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Bethany Celebrates 50th Anniversary

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Capital Campaign

Cover photo:
Russell Krabill and Bill Hooley participate in the opening ceremony for Bethany's 50th anniversary celebration on Friday, June 11. Krabill was an original board member in 1953-54 and also served on the board 1962-67, 1968-71, and 1972-76. Hooley was Bethany's longest-serving superintendent/principal 1970-94.

Campaign Tops $4.6 Million

During the closing ceremony of the 50th anniversary celebration, Bob Steury, co-chair of the Captial Campaign Cabinet, announced completion of fundraising efforts for the building project with more than $4,637,000 raised. In a fitting climax to the festive weekend, a service of blessing focused on Bethany's continuing to build on the foundation of faith laid 50 years ago.

When Bob and his wife Barbara agreed to co-chair the 12-person Capital Campaign Cabinet in fall 2002, their mandate was to raise $4.35 million. The original project included six middle school classrooms, an auxiliary gymnasium, an orchestra classroom, new offices, and renovation of the cafeteria, kitchen, high school science classrooms, and the current offices into two high school classrooms.

On May 27, 2003, at a public Campaign Kickoff ceremony, Steury announced that $3.664 million, over 84 percent of the $4.35 million goal, had already been raised for the building project.

In fall 2003 the design-build contractor and architect completed preliminary pricing, projecting costs within the original $4.35 million goal. However, when the bids were completed, the cost had risen to $4.48 million because of construction material costs and additional square footage for a media center. At groundbreaking on February 18, 2004, Bob announced that more than $4.2 million had been raised.

Since February a number of miscellaneous costs have been added to the project, including a construction manager's salary, insurance, and allowance for possible pledge defaults. The campaign project now stands at a price tag of $4.637 million.

Bob's announcement during the 50th anniversary closing ceremony generated enthusiastic applause from alumni and friends, many of whom helped contribute to the project.





These June 16 photos show construction of offices (above), the auxiliary gym (below left), and middle school classrooms (below right). The existing gym and music room appear in background below. Construction of new facilities began March 22, 2004; renovation of the cafeteria and high school science classrooms began the first week of June. Construction is scheduled for completion in December 2004, with all renovation to be completed by September 2005. For online photos and ongoing updates on the construction progress, see the news section at www.bethanycs.net.

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50th Anniversary

Friday Night Activities



Above, Daniel Horst ('01), Bekki Fahrer ('90), and Traci Yoder ('01) perform *Attics*, a drama by Judy Clemens Smucker ('87) commissioned for the 50th Anniversary.

At right, History Book Committee Chair Roy Hartzler (F'76-97) presents the first book to Retha (Yoder '67) Baer, the first person to order the book.

Below, Heather Kropf ('90) performs one of the late-night concerts.





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50th Anniversary



At left Eudean (Schlabach '55) Broni, portraying a school secretary, measures the distance between the chair and the skirt of Nancy (Yoder '61) Nofziger.

Below, J. Steiner ('59), portraying his father, superintendent John Steiner (F'54-66), talks with Dwight ('61) and Carol (Hartzler '61) Grieser about the inappropriateness of holding hands during chapel.



Saturday Banquet and Activities

Below, a group of current and former faculty members entertain banquet attenders with their version of Aretha Franklin's "Respect." The costumed performers are, from left, Dan Bodiker (F'64-), Roy Hartzler (F'76-97), John Zook (F'78-97), and Jim Buller ('71, F'78-).





Youngest registrant: four-month old Sterling Huebert-Stauffer, son of Chris (Stauffer '88).

50th Anniversary



At left, banquet storytellers Lee (Weaver '65) and Marvin Schmucker ('65) marvel how everyone's appearance—except theirs—has changed.

Below, banquet emcees Jon Helmuth ('89) and Jen (Helmuth '89) Shenk, in costume as Ken and Barbie. Nearly 500 people attended the banquet and an additional 100 participated in other anniversary activities.



Alumni Reunions

Many class reunions were held on Saturday, June 12. See pages 6-8 for photos.



Oldest registrant: 91-year-old Mildred Steiner, wife of first superintendent, John Steiner ('54-66).



