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Rachel Wenger in a 1959 yearbook photo with her future husband, Joseph B. Martin '59, a Bible and theology major, who became a physician and dean of Harvard's medical school. For more on members of the class of 1959, see page 48.

## FACULTY AND STAFF

**Myron S. Augsburg** GT '55, ThB '58, president emeritus, completed in February his term as interim pastor of the Praise Fellowship at Harrisonburg (Va.) Mennonite Church. He conducted a five-message Bible study on Romans in February and March at Eastern Mennonite High School. He brought the conference sermon and led Bible studies at Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite Conference's Celebration of Church Life, Mar. 16-18.

**Theodore (Ted) Grimsrud**, associate professor in the Bible and religion department, wrote *Embodying the Way of Jesus: Anabaptist Convictions for the Twenty-First Century*, recently published by Wipf & Stock Publishers.

**Cyndi Detweiler '93 Gusler**, assistant professor of art and department chair of the visual and communication arts department at EMU, will be New England Christian Art Council's featured in artist in July. Her work was also displayed Weinman Mineral Museum in Cartersville, Ga. Cyndi has a strong background in painting and drawing, and working with mixed-media. She uses cast-off objects as the raw material from which to create alluring three-dimensional forms.

**Lara L. Scott**, associate professor of visual and communication arts, was one of 12 candidates chosen to participate in "Biblical studies across the curriculum: Discerning Scripture for the disciplines," in July at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Ervin Stutzman**, vice president and seminary dean, was guest speaker at the annual Winter Bible Institute, Oak Grove Mennonite Church, Smithville, Ohio, Jan. 13-14. The theme of the institute was "Faithful church life from a Mennonite perspective."

**Earl Zimmerman '86, MAR '87**, assistant professor of Bible and religion department, authored *The Origin and Significance of John Howard Yoder's Social Ethics* (Cacadia Press, 2006), a definitive book on Yoder's social ethics. Zimmerman presented a paper on "Anabaptist Peace Theology" and its implications for interfaith work at the National Council of Churches Interfaith Relations Commission, Washington, D.C., Feb. 2, and participated in a panel discussion.

**Ruth Hoover Zimmerman '94, MAC '02**, co-director of the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, made a presentation at The National Council of Churches Interfaith Relations Commission, Washington, D.C., Feb. 2, about hosting students from various faith traditions

while based at a Christian/Mennonite university. Ruth is leaving her position at EMU in September to work with her husband Earl (see entry above) as co-director of MCC work in southeast Asia, based in India.

## 1920-1949

**Anna Bricker GT '47 Shank**, Chambersburg, Pa., is retired and living in Menno Haven where she enjoys volunteering and going to weekly quilting at Cumberland Valley Relief Center.

## 1950-59

**Theodore (Ted) '52 and Arlene Peifer '52 Walter**, Peachland, B.C., credit EMU for instilling within them the desire to volunteer to teach school in the mountains of Arkansas under Mennonite Board of Missions, and, later, to serve in Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) related programs. They managed the Ten Thousand Villages store in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and served as hosts for the MCC guesthouse in Bolivia. Upon returning from Bolivia, they were asked by a local congregation to initiate and manage a new Ten Thousand Villages store in Penticton, British Columbia (B.C.), which they managed five years. Since retirement, they have lived in the beautiful Okanagan Valley in B.C. to be near their sons and grandchildren.

**Joseph H. '57, and Betty Shultz '60 Grove**, Hanover, Ontario, moved into a retirement complex in Hanover in 2003. Joseph serves as the chair of the Tenants Association. They are involved in activities of the facility and in their local congregation. They recently returned from a two-week tour of the Holy Land.

**Charles B. Longenecker '57**, Litz, Pa., retired from teaching biology at Lancaster Mennonite School in 1999. He and his wife, Barbara, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2006. They live at Landis Homes and keep active as volunteers, both on and off the campus.

**Laura Bauman '57 Schumm**, Elkhart, Ind., has volunteered at Nazareth Village in Israel for several years, keeping in touch with people there. She reports it is exciting to see how people respond to the telling of parables of Jesus, which opens doors for interaction. She visited Ethiopia and Kenya this year. Retirement provides opportunity to visit family and serve in the church.

**David W. Shenk '59** co-authored *A Muslim and a Christian in Dialogue*, with Badru D. Kateregga. Eighty leaders from Protestant, Catholic, Buddhist, Confucian, Hindu, Ahmadiyya and a variety of Muslim groups met Feb. 9 in Solo, Indonesia, to celebrate and launch the Indonesian translation of the book.

# “Celebrate the Vision” at Homecoming, Oct. 12-14

EMU's annual **Homecoming and Family Weekend** kicks off celebration of EMU's **90<sup>th</sup> anniversary**. For details, see the brochure inserted in the center of *Crossroads* or visit [www.emu.edu/homecoming](http://www.emu.edu/homecoming). Some events, especially those involving food, require registration by Sept. 30.

Friday and Saturday programs led by choral director and music professor Kenneth J. Nafziger will celebrate the songs and sound through the decades at EMU. The *Encore!* music alumni group is sponsoring a Saturday evening reception to honor the music leadership of professors John W. Fast and Kenneth J. Nafziger.

A display featuring the first 50 years of athletics at EMU will be unveiled. Researched by John Horst '60, the display will be unveiled Oct. 13, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commons lower hallway.

A prayer labyrinth, created by Kirk Shank Zehr '92, on the Hill near the seminary will be dedicated at 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 13.

Dr. Ingida Asfaw '62, the Alumnus of the Year, and Dr. Clair E. Schnupp '59, Distinguished Service Award recipient, will both be featured during the weekend: Dr. Schnupp at a 10 a.m. chapel in Lehman on Oct. 12; Dr. Asfaw at a 8:45 a.m. session in the Suter Science Center on Oct. 13; and both at the homecoming worship service in Lehman at 10 a.m. on Oct. 14.



June Davidhizer in 1976 yearbook photo.

## June Davidhizer '78 Into Hall of Honor

Volleyball standout **June Davidhizer '78** will be inducted into the athletics hall of fame during Homecoming and Family Weekend, Oct. 12-14. Davidhizer played volleyball during her four years at EMC, 1974-1978. A native of Goshen, Ind., she received the Teammate Award all four years. In 1975, she led the team to the small college state championship and in 1976 led it to a 20-1 record. She taught and coached at Iowa Mennonite School for 14 years and has spent the last 14 years as a school counselor at Waterford Elementary School in Goshen. The ceremony breakfast is sponsored by the Loyal Royals and will be held on Sat., Oct. 13, at 9 a.m. in the University Commons, Court C.

