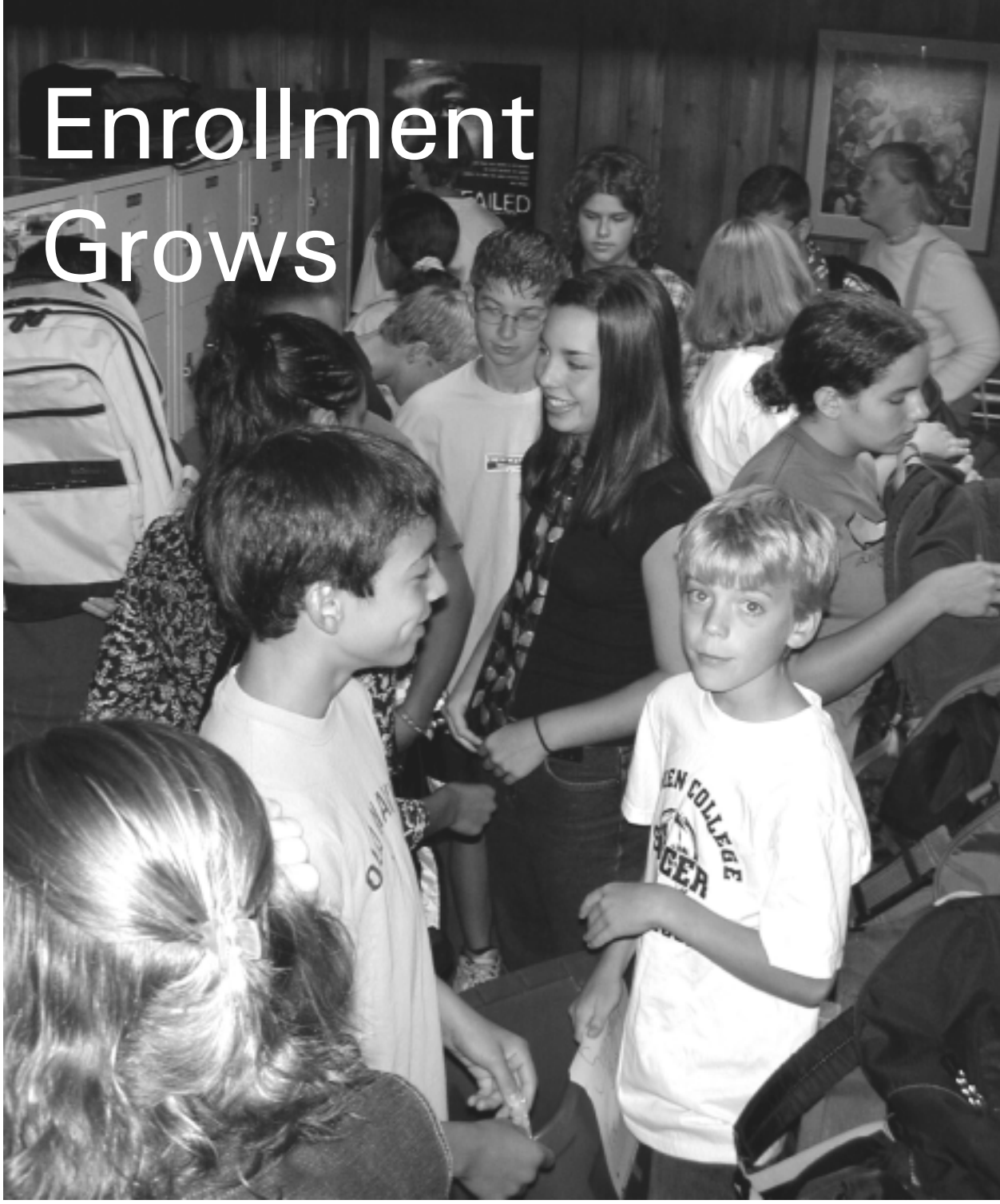
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New Personnel

Board

Fred Longenecker



A former director of publications and admissions at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School, Fred Longenecker joined the Bethany board in August. Currently he works in marketing and communications for a consulting firm that specializes in enrollment management for institutions of higher education.

Fred envisions Bethany as an "inclusive school that extends the bonds of community to each student." He further sees Bethany as a place where "students are entrusted with leadership and receive significant help with future and career planning to fulfill their role in God's mission to the world."

A member at Belmont Mennonite Church in Elkhart, Ind., Fred is married to Jewel Gingerich Longenecker, associate dean for leadership education at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. They have two children: Jenae (6) and Jace (4).

Staff

Merv Miller

Merv joins Bethany as admissions counselor—a role he began last December on a temporary basis while Cynthia Good Kaufmann was on maternity leave.

