

Connecting with Sandi and Norm Wood

Sandi and Norm have the distinction of being the only AMC couple who met on the internet AND who were married by a minister couple who met the same way.

They were married outdoors at the West Earl Park one beautiful September afternoon in 2015 by Michael and Sue Conrad Howes.

Norm joined AMC where he has developed strong friendships and found acceptance and a place to belong when he was invited to be part of a house church. He has experienced the joy of serving by spending a week with MDS in North Carolina. He and Sandi talk of volunteering with MDS when they retire.

Sandi was already a member here, and this is her second time to sign the book, coming back after years away.

Sandi returned to Akron and began working with DSECC where she continues to use her gifts with the children and the teachers.

Her gifts are also shared with the AMC children each Sunday morning when Sandi invites them to come and join her up front for children's time. Her warm open heart and creativity keep them attentive. She tunes in to their lives and meets them where they are. Each week's lesson is related to the morning theme and sermon. This helps the children connect to our corporate worship time together.

Sandra McLaughlin grew up on a large dairy farm in Wayne County, Ohio. She and her two brothers played outdoors with dogs and cats and enjoyed many sports. Sandi's job on the farm was to feed calves during her high school days. This was also a teaching farm. In the summer, young men from Central and South America, lived with her family and shadowed her father on the farm.

Family was the center of her growing up years. Summer at Grandma's house was a highlight. Sandi attended the local Methodist Church with her family, where she completed the membership class and became an active member.

Growing up in the Viet Nam war years, Sandi had many questions about the young men from her youth group being sent to war. Her uncle, only four years older, and close friend, was drafted. Sandi feared for his well-being.

With her father's support, Sandi went to college and earned her BS in Education. Her first teaching job was in the South-Central School District of Wayne County. Sandi moved into an apartment with two other women and began attending Bible study with others who were members of Wooster Mennonite Church. Sandi was drawn to this group and began attending. She was baptized and became a member of Wooster Mennonite.

One of Sandi's house mates had just returned from an MCC assignment in Zaire. Their conversations piqued Sandi's interest in service and experiencing new places. She and her house mate signed with MCC and went



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to southern Africa as teachers, 1982-92. She lived in Botswana and learned to know Roger and Jolene Weaver and their children.

Sandi came to Lancaster County from Africa and accepted a teaching position at Linville Hill Mennonite School. After ten years there, she joined the staff of Ten Thousand Villages. During her work in customer service, Sandi met Phil Richard. They married and moved to Hesston, Kansas where they worked at Hesston College, and were involved at Hesston Mennonite Church.

Sandi's life was turned upside down when Phil was diagnosed with cancer and died in 2009. A year later she returned to Lancaster County, began working at DSECC, and found her way back to AMC.

Norm grew up in the suburbs of northeastern Philadelphia, the youngest of two brothers, a half-brother and half-sister. Life was challenging and unsettled as his family moved constantly. He lived with the feeling of being the new kid on the block.

Because of these challenges and his early home life, Norm developed the ability to fit in anywhere and talk to anyone. Life continued to challenge Norm as he entered his teen years. His mother left and went back to her family in Canada.

Because Norm moved around a lot, he never made close friends, and as a teenager, he connected with the wrong crowd. When he encountered difficult times, he father sent him to Ontario for a year with his mother. There he learned to know his grandmother, whom he had never met.

Life wasn't easy, and Norm made poor choices again, so Mom sent him back to his father in Philadelphia. Blaming Norm's troubles on city life, his father moved the family to a remote area of Juniata County. Growing up in an urban setting and being abruptly thrust into a rural setting, was a shock to the entire family.

Music became a friend to Norm who found solace in listening to the current songs. Even today he knows all the words to the songs of the 60s, 70s and 80s.

Norm and his brother became very close and when brother suddenly died, it was very difficult for Norm to accept. He lost his mother and father at an early age and felt alone. These events led Norm to marry young. With a wife and two young sons and so much change, Norm began a search for the meaning of life. Music, fishing, karate, and working hard to support his family, became Norm's life. He worked at a Rubber and Tire plant.