Thirty-five Christian students from six Asian countries were also present for this historic event. Shenk noted that such a gathering would have been “unthinkable” nine years ago.

## 1960-69

**Gerald E. Good '62**, New Hamburg, Ontario, retired in July 2005 after more than 40 years of pastoral ministry. He now enjoys living in Morningside Retirement Community.

**Sara Ann Smucker '62 Landis**, Bird-in-hand, Pa., retired in June 2006 after 33 years of teaching. She now has her own tutoring business in which she goes to students' homes, helping those with learning disabilities to be successful in the main stream. While this occupies about 35 hours per week, it provides flexibility, enabling her to travel to New Orleans, Tucson, Tennessee, Alaska and France this year.

**David K. Mumaw '62**, Harrisonburg, Va., is in his fifth year of retirement. He is enjoying free mornings and evenings. He reports, “There are no Mondays.” The Mumaws are grateful for time with grandchildren and winters in sunny Arizona.

**Millard E. Showalter '62**, Harrisonburg, Va., recently visited Australia, New Zealand and Mexico. He has visited 22 countries and all the states except Hawaii.

**Lois A. Witmer '62**, Litiz, Pa., is retired and lives at Landis Homes, after 29 years of teaching in elementary and high schools. She volunteers at Landis Homes, writing up interviews with residents and singing in the choir. For years, she taught an adult ladies Sunday School class. Watercoloring is her hobby.

**Eileen M. Yoder '62**, Berlin, Ohio, recently published the genealogy of her great-great-grandparents, Abraham and Anna Beachy Mast, and their 18 children and descendants.

**Hilda Berg '62, Zimmerly**, LaBelle, Fla., is serving her second term as treasurer commissioner for the city of LaBelle.

**Philip K. Clemens '63**, pastor of Pike Mennonite Church, Elida, Ohio, is the author of *Beyond the Law: Living the Sermon on the Mount*, published by Herald Press. Clemens was professor of music at Goshen College. He has written numerous articles on music and pastoral ministry.

**Ira '63 and Evelyn Good '64 Kurtz**, Lancaster, Pa., were honored as the first long-term Mennonite missionaries and church planters in Hong Kong, arriving 40 years prior. The first church was founded 30 years ago. The event was hosted by the four Hong Kong Mennonite congregations.

**Truman H. Brunk, Jr. '64, MDiv '69**, Harrisonburg, Va., chose 75 stories and sermonettes from his 40 years of pastoral ministry for publication in his book, *That Amazing Junk-Man: The Agony and*

*Ecstasy of a Pastor's Life*. Brunk was installed as interim lead pastor, Landisville Mennonite Church, Landisville, Pa., effective Feb. 1.

**Marvin L. Weaver '64**, Lancaster, Pa., ended his term as chaplain at Auntie Anne's Counseling Service, Witmer Heights Mennonite Church, Smoketown, Pa., Dec. 31. He is now employed part-time at Mennonite Information Center, Lancaster, Pa., providing tours at the replica of the Tabernacle.

**Harvey Yoder '64, MAL '94**, Harrisonburg, Va., with extensive experience as a marriage counselor affiliated with Family Life Resource Center, recently had his book, *Lasting Marriage: The Owners' Manual*, published by Herald Press. **Lee E. Eshleman '86**, Harrisonburg, Va., illustrated the book. **John M. Drescher '51, ThB '53**, Quakertown, Pa., wrote the forward.

**Gerald Benner '65**, retired in December, after 41 years of service at his alma mater, Christopher Dock Mennonite High School, Lansdale, Pa. Benner began at Christopher Dock as an English teacher. For six years, he combined his teaching career with serving as pastor of Ambler Mennonite Church. When the position of development director opened in 1991, Benner applied and was accepted. He led three successful capital campaigns.

**Walter Hochstetler '67**, Nonington, Kent, England, and his family have been members of Beech Grove Community for four years. It is a community in what was formerly known as “the Bruderhof.” Walter is a postman/assembly worker, assembling equipment for the community schools and day care centers. He visits prisoners in the local area and is active in hosting the many visitors to the community.

**Wilbur Yoder '67**, Wellman, Iowa, has retired from Iowa Mennonite School, where he was employed since 1973, the last 18 years as principal. He and his wife, **Helen Horst '67 Yoder**, will spend the next year, beginning Sept. 2007, as hosts of the International Guest House, Washington, D.C.

**Robert Nolt '69**, Quakertown, Pa., began as the intentional interim pastor of Finland Mennonite Church, Pennsburg, Pa., in April.

## 1970-79

**Patricia L. Armstrong '71**, Armstrong Consulting, Hampton, Va., recently completed the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice requirements for licensure as a private investigator. As a retired school psychologist from Hawaii, she used her hobby of locating missing money for people into a career, finding \$200,000 last year. She has begun writing articles for the Angels on Earth section of *Guideposts*. She continues working part time answering telephones as a crisis worker.

**Tesfatsion Dalellew '71** has a long history of working for World Vision and Mennonite Central Committee. Feb. 8, he spoke at Fresno (Calif.) Pacific University of his trips to Sudan and Kenya. Tesfatsion was disappointed with the response of the United Nations policies and the relief attempts of non-governmental agencies to the Internally Displaced Persons of Sudan. He was heartened on his visit to Kenya where he saw the successful community-built and owned sand dam projects (see more, next entry).

**Jim '72, MAC '03 and Cathy Witmer '71 MAC '02, Bowman** are Mennonite Central Committee country representatives in Kenya. Jim wrote an article in the February-March issue of Park View Mennonite Church's *in VIEW* newsletter, noting the positive economic impact of a "sand dam" in a local Kenyan community. The story reflects the improvement of the life of a family who benefited from the building of a sand dam. A team of six from Park View, including **Mary '89** and **Ernie Glick '62**, flew to Kenya Mar. 18, to participate in a Work-and-Learn (WaL) project under MCC's Connecting Peoples program and assist in building a sand dam. Sand dams are providing water resources in areas where water is scarce or unavailable.

**Firman Gingerich '72**, Goshen, Ind., will become lead pastor of Blooming Glen (Pa.) Mennonite Church in September.

**Mark Sours '72**, Luray, Va., is manager of Happy Valley Greenhouse, a retail/wholesale greenhouse that provides commercial and residential design and installation and that is undergoing major expansion.

**Sharon Moyer '72 Strite**, Harrisonburg, Va., will have a solo exhibition of her artwork, including oil, acrylics, collage and watercolor at the Abingdon Arts Depot, Abingdon, Va., June 10-July 20. Included in the exhibition will be works from Strite's travels to Romania where she serves on the board of directors of Veritas. Proceeds from her Romania art work will be given to benefit the work of Veritas.