A 1995 graduate of Bluffton (Ohio) College with a B.A. in music, Merv served as an admissions counselor there since 1999. Previously he worked at Edgewood Children's Center in St. Louis, Mo.

A member at First Mennonite Church in Bluffton, Merv currently attends Clinton Frame Mennonite Church in rural Goshen.

High School Faculty

Krysten Parson

A 2002 graduate of Goshen College with a B.A. in phys ed, Krysten teaches phys ed and health at Bethany. She will also coach softball and JV girls basketball.

At Goshen College, Krysten was named to the all-conference and all-district teams the last three years in softball. Team captain all four years in basketball, she was named to the all-conference team for three years and set the school record for assists with 610.

Having grown up in a Romanian Orthodox family, Krysten committed herself to follow Christ two years ago while attending Maple City Chapel. Subsequently she was baptized there and continues as an active member, serving on the executive committee of the singles' group and helping with children's church.

Middle School Faculty

Chad Goertz ('94)

A 1994 Bethany grad, Chad returns to teach grade 7 and 8 math. Following high school Chad attended Hesston College for two years. In 1999 he graduated from Goshen College with a B.A. in elementary education with an endorsement for middle school math and science.

Most recently Chad worked in data entry in Denver, Colo. Prior to that he served as a counselor at a Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala.

Chad is a member at Hively Avenue Mennonite Church in Elkhart.

Tim Lehman

After staying at home the past seven years as the primary caregiver for his children, Tim Lehman joins Bethany to teach *Social Studies 7 and 8* and coach JV baseball.

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Front: Chad Goertz, Tim Lehman. Back: Krysten Parson, Merv Miller, Nicole Tobey.

During these years at home, he also has done a lot of volunteer and part-time work, including service as a volunteer instructor for elementary and middle school students at Goshen College's Merry Lea program near Wolf Lake, Ind.

A 1986 graduate of Goshen College, Tim earned a masters degree in psychology from Connecticut College in 1988. After working in social services for a number of years he obtained teacher certification in 1995 from Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis.

Tim attends North Goshen Mennonite Church where he has served as an adult Sunday school teacher, Bible school teacher, and congregational representative to Mennonite Disabilities Committee. He and his wife Jan, technology director at West Noble High School in Ligonier, Ind., are the parents of Mattie (9) and Ike (7).

Nicole Tobey

Nicole joins Bethany as a part-time teacher of *Spanish 8*. Nicole graduated in May 2002 with a B.A. in foreign language from Bethel College in Mishawaka, Ind. She is currently pursuing a masters in education at Indiana University in South Bend.

Nicole is a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Valparaiso, Ind., but has most recently attended St. Pius X Catholic Church and Granger Community Church during college.

Enrollment Grows

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Record enrollments and continued financial strength

Support for Bethany Christian Schools shows considerable strength as this new school year begins—both in the increased enrollment and in the continued strength of financial support provided by the school's constituency.

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Current enrollment of 325 in grades 6-12 represents the school's second highest enrollment ever. With 107 students, up from 99 last year, the middle school is enjoying its highest enrollment ever. The majority of growth in the middle school came in sixth grade, which this year also stands at its highest number ever—34 students. Meanwhile, high school enrollment climbed by more than 4% from last year, to 218.

With these near-record numbers, Bethany is bursting at the seams. Classrooms and hallways in both the middle school and high school are crowded as students move from class to class or visit during the breaks. Classroom space is at a premium and administrators faced a real challenge to find meeting places for every class.

Based on the comments of new students and their parents, the enrollment growth derives from students' expectations of what they will experience here: a nurturing Christian environment, excellent academic quality, caring teachers and attractive class sizes, opportunities in athletics and fine arts, and positive friendships.

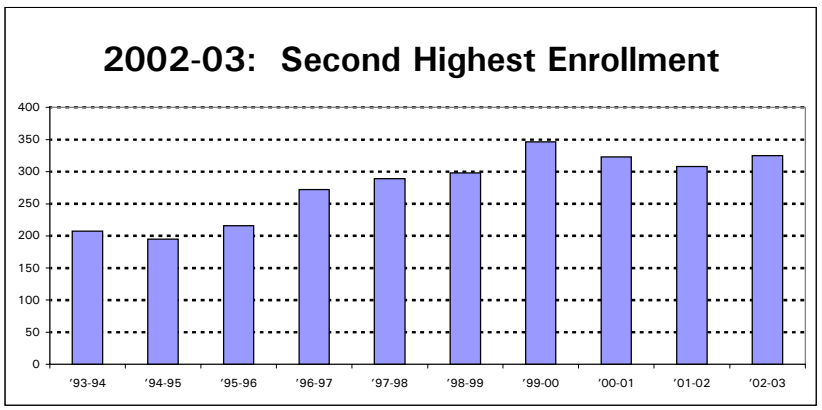
Several other factors contributed to this year's increase in enrollment. Administration, faculty, and board last year reviewed the admissions program and implemented new initiatives, such as offering several new summer camps, and placed priority on informing interested students and families about Bethany. Meanwhile, admissions counselor Merv Miller, who assumed the position mid-year, focused his energies during the summer on following up new leads as well as staying in contact with those already enrolled.