The men's alumni soccer team scored two second half goals, by Jim Hiestand and Scott Bodiker, to come back and defeat a team of current Bethany students 2-1. Alumni participants include: (on ground) Bryan Kehr ('78); (seated) Randy Graber ('79), Rob Ganger ('79), Ken Hochstetler ('79), Galen Graber ('79), Scott Bodiker ('88), Jim Hiestand (N'69), Dave Schwartzentruber ('77); (standing) Robert Kurtz ('84), Michael Bodiker ('92), Dale Snyder ('79), Justin Heinz ('03), Carey Miller ('82), Doug Horst ('87), Conrad Burkholder ('99), and Jeremy Kropf ('87).

50th Anniversary

Sunday Concert and Closing Ceremony



Bethany's choral music directors: John D. Smucker (1987-), Diane Schrock Hertzler (1975-87), Darrel Hostetler (1967-75, 1985-86), Freeman Lehman (1959-67), Marvin Miller (1963-64), and Robert Ewing (1954-59). Byron Kauffman (1992-93) was not present.



Above, choir director J. D. Smucker (F'87-) leads the 100-voice alumni choir in the premiere performance of 1983 alumnus Jim Clemens' commissioned piece, "Foundation."

Class of '55 Reunion



The class of '55 met on June 12 at Old Country Buffet. Attendees included (l to r): (front) Dorcas (Troyer) Merkle, Loretta (Miller) Kaufman, Rose (Cross) Borntrager, Marietta (Hochstetler) Slabach, Lora (Esch) Miranda, Eudean (Schlabach) Broni, Lowell Hoover; (back left) Willard Slabaugh, Leland Haines, Lewis Hochstedler, Marion Bontrager, Don Farmwald, Mark Hostetler, and Francis Miller.

Alumni Reunions



The class of '59 met on June 12 at Bethany. Attendees included (l to r): (front) John Steiner, Ken Mullet, Myrna Burkholder, Helen (Steury) Nafziger, Eva (Hoover) Borntreger; (middle) Carolyn (Myers) Chupp, Eunice (Troyer Miller) Chupp, Janet (Welty) Carpenter, Viola (Gingerich) Miller, Ruby (Mullet) Farmwald, Wilmetta (Yoder) Maust, Shelby (Summer) Morrisey; (back) Ellsworth Risser, Richard Carpenter, Merlin Miller, and Keith Newcomer. Not pictured: John Mullet and Verna Troutman.



The class of '74 met at Bethany on June 12. Attendees included, from left, Linda Nunemaker, Roberta (Yoder) Bontrager, Rachel (Greaser) Good, Donna (Hartman) Caskey, Becky (Brenneman) Stichter, and Gloria (Cross) Schrock.



The class of '75 met at Bethany on June 12. Attendees included (l to r): (front) Brenda (Hostetler) Meyer, Sharon (Hershberger) Zepeda, Mari (Hostetler) Glick, Carol (Steiner) Scheerer, Cindi (Zook) Stutzman; (middle) Darrel Hostetler (sponsor), Lyn (Schlabach) Buschert, Marsha (Koerner) Mast, Sharon Shumaker, Eric Hooley; (back) Wilmer Hollinger (sponsor), Joe Springer, Dexter Stutzman, Merrill Krabill, and Paul Hoffman.



Five members of the class of '76, along with class sponsor Larion Swartzendruber and several spouses, met on June 12 at *Bread and Chocolate* in Goshen. Above are Jeff Kauffman and Rebecca (Shumaker) Martin. Below are Denise (Bontrager) Jensen and Mark Chupp. Not pictured is Carol (Weaver) Pope.



Alumni Reunions



The class of '79 met on June 12 at Bethany. Attendees included (l to r): (front) Becky (Good) Sleeper, Goerge Smith, Paul and Kathryn Meyer Reimer, Anita (Maust) Snyder, Mary (Lehman) Bettis, Cindy (Sommers) Huss; (back) Andre Gingerich Stoner, Dale Snyder, Randy Graber, Dave Birky, Ken Hochstetler, Bob Zook, Steve Thomas, Donita (Schwartzentruber) Rhodes, Cathy (Kucinskas) Hampton, Karen Scott, Kim (Shank) Snyder. Not pictured: Leslie (Fraser) Snyder, Rob Ganger, Jon Gingrich, Galen Graber, Rod Kaufman, Sherri (Martin) Grindle, Rachel Miller Jacobs, Becky (Mishler) Korenstra, and Ron Rheinheimer.