**Janice E. Riegsecker '72 Yoder**, Middlebury, Ind., is hospice nurse with Care at Home, Goshen, Ind.

**Rich Landes '73**, and his spouse, Jan Rutt, a former student at EMU, recently completed a two-year term of service at La Jara, Colo. Rich worked with a church in its ESL program's technology system and supported computers at a local Boys & Girls Club. Jan taught English two days a week to Mexican and Guatemalan women at a Family Resource Center and coordinated the ESL program of the church.

**Larry Yoder '73**, Linville, Va., and his wife, Marilyn (Esch), have been appointed as ministers to the community, a missional outreach of Zion Mennonite Church, Broadway, Va.

**Richard (Rich) Moyer '78**, Green Lane, Pa., is retiring after almost 30 years of ministry in Franconia Mennonite Conference and several congregations. Rich and his spouse, Fern, spent time in Boston during the WWII draft period, returning later to support an Anabaptist presence. He served as pastor of Perkiomenville for 11 years before being asked to work with a colleague to plant a church, Shalom Mennonite Fellowship, in Pennsburg. In retirement, he will continue to be involved in Perkiomenville's activities.

## 1980-89

**Julia Alderfer '80, Stauffer** is director of Women's Health Focus for Rockingham Memorial Hospital, Harrisonburg, Va. She volunteers as a board member for Patchwork Pantry, a non-profit emergency food distribution service and collaborative effort of Harrisonburg churches.

**Diane Zaer '82 Brenneman**, Parnell, Iowa, graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., with a DMin in executive leadership. She works for Mennonite Church USA executive leadership and farms part-time.

**Ceci Good '82**, Lancaster, Pa., has been self-employed for more than 17 years. For the last four years, she has been employed full-time as a subcontractor for Armstrong World Industries in the marketing/communications department of the commercial ceilings division. This year, she will travel with Encore Continentals to Australia and New Zealand for a month. She is busy with volunteer activities.

**Rebecca Schlabach '82 Goring**, Dallas, Texas, began purchasing rental properties in July 2003. Through creative financing, Goring owns and manages 18 properties in the southwest Dallas area.

**Will Hostetler '82, MA '84**, Peoria, Ill., is a physical therapist assistant at Midwest Orthopedic Center in Peoria. He has written *One Thing: Simple Poems for a Complex World*. It is a collection of some 200 poems that he wrote after the death of his spouse, losing his job and raising two young sons. He is now writing, *A Runner's Journal: To Boston and Beyond*. In it, he chronicles his running from 1981 to 1984, including his experience at EMU, and contrasts that experience with preparing to run in the Chicago Marathon this coming Oct. 7.

**Michael Wayne Miller '82**, Burkittsville, Md., will be promoted to full time band director at four different schools in Frederick, Md., effective this fall. He has worked for Frederick County schools for the past three years. This is the second promotion Miller has received since 2004.

# Lee Eshleman Leaves Legacy of Laughter

The EMU community joined mourned the sudden and unexpected death of Lee Eshleman '86, on May 17, after a long battle with depression.

Lee, an art major who had also worked as a graphic designer for EMU, was well-known across the Mennonite Church and among other denominations for his work as half of the comedy duo Ted & Lee TheaterWorks, together with Ted Swartz '89.

Lee is survived by his wife Reagan, and children Nicolas, Sarah and Gabe. Read more, including a tribute page, at [www.emu.edu/eshleman](http://www.emu.edu/eshleman). Memorial contributions in Lee's honor can be made to an Eshleman Family Fund, Eastern Mennonite High School or Our Community Place in Harrisonburg. See the website for details.



Lee Eshleman

# Jeanine Musselman, Parent Council, Remembered

There's an open space in the EMU parent council circle where Jeanine R. Musselman '85 used to sit. Jeanine, parent of EMU junior Miles, died March 13, after a battle with cancer.

"As a parent council member Jeanine was committed and helpful, bringing fresh ideas and energy," said Doug Nyce '86, director of EMU alumni and parent relations.

Jeanine also left an open space in the circle of learning at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School in Lansdale, Pa., where she had taught since 1997. She was a family and consumer sciences instructor well-known and respected for her innovative courses that explored life from womb to tomb, beginning with child development and culminating with gerontology.

A 1981 CD graduate, Jeanine received her masters degree in education from Temple University. She was a Level II certified teacher and held national board certification.

Prior to joining the CD faculty, Jeanine taught family and consumer sciences at Penn View Christian School for 10 years. She was a member of Souderton Mennonite Church.

"Jeanine was the consummate professional," said CD English teacher J. Eric Bishop '78. "She invested much time, energy and love into her life outside of school, but she brought that same kind of time, energy and love into the classroom and other school settings."

Jeanine is survived by husband Kendall Musselman '84 and sons, Miles, and Forrest.



Lynn Roth

## MCC's Roth to Lead Center for Justice & Peacebuilding

Lynn Roth became executive director of the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding August 13, replacing co-directors Ruth Zimmerman, MA '02, and Dr. Howard Zehr.

From 1989 until recently, Roth was executive director of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) East Coast where he directed about 35 staff and service workers throughout the eastern United States and administered a \$1.6 million budget.

During a leave of absence in 2005, Roth developed a response program in cooperation with Mennonite Disaster Service for Hurricane Katrina relief. Before his recent MCC assignment, he was co-country representative for Mennonite Ministries in Gaborone, Botswana, 1985-89.

In his new position, Roth will give overall leadership to CJP and its three components – the masters program, the Summer Peacebuilding Institute and the Practice Institute. He will provide leadership to internal administration, financial oversight and coordination, work within the university and its wider constituencies, and assist with marketing and fundraising.

Zimmerman and her husband Earl are moving to be MCC co-directors for India, Afghanistan and Nepal (see the "faculty and staff" section of Mileposts). Zehr, who is in high demand as a speaker and leader of restorative justice around the world, is shifting away from university administration towards more outreach work. He will continue to teach at CJP.

Roth earned degrees in California – a bachelors degree in political science Fresno Pacific University and a masters degree in social work from Fresno State University. He is married to Kathleen Roth; they have four adult children.

**Sonya Graber '82 Miller**, Middlebury, Ind., has owned and operated a greenhouse six months of the year for 18 years. She credits EMU with instilling the confidence and desire for daily service in the church and community. She and her husband are now hosting their 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> exchange student or pregnant young woman. Sonya says their home is one place of ministry.

**Donald (Don) Shenk '82**, Temple City, Calif., worked as an actor for 15 years. He was also a legal and producer's assistant at many of the major studios in the Los Angeles area, including Paramount and DreamWorks. His "true joy" is working as director of music and theatre for the last five years with the United Church of Christ in San Mario. Most exciting is his appointment as artistic director of the Stillspeaking Theatre which will open its premiere production this summer.

