



**First Mennonite  
Church of  
Iowa City**

A congregation of  
Mennonite Church USA

# **ANNUAL REPORT 2015**

## COUNCIL OF ELDERS

The elders have had a busy year with the retirement of Bob and Mag and the selection of Gordon Scoville as Intentional Interim Pastor. We worked with Bob and Mag discerning when would be the best time to announce their retirement to the congregation. It was decided that early December would give the congregation time to say good bye and give Bob and Mag time to prepare themselves for retirement. The elders began working with the conference leadership to decide the type of leadership that we wanted during the transition, and we decided to look for an Intentional Interim Pastor. Tim Detweiler was able to identify Gordon Scoville, and he agreed to work with FMC from August 9, 2015 through August 2, 2016. In May we did an exit interview with Bob and Mag. We are looking forward to the coming year working with Gordon deciding what future leadership for FMC will look like.

The elders also did pastoral care as they normally do. We have an aging congregation are in need of more pastoral care. The elders restarted the visitation team that Bob had started a few years ago to help with pastoral care during the transitional year to free up Gordon and Karla. We also divided the congregation and assigned each elder approximately 60 people. This elder will keep those assigned in the congregation in their prayers and act as a contact elder for any questions.

We worked with setting up additional small groups and Bible study groups throughout the year. We also appointed delegates to both the Central Plains conference as well as the MC USA body.

-Dave Sickles, Chairperson

## FROM THE PASTOR

*And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you determine what is best...for the glory and praise of God.*

*Philippians 1:9-11*

In this year of transitions and decision-making, my prayer for the congregation has been that LOVE would guide our discernment—from our individual decisions about what commitments to say “Yes” or “No” to, to corporate decisions like how to bid farewell to beloved leaders and prepare to welcome new leadership. And God has been faithful, meeting us and guiding us in our worship, in our fellowship, in our care for others, and in our shared joy and grief.

In worship, we celebrated how God comes “Bursting Out of Barrenness” during the Advent season, and we practiced “Leaning on Jesus” during Lenten Sundays and Wednesday evening prayer services.

We grew in love and gratefulness for the gift of Christian community as we laughed and ate and sang and cheered together at our fall retreat, at fellowship meals, tailgate parties, a coffee house, and numerous other informal gatherings throughout the year.

God’s Spirit blew among us as we responded to the needs of the community around us. Most notably, we joined a powerful advocacy movement as we prayed and cried, sang and chanted, made phone calls and wrote letters, gave dollars and offered encouraging words in response to the March arrest and deportation of our friend and partner in ministry, Max Villatoro.

And we walked with one another, sharing grief through pain and losses, including the deaths of six beloved members. And we rejoiced together in gifts of healing, growth and new life, including three births, five marriages, four baptisms, and welcoming eight new members/associate members by transfer of letter.

In January, we blessed Sarah Gingerich as she returned to Veterinary medicine following a year of good service as our Administrative Assistant. We welcomed Andrea de Avila to the office in March.

In June, we celebrated Bob and Mag's 17 years of pastoral ministry among us with tears of gratitude and sorrow, and we released them to embark on the adventure of retirement.

In August, we welcomed Intentional Interim Minister Gordon Scoville to assist us in discerning God's vision for our future. May we continue to trust in the One who loves us perfectly to lead us into the unknown!

-Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, Minister of Church Community Life

## **ADMINISTRATIVE CABINET**

The Administrative Cabinet is made up of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and the chairs of the various commissions and Pastor/Elder Board. Our purpose is to coordinate the work of the commissions and deal with the business of the church. We met quarterly throughout the church year and held congregational meetings for sharing of information and for action from the congregation.

In addition to our usual business, this year we carried out the task of replacing Sarah Gingerich, who resigned as our Administrative Assistant in order to return to her professional career, and we welcomed to our staff Andrea De Avila of West Union Mennonite to take over that position. Thanks to Karen Gingerich and Steve Ropp for their help in this process.