Strong Financial Support in 2001-02

The 2001-02 school year was a challenging year financially for Bethany as well as for many families and businesses. At the beginning of the year, who would have thought that we would live though a recession, a terrorist attack, and a war—all in the same year?

However, thanks to the tremendous support of alumni, friends, and supporters, Bethany ended the year with adequate cash income to cover expenses on a total operating budget of $2.3 million. Total charitable giving rose to $689,634—the highest level of giving in Bethany's history—with Mennonite congregations contributing nearly $132,000. Over the past three years, total giving increased by a remarkable 62%.

The continuing strength in enrollment and financial support confirm that quality Christian education is in high demand as Bethany begins its 49th year dedicated to educating students for Christian discipleship.



Student Demographics

Bethany students come from:

- 15 denominations
- 67 congregations (34 Mennonite)
- 6 foreign countries
  - Canada
  - India
  - South Korea
  - Moldova
  - Russia
  - Tanzania
- 3 U.S. states
  - Illinois
  - Indiana
  - Michigan

Of the 325 students:

- 159 are girls and 166 are boys
- 61% live in Goshen
- 91% live in Elkhart County
- 9% bring racial diversity

Merit Scholars

Bethany averages six times national rate

Two Bethany students, David Glick and Justin Heinz, have been named National Merit semifinalists. During the last six years Bethany has had twelve recipients while the national average is less than two per school during that time period.

David, son of John and Sally Weaver Glick, has been a member of Bethany's state-champion Academic Superbowl teams. He is layout editor of the student newspaper. In Bethany's spring 2002 production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* he portrayed one of the brothers, Dan.

Justin, the son of Bryan and Lisa Heinz, is a senior class fish head and has participated in *Bruin Jazz* and boys soccer. Last year he played Reuben in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Academic Success

SAT scores exceed state and national averages

Bethany's SAT average of 1134 exceeded national and state averages by over 100 points, despite a participation rate of 86%—historically 40% take the test nationally.

Campus News

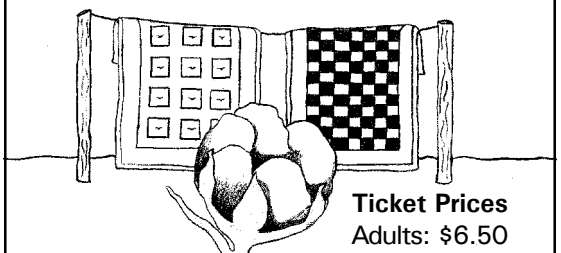


Faculty and students file outside to form one large circle for a time of singing and prayer at the conclusion of a chapel remembering the events of September 11. Many faculty and students wore white to express a desire for world peace. The chapel included a time of reflection by two faculty members and an original song written last year by Eliza Stoltzfus (F '96-01) for *Lightshine*, the middle school's worship team. The song, "O Lord, I Pray" moves from lament to supplication for world peace and asks how Christians can let God's love shine in the midst of tragedy. The song can be downloaded in wma format at www.bethanycs.net.

Cotton Patch Gospel

by Tom Key and Russell Treyz
music and lyrics by Harry Chapin

based on Clarence Jordan's
The Cotton Patch Version of Matthew and John



Show Times
Thursday-Saturday
November 21-23
7:30 p.m.

Ticket Prices
Adults: $6.50
Students: $4

Ticket Reservations
Beginning Nov. 4,
call 534-2567

Calendar

November
1 Instrumental Concert, 7 p.m.
7 Pledge and Serve Day
21 Associates Dinner, 5:45 p.m.

December
13 Christmas concert (HS), 7:30 p.m.
17 Christmas concert (MS), 7 p.m.
21 Alumni Night, in conjunction with boys basketball game, 6 p.m.

January
2 Family Movie Night, 7 p.m.

Visitors' Day: Nov. 18 for prospective students (preregistration required)

Drop-in Open House: Nov. 11, from 6-8 p.m. for prospective students and their parents

Christmas concert moved to new music hall at GC

The high school Christmas concert scheduled for December 13 has been moved to the new Sauder Concert Hall at Goshen College. Come enjoy an evening of sacred music in this state-of-the art facility.