**Bill Eichelberger '83**, Wichita, Kan., received a Masters in Christian Ministry from Friends University, Wichita, in August. He has accepted a position as chaplain for Hospice Care of Kansas.

**Anthony (Tony) V. Miller '83**, Wellman, Iowa, was appointed principal of Iowa Mennonite School (IMS) by the operating board of IMS. He will assume his responsibilities in July.

**Brenda Hartman '84**, her husband, **Mark Hartman-Souder '83**, and their two children, left in December for Jos, Nigeria, for a five-year term as country representatives for Mennonite Central Committee.

**Karla Coblentz '85 Gingerich** has been promoted from vice president of Child and Family Services at Adriel School, Inc., West Liberty, Ohio, to senior vice president of residential and emerging programs. Enthusiastic about her new role, Karla says, "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to focus my attention on creating new programs for youth who have come from very dysfunctional home environments with many bad experiences from their past."

**Del Kautz MDiv '87** is a student in the doctor of ministry program of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Lombard, Ill. He is in the worship studies track. His thesis proposal, "Developing an International Practice of Interpretive Scripture Presentation for the Gathered Worship Time at Millersville Mennonite Church, Millersville, Pennsylvania," has been accepted. Kautz has been the lead pastor at Millersville Mennonite Church since 1987.

**Tobin Miller Shearer '87**, Evanston, Ill., has been awarded the Northwestern Presidential Fellowship by Northwestern University. This will afford two years of funding to complete research and writing of his dissertation.

**R. Todd Weaver '87**, Brownstown, Pa., recently opened a second dental

office in Harleysville, Pa. He was joined in the practice by **David Guengerich '01**. Along with other colleagues, they provide state of the art dental services to persons in Harleysville and Souderton.

**Mary Grace Brubaker '88 Shenk**, and her husband, Harold, resigned, Jan. 1, after eight years as co-pastors of Hebron Mennonite Church, Hagerstown, Md.

**Debra Skalsky '88**, Miami, Fla., has accepted a full-time assignment with Harvesting in Spanish in El Salvador to assist with an orphanage and help run a community clinic.

**John Bozer '89**, Sarasota, Fla., has been promoted to director of information systems and data security officer for Sarasota Memorial Healthcare System, where he has worked since 2002. He previously held the position of desktop services manager. John and his wife, Marjorie, are parents to Jamie and Jonathan, and one grandchild, Hunter. They are members at Abundant Life Church.

### 1990-99

**Steven Breidigan '92**, Douglasville, Pa., completed an MBA at St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, Pa., in Jan. 2006.

**Ronald (Ron) Burkhart '92**, Independence, Ore., taught language arts for six years at Western Mennonite School. He substituted in Salem-Keizer Public schools for one year, then joined a charter school, teaching language arts. The school has become the Community Schoolhouse. Ronald is completing his seventh year as a teacher in this alternative high school. It will become Early College High School where students can earn college credit by remaining in the high school an additional year.

**Brian J. '92 and Cheryl Lyndaker '94 Martin**, reside in Hatfield, Pa., where Brian is employed as a design consultant for Gehman Custom Remodeling. Cheryl, mother of five, is a full-time homemaker. They plan to attend Biblical Theological Seminary in Hatfield this fall.

**Glenn R. Kauffman MAR '92**, representative to Asia for Eastern Mennonite Missions, (EMM) cooperated with Yesaya Abdi, chair of PIPKA, the mission arm of the Muria Synod of Indonesia, to plan the first Asian World Missions Institute. The event was hosted, Feb. 3-18, in three locations in Java. Thirty-five participants from six nations attended.

**Richard Showalter '68**, president of EMM, taught history and strategies of mission. Showalter noted that "participants forged deep relationships and are committed to walk together as a community in the future."

**Kent D. Sensenig '92**, Pasadena, Calif., is in his fourth year of doctoral studies in Christian Ethics at Fuller Seminary. He is chair of the campus peace and justice group, adult education coordinator at Pasadena Mennonite Church and a teaching assistant at Fuller.

**Sherry Reed '93 Mongold**, Harrisonburg, Va., is employed as a nurse practitioner at Harrisonburg Ob-Gyn.

**Ron Blough MDiv '94** Windsor, Colo., was installed as pastor of Greely Mennonite Church, Mar. 18. **Herm Weaver '87**, conference minister, preached the installation service.

**W. Kent Hartzler '94**, Manheim, Pa., has been appointed president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Mennonite Financial's board of directors. Hartzler has been with Mennonite Financial for nine years, most recently serving as vice-president for lending and business development. Previously, he was director of marketing. Mennonite Financial serves members and employees of Anabaptist-related church in the United States. The foregoing corrects an error about the title of Hartzler's employer published in the spring 2007 issue of *Crossroads*.

**Rhonda Hochstetler '94 Martin**, Osseo, Minn., moved to the Twin Cities area in June 2006 and is working as an international and domestic adoption social worker at Children's Home Society and Family Services.

**Kristine Detweiler '95**, is a school administrator for the African Children's Choir School in Uganda. Given the success of choir last year on Canadian Idol, the choir was invited to appear on the special Idol Gives Back edition of American Idol. On Apr. 25, their presentation was aired on Fox.

**Benjamin Bolanos '96**, San Francisco, Calif., teaches history at Palo Alto High, Palo Alto Unified School District. He was one of two worship leaders for the Mennonite Church USA convention in San Jose.

**Daryl Bert '97**, Pflugerville, Texas, is employed as a finance manager with Dell, Inc.

**Christy Crawford '96**, Harrisonburg, Va., has been named assistant director of the critical care unit (CCU) at RMH. Christy joined RMH in 1996. She has been employed as a clinical nurse specialist in the CCU since Aug. 2005.

**Trang Nguyen '97 Jeannert**, Upper Darby, Pa., is working at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and took the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensure examination in June. She began rotation in July. Her husband, **Daniel '02**, is a social worker employed at Inglis House, caring for handicapped persons.

**Deborah Horst '97 Muenstermann**, Lancaster Pa., is the lead coordinator of children's orientation for Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, Pa.

**Anna Versluis '97 Penner**, Ventura, Calif., recently completed her field work in Haiti for her dissertation in geography and land cover change. She plans to graduate in 2008.

**Jeremiah '97 and Melanie Baer '97 Zook**, live in Chambersburg, Pa., where Jeremiah is an assistant district attorney with Franklin County and Melanie teaches students with learning disabilities for Chambersburg Area School District.