When his marriage failed after twenty years, Norm began to seek answers for his life by visiting various churches. He met a Methodist minister who assured him that God meets him right where he is, no need to clean up his act first. Through this, Norm began to realize that he was God's beloved. He joined the church and became an active member.

Norm began driving school bus which led to him becoming a professional truck driver. This has been his career for the last twelve years. He drives for M. & C. Trucking with headquarters in Johnstown.

Norm took Sandi along on a recent week's trip through the eastern states, so she could experience his life with him. Now that he's married, Norm is actively looking for a job in this area, so he can spend more time with Sandi, keep up with lawn work, develop his woodworking skills, and continue fishing!

Sandi became an instant grandma when she married Norm. She always wanted children, and accepts this as her gift to receive. She and Norm host the sons and their four grandchildren when they come to visit from Juanita County.

At AMC Sandi has also become known for her fabulous French meal, a seven-course delight that she offers each spring at the MYF auction.

Sandi and Norm both say that their spiritual growth happens at AMC and are grateful for their house church that supports them in many ways.

~Priscilla Ziegler

Pastor's Perspective

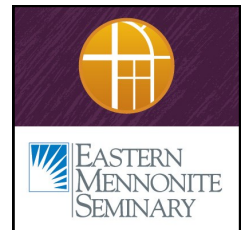
Hello, I am Rachel. So glad to know you.

Hello, I'm Rachel. Some of you have addressed me or introduced me to others as Pastor Rachel. Others have asked me, "What are we supposed to call you?" Thank you to those who choose to show me respect by calling me "Pastor Rachel." Thank you to those who have asked how I would prefer to be addressed. My preference is that you just call me, "Rachel." I would like you to use my given name because while my vocation of pastoring is part of my identity, it is only part. I have been Rachel Sue Miller Nolt for much longer than I have been pastor. Rachel Sue Miller Nolt carries joy and pain, grace and challenge, and wholeness and emptiness. When I agreed to join you in our faithful walk with Jesus Christ at Akron Mennonite, I joined as Rachel—all that I am and all that I am not. I offered myself to you on our mutual journey towards transformation. I am delighted to notice how God is active in your life, how God is active in my life and how God is active in **our** lives. May we continue to minister to each other, accompanying each other on this journey of life.

I am continuing to learn to know you and the stories of your life. I am grateful for all you have shared with me. As we continue to learn to know each other, I welcome you to stop by the office to talk or call the office if you would like to get together. I have changed my schedule this fall. I am in the office Tuesday through Friday. Tuesday and Thursday are my meeting days. Wednesday and Friday I work on a sermon and visiting people but I am always flexible if someone would like to meet. You are welcome to call me or our church administrator, Rebecca. Rebecca has access to my calendar and can schedule a time to meet.



Good news from EMU: Karyn Nancarvis was awarded a tuition scholarship from EMU's Keystone Scholarship Fund for the 2017-2018 school year.



Pray For One Another

James 5:16

The purpose of "Pray For One Another" is to help us be aware of and pray for members of AMC who, for whatever reason, are unable to participate in Sunday morning worship services on a regular basis. Scripture **admonishes** us to pray. It is one of the joys of the Christian life and part of what makes us community. The names of people listed October change from time to time. If you know of someone you would like to be included with those named here, please be in touch with the church office.



Charlotte Biris

Al Claassen

Carolyn & John Horst

Paul Martin

Philip Rutt

Amela & Randy Puljek-Shank



A Great Day of Singing

As anticipation builds for the release of a new hymnal in 2020 we have been invited, along with other Mennonite churches, to preview six songs and worship resources being considered for the new hymnal. The following paragraph is shared from the resource booklet from the Mennonite Worship and Song Committee.

