



Kurt Rosenberger and Julian Wiebe-Johnson enjoy the first 75 degree day of 2006.

Faculty and Staff

Margaret Martin (C 42) Gehman was named the first recipient of EMU's "philanthropist of the year award" in October 2005. Dr. Gehman retired as an art and physical education teacher in 1987. EMU will select one donor or donor couple each year to receive what will be known as the "Margaret M. Gehman philanthropist of the year" award.

Richard (Rick) A. Yoder (C 69) (business and economics) presented a paper at the Development Management Network meeting at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Jean Roth (C 70) Hawk (education) presented a paper at the Association for Constructivist Teaching Conference in Boston in November.

Diane E. Martin (C 97) left her position in December 2005 as office manager for the theater, arts, communications and language and literature departments at EMU to take a job at Park View Federal Credit Union.

Greg Steffen (G 04) resigned as head women's soccer coach fall 2005. He and his family returned to Ohio where he took over operations of his parents' dairy farm.

Kevin Warner (sports information director) and wife Mary Beth announce the birth of their son, Andrew Jacob, born Dec. 20, 2005.

Howard Zehr, Center for Justice and Peacebuilding (CJP), recently

received the first annual award named in his honor from the Restorative Justice Association of Virginia for his extensive work.

1920-49

Ruth Brunk Stoltzfus (HS 34) has moved to Crestwood, the assisted living facility of Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community in Harrisonburg.

Chester Wenger (HS 34) chaired the celebration of Mt. Pleasant (Chesapeake, Va.) Mennonite Church's 100 year anniversary and testified to how God led him and his family to serve in Africa.

Ethel Showalter (HS 39) Strite, Harrisonburg, Va., and husband Lewis celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 22, 2005.

C. Norman Kraus (C 46), Harrisonburg, Va., retired EMS professor, evaluated the book by John Howard Yoder, "*A Mind Patient and Untamed*" in a recent *Mennonite Weekly Review* issue. He assessed Yoder's contribution to theology, ethics and peacemaking.

1950-59

John Drescher (C 51, S 53), Quakertown, Pa., Mennonite pastor, church leader and author, was chapel speaker at Hesston (Kan.) College, Nov. 14-16, 2005. Drescher completed his sixth interim pastorate in Aug. 2005.

Paul Gingrich (C 52), Goshen, Ind., terminated his work as overseer of the Prairie Street Mennonite Church, Elkhart, Ind., in Sept. 2005.

John Ruth (C 53), Mennonite historian, filmmaker, story teller and pastor, was a speaker at Longenecker Mennonite Church, Winesburg, Ohio as the church celebrated its 175th anniversary in August 2005.

Myron S. (C 55, S 58) and Esther (C 72) Augsburgers were two of the keynote speakers at the Mennonite Education Conference which met at Chevy Chase, Md., in September 2005. More than 600 educators from 28 Mennonite K-12 schools, colleges and universities attended. At a separate event, Esther shared her life story at a monthly breakfast in January. The breakfast gatherings are sponsored by the Anabaptist Center for Religion and Society (ACRS).

Freeman (C 56) and Eileen Lehman, Kidron, Ohio, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 26, 2005 in Lucerne, Switzerland where Freeman was on a singing tour with the Cleveland Orchestra and Chorus. He was a high school music teacher and is now a piano tuner/technician. Eileen was a first grade teacher for 25 years. They have three married children.

Bertha Beachy (C 58), Goshen, Ind., former worker with Muslims in Somalia and Nairobi, was guest speaker at Zion Mennonite Church, Archbold, Ohio, in September, 2005.

David W. Shenk (C 59), Salunga, Pa., has authored a new book *“Journeys of the Muslim Nation and the Christian Church, exploring the mission of two communities.”*

1960-69

Keith (C 60) and Ellen Hummel, with their three children, are serving under Eastern Mennonite Missions (EMM) for three years in Tanzania as administration consultants for Shirati Hospital.

G. Edwin Bontrager (C 63), Harrisonburg, Va., was named ministries director for Virginia Mennonite Board of Missions (VMBM), effective November 2005. He continues to carry responsibilities in development and church relations for VMBM.

Truman H. (C 64, S 69) and Betty (C 69) Brunk are interim pastors of the Neffsville Mennonite Church, Lancaster, Pa.

Emma Longenecker (C 64) Frederick was ordained in October at Glenn Heights Mennonite Church, Lakewood, Colo.

Merle Cordell (C 65), Chambersburg, Pa., is chair of the Mennonite Historical Association of the Cumberland Valley.

Mary Leaman (C 65) Zuniga and husband Abraham live in North Miami, Fla. They helped start a local Spanish church. They are now retired but still assist as teachers. They pastored the church for 10 years.

Glendon Blosser (C 66, S 90), chair of the Virginia Mennonite Historical Committee, prepared a brief history of the Mennonite Aid Plan in October. The Virginians celebrated 91 years of mutual aid ministry by Virginia Mennonite Property Aid and Auto Plan.

Leon Good (C 66), Lititz, Pa., retired in June 2005 after teaching biology for 18 years at Lancaster Mennonite High School.

Doug Hostetter (C 66), Evanston, Ill., has been appointed by Mennonite Central Committee as its liaison to the United Nations.