**Joanna Yoder '98, Heatwole**, Rochester, N.Y., is assistant professor of Time-Based Media (TBM), a new major at Roberts Wesleyan College and Northeastern Seminary. Her goal is "to help build a challenging four-year experience for time-based media students" that will bring fresh perspectives to their work, regardless of their media arena.

**Kris Anne Kuhns '98 Swartley**, Souderton, Pa., entered the MDiv program at Biblical Seminary, Hatfield, Pa., in 2006. Her husband, **Jon '97**, is a partner with his father in the family business, Penn Builders, Inc., General Contractor, Quakertown, Pa. They are the parents of Heidi and Ben.

**Drew Miller '99**, works for BBMicroscopes, a distributor for Olympic Microscopes in Columbus, Ohio, as a sales and service representative.

## 2000-07

**Aaron Boggs '00, MDiv '06**, Harrisonburg, Va., was installed as pastor of Crossroads Mennonite Church, Broadway, Va., Sept. 16, with ordination Feb. 18.

**Emily Friesen '01 Burkholder**, is enrolled in the masters program in Women's Health at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

**Menna Tesfatsion '01**, is an associate in the Morgan Lewis law firm's real estate practice in Philadelphia. Menna received his J.D. from New York University School of Law in 2005, where he served as staff editor on the *Journal of International Law and Politics*.

**Brad Miller '02**, Washington, D.C., recently moved to Denver to enroll in the MA in educational leadership program at Denver University.

**Sarah E. Moffet '02**, Alexandria, Va., reveals the struggle to retain faith after learning from a simple phone call at age 12 that a family member was facing death in *Growing up Moffett: The Rise and Fall of Innocence in a Pathos Plagued Year*.

**Daniele Ressler '02** received her masters degree in London, England. She is currently working at James Madison University as a researcher, writer, and editorial assistant for *The Journal of Mine Action* which addresses international landmine issues. She and her husband, Jon Helfers, live in Harrisonburg, Va.

**Rene Hostetter '03**, a student at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, was featured in March 5 *Mennonite Weekly Review* for her work under Eastern Mennonite Missions (EMM) with HIV/AIDS patients and families in Swaziland, which she considers her second home. During



This year's Young Alum Scholarship award recipients (l-r): Tim Shenk, Katrina Martin, Kara Bender, and Maria Hoover, all class of '07.

## Alumni Dollars Support Alumni Children

Young Alum Scholars are children of alumni who have won a scholarship open to seniors planning to enter mission or service upon graduation. To apply for this scholarship, students must submit an essay.

Another way that children of alumni receive support to attend EMU is through one-time grants of \$1,000 made available to first-year students who have one or both parents who are alumni.

Alumni support of endowed giving makes scholarships such as these available to young students of alumni.

## SVCC at Carnegie Hall

The Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir (SVCC) – marking its 15<sup>th</sup> year – was privileged to perform at Carnegie Hall this May. It was the second time the choir has been invited to sing at this world-class venue, a significant honor, according to artistic director Julia White. They were joined by three other children's choirs coming from Ontario, California and Texas.

A lengthy feature in the spring 2007 issue of *Living Magazine* noted that the SVCC is "growing more than musicians."

"The sound these 40 Valley adolescents have worked to perfect, even in an informal rehearsal, is spine tingling," wrote **Melodie Davis '75**. The 230 participants in the five choirs – Beginners, Explorers, Preparatory, Treble and Concert – come from as far away as West Virginia to master musicianship skills. This includes ear training, sight singing, and note and rhythm reading. Read the full article, find links to hear recordings of the choir, and purchase CDs at [www.emu.edu/grow-musicians](http://www.emu.edu/grow-musicians).



Choristers at Carnegie Hall.



Video production booth at San Jose

## “Kiss the Girl” Wins EMUTube Contest

How do you fit 10 youth into a small booth to look silly in front of a camera? Offer them a T-shirt and a chance to learn more about EMU! More than 500 people came by the EMUTube booth at the Mennonite Church USA biannual convention in July in San Jose. They did goofy skits, sang songs, even ate lemons and interacted with a stuffed emu! Participants enjoyed hanging out with the dozens of other youth who stopped by to record and watch videos while EMU staff made connections. Viewers – accounting for 27,000 views – were invited to vote on their favorite video. Their top pick was “Kiss the Girl,” featuring three young men serenading a young woman with a song from Disney’s *Little Mermaid* animated movie. See [www.emu.edu/emutube](http://www.emu.edu/emutube).

## A Blanket of Love

Shortly after Marlin and **Christine Landis ’73 Burkholder** suffered a devastating fire on their farm near Singers Glen, Va., **Lois B. Wenger ’76** decided to make them a comforter. Others in Wenger’s EMU department of development knew the couple from the past or as members of their Community Supported Agriculture enterprise.

They contributed funds to purchase supplies for a queen-size comforter.

On EMU’s annual “staff development day” March 6, Art Borden, Anna Dintaman ’05, Phil Helmuth ’76, Phoebe Kilby, Carol Lown, Karen Moshier-Shenk ’73, Marci Myers ’84, Cindy Smoker, Tim Swartzendruber ’95, Sam Weaver ’66 and Lois Wenger met at Wenger’s home for a potluck lunch and began cutting and sewing the comforter top.

On March 20, the group reassembled in a seminary conference room to knot the comforter. Wenger bound the comforter at home. Marlin and Christine came to the development office April 12 to receive the gift. “It truly is a delight to be there for each other in times of sorrow,” Wenger said.



Recipients of comforter backed by givers.

her first year of service, she lived with 16 AIDS orphans at New Life Children’s Home. The next year, she worked with church organizations in training events about HIV/AIDS. In the early ‘90s, her mother, **Sherill King ’78 Hostetter**, started one of the earliest ministries for HIV/AIDS in Swaziland. Rene has developed a passion for children and women’s issues.

**Ross Kauffman ’03**, is in a PhD program in epidemiology at Ohio State University, Columbus. He completed a masters in public health in the summer of 2006 and will complete his class work for his doctorate in May.

**Charity Nussbaum ’03**, Harrisonburg, Va., received the teacher of the year award at Peak View Elementary School in Harrisonburg.

**Melinda Steffy ’03** recently completed an MFA in painting from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. She is currently working for a small communications firm and pursuing local and regional art opportunities.

**Michelle Crouse ’04 Mason** works in the pediatric intensive care unit at the Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters, Norfolk, Va.

**Buwon Choi ’05** attends the University of Michigan School of Social Work, studying policy and program evaluation in children and youth. This is to equip her to teach high school students mediation/conflict resolution in their schools and throughout their life.

**Heather Bender ’06**, Kalona, Iowa, began a one-year term of Mennonite Voluntary Service Feb. 20, in St. Louis, Mo., as a peace worker with St. Louis Mennonite Peace Center.