The class of '89 met on June 12 at the Frank Oyer farm. Male attendees (from back left) included Jon Helmuth, Kent Oyer, Mike Gingerich, Lance Miller, Jason Swihart, Brent Nunemaker, Curtis Miller, Calvin Swartzendruber, and Jim Maust. Female attendees (from front left) included Becky (Lichti) Randolph, Jill (Troyer) Miller, Jen (Helmuth) Shenk, Stacy (Schmucker) Stoltzfus, Deanna Risser, Wendy (Bontrager) Nunemaker, Susan (Miller) Beasy, Suzy (Brugger) Kanode, Denise Risser, Erika (Yoder) Meyer, and Sara (Hershberger) Mast.



The class of '03 held its first reunion at Bethany on June 12. Pictured from left are David Glick, Jeff Bauman, Justin Heinz, Elizabeth Nachtigall, and Natasha Diener.

Alumni News

Births

Sarah Oyer ('75) and Mike Cerceo, Seattle, Wash., a son, Ben, on November 20, 2002, and received by adoption April 22, 2004, in Zhengzhou, China.

Connie (Miller '80) Prochno and husband Dale, Nappanee, Ind., a daughter, Joelle Rose, on May 28.

Phil ('81) and **Jessica (Lapp '82) Hertzler**, Mt. Pleasant, Mich., a son, James Nicholas, on March 23.

Marc Zook ('83) and wife Wendy, Kyle, Tex., a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, on April 22.

Lloyd Gingerich ('86) and wife Margarita, Holland, Mich., a daughter, Sophia Margarita, on March 30.

Dawn (Hochstetler '87) Weaver and husband David, Appleton, Wis., a daughter, Melia Loree, on September 20, adopted March 11.

Denise Diener ('88) and husband Gilberto Perez, Goshen, a daughter, Camila Isabel, on March 28. **Darrel Diener ('60)** is the grandfather.

Christopher Huebert Stauffer ('88) and wife Miriam, Canton, Kans., a son, Sterling Lincoln, on February 19 (photo on page 4).

Jim Maust ('89) and wife Crystal, Goshen, a son, Isaac James, on June 8. **Wilmetta (Yoder'59) Maust** is the grandmother.

Becci (Zook '89) McDowell and husband Scott, Elkhart, a son, Liam Jonathan, on April 22.

Tonja (Zook '90) Nicholas and husband Iva, Middlebury, a daughter, Alyce Janae, on March 27.

Heather (Gusler '91) Gingerich and husband Ryan, Royal Oak, Mich, a daughter, Emma Kate, on September 3.

Ami (Steiner '91) Damer and husband Rick, Howe, Ind., a son, Drew Stephen, on May 4. **J. Steiner ('59)** is the grandfather.

Katrina (Mullet '92) Siegrist and husband Brent, Nairobi, Kenya, a daughter, Anneka Elisabeth, on May 5. **John Mullet ('59)** is the grandfather.

Lisa (Gingerich '93) Keim and husband Brian, Bay Port, Mich., a daughter, Hannah Grace, on April. Grandparents are **Merrill ('71)** and **Lola (Albrecht '71) Gingerich**. Lisa teaches voice and piano in her home studio and Brian is a guidance counselor.

Steve ('95) and Sandra (Rolon '95) Miller, Goshen, a son, Gavin Reese, on June 3.

Anthony Bontrager ('97) and wife Nichole, Shipshewana, Ind., a son, Asher Nicholas Stephen, on April 12. **Merv ('71)** and **Kathy (Miller '72) Bontrager** are the grandparents.

Joel Graber ('99) and wife Jessica, Goshen, a son, Jasper Blaine, on March 13. **Cathy (Miller '77) Graber** is the grandmother.

Deaths

Ivan Weaver (Development Director '84) on April 26 in Goshen. He is survived by wife Lois and four children who attended Bethany: **Carl ('65)**, **Dale ('67)**, **Dennis ('70)**, and **Gary ('72)**.

Abe Graber ('60) on June 21 in Goshen. He is survived by wife Carolyn (Weaver NG'60).

Marriages

Stan Hoffman ('66) and Joyce Bedsworth, Elkhart, Ind., on June 5.