Joseph L. Lapp (C 66), EMU president 1987-2003, recently received the “Fundraising Executive of the Year” award.

A choral group founded and directed by **Glenn M. Lehman (C 66)** has appeared nationwide on the Public Broadcasting System

(PBS). The group, called *Foresingers*, specializes in early American music and was featured on the segment of “*Destination America*” which looks at the religious reasons Swiss people came to colonial America. The group, in period costume, was filmed by producer David Grubin in the 1719 Herr House in Willow Street, Pa., singing one of the hymns from the *Ausbund*, the hymnal the settlers brought with them.

Harold Wenger (C 66), pastor of the Stuarts Draft (Va.) Mennonite Church, recently gave a series of messages at the Waynesboro (Va.) Mennonite Church.

Gene Yoder (C 66) retired as president of Greencroft, Inc. of Goshen, Ind., and has moved to Livingston, Tex.

Walter Hochstetler (C 67) with wife Frances and two daughters are part of the Beech Grove Bruderhof Community in East Kent, England. His activities include prison ministry and hosting guests who visit their community and peace garden.

Clare Schumm (C 68), Elkhart, Ind., was resource person for a fall pastor-spouse retreat held at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., in September.

George L. Zimmerman (C 68) was installed as interim pastor at Habecker Mennonite Church, Lancaster, Pa., in June 2005.

Mary Jane King (C 69) Garrison, Keswick, Va., is director of institutional advancement at Piedmont Virginia Community College, Charlottesville.

Robert Nolt (C 69), Newton, Kan., is conference minister for the South Central Mennonite Conference. He led the closing worship service for the annual conference of the South Central and Western District Conferences which met at Tulsa, Okla.

1970-79

Daniel (C 70) and Catherine Longenecker accepted an interim pastoral call in September at the Americus (Ga.) Mennonite Church until mid-2006.

Ken (C 70, S 94) and Miriam **Nauman** were part of an interim ministry team serving the Pine Creek Chapel, Arcadia, Fla.



EMM Opens Exploratory Work in Bulgaria

Lamar (C 70) and Pat Strong (C 69) Myers are “empty nesters.” They’re grandparents. But they’re also pioneers.

Two years ago, Lamar and Pat met Hari and Penka Atanasov, Bulgarian artists, during their two-week visit to the United States. Hari and Penka lodged with the Myers family in Landisville, Pa., and they held an exhibition of their artwork.

Along with his work in art, Hari also pastors a small evangelical church in Kurdajli, in southern Bulgaria, 25 miles from the border with Greece. Hari and Penka knew Eastern Mennonite Missions (EMM) associated missionary Tim Bentsch, based in Budapest, Hungary, through artists’ gatherings sponsored by A Song for the Nations, the organization Bentsch founded to network artists throughout Eastern and Western Europe.

During their U.S. visit, which was sponsored by A Song for the Nations, the Atanasovs and Myers found God knitting their hearts together in a surprising way. They began to pray and dream about creative new outreaches to the Bulgarian Muslim villagers in southern Bulgaria – through art and music.

For the past 10 years, Lamar has worked as director of administrative services at EMM’s headquarters, and Pat has directed choirs for children and adults and served as a worship director in various congregational settings. Eighteen years ago, the Myers returned from a 17-year stint in Haiti. But now they felt it was time to get back overseas – and God seemed to be leading them toward work with Hari and Penka in Bulgaria.

“We are excited about this door of opportunity, which is in line with the desires that God has put in our hearts,” Lamar told the EMM Board in their Dec. 2 meeting.

Pat said, “Worshipping God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit is a passion I’ve had most of my life. Although the goals of many churches are important and biblical – like creating communities of love and well-being, evangelism, or reaching out to those in need – seldom do I see the first goal to be helping people turn from worshipping themselves and what they want to worshipping God.”

As EMM seeks “to create transforming communities of worship among all peoples,” staff are excited about what God will do through the Myers’ passion. The EMM Board appointed Lamar and Pat Myers for a two-year term of exploratory service in Bulgaria, a new country of ministry for EMM.

—Jewel Wenger Showalter (C 69)

Alumnus Gets Re-Organized

Bob Bishop (left) and Scott Magill

Bob Bishop (C 70) and **Scott Magill** don't think their encounter "just happened." Both are convinced the whole experience has been providential.

One day last summer, Bob, 58, stopped for coffee at a cafe near New Hope, Pa., and picked up a back issue of a weekly newspaper, *The Bucks County Herald*.

He was drawn to a photo and an ad from a 61-year-old local man, **Scott Magill**, who was appealing for a kidney donor. He had about 12 percent function of his kidneys and was on dialysis for hours three times a week. What he hoped would be successful donations on four separate occasions were halted at various stages.

Bob had never met Scott, even though he lived just miles away. Noting that they had the same blood type, he felt compelled to "at least explore the possibility."

Once Bob sensed the blessing of other family members, it was all systems go – that is, once he passed a battery of other tests.

In August 2005, Bob called Scott and arranged a time to meet for the first time. They sat on Bob's front porch one night and talked, "Obviously sizing each other up." Scott, a Bucks County native, had been a real estate broker for 34 years and active in community organizations.