Please note that there will now be only one high school Christmas concert—the one originally scheduled for December 12 has been canceled.

Missing Alumni

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Can you help us locate our missing alumni? Please contact development director Susan Gingerich by email (sdgingerich@bethanycs.net) or phone (574 534-2567) if you are aware of addresses, phone numbers, or email addresses of the following:

Class of 1955
Mary Jean Yoder Carlin

Class of 1957
Betty Miller Yoder

Class of 1958
Kit Thompson Heard

Class of 1960
Leora Kauffman Hodge
Ruth Yoder Lengacher

Class of 1961
Gary Fulmer
Linda Stevens Hughey

Class of 1962
Richard Slabaugh
Mary Ann Miller Suter

Class of 1963
Carol Odell Martin
Mary Trevino Nieto

Class of 1964
Barbara Birkey
Philip Lehman
Walter Troyer

Class of 1965
Larry Austin
Raymond Johnson
Michael Hershberger

Class of 1966
Cheryl Fogelman Kersch
Micheline Rocourt Duskin

Class of 1967
Philip Burkey
Julie (Juliana) Parcell
Jerry O. Yoder

Class of 1968
Betsy Martin Troyer
Verton L. Troyer

Class of 1970
Wayne Beall
Dale Hostetler

Class of 1972
Steve Ball
Jocelyn Yeater Kauffman
Murphy Lucas
Karen Mullett
Derrise L. White

Class of 1973
Atsuko Endo
June Kauffman Fowler
Fideles Ongoa
Sam Ovando
Mark Troyer

Class of 1974
Marlowe J. Buller
Bonnie Regier Donnelly
Veronica Henderson
Janet Miller Kauffman
Chrisann Hensler Kendall
Patricia Taylor
Lamortto Wofford

Class of 1975
Jee Chung
Nancy Conrad
Gene Gamber
Reinhard Wolff

Class of 1976
Valerie Davis Daw
Eliza Salvadore

Class of 1977
Narda Calbemonte
Louis Reyes

Class of 1978
Angie Swartzendruber Luedtke
Fernadez Shaw

Class of 1979
Bill Kilburn
Catherine Kucinskas
Nele Schmidt
Michelle Smith

Class of 1980
Gary A. Bontrager
Steve Hanson
Karen Miller
Dunja Moeller
Outi Sarsa
Colleen Yoder White
William Wiggins

Class of 1981
Belva Keene Elliott
Angela Fetz
Carlos Gonzales
Nathaniel Regier

Class of 1982
Tony Davila
Lorne Dueck
Carmen Hopkins
Reuben Reyes
Beulah Perkins Sparkman

Class of 1983
Mark Crisantez

Class of 1985
Brian Loucks

Class of 1986
Wanda Mullet Donohau
Caterina Martinez
Allan Yoder

Class of 1987
Pedro Hernandez
Tom Shenk
Julie Hochstetler Van Oss

Class of 1988
Tony Norris

Class of 1989
Andrea Bontrager
Holly Yoder

Class of 1990
Aaron Mortrud
Heather Pipkin

Class of 1991
Kevin Gascho
Ramphis Rodriguez
Brian Yoder

Class of 1992
Daniel Chuen
Krystie Morales
David Swartzentruber

Class of 1993
Nathan Boughner
Michael Miller
Andrea Slegel Pressler
Maggie Turco

Class of 1994
Carleigh Cleveland

Class of 1995
Kenneth Keesling
James Strouse

Class of 1996
Dana Blough
Jemimah Cataldo
Ryan Gingerich
Chuck Love
Jason Miller

Class of 1997
Joe Keesling
Tina Nunemaker
Katherine Turco

Class of 1999
Miyuki Aoki
Brittan Frey
Brenda Harley

Class of 2000
Kenton Delagrange

Deaths

Ben Gingerich ('71), Plymouth, Minn., on September 4, of a rare heart disease. He is survived by wife Anna and children Brandon and Tara. An electrical engineer, he held two U.S. patents, including one for a componet used in a space shuttle. He was a star fast-pitch softball pitcher, competing in the men's major nationals as recently as 1998.

Births

Eric Mumaw ('79) and wife Kim, Goshen, a son, Micah Andrew, on September 6.

Paul Steury ('81) and wife Michelle, Goshen, a son, Dylan Kaie, on June 17.

Peter Burkholder ('83) and wife Shannen Hill, Denver, Colo., a son, Jonah Douglas, on July 22. In May Peter became system administrator at Digital Library for Earth System Education in Boulder. He provides access to K-16 earth science educational materials at www.dlese.org.

Dan Koop Liechty ('83) and wife Jill, Lansing, Mich., a son, Cormac Henry, on June 28.