Music is the language of our hearts, bringing us together in worship to honor God. On any given Sunday, North American Mennonites sing global songs, traditional hymns, praise and worship choruses, and Taizé chants. In conversation with pastors, congregations, musicians, and leaders of Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA, MennoMedia has launched Resonate: Join the Everlasting Song. This is the identity chosen to channel enthusiasm for our new worship and song collection. The purpose of this collection is to support vibrant worship in which God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy, and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world. What patterns of music and worship resonate in the church today? The 13 members of the Mennonite Worship and Song Committee are asking this question as they make selections for our new hymnal, to be released in 2020. Hymnals are generational. They are of a particular time. Pick up any historic hymn collection and you will discover the theological, political, and social challenges that a particular generation faced. You will find a unique window into who worshipers understood God to be. Our understandings about God and being God's people are fluid, not static. God is revealed to us as we open ourselves to language and art forms old and new, from near and far.

At Akron Mennonite, Sunday, October 15, 2017 will be a special worship service as we sing the six new hymns shared with us by the Committee. In addition we will sing some congregational favorites and use the resources shared by the Committee.

As Psalm 96 declares: "Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!" I invite you to come and join with all creation to praise our God with songs that are not only new but have sustained us in the past.

~submitted by Pat Martin



***Please send in your
submissions for the
November newsletter by
October 23. Thanks!***



MYF and Jr. MYF



Cooler temperatures appropriately greeted the fall kick off pool party on September 10. The Jr MYF, MYF and their advisor teams combined groups for an afternoon of outdoor activities and a grilled hot dog and hamburger lunch. Swimming was on the agenda, but only a few braved the "cold" water! Connecting through table games and energetic conversation topped off the event.

Upcoming MYF events:

- October 8: Supper club at Nancarvis' home
- October 20-21: Lititz Storytelling Festival
- October 21: Diamond 5K Walk/Run & Ephrata Marching Band Showcase
- October 29: MYF Sunday; Fall party and weiner roast at Dave and Flo Harnish's farm

Upcoming Jr. MYF events:

- October 15: CROP walk



ACC Youth Retreat at Refreshing Mountain Camp September 15-17

Seven MYF girls attended the youth retreat for the weekend. They were joined by three more MYF'ers for the Sunday morning worship, along with advisor Rich Crockett and chaperone Ann Zimmerman. Claiming the front row was a weekend tradition.



The Diamond 5K Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of this event is to raise funds to benefit the Diamond Street Early Childhood Center (DSECC). A major fundraising goal this year for DSECC is to start a fund to replace the DSECC playground. An updated playground will help keep DSECC compliant with state and local regulations by insuring a safe play area, while also providing a vibrant and interactive outdoor learning environment for the students.

The Diamond 5K Committee consists of Lynne Beth, Jan Brubaker, Tim Nancarvis, Sandra Richard-Wood and Phil Rutt. Planning is going very well! The course is approved by West Earl Township and Akron Borough, and we are accepting registrations, donations and sponsorship requests.



Please consider participating! Registration cost for adults(19+) is \$25 until Oct1, and \$30 after that. Reduced costs are available for students 18 and younger. All participants receive an event T-shirt, a registration packet with free goodies, and access to the refreshment/recovery area after the race. Overall awards and age group awards will be offered.

There are two ways to register:

- **Pick up a registration form in the AMC Lobby.** Complete the registration and either place in Tim Nancarvis' mailbox with your check, or mail directly to DSECC (Instructions can be found on the form).
- **Sign up online!** We can be found online at 'Diamond5K.com'. Simply click on the 'Register' button and follow the prompts to register. We are partnering with 'RunSignUp' to process online registrations. You will need to create a 'RunSignUp' account and a nominal processing fee will be applicable.

Even if you decide not to participate as a runner or walker, there are many other ways you can support this event:

- **Volunteer!!** Volunteer sign-up sheets can be found posted in the AMC lobby. There will be approx 30 volunteer spots available for people of all abilities, and will include: Assembling race packets; coordinating registration information and paperwork; creating directional and informational signs; staffing the registration table; directing participants, traffic and parking; staffing water stations; staffing refreshment/recovery area. If you are interested, please sign up on the volunteer sign up sheet which has been posted in the AMC lobby. Or, call Tim Nancarvis at (717)209-0079 for more information.
- **Donate** (Tax deductible. You don't have to participate to help our cause. You can simply donate to the event - Any amount is appreciated! Make out your check to DSECC with "Diamond 5K Donation" in the memo field. Drop off your donation in Tim Nancarvis' mailbox at AMC, or mail to; DSECC, 1311 Diamond Street, Akron, PA 17501, Attn: Diamond 5K.
- **Sponsorships.** If you have a business, you can promote it during our event through a sponsorship. We have several sponsorship opportunities available: Bronze Sponsors (\$100), Silver Sponsors (\$250), Gold Sponsors (\$500), and Diamond (Title) Sponsor (\$1,000). Each sponsorship level comes with increasing amounts of exposure. If you are interested, contact Phil Rutt at (717)629-3877 or prutt@ptd.net
- **Spread the word!** Please tell your family and friends about this event! You can find the event online at 'Diamond5k.com'. If you are on social media, you can also like and share our Facebook page, 'Diamond 5K Run/Walk'. There will also be registration flyers available in the AMC lobby which you can pick up and share with the runners and walkers you know.
- **Come out and cheer us on!!** Spectators add to the festive environment, and help to give runners and walkers that boost of energy and confidence to finish strong. Make plans to come out to cheer us on!

Thank you for supporting DSECC and the Diamond 5K.

~Tim Nancarvis

Nothing Like Normal

I have read numerous books written by parents of a child with a mental illness or developmental disability, as well as books by children of a parent with a disability or mental illness. Less often do I see accounts of a sibling. Nothing Like Normal is a memoir by Martha Graham-Waldon about her life with her sister, Kathy.

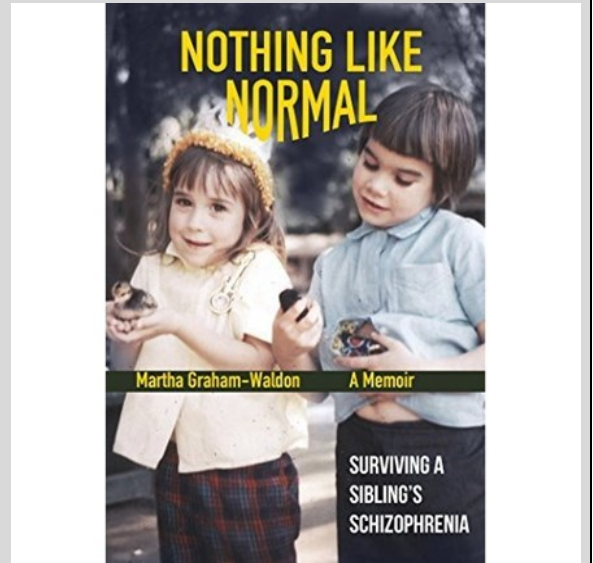
Martha was the youngest of four children in a stable and happy family. She says, "We had a magical childhood." Martha looked up to Kathy who was two years older. Kathy was a loving, fun, and very creative young woman. But things began to change when Kathy became a teenager. She was unpredictable, out of control and a hurtful stranger, embarrassing and devastating her family. Martha saw it approaching. She writes, "When your sibling becomes mentally ill, you feel powerless. The adults are making the decisions – there is not much you can do. It's like being a passenger on a train pummeling toward a certain wreck, witnessing your family plunge into disaster and not being able to step off or change course."

The conflict in the home led Martha to move to her own place and become nearly self sufficient by the time she was 17. Throughout the book Martha shares nuggets of how she learned to cope. "You have a life and identity that is separate and unique from your sibling and you must go on with your life with or without them." Martha did go on, still trying to stay in touch with her sister, Kathy, who died at the age of 51.

Initially Martha resisted the idea of writing a book, but eventually realized that she wanted to share her journey with others who have felt the impact of mental illness in their families. She says, "It is my wish that this book serve as a guide and touchstone for anyone experiencing similar turmoil in their lives. It is a voice for them – the voice that I wish I had had. It is a voice for all siblings and family members who have struggled with mental health issues, to encourage them to reclaim their own lives and inner joy. After all, surviving and thriving while going on with your own life is the best way to honor your sibling as well as yourself. I hope my story will resonate with others and help them to reclaim their own memories, both painful and joyous, along the way."