Bob made numerous trips to Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, some 20 miles south, for intensive tests. The transplant took place successfully at Jefferson Hospital on Dec. 13, 2005.

"I went to the hospital a healthy person; Scott wasn't," Bob said. "He had other physical issues beyond failing kidneys that made the procedure more involved for him, including high blood pressure and diabetes."

The donor's expenses were covered by a special fund at the hospital, the recipient's by his own insurance program.

"I never lost a moment's sleep wondering 'what if,' even on the eve of being on the operating table," Bob noted. Scott admits that earlier in his life he had dreams of dying before reaching his 50th birthday, but when the time arrived for the actual procedure, he "felt a peace" about everything.

"I had no idea how long my recovery period would be," Bob said. "I was back at work 12 days after the procedure, much sooner than expected." The recovery period is longer for Scott, and he returns to Jefferson every week.

"I'm feeling good," Scott said. "There's still some blood pressure problems, but the doctors are monitoring that as well as the anti-rejection drugs I'm taking."

Looking back on the experience, Bob said he has a new appreciation for good health and a fresh realization that "my body is a friend," recognizing the need to work on weight control, stay away from any full-contact sports and watch his blood sugar – anything that can affect his remaining kidney.

So, why did he agree to donate a healthy kidney to someone he didn't even know initially?

"I think most people would be willing to donate a kidney in a minute to a family member or close friend, but for me it wasn't a stretch to do this for a stranger – mainly because we both had an inner sense that it was meant to be." Scott agreed.

The two now find themselves now in a "unique relationship, part of something bigger that's going on."

They're spending considerable time back and forth in each other's homes, having meals together, celebrating the successful procedure and optimistic outlook on the future. One might say their animated conversation is something of an organ recital, with Bob and Scott singing a new melody.

—Jim Bishop

Kenneth E. Schildt (C 70) resigned in September from his ministry as deacon at Bossler Mennonite Church, Elizabethtown, Pa.

LaVern Yutzy (C 70), Lititz, Pa., CEO of Philhaven Behavioral Health Care Services, Mt. Gretna, Pa., has joined the board of Mennonite Mutual Aid.

Phil (C71) and **Linda Charles (C 71) Byler** are serving in northern Uganda in medical and teaching ministries.

Galen (C 71) and **Phyllis Groff** are missionaries to Guatemala. They were recently on a three-month homeleave.

Grace Guntz (C 71) serves as a librarian at Rosslyn Academy in Nairobi, Kenya.

Richard (C 71) and **Janis Rutt (C 73, G 04) Landes** from Pilgrims Mennonite Church, Akron, Pa., are serving a two-year term with Mennonite Voluntary Service in LaJara, Colombia. Janis works with literacy and English as a Second Language services and Richard with computer literacy and technology.

J. Vernon Myers (C 71) resigned in March 2005 as overseer of the Willow Street-Strasburg District of Lancaster Mennonite Conference.

Eldon Stoltzfus (C 72) was ordained in October 2005 as pastor at Forks Mennonite Church Middlebury, Ind.

Charles W. Wert (C 72) was installed as interim pastor for one year at New Providence (Pa.) Mennonite Church.

Christine Landis (C 73) Burkholder and husband Marlin own and operate Glen Eco Farm in Singers Glen, Va.

Ken Horst (C 73) is director of Virginia Conference's Partners in Mission (PIM) program. He and wife Sue were in Sicily, Italy in October 2005 teaching a course on "Good Sense Budget."

John D. Swope (C 73), Roanoke, Va., is the dentist for three local nursing homes.

David (C 74) and **Esther Kniss** of Arcadia, Fla., spent a week in Gulfport, Miss. to help cook for volunteers who were assisting with hurricane relief. They also recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at Pine Creek Chapel Mennonite Church in Arcadia, Fla. Their lives have been devoted to starting new churches and/or pastoring congregations. They have four married children.

Owen Burkholder (S 75), conference minister for Virginia Mennonite Conference, and his wife Ruth Ann ended a sabbatical in October 2005.

Ken Miller (C 75), Sarasota, Fla., works at the Manatee Memorial Hospital Center for Behavioral Health as a psychiatric nurse resource in the Emergency Care Center.

Peter Zucconi (C 75), Ourstown, Pa., is editor of *The Burning Bush*, a publication of the Franklin Mennonite Conference of the Cumberland Valley.

Joel E. Lehman (C 76), Harrisonburg, Va., fell from a tree stand while hunting on Nov. 18, 2005. He was in critical condition at the University of Virginia (UVa) Hospital with crushed vertebrae and other internal injuries. He is now recovering at home. The family asks for continued prayer on his recovery.

Rhonda Stauffer Fuglie (C 77) lives in Saudi Arabia and teaches a combination second and third grade class. Husband David teaches French and social studies. They have two teenage children.

J. Eric Bishop (C 78), Souderton, Pa., received his Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from Kent State University in the Spring of 2005. He teaches English courses at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School, Lansdale, Pa.

Marlin (C 79) and **Sue Aeschliman (C 79) Groff**, Lancaster, Pa., visited their daughter Anna in China and then went to Cambodia to visit Marlin's brother and family.

