal digital device—students in grades 4 and 5 will receive an iPad while students in grades 6 through 12 will receive a MacBook Air.

Recognizing the importance of digital competence for today's students, Bethany is committed to fund the one-to-one program without any increase in the cost of tuition. Funding from anonymous sources is covering the cost of the new initiative.

In order to succeed in the 21st century, students must develop skills in using emerging digital technologies, accessing information, communicating, and understanding ethical and legal implications of online behavior. By providing each student with a personal digital device, Bethany demonstrates its commitment to enable students to develop such competence.

During the past two years Bethany's faculty has been preparing for this new initiative. Bethany provided all classroom teachers with MacBook Pro laptops; a faculty team visited one-to-one programs across the state; and classroom teachers experimented with exciting new ways of utilizing technology to engage students in learning. Additionally, Bethany conducted a pilot program this year in English 9 and 10, where students have daily been using laptops on a one-to-one basis. Teacher Eileen Becker-Hoover and her students have found effective ways of using technology to conduct research, engage in online conversations, and work collaboratively at projects.

Teachers have experimented with new instructional approaches—such as the "flipped classroom" in which traditional lecture content becomes homework and students use class time to practice learning, collaborate with peers, ask questions, and demonstrate understanding. Digital technology also opens doors to real-world applications as students research issues such as care for the environment and have opportunity to communicate with others across the globe.

Students are excited about the new opportunities the one-to-one digital device program will afford. When principal Allan Dueck announced the board's decision in an all-school assembly, students enthusiastically cheered the news.



Cheyenne Riegsecker ('15), Noelle Baumgartner ('16), and Zoe Hunley ('16) work on an assignment during English class, which was part of the one-to-one pilot program in 2012-13.

Campus News

Commencement 2013

"What we call the beginning is often the end, and to make an end is to make a beginning," said senior Maddie Gerig. After she and classmate Jesse Bontreger described each of their 31 class members, they concluded, "Our wish is that we continue to be like children, open-minded and eager, ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the world. That we strive to make a difference in the world through our vocations, pastimes, and relationships."

As a parting gift, seniors received ceramic bowls made by art teacher Eric Kaufmann. Allan and Marilyn Rudy-Froese referred to these bowls in their commencement address: "An empty bowl is a work of art. Let it be filled with the hospitality that you offer others. And let this bowl remind you of your own emptiness or fullness, of your own capacity to be a container for God."



Principal Allan Dueck awards salutatorian and valedictorian honors to Andrew Snyder and Min Kyoung Woo at the June 2 commencement.

Calendar

August
9 First day of school
September
28 Alumni Weekend (see p. 6)
October
15-16 Parent-teacher conferences
21-25 Fall break
November
1 Fish Fry, 4:30-8:00 p.m.
7 Ten Thousand Villages Shopping Day to benefit Bethany, 3–7 p.m.
22-24 HS Play: *Lost in Yonkers*

News at bethanycs.net

HS Awards: academic, athletic, music, and special awards and scholarships for 2012-13. See /HS_Awards_2013.



Teacher of the Year: Sixth grade teacher Juanita Hershberger (F'08-) selected. Parents noted how she cares for each student as an individual, is willing to give students grace when they fail, and inspires students to succeed with creative and fun homework See /toy_2013.

MCC Essay Contest: Maddie Gerig ('13) first in national faith and politics essay contest. Read her essay at /MCC_Essays_2013.

Bowling for Bibles: Grade 4 and 5 Bible students' study of the Great Commission inspires creative fundraising activity. See /bowling_for_bibles_2013.

Auction Discontinued: After 20 years, Bethany will discontinue this annual fundraiser next year. See /auction_discontinued.

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2013 Alumni Weekend

The next alumni weekend is Sept. 28, 2013, with reunions for classes ending in 3 or 8. To register or learn more about these class reunions, see bethanycs.net/reunions.

Births

Aaron ('92) and **Natasha (ng'92) Sawatsky-Kingsley**, Goshen, son Leif Nikolas, March 27, 2013.

Michelle ('95 Norman) and John **Hillegass**, Akron, Pa., daughter Greta Dorothy, Nov. 15, 2012.

Melissa ('96) and David **Fisher-Fast**, Elkhart, Ind., daughter Annelise Leah, May 3, 2013. Grandmother is Margaret Fisher (F'98-).