Julia Reimer ('81) and Phillip Lund, St. Paul, Minn., on May 29 in Goshen.

Rebekah Stutzman ('87) and Rob Ripperger, Washington, D.C., on May 29 in Goshen.

Andy Beck ('92) and Lauren Baldwin, Richmond, Ind, on May 15.

Colin Burkholder ('96) and Amy Stinson, Washington, Ill., on April 16.

Anders Weaver ('97) and Stephanie Paris, Terre Haute, Ind., on May 22.

Notes

Lois (Johns '66) Kaufmann was ordained March 7 at Assembly Mennonite Church in Goshen.

Charlie Steiner ('67), Goshen, is sales manager at Indiana Wood Products in Middlebury. He and wife Cheryl attend Eighth Street Mennonite Church. They have three adult children and one grandson.

Karen (Garber '63) Troyer, Goshen, was named Intermediate Homemaker of the Year by the Elkhart County Extension club.

Carol (Steiner '75) Scheerer, Cincinnati, Ohio, received tenure in February at Xavier University, where she is associate professor and chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy.

Jennie Krabill Miller ('77), Goshen, was named Oaklawn's social worker of the year.

Gloria (Steiner '77) Hood, Indianapolis, Ind., works as a therapist for abused children and their families. She, husband Mike, and children Scott (16), and Amy (13) attend First Mennonite Church.

Lois Hochstetler ('87), Columbus, Ohio, graduated with a master's in social work from Ohio State University in June 2003.

Tim Miller ('88), Lawrence, Kans., is working on a master's in history program at the University of Kansas, specializing in the history of American foods.

Kristine Detweiler ('91) completed two years as the head teacher for the African Children's Choir (ACC) as they performed throughout Europe, Canada, and the U.S. In June she began teaching former and future ACC children in South Africa.

More Notes

The fall issue of the *Bulletin* will include alumni notes from summer reunions and additional reunion photos not available at press time.

Campus News

Commencement 2004

Tim Yoder, funeral director at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home and father of senior Colin Yoder, challenged the class of 2004 to seek meaning rather than money. "Meaning comes for your life when you use the gifts and talents God has given you in service for others," he said.

Yoder also paused to personally thank faculty. He noted that Bethany does many things a good public school does, but the margin of difference is having teachers who share their faith and help students explore theirs.



Top Ten Academic Graduates: (front) salutatorian Kelly Shenk, Laura Maust, Ashley Bontrager, valedictorian Valerie Weed; (back) Colin Yoder, Michael Honderich, Hannah Gerig, Jessica Buller, Jon Meyer, and Peter Koontz.

Senior speakers Michael Honderich and Laura Maust reflected together on the many and varied experiences of the class. Honderich said, "We've learned that in spite of differences, we can still respect each other."

Class members entered carrying flowers, which were collected into a vase in memory of classmate Rochelle Wyse who died in June 2002. As a parting gift, each graduate received a quilt block made by parents and grandparents of the graduates. The class gift included money for purchasing new tables for fish fry.



Principal Allan Dueck presents science teacher Mike Goertzen with Bethany's 2003-04 teacher-of-the-year award. Parents and students who nominated Mike for this award praised him for offering insightful advice, caring for individual students and their feelings, and making environmental issues very real.

Marlin E. Miller Scholarship



Kelly Shenk, daughter of Dale (F'93-) and Trish (Bontrager '78) Shenk, received the 2004 Marlin E. Miller Memorial Scholarship. The award is given each year to a graduating senior who plans to study or enter mission or pastoral work. Kelly, who plans to attend Goshen College, is participating in Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary's *Explore!* program this summer (see page 11).



2003-04 Awards

(clockwise from top left)

Outstanding Senior Musicians
Angela Gingerich and Jon Meyer

Art Purchase: Hannah Gerig

Cup of Kindness: Michelle Mullet

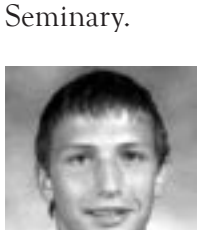
Outstanding Senior Athletes:
Colin Yoder and Jessica Buller

Campus News

Students Explore Ministry



Four Bethany students are participating in *Explore!*, a new summer ministry exploration program for 15 high school juniors and seniors sponsored by Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary.