1980-89

Mary Morrow Farrell (C 80), Philadelphia, Pa., works at La Salle University Art Museum and as a mental health treatment planning consultant for American Families. She has two daughters.

Marvin (C 80) and **Darlene (C 81) Rohrer-Meck** live in Archbold, Ohio. Marvin is president and part-owner of Sonet Systems, a computer company. Darlene is co-executive director of Shalom Ministries, a Christian counseling and mediation center.

Eileen Miller (C 80) and husband James **Shenk**, Harrisonburg, Va., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception Aug. 1, 2005 at the Ridgeway Mennonite Church. For many years they operated Shenk Hatchery and Shenk Poultry farm. They have three married children.

Robert L. (C 81) and Marcia **Troyer** live in Lincoln, Neb. Robert received his masters in counseling from Doane College in Lincoln and is a mental health therapist with Orr Psychotherapy Resources in Lincoln.

Beryl Jantzi (C 82, S 91) has resigned as lead pastor for Harrisonburg (Va.) Mennonite Church. He is taking a position with Mennonite Mutual Aid (MMA).

Douglas Phillips (C 82) is the camp director at Camp Brethren Woods, Keezletown, Va.

Mike Clemmer (C 83) was installed as the new pastor of the Towamencin (Pa.) Mennonite Church in September. He and wife April have three children.

Susan Shirk (C 83) has been director for Volunteer Services since November 2004 at Landis Homes, a retirement community in Lititz, Pa. She works with about 540 volunteers.

Rodney Craig Ruth (C 85) and wife **Naomi (C 85)** recently moved from Lancaster, Pa. to Walkersville, Md. He is a training specialist at a biotech company with headquarters in Gaithersburg.

Daniel A. Ziegler (C 85) was inaugurated the seventh president of Rosedale Bible College in November. He had earlier served at Spruce Lake Camp, Canadensis, Pa.

David (C 86) and **Lisa Gallagher (C 85) Landes** are living in Harrisonburg. David works at the Museum of American Frontier Culture. Lisa is a family nurse practitioner for Drs. Schubert, Marsh and **Pence (C 87)** and a part-time assistant professor at EMU.

James Roynon (S 86) is chair of the Nurture Commission of the Ohio Mennonite Conference.

Ruby Kauffman (C 87) Hostetler was elected to serve as minister of workshops and Christian education for Lindale Mennonite Church, Linville, Va.

John (S 88) and **Mabel Meck (C 90) McFarland** were installed as the new pastor couple at Huber Mennonite Church, New Carlisle, Ohio in October 2005.



Veteran Seminary Prof/Churchman Dies

Linden M. Wenger, 92, a veteran pastor/bishop and professor emeritus of philosophy at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, died Dec. 18, 2005 at Oak Lea Nursing Home, Harrisonburg, Va., where he was a resident.

Wenger taught Bible and philosophy courses on the undergraduate level and at the seminary from 1955 until his retirement in 1978. He also carried a full slate of responsibilities in Virginia Mennonite Conference.

During his tenure, Wenger was acting dean of the seminary, 1965-67, assistant to EMU President Myron S. Augsburg, 1967-70, director of field education, 1972-78, and seminary registrar, 1974-78.

Wenger was ordained in 1945 as pastor of the Mt. Hermon Mennonite Church, where he served with his wife Esther for 10 years. He was ordained bishop/ overseer of several Mennonite churches in the Highlands area of Virginia and West Virginia in 1959.

He earned A.B. and Th.B. degrees from EMU, a B.D. and Th.M. degree from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., a visiting fellow at Princeton (NJ) Theological Seminary in 1971-72, and held a number of churchwide and conference offices over the years.

Wenger wrote *Climbing Down the Ladder*, an autobiographical book about retirement, in 1993. In 1997, he released a second book, *Fifty Years in Northern District of Virginia Mennonite Conference*, which recounts the effects of change in that geographic area of the church in the mid-20th century, 1945-1995.

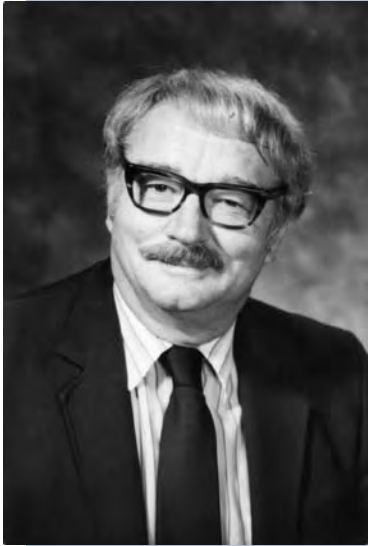
Funeral services were held Dec. 22, 2005 at Lindale Mennonite Church where Wenger was a member, with burial in the Lindale cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Linden M. and Esther H. Wenger Scholarship Fund c/o Virginia Mennonite Conference, 901 Parkwood Drive, Harrisonburg, VA 22802 or to the Linden M. and Esther H. Wenger Seminary Scholarship for students attending EMS from Meserete Kristos Church of Ethiopia.

Former Music Prof Dies

Former Eastern Mennonite University faculty member **Roy D. Roth**, of Eugene, Ore., died Dec. 15, 2005 at age 84.