Alison (Dick '99) and Timothy **McCormick,** Chicago, Ill., son Liam John Robert, Feb. 26, 2013.

Brandi (Schroeder '00) and **Brad ('00) Gingerich,** Goshen, son Silas Mark, May 31, 2013. Grandparents include Deb (Hochstedler '77) Hershberger and Mark Gingerich ('74).

Seth ('01) and **Sarah (Yoder '01, F'05-11) Yoder,** Goshen, son Eliot Timothy, April 19, 2013. Grandmother is Marisa Yoder (F'83-04).

Becca (Selman '02) and George **Zuck**, Philadelphia, Pa., son Aden George, Apr. 17, 2013.

Sarah ('03) and Luke **Roth-Mullet**, Hesston, Kan., daughter Ana Florence, April 26, 2013.

Lauren (Eash '05) and Mark **Hershberger**, Albany, Ore., son Jonah Theodore, March 11, 2013.

Julia (Klassen '05) and Grant **Baker**, Middlebury, Ind., son Jackson Grant, May 23, 2013.

Carrie (Slagel '07) and Eric **Scholten**, Kalamazoo, Mich., son Benjamin Steven, May 28, 2013. Grandmother is Barbara Slagel (F'07-13).

Lyz (Kauffman '08) and Alan **Zimmerman**, Goshen, daughter Kenzie Breanne, March 14, 2013. Grandparents are Cheryl (Roth '83) and Bruce (S'87) Snyder and Jamie Kauffman ('80, deceased).

Mark (S'09-) and Jenny **Yoder**, Goshen, son Luke Bryan, April 4, 2013.

A Royal Thanks

Dear former students, colleagues, and friends:



What a pleasant surprise I had on my birthday! It was so good to hear from people I hadn't heard from for some time. Many of you wrote such wonderful and undeserved expressions—and some included pictures and notes about you and your families. I received 180+ cards and emails and many personal expressions. Since it is almost impossible to write to each of you, please accept thank you. May God richly bless each of you. —Sincerely, Royal Bauer (F'55-88)

Deaths

See online obituaries at bethanycs.net/alumni/obits

David Ray Miller ('58, B70-73), Sarasota, Fla., June 6.

Marriages

Simon Smucker ('07) and Rebecca Weaver, Goshen, May 25, 2013. Simon is a CPA; Becca a skills trainer.

Notes

Bob Brenneman ('61), Goshen, participated in a men's quartet mission trip to Bulgaria in April 2013 at the request of Eastern Mennonite Missions.

Nancy (Yoder '61) Nofziger, West Unity, Ohio, and her husband have retired with the youngest of their four sons taking over the family farming operations.

Denise (Bontrager '76) Jensen, Goshen, opened a private counseling practice in October 2011.

Kent Dutchersmith ('86), Goshen, has taught elementary school music for 13 years and is a lay music director at Faith Mennonite. In 2010 he completed a master's in music education at Anderson University. This spring he led an afterschool music enrichment class for students in grades 4-6 at Bethany. He also plays in *Not Your Mother's Irish Band.*

Rebecca (Howland '91) Robinson, Overton, England, has pastored at West Basingstoke Community Church with her husband, Earl, the past five years.

Malinda Berry ('92) was recently appointed as board chair for Mennonite Education Agency.

Laurel Yoder ('02), Portland, Ore., is studying nurse-midwifery in an accelerated master's program at Oregon Health and Science University. She bellydances professionally and volunteers with the WomenStrength holistic self-defense program.

Kristi Bowman ('03) has been serving with Jubilee Partners since January 2013, primarily teaching English to refugees. From June 7 to Aug. 11 she is biking 3700 miles (from Savannah, Ga. to Vancouver, B.C.) to raise funds for the Fuller Center for Housing. Follow her journey at holdtightandfly.blogspot.com.

Hannah Heinzekehr ('03), Newton, Kan., has been serving as a planning coordinator for the Mennonite Church USA convention in Phoenix, July 1-6, 2013.

Alum Stories at bethanycs.net

Collegiate Awards: Goshen College students Matthew Amstutz ('09), Annie Martens ('07), Mary Roth ('09), and Twila Albrecht ('11) received Indiana Collegiate Publication Awards. See /ICPA_2013.