**Nicholas Buckwalter ’06** has been accepted to the University of Virginia School of Medicine, Charlottesville Va., beginning this fall.

**Andrew Foderaro ’06** was accepted to Drexel University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pa., beginning this fall.

**Stephanie Good ’05** is working as the program director at Camp Men-O-Lan, a Christian Wilderness Camp located in Quakertown, Pa. She directs youth and children’s retreats, home school gym classes, outdoor and experiential education programs, and challenge course/high ropes facilitating. She will lead the camp’s six-week summer camp program, beginning June 17.

**Greg Lamb ’06** will begin studies at Pennsylvania State University School of Medicine, Hershey, Pa., this fall.

**Iran Llanio ’06** previously a physician in Cuba, graduated from the nursing curriculum. He took a nursing position at New York Presbyterian – The University Hospital of Columbia and Cornell, working in the cardiac progressive care unit.

**Jason Rutt ’06**, a participant in MVS,

is featured and photographed in the Feb.12 issue of *Mennonite Weekly Review* in an article entitled “Theology of the Hammer,” for his work with Habitat for Humanity, La Junta, Colo.

**Jared Stoltzfus ’05** has been accepted at West Virginia School of Medicine, Lewisburg, W.Va. Jared is currently stream health coordinator for Harrisonburg City and is considering additional options before pursuing medical studies.

**Alexis Sauder ’06**, Lancaster, Pa., **Michael Miller ’06**, who lived in Rome the past year, currently of Harrisonburg, Va., **Shannon Weaver ’06** Harrisonburg, and **Mark Risser ’07** Kidron, Ohio, have been employed as EMU admissions counselors

**Aaron Trimble ’06** was accepted to the University of Virginia School of Medicine, Charlottesville, Va. He will begin this fall.

**Katrina Martin ’07**, Peachetree, Ga., **Rachel Sims ’07**, Perkasie, Pa., **Kendal Swartzendruber ’07**, Keezletown, Va., **Shannon Yoder ’07**, Harrisonburg, were named “Teachers of Promise” by the Virginia Department of Education. They were honored during a two-day institute held mid-March at James Madison University, Harrisonburg, because they “exemplified the necessary traits for an exemplary career in public education.”

## MARRIAGES

**Charles B. Shenk ’51** to Liz Avendano, Feb. 24.

**Mary Jean Linn ’82** to William Byars, Mar.10.

**Jay Ramer ’94** to Natalie Pirolli, Apr. 14.

**Brad Miller ’02**, to Jessica Yoder, May 26.

**Sara Neuenschwander ’03** to Sunday Obri, Jan. 13.

**Jeanine Herbison ’02** to **Ry Willson ’02**, Dec. 17, 2005.

**Stephen Campbell ’91** to **Laura Moyers ’97**, Nov.18.

**Benjamin Bolanos ’96** to Amy D. Krehbiel, June 12, 2005.

**Rhea Miller ’97** to Adam Kehler, May 20,

**Tamara (Tammy) Greaser ’00** to **Jonathan Kratz, ’00**, Feb.24.

**Barnaby McBride Quick ’04** to Allison Paige Tooley, June 21.

**Rachel Weaver ’03** to **Kevin Docherty ’05**, July 27.

**Michelle Crouse ’04** to Jon Mason, June 17.

**Joanna Souder ’04** to **W. Clay Showalter ’02**, Dec. 30.

**Camron Conrad ’06** to Leah Ritter, Dec. 30.

**Jeremy Dayton ’06** to Andrea Gehman, Dec.16.

## BIRTHS

**Matthew A. (Matt) '97** and **Monica Carlson**, Harrisonburg, Va., Mara Kathryn, May 3.

**Loren '89** and **Keri Mast**, Linville, Va., Tyler Jay, Jan. 14.

**Douglas (Doug) '91** and **Tina Groff '95, Friesen**, Brownstown, Pa., Leah Grace, Mar. 7.

**Frieda King '92** and **Chad Allen**, Buena Vista, Va., Rebekah Anne, Feb. 12.

**Devon '92** and **Jennifer DeHart Yoder**, Corvallis, Ore., Seth Ryan, Mar. 6.

**Benjamin Bolanos '96** and **Amy D. Krehbiel**, San Francisco, Calif., Dahlia Marie, Apr. 16.

**Carla Barge '97** and **Brian Long**, Hanover Pa., Claire Elizabeth, Apr. 22.

**Sandra Wenger '97** and **Eric Cline**, Harrisonburg, Va., Alex Cayman, Oct. 12.

**Deborah Horst '97** and **Ralph Muenstermann**, Lancaster, Pa., Lukas Alexander, Nov. 16.

**Dickson '93, MA '97** and **Jennifer Yoder Sommers**, Harrisonburg, Va., Aliyah Danae, Jan. 17.

**Sera Whitmore '97** and **Joseph Buckwalter**, Anchorage, Alaska, Luke Everett, June 19.

**Hannah Miller '97** and **Anson Midel**, Roanoke, Va., Aaron Thomas, Aug. 9.

**Perry '98** and **Rebecca Miller '99 Shank**, Denver, Colo., Simon Levi, Nov. 14.

**Chris '99** and **Ashley Clemens '00 Miller**, Pennsburg, Pa., Ava Elizabeth, Oct. 26.

**Rachel Hollingsworth '99** and **Benjamin (Ben) Parker '99**, Jerusalem, Israel, Simeon David, June 14.

**Shana Swartley '99** and **Richard Reinford**, Quakertown, Pa., Owen Trevor, Feb. 13.

**Kelly Hess '00** and **Aaron Histand '99**, Boise, Idaho, Owen John Oct. 16.

**Shawn '00** and **Sarah Beachey '00**, Harrisonburg, Va., Colin Avery, Mar. 11.

**Jonathan '00** and **Heidi '00 Lantz-Trisessel**, Harrisonburg, Va., Magdalena Lilit, Apr. 10.

**Aaron '01** and **Kristen Weatherlow '01, Buckwalter**, Lancaster, Pa., Charlotte Ann, Jan. 24.

**Renee Clymer '02** and **Kendall Isaac**, Dallas, Tex., Zachary Micah, Apr. 10.

**Rudi '02** and **Ravonn Schrock '02 Kauffman**, Cincinnati, Ohio, Sophie Renee, Mar. 16.

**Gretchen Simmons '02**, and **Chris Mickley**, Troutville, Va., Porter David, May 29, 2006.

**Sally Gardner '02** and **Andrew Vogan**, Dayton, Va., Paul Hershel, Nov. 16, '06.

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Kenneth '34** and **Grace Heebner Seitz, Sr.**, Harrisonburg, Va., 60<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 28, 1937.