In 1972, after receiving a master of church music degree from the University of Oregon, Roth joined the music department at EMU, where he taught and directed choirs until 1977. He then became associate professor of church music at Eastern Mennonite Seminary and directed the seminary choir until 1986.



During his tenure, Roth developed and coordinated the Shenandoah Valley Hymn Festival held the third Sunday of November each year on campus, co-sponsored by EMU and Virginia Mennonite Conference.

During this same time period, Roth was minister of music and pastor of the elderly at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church. He returned to Oregon in 1989.

Roth received degrees from Goshen (Ind.) College in 1942 and 1945 and graduated

from Princeton (N.J.) Theological Seminary in 1947.

Ordained in 1944, he was a minister and then became president of Hesston (Kan.) College, 1951-59. From there, he served a pastorate near Siletz, Ore.

On Aug. 28, 1945, he married Carolyn Byler, who survives. Also surviving are four children, a sister, six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

A memorial celebration was held Dec. 21, 2005 at Wesley United Methodist Church, Eugene, Ore.

Alum Publishes Children's Book

After two years of writing and illustrating, **Patricia Lambert (C 90)** of Waterford, Va., recently published a children's book titled *The Blue Ribbon Chicken*.

The story is about pride, humility and friendship, summed up by Proverbs 11:2, "When pride comes, then comes shame; but the humble is wisdom."

Lambert majored in computer information systems and minored in art before her graduation from EMU in. She also holds a master's degree in pastoral divinity and is married with three children.

Lambert donated a signed copy of her book to EMU's Hartzler Library. The book is available on demand from www.lulu.com.

1990-99

Paul Groff (C 90), a graphic designer/pre-press technician, was recently chosen as "employee of the quarter" at the McClung Companies. Groff is married to **Pam Mosemann (C 92) Groff**; they reside in Harrisonburg, Va.

Ken R. Burkholder (C 91, S 05) is pastor at Deep Run Mennonite Church-East, Perkasie, Pa.

James Mellinger (S 91) was installed in October as pastor at Greensboro (N.C.) Mennonite Fellowship.

Aimee Camp (C 93) is a librarian at the one-year-old Dorries Van Doren Regional Library in El Paso, Tex.

Aimee Miller (C 93), Lancaster, Pa., teaches chemistry at Millersville University.

Lori Hertzler (C 93) Schrock, Harrisonburg, Va., is director of the Bridgewater College Wellness Center and the head cross country coach and assistant track coach.

Michael K. Yoder (C 94), Gordonville, Pa., has accepted the position of athletic director at Lancaster Mennonite School.

Ikuko Salazar (C 95) moved from Japan to Germantown, Md.

Jeff Shank (C 95) is director of alumni relations and development associate at Lancaster Mennonite School and is also coordinating the accreditation process. He will continue as K-12 learning support coordinator.

Evan Wenger (C 95) is a neurologist, having received his training at the University of Iowa. He and his wife live in Fishersville, Va. where Evan has joined the Shenandoah Valley Neurological Associates.

Kenneth R. Witmer (C 95) resigned as pastor of the Bowmansville Mennonite Church, East Earl, Pa., in August 2005.

K. Ryan (C 96) and **Amanda Ehst** live in Burke, Va. Ryan is taking a break from graduate school and is a stay-at-home dad. In October 2005 Amanda went back to teaching high school music and band.

Jeffrey D. Wintermote (S 96), Turpin, Okla., is pastor of Turpin Mennonite Church. He went on a mission assignment with Mennonite Mission Network to Thailand and Hong Kong December through January.

Deborah Horst (C 97) and **Ralph Muenstermann** live in Lancaster, Pa. Deb is employed by Eastern Mennonite Missions as missionary support team coach and recruiter.

Sharon K. Yoder (C 98), San Diego, Calif., is a nurse at Sharp Grossmont Hospital.

2000-05

Rebekah Abel (C 00), Strykersville, N.Y., is enrolled in classes for dietetic tech/nutrition health field at Erie Community College.

Julie M Stoltzfus (C 00), Hesston, Kan., is completing a masters degree in social work at the University of Kansas.

Princess Jones (C 01) Smith and husband LeShan live in Chesterfield, Va. She has earned her masters degree in health care administration.

Matthew Eshleman (C 02) sings in the Baltimore Choral Arts Society, an auditioned choir. They recently performed a concert with noted jazz composer and performer Dave Brubeck as well as with such groups as *Anonymous Four*. At the conclusion of his current training with the Youth Evangelism Service (YES) program, he plans to serve in Albania.

Jennifer Gutshall (C 03), Dominican Republic, is in her third year of teaching at Santiago Christian School teaching K-12 art. Last summer she taught English at Metti, Ethiopia.

Craig R. Schloneger (S 03) resigned as pastor of Neffsville Mennonite Church, Lancaster, Pa., in September 2005. He and wife Ann plan to remain in Lititz, Pa., while Craig returns to the business community for employment.

Sarai Fortney (C 04), Harrisonburg, Va., is a registered nurse at Rockingham Memorial Hospital (RMH).

Joanna Goins (C 04) is attending George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C.

Kendra J. Martin (C 04) is the program specialist for Camp Hebron, Halifax, iPa.