Over the course of the year, we have worked with the Trustees and Treasurer in the transfer of our waste disposal contract to better facilitate recycling activities of the congregation. Thanks to Mike Brenneman for his advice and assistance.

The Football Parking Coordinator job description was updated to reflect additional responsibilities and as part of our effort to promote greater involvement by the congregation in football parking activities.

The congregational meetings dealt with the usual business of approval of the 2014-2015 Spending Plan at the fall meeting, and approval of the slate of candidates for church offices at the spring meeting. The congregation also voted to approve a major carpet replacement project and to renew our commitment to the Torre Fuerte Partnership for an additional year beginning September 1, 2015.

Thanks to all of our church officials for their vision and leadership, and special thanks to Carol Miller for her outstanding work as our Treasurer.

-Tim Krabill, Moderator

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMISSION**

The highlights of this year included:

-We began discussing how we do Christian Formation. Some of the SS classes are struggling and the younger adults are much less likely to be connected to any class. Next year we will hopefully broaden the discussion to include more of the congregation.

-Laura and Rhonda team-taught the Primary class, trying a creative, less structured format. 'Elder' readers from the congregation came to tell the Bible Story each Sunday. This was well-received by the children. It continues to be a challenging class. A two-year old class was started in December for several months, and will resume in the fall. Dave Miller and Dawn Krabill taught the Jr. High class, while Nicole Elliott, Lance Miller and Cathy Gingerich taught the MYF class.

-The Primary Department held their Christmas program during the Christian Education hour on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Laura, Rhonda and Dea Hoeme helped to plan this program.

-The Adult Sunday School Interterm's theme was "Faith and Digital Technology". This included a multi-age panel talking about how they use technology, Guest speaker, Andy Brubacher Kaethler speaking about technology and faith, Doug Hornick and Esther Johnson helping us to see the gifts and the shadow side, and Juan Pablo Hourcade looking at the future of technology.

-Diane Funk helped us look at the role of the MYF sponsors, and we rewrote the job description.

-Education Sunday was May 17<sup>th</sup>. We honored our seniors and gave them a Study Bible, and recognized our 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders by presenting each of them a Bible. And, we gave gifts of appreciation to the SS teachers.

-Summer recess was from June 14<sup>th</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup>.

-Summer Bible School will be August 17<sup>th</sup> through August 19<sup>th</sup>, in the evening.

-Margalea Warner will organize the Bible memory program and will start in the fall.

-Thank you to all who served on the Commission this year – Bob Smith, Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, Laura Krouse, Rhonda Miller, Leigh Hornick and various representatives from the library committee.

-Rosie Hochstetler, Christian Education Chair

## **KIDS WHO CARE**

Sponsors for Kids Who Care 2014-2015 were Mary Issah, and Matt and Michelle Miller. Members of the Kids Who Care group were in grades 2 – 5 and included the following: Seth Yoder, Ephraim Byler, Joe Krabill, Isaac Miller, Hakim Issah, Brynn Miller, and Claire Widmer. We started the year by having a lunch and discussing the year's upcoming activities and then playing games on the church lawn. In December the group met and decorated cookies and delivered them to our shut in members of the church. In the spring the Kids Who Care group participated in the Crop Walk.

- Mary Issah

## **JR MYF**

Jr. MYF sponsors this year were Jon and Amy Hershberger, and Mark and Kristina Gingerich. We had nine participants in our activities this year. We kicked off the year with a hayride, scavenger hunt, and bonfire at Larry and Carolyn Detweiler's timber. In November we worked at Laura Krouse's farm taking out tomato cages. In December we met at church and decorated gingerbread houses. In January we attended Winterfest at Crooked Creek Christian Camp, which was again a highlight of the year. We wrapped up the year with a lock-in at the church.