Morlin Elias ('84) and wife Julie, Bothell, Wash., a son, Craig Justin, on July 16.

Jeanne Liechty ('85) and husband Michael Dickens, Arlington, Mass., a son Conrad Jordan Dickens Liechty (the original family names of all four grandparents) on June 21. Jeanne is on leave from Goshen College pursuing her doctorate.

Craig ('87) and **Maria (Nice, '93) Chupp**, adopted May 16, 2002, from Russia, daughter Kaylena Diane born February 2, 2001, and son Cody Eugene born October 12, 2001.

Mark Claassen ('88) and wife Melody, Elkhart, a daughter, Lara Ann, on September 10.

Devon ('88) and **Diane (Gingerich, '87) Miller**, Millersburg, Ind., a son, Austin Jay, on August 13.

Veronica (Weirich, '88) Berkey, and husband Gary, Goshen, a son, Alexander Charles, on July 20.

Lesley Rutt Dyck ('90) and husband Ted, Elkhart, Ind., a daughter, Sasha Katie, on July 9.

Nina Bailey-Dick ('92) and husband Matt, Goshen, a son, Foster Wendell, on May 23 at home. In April Nina completed a master's program in community psychology at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ont. In June they moved to Goshen for Matthew to attend Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart. In addition to full-time parenting, Nina is a part-time member of Christian Peacemaker Teams.

Jennifer ('92) and **Nate ('95) Christophel-Lichti**, Goshen, a daughter, Sophia Eve, on July 9.

Craig ('92) and **Jessica (Mumaw, '92) Mast**, Goshen, a daughter, Hallie Marie, on August 18.

Chad Smoker ('92) and **Britt Kaufmann ('92)**, South Bend, a daughter, Drew Natalie, on July 13.

Matt Lind ('95) and wife Sarah, Lancaster, Pa., a daughter, Clara Elizabeth, on June 27.

Jewel (Lehman, '95) and **Josh Yoder ('95)**, Littleton, Colo., a son, Andrew Daniel, on July 8.

Marriages

André Yoder ('85) and Lori Kort, Goshen, on July 27.

Justine Yoder ('87) and Jerry Nettrour, Naples, Fla., on August 24. She, currently in the naval reserves, works as an investigator for the State of Florida.

Becci Zook ('89) and Scott McDowell, Elkhart, Ind., on July 20. Becci works as vice president for shoebedoo.com, an on-line shoe company based in Goshen.

Bryan Falcón ('91) and Jessica Smucker, Goshen, on July 13.

Sam Miller ('91) and Meghan Dwyer, Mishawaka, Ind., on July 13.

Katrina Mullet ('92) and Brent Siegrist, Elkhart, Ind., on July 13.

Heather Saupe ('93) and James Haynes, Jr., Elkhart, Ind., on May 18.

Kelly Short ('95) and Matthew Muhonen, Norfolk, Va., on August 12.

Tara Swartzendruber ('95) and D. Lucas Landis, Goshen, on June 30.

Melissa Fisher ('96) and David Fast, Goshen, on July 27.

Carl Meyer ('98 ng) andKarissa Loewen, Seattle, Wash., on August 11.

Michelle Thomas ('98) and Ryan Brenneman, Elkhart, Ind, on August 31.

Megan Berkey ('99) and Todd Gingerich, Shipshewana, Ind., on August 3.

Amber Kaufman ('00) and Nathan Butler, Goshen, on June 29.

Elizabeth Weidner ('00) and Nathan Abrahams, Cassopolis, Mich., on July 28.

Joel Bontrager ('01) and Sarah Richardson, Goshen, on July 13.

Notes

Charlene (Weaver, '57) Farmwald, Goshen, retired from Mennonite Mutual Aid in October 2001. Her husband **Don Farmwald ('55)** is a self-employed painter. They enjoy traveling and visiting their seven grandchildren.

Helen Good ('57), Elkhart, Ind., works in a home-based desktop publishing business.

Melba (Weaver, '57) Martin, Goshen, retired in 1999 after working at Mennonite Board of Missions for 26 years. At the time of her retirement she served as assistant director for the Evangelism and Church Development department.

Verna (Yoder, '59) Trautman, Ashland, Pa., has children **Cindy (Sommers, '79) Huss** and **Greg Sommers ('80)**, three stepchildren, five grandsons, and one granddaughter.

Ron Stutzman ('60), Goshen, participated in a 35-member Witness for Peace delegation that met with government, religious, peace, and human rights leaders in Colombia this summer. The group also visited Afro-Colombian communities in northwest Colombia that have suffered much from recent violence. Ron was hosted by members of JustaPaz,

Alumni News

Email your news

Alumni, please email your news and family updates for the *Bulletin* to jkmiller@bethanycs.net.