Kai W. Orenic (C 04), Harrisonburg, Va., is employed as an institutional assistant for the Harrisonburg City Schools. He has been teaching adult ESL courses for the past 15 months through New Bridges Immigrant Resources Center.

Meredith Blanch (C 05), Annville, Pa., is a registered nurse in the emergency room at Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, Pa.

Justina Bohar (C 05), Arlington, Va., is a clinical nurse employed by Georgetown University Hospital in D.C.

Heather Hernley (C 05) Cribb is a social worker serving the Gemeinschaft Home of Harrisonburg, Va.

Holly Crosby (C 05) is a registered nurse at Rockingham Memorial Hospital.

Jason Garber (C 05) is a web programmer for EMU's Information Systems department.

Brad Hertzler (C 05) is a registered nurse employed by Georgetown University Hospital in Washington D.C.

Ayako Hilliard (C 05), Harrisonburg, Va., is a registered nurse at Rockingham Memorial Hospital.

Shu-Ling Huang (C 05) is the activities assistant for Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community in Harrisonburg.

Evelyn DeGolyer (C 05) Howell is a registered nurse at Augusta Medical Center, Fishersville, Va.

Denae R. Kennel (C 05), Arlington, Va., is a registered nurse at the Georgetown University Hospital in Washington D.C.

Jill Leaman (C 05), Lancaster Pa., is a second grade teacher at the Lafayette Elementary School in Lancaster.

Robert McKinney (C 05), Winter Park, Fla., is a web designer for DIC in Orlando, Fla.

Adria Arnold (C 05) Moore, Richmond, Va., teaches fifth grade at Enon Elementary School in Chester, Va.

Erin N. Price (C 05), Telford, Pa., is the human resources associate for Dock Woods Community in Lansdale, Pa.

Wendy Driver (C 05) Rhodes, Dayton, Va., is a registered nurse employed by Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, Va.

Brian Roggie (C 05), Selden, N.Y., has been admitted to Medical School at Stony Brook (N.Y.) University.

Bonnie Sanner (C 05), Harrisonburg, Va., is a registered nurse at Augusta Medical Center, Fishersville, Va.

Dana Gamber (C 05) Shannon, Gordonville, Pa., is a self-employed nanny working in Lancaster, Pa.

Edie Smith (C 05), Weyers Cave, Va., is a staff nurse at Sunnyside Retirement Community east of Harrisonburg.

Beth Stutzman (C 05), Arlington Va., is a clinical care manager for Community Support of Washington D.C.

Shannon Terranova (C 05) is an autism specialist employed by John Adams Elementary School in Alexandria, Va.

Kimberley Whitman (C 05), Mt. Jackson, Va., is a public school teacher in Page County, Va.

Tiffany Williams (C 05), Broadway, Va., is a logistics associate for Old Navy in Harrisonburg.

Janae Yoder (C 05), Harrisonburg, Va., is a mental retardation case manager for Rockingham County Schools.

Aram (S 05) and Debbie Diener (C 04) DiGennaro live in Columbus, Ohio. Aram works construction and Debbie is in the masters in social work program at Ohio State University. Fall 2005, Aram taught a class at Rosedale Bible College in Irvin, Ohio.

Rachel Springer (S 05) Gerber and husband **Shawn (S 04)** live in Lakewood, Colo. Rachel is an associate pastor of faith formation at First Mennonite of Denver, while Shawn is an associate pastor of Outreach/Pastoral Care also at First Mennonite Church and a part-time staff chaplain at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center. Rachel previously served as minister of youth and young adults at College Mennonite in Goshen, Ind.

Brent (S 05) and Lorie Lapp (S 05) Hershey are living in Iowa City, Iowa. Brent is a doctoral student at the University of Iowa. Lorie is a music therapist and hospice worker.

Shaunna Payne (S 05) is the executive director of project transformation and assistant director at Wesley Foundation at the University of Virginia.

Michael Clemmer (S 05) is a pastor at Towamencin Mennonite Church, Kulpville, Pa.

Mark your calendar!

Homecoming and Family Weekend 2006 October 13-15, 2006

Mark your calendar and plan to return to the EMU campus for Homecoming 2006, October 13-15. Come and enjoy a weekend gathering of EMU alumni, parents and friends.

- Events include reunions, concerts, athletic events, art exhibits, worship and more!
- Class reunions will be held for class years ending in one and six.
- Mennofolk will be on the EMU campus during Homecoming 2006, presenting a variety of music.
- Young People's Christian Association (YPCA) will host a reunion for all alumni who have been involved in YPCA - which spans 85 years of ongoing Christian service!

Guest speaker David Batstone will present "A Life of Significance" at the Business and Economics Breakfast program. David is the senior editor of "Worthwhile" magazine and the executive editor of "Sojourners" magazine and is professor of social ethics at the University of San Francisco.

Information and registration will appear in the summer issue of *Crossroads*. Watch your mailbox for letters from your class president and reunion information. Visit the homecoming page on the EMU web site: www.emu.edu/homecoming



Where in the world?

Help us update addresses for your classmates! Listed are alumni from half of the classes holding reunions this fall.