~Submitted by Marilyn Langeman

Contact Marilyn if you would like to borrow the book [Nothing Like Normal, Surviving a Sibling's Schizophrenia](#).



Musical Memories: A unique musical program for individuals with Alzheimer's/Dementia and their caregivers.

Event date: Saturday, October 7 1:30—2:30 pm
Location: Garden Spot Village Chapel, 433 S Kinzer Ave., New Holland

This event, hosted in the Garden Spot Village Chapel, provides an opportunity for individuals experiencing the symptoms of Dementia to spend an afternoon with family members or a caregiver. Music can be a soothing, calming presence in our lives. And depending upon the stage of your journey, music can be the perfect fit for both you and your loved one. This program is a "together" program where you can share a special moment of musical entertainment - together - caregiver and loved one.

For more information and to register, contact 717-355-6500.



No Longer Alone Ministries invites you and your congregation to participate in the [National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding](#) on Thursday evening, October, 12, 2017, at Calvary Church from 7-9PM.



October (and beyond) at AMC & in the Community

October Upcoming Events

- October 3** Lunch Bunch @ Oregon Dairy @ 11:30 am
4 Library Committee Meeting @ 6:00 pm
5 Men's breakfast @ Udder Choice @ 7:00am; Glenn Weaver, presenter
7 Deacon's Gathering 9:00—11:00 am
11 Connect! @ AMC @ 6:00—7:15 pm
12 AMC council meeting @ 7:00 pm
15 CROP Walk
17 Women's Brown Bag Lunch 11 am to 1 pm (see announcement below)
19 Landis Homes Residents' gathering 11:30 am—1:30 pm
21 Diamond 5K Walk/Run and Fall Fest with DSECC beginning 9:00 am
28 ACC Annual Assembly at Conestoga Mennonite Church 9:00 am—3:30 pm

SAVE THESE DATES

- January 20, 2018** MYF Spaghetti Supper
March 24, 2018 MYF Auction

We are happy to announce that our son Steve and Barbara Perry are getting married on September 30 and will be living in Lancaster. We extend an invitation to all to a drop-in reception on Sunday, October 15 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Westview Community Room at Landis Homes. If you are not sure of directions, please contact us - 717-581-3883. Barbara and Steve want you to know that your presence and well-wishes are gifts enough unless you'd like to contribute toward their yet-to-be honeymoon.



Ruth & Lowell Detweiler

AMC Women's Brown Bag Lunch for October



Our next Brown Bag Lunch is scheduled for October 17 and we plan to meet at the home of Ethel Shank. Our lunch talk last month centered around stories many of us had to share from the years of the Viet Nam war and it was very interesting. (PBS was showing the Viet Nam documentary that week). Looking forward to gathering again this month at Ethel's place (161 Park Ave., Ephrata) and more sharing – perhaps stories of our travels or favorite places we have lived. Come and learn to know each other better.

We will meet as usual from 11 am to 1 pm; come for the whole time or on your lunch break from work or for whatever segment of time fits your schedule. We bring our own lunch and Ethel will provide hot beverages and cold water. See you there.

7 pm, Wed. Oct. 4, 2017 at Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster (328 W. Orange): The Gift of St Francis: Every Living Thing is a Sister or Brother interfaith presentation: how St. Francis' worldview can help us address climate breakdown today. To be filmed by a documentary crew from London, England; program to include: original environmental music by Jerry Lee Miller; Zita Angelo dance interpretation of "Lord, make Me an Instrument of Your Peace;" stories/poems by Rick Shoup and Chris Longenecker; multimedia presentation; local musicians Tom Tucker, Sonny Ditzler, Douglas Thomas, Lisa Fairman, Phil Holzinger, etc.; photographer Michelle Johnsen; artist Kevin Miller. Offering for people and animals harmed in recent devastating hurricanes.

On September 13 our **Connect!** Program kicked off the year with a pizza meal and card games. The original soccer clinic was changed due to inclement weather. Dutch Blitz champion Jessie Buckwalter had tough competition against Esther Nolt coming in second place by only a few points! Both new and experienced card players enjoyed the many rounds of this fast-paced and engaging activity for all ages.