Bethany participants accepted into the program this year include junior Sae Chan Lee (above), son of Yoon Sik Lee and Jung Kim, senior Peter Koontz (left), son of Ted and Gayle Gerber Koontz, and senior Kelly Shenk (see page 10). Junior Paul Boers (below), son of Arthur Boers and Lorna McDougall, is participating in only the congregational segment of the program.



During the congregational experience, youth will work alongside their pastors and focus on three pastoral tasks, one spiritual discipline, and one theological issue. Then all youth will meet together for an intensive 18-day segment that includes processing their congregational experiences, participating in urban ministry in Chicago, and exploring AMBS where they will have opportunity to engage in theological discussions with professors, learn more about Anabaptist history, and encounter different styles in pastoral ministry.

Among other things, these Bethany students will be doing preaching, visitation, worship leading, and evangelism. Kelly says, "My hope this summer is that I will grow in my understanding of what it takes to be a pastor and begin to discern if God is calling me in this direction."

Upon completion each participant will receive a $1,000 stipend, a $2,000 scholarship to a Mennonite college, and a $2,000 scholarship if they later attend AMBS.

Marisa Yoder Retires



After 20 years of teaching at Bethany, science teacher Marisa Yoder retired at the end of the school year. Marisa's passion for God's creation, the environment, and genetics was infectious as she inspired many students to care for the environment and some to pursue further study in biology. In 1995 she was honored as National Conservation Secondary Education Teacher of the Year for the innovative *Environmental Science* curriculum that she and Roy Hartzler (F'76-97) developed together.

Cranes for Peace

Students in John Mast's origami activity group, inspired by the story of a Japanese girl, Sadako (see www.sadako.org), have created 1,000 paper cranes as a prayer of peace. The cranes have symbolized not only a prayer for peace, but for some a prayer of hope and healing for a classmate ill with cancer—the third Bethany student diagnosed with cancer in the past few years. Senior Jordan Mumaw said, "I don't rush to fold the paper. The act of folding the paper is sort of like a prayer."



Jordan Mumaw ('04) folds a paper crane that will be added to the strings of cranes displayed.

Calendar

August

2 First day of sports practices
16 First day of classes, BCS Kickoff, and PTO Open House (MS)
27 Day Away (HS)

September

13 PTO Open House (HS)
23-24 Wilderness Experience (MS)

October

8 Fish Fry
21-22 Parent-Teacher Conferences

From the Principal

Allan Dueck



Bethany Christian Schools' fiftieth anniversary celebrations on June 11-13 highlighted some ways in which Bethany has equipped students for Christian living.

During the banquet program, 1977 alumnus and past board chair Wes Bontreger shared two stories of grace he had experienced at Bethany. The first was the unwavering support students and teachers showed him during his life-and-death bout with cancer when he was a junior. His second story of grace took place during a disciplinary situation when principal Bill Hooley processed the incident directly with Wes and forgave him without contacting his parents.

In reflecting on Bethany's impact on students, 1969 alumnus James Krabill, author of the final chapter of the history book, drew on former teacher and interim principal Mary Swartley's image of the warp and woof of education at Bethany: education that emphasizes both excellent academic quality and development of Christian faith. While the impulse to withdraw and protect students has been felt from time to time, James noted that the school's predominant focus has always been to prepare students for active Christian engagement in a needy world.

A highlight was Sunday's concert of sacred choral music featuring three vocal ensembles from the early years—a women's octet of 1958, men's quartet of 1954-56, and women's sextet of 1960-61. Then a 100-voice alumni choir performed with five of Bethany's seven music directors each directing a selection of their choice. The climax was the premiere performance of 1983 alumnus Jim Clemens' commissioned piece, "Foundation," a lively celebration incorporating elements of the hymn, "How Firm a Foundation." The entire musical feast illustrated the prominence of sacred music at Bethany over the decades and the school's role in cultivating musical gifts in students to equip them for service to the church and community.

The weekend's underlying theme was thanksgiving to God for blessing Bethany's mission. In their concluding prayer, Ernest Bennett, a member of Bethany's first board, and Jeanette Krabill, a member of the present board, expressed our collective thanks and invited God's continued presence and blessing for the future. This prayer, along with all the weekend's activities, underlined our profound desire that Bethany may continue "Building on a Foundation of Faith.

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