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Oneida Brown
Wade Willey
Winfred Showalter
Verna Mast
Sarah Plank
Walter Detweiler
Daniel Gerber
Ruth Yoder
J Kenneth Hooper
Christian Oberholser
Phyllis Brunk
Daoyin Chang

Class of 1971

Anna Marie Baker
Daniel Bueno
Philip Byler
Donna Clayton
Joshua Cole
Janet Frederick
Lois Glick
Linda Hash
Paul Jantzi
Bette Kerr
Mildred Lam
Robert Mathias Jr
Jakob Metz
Richard Miller
Dennis Peachey
Roger Rheinheimer
Linda Sallee
Dale Shank
Patricia Stanley
Douglas Stover
David Suter
Judith Wilson
Edith Zook

Class of 1981

Amman Ayalew
Sunnylynn Baxter
Marti Byers
Laurence Davis
Michael Gibson
Timothy Groff
Ben Karamata
Jung-Bok Kim
Debbie Knechel
Robert Landis
Reta Marshall
Dean McLaughlin
Naeim Mohamed
Naomi Nasshan

Thomas Pentecost Jr
Sherrie Roth
Seyed Sadredin
Esoud Sharif
Robert Stuart
Dean Stuart
Abel Tjingaete

Class of 1991

Tom Adams
Ann Baugher
Laura Beamer
Susie Desta
Kathy Fay
Pat Hollins
Pam Landis
Rod Lawyer
Michael Lehman
Eric Lehmer
Linford Martin
John Mbatia
David McKissic
Katrina Miller Cocca
Gebeyahu Minda
Eugenia Taylor
John Widrick

Class of 2001

Emily Auker
Jason Blake
Rafael Bonventi
Jonny Burkholder
Renee Burkholder
Mike Caldwell

Joey Coleman III
Becky Haas
Chad Holsinger
Nathan Horst
Kurt Hostetler
Shana Kandel
Phil Kratz
Susan Layman
Jen Lee
Renee Losh
Trinda Miller
Kasanda Mwemena
Jessica Penner
Katherine Sawatsky
Amy Sommers
Ben Stauffer
Emma Stutzman
Kirubel Tesfahun
Menna Tesfatsion
Lonny Wenger
Konrad Wert
Jennifer Wimer
Ramzi Yousef



Marriages

Catherine Mumaw (C 54) to Clair Basinger, Oct. 14, 2005

Steve Shenk (C 84) to Roberta Surra, July 23, 2005

Lloyd D. Wenger (C 91) to Alice Vasile, Feb. 26, 2005

Ryan Miller (C 96) to Althea Beachy, June 18, 2005

Deborah Horst (C 97) to Ralph Meunstermann, Oct. 1, 2005

Amy Sauder (C 00) to **Theodore Lehman (C 03)**, Oct. 9, 2005

Kendra Snyder (C 00) to **Kyle Miller (C 00)**, June 12, 2005

Heather Good (C 01) to D. Joel Nyce, Oct. 8, 2005

Matthew Benin (G 03) to **Heather Brubaker (G 05)**, Sept. 24, 2005

Giovanna Gonzalez (C 04) to Angel Garcia, Sept. 3, 2005

Nicole Rutter (C 04) to Chad Aeschliman, July 2, 2005

Melissa K. Breeden (C 05) to Jeremiah Nixon, Sept. 17, 2005

Dana Gamber (C 05) to Jim Shannon, Oct. 22, 2005

Katrina Martin (C 05) to Eliot Swartz, July 23, 2005

Births

Tim (C 86, G 87) and Dawn Krabill, Iowa City, Iowa., Joseph Andrew, Oct. 24, 2005

Luke J. (C 87) and **Denise Yoder (C 85) Miller**, Wichita, Kan., Samantha Renee, Oct. 20, 2005

Charles (C 88) and **Patricia Hostetler (C 88) Kratz**, Bellefontaine, Ohio., Anna Kathryn, Apr. 28, 2005

Michael (C 90) and **Rachel Brubacher (C 95) Weaver**, Harrisonburg, Va., Jameson Michael, Nov. 4, 2005

Joi Johnson (C 90) and Doug Jungmeyer, Centertown, Mo., Sarah Christine, June 4, 2005

Lawson (C 91) and **Mary Yoder**, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Sophia Marie, Oct. 3, 2005

Mark (C 92) and **Donna Metzler (C 91) Glunt**, Wilkes Barre, Pa., Dylan Josiah, born Aug. 7, 2004 adopted Aug. 22, 2005

Jana Unruh (C 93, G 01) Beyer and **Dexter (C 95) Beyer**, Harrisonburg, Va., James Lloyd, Oct. 12, 2005

Michael (C 94) and Nicole Greenwalt Berkey, Harrisonburg, Va., Anne Elizabeth, Sept. 21, 2005

Monica Cope (C 94) and Dan Cooper, Coopersburg, Pa., Iris Mariel, Dec. 20, 2005

Audrey Hess (C 94) and Fred Oberholtzer, Gettysburg, Pa., Lucas Samuel, Aug. 18, 2005

Christopher (C 94) and **Heather White (C 98) Scott**, McDowell, Va., Ruth Isabella, Nov. 5, 2005

Janna Steiner (C 95) and Merrill Bowers, Murfreesboro, Tenn., Tyce Anthony, Oct. 25, 2005