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the peace and justice arm of the Colombian Mennonite Church.

Letha Lehman ('61), Knoxville, Tenn., manages medical aspects of legal cases as a registered nurse in a law office.

David Bishop ('63) New York, N.Y., teaches human genetics at Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

Susan (Gardner, '67) Nelson, Goshen, received the Woman of the Year award from the Career Women's Guild.

Darlene (Bontrager, '72) Fanning, Shipshewana, Ind., named coach-of-the-year by AAU Junior Olympics.

Judy (Davidhizar, '72) Holmes, Clawson, Mich., is beginning her 24th year of teaching orientation and mobility—independent travel skills—to children who are blind or visually impaired. Her husband Michael works as a massage therapist. She writes, "I have many fond memories of Bethany and was especially blessed with the opportunity to be an exchange student to Germany in 1972. That was an important moment in my life."

Phil Shenk ('72) and wife Alice returned to their home in southern Russia's Caucausus Mountains in September 2002. Their purpose is "by Christian presence, Christian love, and lots of prayer to give the Tabasaran people the opportunity to know the redemption available in Jesus." Their two youngest sons, Andy (14) and Jonathan (12), are with them while daughter Rebekah (17) is a junior at Bethany. They have three adult children: Joanna ('01), Nathan ('99), and Deborah.

Judy (Hollinger, '77) Bontrager, Fairview, Mich., works as a Head Start teacher. She and husband Brian have two children—Joel is a college frosh and Trinet a high school sophomore.

Greg Garber ('77), Syracuse, Ind., has worked at Biomet in Warsaw since 1983. He and wife Charlene attend Vineyard Christian Fellowship and have four children: Nicholas (16), Garrett (14), Brooke (12), and Kimberly (7).

Gloria (Steiner, '77) Hood, Indianapolis, Ind., works as a family therapist for abused children. She and husband Mike attend First Mennonite Church in Indianapolis and have two children: Scott (13) and Amy (11).

Marcella Hershberger ('77), Goshen, serves as administrative assistant for Mennonite Mission Network's Global Ministries. She attends Faith Mennonite Church and is married to Dan Danen, who has four children and three grandchildren.

Anna (Hartman, '77) Mast, works as a secretary at Nappanee (Ind.) Elementary School. She and husband Dan are now elders at Maranatha Chapel after having served as youth sponsors for many years. They have three adult children, one daughter who is a high school sophomore, and one grandchild.

Betty (Helmuth, '77) McFarren, Goshen, recently became principal at Parkside Elementary School.

Bob Kehr ('77), Davis, Calif., works as information technology manager for the Department of Land, Air, and Water Resources at the University of California in Davis. He and wife Cathy Lewis have two children: Jesse (6) and Emma (4). Bob spent two years at home as the primary caregiver for their children before returning to work in 2000.

Duane Maust ('77), Bristol, Ind., owns his own construction company. He enjoys hunting and shot his first 6 x 6 elk with a bow last year. He and wife Diane have three children: Nick (15), Alisha (14), and Ericka (12).

Mable (Bontrager, '77) Mendoza, Carmel, Ind., drives school bus and has served as a leader of a Moms in Touch prayer group and on the board of a campus-based ministry in a local school. Her husband **Ed ('76)** is a middle school principal and helped their church begin a Hispanic ministry to families in their community. This past year he was recognized as the district five principal of the year and Hamilton County citizen of the year. They have two children: Adrian (18) and Maeven (15).

Michael Metzler ('77), Wakarusa, Ind., works for Veada Industries. He has been quite involved at Yellow Creek Mennonite Church, serving as a Stephen Ministry leader and Bible Memory sponsor, teaching Sunday school, and chairing the men's fellowship. He says, "I'm often reminded and grateful how God uses regular people to do His work. In high school I never would have imagined I would be this involved in any leadership roles in the church. He and his wife have three children: Amanda (16), Alisha (10), and Nicole (deceased).

Janice (Martin, '77) Meyers, Schwenksville, Pa., graduated in May with a B.A. in elementary and special education. She also teaches first grade Sunday school at Souderton Mennonite Church. She and husband Garland have two daughters: Katelyn (13) and Alicia (11).

Keith Miller ('77), Middlebury, Ind., is self-employed in concrete construction. He and wife Daisy have four children: Monica (17), Courtney (14), Cordell (13), and Megan (11). They live on a mini-farm, raising Arabian horses and Texas Longhorn cattle as a hobby. They have been involved in short-term mission trips during the last ten years and attend River of Life Fellowship.

Anita (Hoover, '77) Miller, Sarasota, Fla., is a licensed RN, but has home schooled her children for the last 11 years. She and husband John have six children: Charity (16), Nick (15), Bradley (13), Heather (11), Joshua (6), and Heidi (5).