**John R. '54** and **Marian Landis Martin**, Harrisonburg, Va., 50<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 31, 1956.

**Merle '65** and **Beulah Cordel**, Chambersburg, Pa., 60<sup>th</sup>, May 17, 1947.

## DEATHS

**Mary Garber GT '32, Mosemann**, 95, Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 18.

**Ruth N. Graybill HS '33**, 97, Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 2.

**Elva Amstutz GT '34, Zurcher**, 92, Walnut Creek, Ohio, Jan. 1.

**Ruth Carper '43, Eitzen**, 82, Lititz, Pa., Apr. 11.

**Goldie Slagel '49**, 85, Goshen, Ind., Mar. 2.

**Jacqueline Andree Richardson '60, Thimm-Richardson**, 71, Haarlem, Netherlands, Dec. 9. Her husband, **Arno Thimm-Richardson**, '62, survives.

**Daniel H. Horst '63**, 72, Harrisonburg, Va., Apr. 12.

**Ingrid Magnus '67, Shomo**, 62 Harrisonburg, Va., Feb. 17. Her husband, **William Shomo '67**, survives.

**Pamela Nyce '86, Yoder**, 42, Columbia, Pa., May 3. She is survived by her husband, **Rodney '86**, and two sons, Trentin, 12, and Bryce, 9.

**James D. Eshleman GT '89**, Keysville, Ga., Apr. 7.

## Correction of item in Spring, 2007, issue:

**Ruby Miley HS '35 Kanagy**, 87, Belleville, Pa., Sept. 24, 2005. She is survived by her husband, Jonathan, two daughters and four grandchildren.

## DEGREE KEY

BD – bachelor of divinity  
GT – two-year degree  
HS – high school degree  
MAC – MA in conflict transformation  
MAL – MA in church leadership  
MAM – MA in church ministries  
MAR – MA in religion  
MDiv – master of divinity  
ThB – bachelor of theology

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# Alumna Launches Shakespeare in Clark Park

**Marla Burkholder '99**, along with three other Philadelphia theater professionals, started Shakespeare in Clark Park in 2006. The inaugural show, *Twelfth Night*, played to more than 2,000 people in one of Philadelphia's most popular parks last summer. "The experience was exhilarating," Burkholder wrote. They produced the show with the support of friends and relatives and received an "overwhelmingly positive" response from the local community.

"The skills I gained at EMU in creating theater with a lot of imagination and a small budget came in handy in making this project come to life," says Burkholder who was an English major with a concentration in theater at EMU. Shakespeare in Clark Park returned this August with *Romeo and Juliet*. Find more information at [www.shakespeareinclarkpark.org](http://www.shakespeareinclarkpark.org).

## Where In the World?

We would be grateful if you would help us locate the alumni listed below to notify them of class reunions. Contact [alumni@emu.edu](mailto:alumni@emu.edu) or phone Donna Souder at (540) 432-4204.

**Class of 1937**  
Mary Lantzer  
Helen Showalter

John Grove  
Martha Heffinger  
Florence Hill  
Charles Holland  
Rowena Holloway  
Barbara Horst  
Betty Hughes  
Ray Johnson  
Ronald Jones  
David Kanagy  
Dorcas Kraybill  
Danile Martens  
Samuel Mathews

Val Drobek  
Du Duong  
Janet Esh  
Johannes Hirschler  
Ruthie Keefer  
Noel King  
Kim Lawson  
Robin Little  
Khenh Luong  
Peggy Marshall  
Roger Myers  
Lynne Simons  
Todd Smith  
Beth Toth  
Myriam Vandenberg  
roucque  
Jon Yoder

Ryan King  
Shannon Kratz  
Rachel LaPorta  
Dana Lewis  
Jennifer Livengood  
Aaron Livengood  
Jon Martin  
Chris Mast  
Rhea Miller  
Gretchen Miller  
Stacey Mooneyham  
Curt Musser  
Sara Myer  
Rich Myers  
Phillip Nisly  
Brian O'Connor  
Marcia Pecor  
Angel Perez  
Sean Powers  
Becky Ross  
Greg Schlabach  
Amy Shifflett  
Kristina Showalter  
Adam Shreckhise  
Rachel Smith  
Edwin Sukmawan  
Le Summers  
Phil Swartzendruber  
Jay Taylor  
Sharon Tazewell  
Yao Tsikata  
Mel Turner  
Jon Umble  
Heath Vining  
Matt Wenzel  
Carla Wheeler  
John Wilcox  
Anthony Yoder

**Class of 1957**  
Tilly Schaap  
Orpha Hege  
Melvin Horst  
Bettie Kite  
Martin Bender  
Ida Erne

**Class of 1967**  
Hubert Boyers Jr  
Winfred Casey  
John Laprade Jr  
Roy Martin  
Nelson Miller  
Carol Morales  
Doris Moyer  
Barak Orondo  
Ruth Reed  
Marilyn Ross  
Norma Weaver  
Howard Wenger  
C E West  
Shirley Williams  
Elvin Yoder

**Class of 1977**  
Rebecca Armstrong  
Gail Bailles  
Doreen Beidler  
Wayne Berry  
Glenn Detweiler  
John Dougans  
Lois Driver  
Jean Epstein

Sandy Mayle  
Linda Miller  
Mary Mundy  
Gloria Nafziger  
Peggy Pamer  
Faye Pooley  
Beth Reitz  
Brenda Rhodes  
Kourosh Saadatmand  
Andrew Saunders  
Linda Sippel  
Ninhson Tran  
Elaine Wampler  
John Wong  
Richard Yoder  
Garry Yoder

**Class of 1987**  
Laura Adler  
Regina Amsl  
Joe Arbaugh II  
Shelia Becker  
Doug Christophel  
Kris Christophel  
Susan Detwiler

**Class of 1997**  
Janelle Albrecht  
Emebet Assefa  
Michael Bencs Jr  
Chad Brown  
Mark Clapper  
Erin Clark  
Marhl Clatterbuck  
Eric Diaz  
Christine Fairfield  
Chris Farley  
Rhonda Gabbard  
Judy Gerber  
Lara Gingrich  
Bo Guadalupe Jr  
Melody Habecker  
Linda Hinshaw  
Susan Hughes  
Mitsuko Kanemoto  
Michael Kapper  
Kim Kennedy

# Class of '59 Chose to Serve

BY J. DANIEL HESS '59

What happened to the 80 graduates of my class of 1959 from Eastern Mennonite College? In researching this article, I was interested in exploring whether the college's supporters received a good "return on their investment."

I found that three quarters of my classmates worked in just three fields of human services – health, education and social work. Many of the remaining did church work. Almost all could be described as servant-leaders.