Braves to Bruins: Read *Goshen News* article on Bethany's mascot change 20 years ago. See /Braves_to_Bruins_2013.

Alumni News

Christian Mom Talk

Sue (Graber '82) Detweiler has taken a new step in her 30 years of ministry with the 2012 launch of ChristianMomTalk.com, an online forum "to help women realize their God-given calling and purpose as moms."

Drawing on her experience as a mother, pastor, and Bible teacher, Sue shares stories and words of encouragement through videos, podcasts, and other media resources.

Though Sue has vast experience as a mother (with four biological and two adopted children ranging in age from 13 to 23), embracing her role as a mom did not come easily for her. In her youth she envisioned being a single woman on the mission field, but she found out that God had other plans.

Desiring to be part of a school community with Christian teachers and other Mennonite students, Sue chose to attend Bethany for her junior and senior years of high school—living with the John and Alice Lapp family since her home was near Auburn, Ind.

During these two years, she further explored her interest in mission and ministry, writing several essays on women in ministry, including "The Role of Women in the North Leo Congregation" (her home church), which won the 1982 John Horsch Mennonite History Essay Contest's high school division. She learned to study the Bible and developed leadership gifts as she led a student Bible study group in weekly discussion. "Bethany helped prepare me for what I do now," she says.

Sue and her husband, Wayne Detweiler, began their pastoral ministry even before they married in 1984. Most of their ministry has been in Nashville, Tenn., where for nearly 17 years they served as associate pastors at New Song Christian Fellowship. Sue's role included overseeing a three-year Bible training program and serving as principal at New Song Christian Academy. As she led faculty and prepared chapels, she often thought of Everett Thomas (F'72-89), whom she had learned to know well in his role as teacher and assistant principal at Bethany.

Sue also points to her experiences at Bethany as developing in her a heart to serve the underprivileged. Like the Lapps had done for her, Sue and Wayne have opened their home to other children for long-term stays. In further living out their call to bring healing and hope to a hurting and broken world, they formally expanded their family in 2009 by adopting two young orphan boys from Brazil.


Sue (Graber '82) Detweiler and family.

An earlier transformative moment in Sue's life was when as a young mother she awoke to find her house on fire. She and her five-week-old daughter miraculously escaped, but she says, "afterwards I felt as if my whole life was 'on fire' as I struggled to rebuild my house and home."

Sue continues, "A breakthrough took place when I realized that I couldn't do anything apart from God. Staying connected to the life-giving strength of Jesus Christ is the only way I can parent my children and be an encouragement to others. I was already an ordained minister pastoring a church with my husband, but being saved from the fire gave me a heart to help save others going through 'fires' in their lives."

In addition to Christian Mom Talk, Sue serves as executive director of the nonprofit Life Bridges and has a radio feature on 35 stations. She is in the process of writing a book, *Nine Traits of a Life-Giving Mom: Replacing My Worst with God's Best.* For more information on Sue and her ministries, see www.suedetweiler.com or follow her on Facebook!

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Martyr Poems Enrich Social Studies

As part of their social studies unit on Ancient Rome, sixth graders at Bethany enriched their study by exploring the early years of Christianity, in particular themes of persecution and martyrdom.

In one learning activity, students shared which beliefs they hold strongly and then journaled whether they would be willing to die for those beliefs or would justify a compromise to save their lives. As a supplement to their learning about Christian martyrs, they read historical stories of youth who were not afraid to die for their faith in Myron Augsburger's *Faithful Unto Death* (Word Press, 1978). They concluded their study by writing poems from the perspective of a martyr, the martyr's family, or an executioner.

Teacher Juanita Hershberger, who developed the enrichment activities, says, "One of the blessings of teaching at Bethany is the opportunity to weave Christian teachings into curriculum. And it's a blessing to see how students engage with the material. Reading their poems brings tears to my eyes."

Fathers

by Kaliah Lefever and Ariana Stoltzfus

My children are crying
I am burning; my time has come.

The flames don't hurt
But my heart does
To see my children cry.

Is this how our father, the Lord feels
When he witnesses our sadness?
Our deaths?

Yes.
He must feel this way.
My body is almost gone.
I smell my burning flesh!

Then a hand reaches out...
I take it...
I have died.

But I am reborn!