Join us for Connect! on the second Wednesdays of every month from 6:00-7:15pm at AMC.

Next event October 11th to make homemade applesauce and decorate cookies for an upcoming Ephrata Community Meal.



Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren is hosting a "Meeting of the Minds" to explore how area congregations might work and network together to offer hospitality and sanctuary in today's challenging political climate.

They will explore questions such as:

- What are you and your congregation/organization currently doing?
- What are the needs in our communities as you see them?

What can we do together? How might we network with and support one another to have a greater effect?

We take seriously that "the alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt." (Lev. 19.3-4) and Jesus' words in Matthew 25: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Contact Pam Reist with questions or to RSVP: reistp@etown.edu, 717-367-1000

October 24, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren, 777 South Mount Joy Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2798

Garden Spot Village Fall Festival

Event date: Saturday, October 14, 7:00am—3:30 pm

Location: Garden Spot Village, 433 S Kinzer Ave., New Holland

Garden Spot Village will host the 21st Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 14. Events and festivities will take place from 7 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Events for the day include an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, country store, silent auction, children's activities, crafters and much more. Proceeds from the day benefit the Garden Spot Village Benevolent Fund. To view the full day's schedule, visit gsvfallfestival.org

For more information, call 717-355-6000.

Friday, October 6, at 7 p.m., Lancaster Mennonite School's 75th anniversary celebration will conclude with "An Evening of Stories and Songs" in the Fine Arts Center on the Lancaster Campus. The evening will feature personal stories of alumni on themes such as "In the world but not of it" and "Making a difference." Hess's famous Pork & Chicken Barbecue is available before the event (take out 2:30-7 p.m. and under the tent 4:30-7 p.m.).



Saturday, October 7, the school will hold the Iron Bridge Trail Run/Walk at 9 a.m., the FFA Pancake Breakfast 7:30-10 a.m. and a benefit auction at 7 p.m. More information can be found at www.lancastermennonite.org.

Reading the Qur'an as a Non-Muslim: An Evening with Pulitzer-Prize Winning Historian, Garry Wills

Saturday, October 7

6:00 – 8:00 pm

At Highland Presbyterian Church

PRC Members: \$29, Non-Members: \$35

For tickets, call 717-299-1113 or visit www.parishresourcecenter.org



Hinkletown Mennonite School HinkleFEST & Benefit Auction--Friday, Oct 13 & Saturday, Oct 14. Come & join us for great food & fun! Friday includes: Pork BBQ dinner (4-7 pm), Chicken Chase/Family Fun Run (4 pm), Auction at 6:30pm includes meat & local farm products, middle school club projects & much more. Alumni reception at 8:30 pm (RSVP please). Saturday: 9 am auction start—special outdoor items such as John Deere garden tractor, Honda ATV sold at noon. Children's activities: Friday movie 6:30pm, Saturday bounce house, pony rides and more 10am-2 pm. Martin & Rutt Auctioneers. For more info: www.hmsk8.org/Auction or 717-354-7100.

Artists in Exile – a World Refugee Art Exhibit is coming to Lancaster!

Ever wonder what refugees do in that in-between space between displacement and relocation to a new country? Some create beautiful art! *Common Humanity*, a New York City based nonprofit, has discovered amazing artists in Iraqi and Gaza refugee camps. As part of its peacebuilding work, *Common Humanity* has assembled a dynamic exhibit which shows in part, the beauty and humanity of our world community.

Hosted at the Gallery at East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church, this exhibit will also feature art from Lancaster's resettled people. Artwork is available for sale with pick-up at the end of the show. Eighty percent of the purchase price directly benefits the refugee artists and the remaining 20 percent supports the work of *Common Humanity*. Opportunity to make a charitable donation to *Common Humanity* will be available.

Located at 436 East Chestnut Street; free parking behind the church. Gallery hours are: Saturday, October 7 and Saturday, October 21 from 11AM to 2PM Friday, October 13 and Friday, October 27 from 3-6PM.

Friday, November 3 from 5-9PM, in conjunction with Lancaster's First Friday festivities, guests will enjoy an enlarged exhibit of local resettled art as well as ethnic music, dance and food.