## VOCATION

More than one fourth of the class of 1959 spent at least a segment of their careers in health professions.

As examples:

- Ten became medical doctors, including **John Gehman** (Virginia), **Lindford Gehman** (West Virginia), **Edwin Martin**, (Pennsylvania), and **Harvey Mast** (Delaware). **Evan Riehl** devoted most of his medical career to research and **Robert Showalter** worked in psychiatry.
- **Ira Sollenberger** became a pharmacist, while **Betty Mast Hertzler**, **Marie Keener Riehl**, **Miriam Weaver** and **Ethel Myers Edmonds** were nurses.

An equal or greater number of classmates spent at least a segment of their careers in another human services field – education. Examples:

- Elementary education teachers include **Naomi Hoover** (who also worked many years as a librarian); **Rhoda King** (Pennsylvania); **Arlene Leatherman** (Pennsylvania); **Virgene Steffen** (Ohio); **Edna Rich** (Pennsylvania and Taiwan); **Ruth Showalter** (Virginia); **Raedella Alderfer Wenger** (Pennsylvania); and **Anna Mary Yoder** (Iowa and Central America).
- Middle school and high school teachers include **Roy Hartzler** (Indiana); **Daniel C. Miller** (Ohio); and **Daniel Miller Jr.** (Iowa, Texas and Puerto Rico). **James Goering** taught at multiple levels in several states.
- Returning to teach or administer at Eastern Mennonite were **Gerald Brunk** (history), **Ray Horst** (Spanish), **James O. Lehman** (librarian), **Herb Martin** (English), **Glen Roth** (Lancaster campus), and **Calvin Shenk** (Bible).
- **Marian Swartz Miller** was on the professional staff at Goshen College, where **Dan Hess** taught communication.
- Two people contributed to Lithuanian

Christian College: **Ruth Nisly** (English) and **David Shenk** (dean).

The third human services field – social work – did not draw as many classmates, yet the contribution is significant: **Nancy Fisher** (Horizon House, Inc.); **Phoebe Garber Hershey** (chaplaincy); **John Glick** (Adriel School for children); **Lois Leatherman** (Imago Relationship Therapy); **Daniel C. Miller** (high school guidance counselor); **Ruth Nisly** (children and their families in multiple locations); **Willard Ressler** (chaplaincy in LaVerne, California).

Many of my remaining classmates did church work. **Millard Benner**, **James Goering**, **Wilbur Lentz** and **Amos Ramer** became pastors in Delaware, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Indiana respectively. **George Miller** was a missionary in Honduras. **Raymond Schlabach** was a Bible translator in Costa Rica. **Clair Schnupp** spent his professional life as a missionary in the extreme Arctic north (read about Clair's selection for EMU's 2007 Distinguished Service Award on page 37).

A handful spent at least part of their careers in business-type fields: **Mary Miller Boley** (Shaklee); **Elton Bombarger** (bookstore); **David Hege** (home redecorating); **Arvilla Schultz Leis** (retail); **Mary Petre Wilfong** (furniture); and **Pauline Zehr Myers** (crafts). **Ella Huber Coffman** directed food service in a retirement center. **John Glick** spent part of his career as a farmer. Some classmates made homemaking a full- or part-time career.

## INTERNATIONAL

International programs did not become popular on university campuses until the 1970s. EMC, if its graduates were an accurate indicator, was far ahead of the crowd, with about 25 percent of the graduates spending at least one year in work or service assignments outside of continental United States. The countries or regions where they served included: Vietnam, Nigeria, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Canada, Honduras, Korea, England, Lithuania, China, Colombia, Egypt, Belize, Zambia, Taiwan, Ethiopia, Israel, Greenland, Haiti, Cuba, East Africa and Central America.

## LEADERSHIP

The term "servant leader" seems to describe my classmates. As examples:

- **Robert Hostetler**, who taught math at the Behrend campus of Penn State University, became a leading author of college-level math textbooks.
- **James O. Lehman** wrote numerous histories of church agencies.

**Joseph Martin**, after teaching neurology at Harvard University and serving as chancellor of University of California in San Francisco, became dean of the Harvard Medical School.

**Jane Mosemann Swarr** directed a center for outpatient psychotherapy associated with the University of Illinois Medical School.

**John Rutt** delivered more than 3,000 babies, most of them to Amish and Mennonite families in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

**Calvin Shenk** wrote *Whom do you say that I am*, deemed by one reviewer as "the best Mennonite piece on other religions."

**David Shenk**, a missionary in East Africa and later a missions consultant, established an international reputation for Muslim/Christian dialogue.

**Willard Swartley**, who held numerous positions at Eastern Mennonite Seminary and Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, played a large role in designing and editing the massive 19-volume *Believers Church Bible Commentary Series*.

**Don Taylor**, after receiving a masters degree in healthcare management, ran the first freestanding hospital in the United States for disabled children. This Ohio hospital was also the birthplace of the Easter Seal movement.

**Harold Zook** played a big role as administrator at Indiana Valley Middle School in Pennsylvania in garnering a National Blue Ribbon for the school.

## CHURCH

Most of the graduates stayed actively involved with denominational and congregational life, teaching Sunday school classes, giving sermons, serving in conference positions.

As examples, **Joseph Longacher**, while a medical doctor in Richmond, was president of Virginia Mennonite Conference. **Willis Miller**, after devoting most of his career to medical research at Merck & Company, accepted the call to pastor a Pennsylvania congregation. **Janice Sensenig** first taught in East Africa and later worked with the church-related Ten Thousand Villages.

My best guess is that this class wrote at least 20 books published by Mennonite Publishing House.

Did the church and its college get good returns on its investment in the class of 1959? As a whole, this group seems to have passed forward and distributed widely every blessing, every teaching, given to them. Physician **Richard Stoltzfus**, for instance, says EMC gave him a focus on Christian faith, a call to follow Christ, a regard for Scripture and the emphasis on reaching out to others. Richard has, in turn, spread Christ's light to his patients in Haiti and in rural Appalachia, two under-served areas where he has worked all his professional life.

As a rule, each member of the class of 1959 has positively influenced hundreds, if not thousands (in some cases, tens of thousands), of others. Surely their parents, pastors and teachers of the 1950s would say, "Well done – you have served as we hoped you would."



In the Vesper Heights observatory/planetarium, behind a Spitz machine (see page 10), from left: Roy Hartzler '59, John Hershey '58, Daniel Miller Jr. '59 (behind, partially obscured), Glen M. Kauffman '60, Richard Stoltzfus '59, Joseph C. Shenk '60, Robert Hostetler '59, Dorothy Martin '62.