Jeannie (Krabill, '77) Miller, Goshen, provides therapy for severely mentally ill adults as a clinical social worker at Oaklawn. She and husband Phil have two sons: Jordan (13), an eighth grader at Bethany, and Kyle (9).

Carmen Reyes-Sandoval ('77), Berwyn, Ill., is in the Operator Engineer Apprentice Program after working as a truck driver for 13 years. She has three daughters—Natasha (23), Sheena (18), and Jazmyn (8)—and one grandson. She and husband Raul are active in New Life Community Church.

Dan Schrock ('77), Goshen, began serving Berkey Avenue Mennonite Church as pastor in May after spending 21 years in larger cities—Miami, Chicago, and Columbus. He and wife Jenny have two children: Peter (8) and Nicholas (4).

Judy Weaver ('77), Salem, Ore., works as a trainer for the Oregon Migrant Education Program, helping children of migrant farm workers finish school. She and husband Richard Aguirre have two children: Richard (17) and Annie (15).

Rich ('77) and Anita (Martin, '77) Yoder, Middlebury, Ind., have begun a ministry to Cuba, assisting pastors. They have also taken mission trips to Russia and the Dominican Republic. They have two daughters: Jessica (20) and Emily (14).

Mike Yutzy ('77), Colorado Springs, Colo., travels and ministers with Bridge Ministries International. His wife Brenda continues to home school their children: Brad (19), Dawn (16), Josh (13), David (7), and Caleb (3).

Sue (Graber, '82) Detweiler, Brentwood, Tenn., serves as an associate pastor at New Song Christian Fellowship.

Sherwyn Smeltzer ('82) began working in August at Eastern Mennonite High School in Harrisonburg, Va., as a guidance counselor for grades 6-9. He and his wife Deirdre have two children.

Diane Yoder ('82), Indianapolis, Ind., works as an account executive for Aetna, Inc.

Karen Miller Rush ('83), Goshen, and husband Phil are 2002-03 unit leaders for Goshen College's Study Service Trimester in the Dominican Republic. They have two children: Sarah (6) and Luke (4).

Joel Fath ('02) is serving with Mennonite Central Committee's Serving and Learning Together program. He left in August for Hong Kong, China, where he will help document peace and justice movements throughout southeast Asia. More information is available at http://daga.dhs.org/joel.

Jennifer Gingerich ('00) served as a summer intern at Kern Road Mennonite Church in South Bend, Ind., through the Ministry Inquiry Program at Bluffton (Ohio) College.

Y-LEAD Nurtures Future Church Leaders

—adapted from *Gospel Evangel*

Where are the future leaders of the church? For three days in July they could be found at Y-LEAD (Youth Leadership, Education, and Development) training, a biannual gathering for study, inspiration, networking, and fun.

Many participants came from ten Mennonite high schools, including five students and three teachers from Bethany. In addition Bethany principal Allan Dueck, admissions counselor Merv Miller, and 2002 grads Jacob Stucky and Sarah Thompson were part of the planning committee.

"In the Bible and throughout history, God often uses young people as leaders," said featured speaker Mark Vincent. He also noted that leaders often emerge because an older person encouraged them.

Participants were enthusiastic about the event. "I will remember this for life," said senior R. D. Kuitse. Teacher Renae Yoder said she found spiritual refreshment and new ideas that will help her with school responsiblities.



Bethany Y-LEAD participants included (clockwise from left): Eric Good Kaufmann (teacher), Gabe Baker, R. D. Kuitse, Sarah Roth, Hannah Kehr, Renae Yoder (teacher), and Aaron Gnagey.

CD's for sale

The 2002 Jubilate Singers and Cornerstone Singers recorded a CD that is available for $7. To order contact the school at 574 534-2567 or email jdsmucker@bethanycs.net.

Alumni Reunions

Class of '72

The class of '72 met informally on Friday, August 2, at the home of Ron Yoder. Then on Saturday, 28 class members and spouses met at Bread and Chocolate for dinner, fellowship, and a trivia game of questions regarding Bethany and world events during their high school days. No picture available.

Class of '67

The class of '67 met on September 14 at the Blue Gate Restaurant in Shipshewana, Ind. The members present enjoyed a meal, fellowship, and trivia game. No picture available.