Groups of 10 or more people may request a pre-arranged private showing during the month of October. To arrange, contact Kate at mkatek49@gmail.com.



Painting by Ataa Muqdad al Baghdadi, a Syrian artist in exile. To see the original of this painting, stop by Rachel Nolt's office.



Natural Dyeing Class—Learn the art of creating natural dyes to color cotton, wool, silk or linen from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, October 14 at the 1719 Herr House & Museum. Dress for the weather as the class will be held outside using a wood fire. Instructors again this year will be Martha Brunner, Pennsylvania German, and Jess McPherson, Shawnee. This class costs \$45. Register by calling (717) 464-4438 or online at www.hansherr.org.

Maize and Snitz Fest—Celebrate the Eastern Woodland Native American and local PA German cultures through artisan demonstrations, traditional food and good old-fashioned fun. Maize and Snitz Festival takes place on Saturday, October 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the 1719 Hans Herr House and Museum, 1849 Hans Herr Drive, Willow Street. Tickets at the site cost \$12 per adult, \$6 for children 7 to 12, and free for children 6 and under.

Mission Shirati: Transition to Development—Hear from a panel of long-time missionaries, moderated by Kevin Ressler, discuss the transformation of mission work in Shirati, Tanzania, at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 9 at Community Mennonite Church, 328 West Orange St., Lancaster.

Native Crafts Folk Art Class—Jess McPherson, Shawnee, will teach how to make cordage from natural fibers during a class at the 1719 Herr House & Museum from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 28. The class costs \$30. Register by October 13 at www.hansherr.org or by calling (717) 464-4438.

Booksigning: Historic Barns—Hear stories about the historic barns of Lancaster County and beyond at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3 in the lower level of the barn at Silverstone Inn and Suites (62 Bowman Road, Lancaster, PA 17602). Greg Huber will give a presentation and sign copies of his recent book, *The Historic Barns of South-eastern Pennsylvania: Architecture and Preservation, Built 1750-1900*.

HOST FAMILIES FOR JAPANESE STUDENTS NEEDED: American Home Life International is hosting a Japanese group in Lancaster Catholic High School. There are 69 of them coming to learn about our American cultural traditions as well as our faith journeys. We are looking for anyone who is interested in hosting two high school boys in their home for just 9 days from December 8-16. Public school bus service would be available to all host families to take the students to and from class.

October Birthdays

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Lynne Beth Geraldine Ebersole Randy Newcomer	2	3 Joanne Dirks	4 Don Good Dennis Lapp	5	6	7
8 Doug Dirks Phil Rutt	9 Cole Leaman	10	11	12	13 Earl Horst	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Nancy Chapman Lydia Nolt	21 Leone Wagner
22 Steve Nolt	23 Hannah Yoder	24 Susan Blessing Elizabeth Hoffman Peder Wiegner	25	26 Dale Hershey	27 Gerald Meck	28 Chris Hoffman Samantha Weaver
29	30	31 David Wise				

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- ◇ Worship @ 9:00 am
- ◇ Coffee/Tea Fellowship from 10:15-10:40 am
- ◇ Christian Education & Discipleship Hour from 10:40-11:40 am

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Contact Updates

Please note this new mailing address for Bob and Alverta Martin. The post office made this change—they have not moved.

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AMC Vision Statement

Akron Mennonite Church will be fully engaged in God's mission in a broken world as we are called, equipped and sent by the Holy Spirit to follow Christ in life. Shaped by the gifts and vision of our members, we will keep Christ and church at the center of our lives as we reach out to neighbors near and far and witness to the world around us through an Anabaptist-Mennonite expression of faith.

Statement on Human Sexuality

We are a community of believers seeking to respond with God's love to all people. We celebrate the strength of our unity in the midst of our diversity of experiences, perspectives and understanding of Scripture. We seek to be a community of grace and reconciliation and so welcome into membership all who confess faith in Jesus Christ, including those in same-gender covenant relationships. We are committed to engaging in God's mission in a broken world through an Anabaptist-Mennonite faith perspective.