Jeff (C 95) and **Julie Litwiller (C 95) Shank**, Lancaster, Pa., Tyler Raymond, Aug. 4, 2005

Scott (C 95) and Kami Woodring Sommers, Hartville, Ohio., Sawyer Allen, Oct. 17, 2005

K. Ryan (C 96) and Amanda Ehst, Burke, Va., Ryleigh Katherine, Aug. 16, 2005

Brandon (C 97) and **Angi Russ (C 98) Frederick**, Sellersville, Pa., Audrea Kate, May 15, 2005

Jeffrey L. (C 97) and Carrie Souder, McGaheysville, Va., Adam Zachary, Nov. 24, 2005

Shannon Brown (C 98) and Jovon Harley, Woodbridge, Va., Jenna Marie, Apr. 13, 2005

Brent (C 98) and Julie Leaman, Bakersfield, Calif., Lilianna Josephine, Aug. 13, 2005

Jeremy (C 99) and **Jody McKinsey (C 99) Byler**, Harrisonburg, Va., Julia Grace, Oct. 5, 2005

David (C 99) and Margaret Weaver High, Lancaster, Pa., Genevieve Grace, Oct. 26, 2005

Annette Helmuth (C 00) and Trey Loker, Harrisonburg, Va., Erin Marie, Nov. 2, 2005

Obe (C 00) and **Jill Hertzler (C 01) Hostetter**, Harrisonburg, Va., Ryan Darrel, Oct. 17, 2005

Princess Jones (C 01) and Leshan Smith, Chesterfield, Va., Jamal Carlton, Dec. 14, 2005

David (S 02) and Beth Maurer, Columbus Grove, Ohio., Magdalene, Sept. 18, 2005

Deaths

Frances M. Barnhart (HS 31), 92, Hephzibah, Ga., died Oct. 1, 2005. She was a retired schoolteacher. She was predeceased by her husband John W. Whetzel. She is survived by her second husband, John A. Barnhart.

Rhoda Benner (HS 33) Hertzler, 91, Harrisonburg, Va., died Oct. 31, 2005 at her home in Park Village, Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community. She served with her late husband Dr. Charles W. Hertzler on medical missionary assignments in Puerto Rico, Nigeria and Zambia. They established the Green Valley Clinic at Bergton, Va. in 1949. She was predeceased by her husband in 2002. She is survived by five children.

Paul Hilty (HS 36), Orrville, Ohio, died Nov. 28, 2005. He is survived by his wife Edna Nussbaum and five children.

Violet Martin (HS 40, C 50) Ropp, 88, Carlsbad, N.M., died Nov. 29, 2005. She is survived by her husband **John L. Ropp (C 50)**, two sons and one daughter.

Mary Jane Detweiler, wife of former EMU president, the late **Richard C. Detweiler, (C 49)** passed away Nov. 30, 2005.

Elsie W. Godshalk (C 51), 81, Chalfont, Pa., died Oct. 8, 2005. She is survived by spouse Paul H. Godshalk and three children.

Ruth G Hartman (C 59), 68, Brutus, Mich., died Aug. 29, 2005. She taught school for 31 years in Michigan and Indiana. She is survived by her husband, four sisters and two brothers.

Evan E. Brenneman (C 61), 81, Stuarts Draft, Va., died Nov. 24, 2005 at his home. He taught school in Augusta County for 28 years. He was associate pastor of Greenmonte Mennonite Church in Stuarts Draft for 30 years. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Anna Miller Brenneman and five children.



Alum Named ‘Businessman of the Year’

Flying below the radar is nothing new to **Karl Stolfus (72)**, the owner of Bridgewater-based Dynamic Aviations, the company he began decades ago in 1967.

“We’re not a large business in terms of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, so we’re a little off the radar screen here,” he says.

But they are well-known in the international field of aviation for plane modifications and maintenance. The company currently has 215 employees and 130 aircraft, with plans for a \$4.1 million expansion and addition of 150 employees over the next four or five years. Revenue has increased 25 percent during the past five years, thanks in part to additional government contracts for airborne data collection, fire management and other aerial applications.

And that’s drawing some attention. At its annual banquet earlier this year, the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce honored the veteran aviator by naming him businessman of the year.

Stolfus, surprised and honored by the award, is quick to credit his employees, adding “the values and ethics of people here in the Shenandoah Valley are just incredible.”

Originally from Coatesville, Pa., near Philadelphia, Stolfus came to EMU at the age of 27 and soon decided to stay. After graduation, he and his family settled in Mt. Crawford.

He points to his studies at EMU as a turning point in his early life.

“My education was phenomenal,” he says. “As a business major, the critical thinking skills and foundation I developed were permanent, and the interdisciplinary approach let me really delve into other subjects, too. The academic setting was so enjoyable, and I knew at the time that I was part of something special. The opportunity to learn was simply incredible.”

And learn he did, incorporating his own experiences as a pilot and world traveler into his product and way of business.

“Travel brings a perspective to my work, shows me how to balance a world view rather than just an American view of my business and my product,” he says. Recent sojourns have taken him as far as Algeria and Afghanistan.

“But there’s just something about the Valley,” he says. “It’s a wonderful place to come home to.”

—Marcy Gineris