The class of '77 met for its 25-year reunion on July 13 at Keith and Daisy Miller's home in Middlebury, Ind. Including 26 class members, their families, and two class sponsors a total of 40 adults and 30 children attended the afternoon of swimming, fishing, eating, and reminiscing. Water balloon launches kept everyone hopping. Class members attending included: (front) class sponsor Lester Culp, Deb (Hochstedler) Hershberger, Anna (Hartman) Mast, Mable (Bontrager) Mendoza, Anita (Hoover) Miller, Marcella Herschberger, Anita (Martin) Yoder, Rich Yoder; (back) Anna (Miller) Beachy, Kevin Hochstetler, Jean (Krabill) Miller, Ronda (Christophel) Miller, Greg Garber, Bob Kehr, sponsor Diane Schrock-Hertzler, Carmen Reyes, Keith Miller, Judy (Hollinger) Bontrager, Dave Schwartzentruber, Gloria (Steiner) Hood, Becky (Maust) Schwartzentruber, Janice (Martin) Meyers; (back) Daryl Miller, Dan Ganger, Don Bontrager, Ken Chupp, Mark Nafziger, Grant Maust.

'82



The class of '82 met on July 27 at Das Essenhaus in Middlebury for brunch and then at the New Paris Park for an evening cookout and entertainment by Les and Gwen Gustafson-Zook. Attendees included: (front) Brad Lehman, Dwight Schumm, Conrad Smucker, Sue (Graber) Detweiler, Marlene Birky, Ann Minter Fetters; (middle) Tony King, George Graber, Delton Bontrager, Lisa Roth Walter, Donna (Parcell) Leatherman, Cindy (Bontrager) Hawkins, Roma Jo (Martin) Miller, Cheryl (Bontrager) Fickus, Diane Yoder; (back) Marc Beachy, Doug Bontrager, Sherwyn Smeltzer, Ron Schmucker, Lee Leatherman, Cheryl (Miller) Beachey, Sheila (Felder) Johnson, Renee (Yoder) Miller, Linda Hochstetler, Kris (Brubacher) Pratt, Stacy (Haines) Krahn, Brenda (Troyer) Hendryx.

Alumni Reunions



'87

Sixteen members of the class of '87 met for their 15-year reunion on July 20 at Bethany. The group held an afternoon ice cream social with their families at the school and then concluded with an evening dinner for adults at Bread & Chocolate. Pictured in the school's Friendship Garden: (front) Daniel Diener, Doug Friesen, Kent Steiner, Lois Hochstetler; (middle) Deb (Yoder) Nelson, Lisa Stauffer, Charlotte (Gascho) Hunsberger, Marlis (Farmwald) Chupp, Dawn (Hochstetler) Weaver; (back) Doug Horst, Jeremy Kropf, Todd Miller, Teresa (Troyer) Zook, Diane (Gingerich) Miller. Attendees absent from the photo were Myron Bontreger and Gary Chupp.



'97

Twelve members and one class sponsor of the class of '97 gathered on July 27 at Todd Sommers' home: (front) Jason Heatwole, Brooke (Steury) Clemmer, Wendy (Yoder) Nice; (back) Todd Sommers, Chris Weaver, Greg Stahly, Cory Livengood, Matt Wyse, Traci (Maust) Vermilion. Attendees not pictured: Jessica Bontreger, Jay Lapp, Lori Miller, and class sponsor Dale Shenk.

From the Principal

Allan Dueck



The beginning of a new school year is often marked by a keen sense of hope and expectation. This year is no exception. I felt this hope as new teachers met for the first time as a group on August 9. And this hope has been almost palpable as I've spoken with students, parents and grandparents, and pastors.

Several weeks ago the grandfather of an eighth grader enthusiastically told me about a summer party he and his wife had hosted for members of their granddaughter's class, at her request. The students had so enjoyed each other, the volleyball games in the backyard, and the food. Friendships were wholesome and the youngsters could hardly wait for school.

Last week as I visited with the pastor of an area congregation before chapel, we talked about one of the high school students from their congregation who had just transferred to Bethany as a junior. After the student's first few weeks here, the pastor already noted the student's growing confidence. "He seems to have found the space to be himself here," the pastor observed.

Recently the parents of a ninth grader, who as late as July hadn't been at all sure she would enroll at Bethany, told a fellow administrator that their daughter "just loves it here." Already she has had a group of friends to their home, and they as parents have noted her more relaxed spirit since beginning at Bethany.

Yesterday at a school athletic contest another parent shared with me her impressions following the PTO Open House held earlier in the week. She noted that she and her husband felt very good about the quality of our teachers after meeting many of them at the Open House. "We really have great teachers here: we feel good about their influence on our children in terms of faith values and the quality of teaching."

Education at Bethany Christian Schools begins with the assumption that each individual is a person of infinite worth—a child of God. In a warm community environment with caring Christian teachers, students find a stimulating setting in which to explore who they are, grow in faith, learn, find friends, and develop their gifts.

As we begin this new school year, I invite you to pray daily for God's presence with students and teachers as they live and work and learn together.

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