-Amy & Jon Hershberger

## **MYF**

The MYF sponsors for the 2014-2015 year were John and Linda Yutzy, Ruth Brenneman, Dwight Gingerich and Nathan Detweiler. Nathan continued on from the previous year but could only meet with the group when we met on Sundays due to his work schedule. The other sponsors were new and parent volunteers to help for one year. The group was a combination of youth from First Mennonite and Torre Forte. Typically, MYF met three times a month on the first Sunday and second and third Wednesdays. This schedule was done to try to meet the different needs/schedules of both youth and sponsors. We would share a meal together, reflect on our weeks, have devotions or games, or do service projects together. Parents helped with providing food for our meals together. The MYF youth and parents helped with football parking for 7 home Iowa football games. The money from this fundraiser was used to take 12 youth and 4 sponsors to the Mennonite Youth Convention in Kansas City, MO, where they enjoyed bonding as a group and getting to know and worship with other Mennonite youth from all over the country.

-Ruth Brenneman

## **FMC PEACE KNITTERS**

This group of church members and community members has met since 2005. Mary Piper saw an avenue for peacemaking in Afghanistan through Ann Rubin's "afghans for Afghans" charity knitting project. The purpose of hand knitted items was to show personal caring extended to the recipient.

Since August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, we have sent to the Afghanistan project 21 hats and 10 pairs of socks. Contributing to World Vision's "Knit for Kids" collection here in the U.S. and around the world: 26 hats and 5 sweaters. And to the Displaced Persons Camp in Jordan where Jerry Partridge's daughter works: 34 hats, 6 pairs mittens, 4 pairs socks, and 5 children's vests as well as contributions of fiber for the work of those in the camp. Many thanks to Jerry and Lynn Partridge for transporting those items. In 2014 we donated 3 wool afghans to the local MCC Sale and \$105 went to help that world relief effort.

Donna Wiebe shared from our fiber stash as she went to Nairobi in January and taught girls at the Shangalia boarding school for street children. For details to help support this project contact Paul or Donna Wiebe.

We work with fiber donations and want to thank Melinda Bricker, Margaret Bailey, Marvel Titone, and Crowded Closet.

- Ann Valenta

## **FMC LIBRARY**

The mission of the FMC Library is to support the Sunday School Classes, Interterm Class, and individual spiritual growth. The focus of the collection is Anabaptist theology and work by Christian authors. To that mandate we have added 127 items since August 1, 2014. This number includes: 7 CDs, 6 DVDs. The circulation since August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, is 429 items.

The library has featured new acquisitions several times this year. New Shalom books and other topics are featured on the bulletin board by Mary Piper.

We constantly work to keep the collection vital. This means that items that do not circulate for more than 3 years are removed and donated to Crowded Closet or to the MCC Sale. The exception to this is classics and items of theological worth.

We have met last year's goal of getting all librarians familiar with the updated system. This year we would like to add to the non-print collection of music, films, and audiobooks. We appreciate recommendations that will add to this quality collection.

-Ann Valenta

## **SHALOM READERS CLUB**

Shalom Readers is a Central Plains Mennonite Conference project to "teach peace, forgiveness, and justice through reading." Children four to 14 years old are encouraged to read seven books from a list selected to teach core Christian values from an Anabaptist understanding, and give reports on two of the books. They are then eligible to receive a gift book from the conference. The FMC library has added many of the suggested titles and labeled them with pink stickers for easy location.

This past year three children finished the reading goal with seven books each under their parents' guidance and were given their gift book: Seth Yoder, Joey Krabill, and Claire Widmer. The circulation was 71 Shalom items to the children this year. In addition, two Shalom books were read to the primary and middler Sunday school classes throughout the year.

- Noreen Gingerich, Shalom Reading promoter

## **CHURCH CORRESPONDENT**

I sent six reports to Mennonite World Review and none to Scattered Seeds. The MWR reports had to be condensed into concise 150 word summaries because of their format of coming out every two weeks instead of weekly. Scattered Seeds doesn't really need reports unless there's a theme that seems to fit us because they have limited space. That said; if anyone can think of a story that needs to be told, let me know. I enjoy getting MWR for free and would be happy to share it with others. My Dad used to say it was the only newspaper with good news.

-Margalea Warner

## FELLOWSHIP COMMISSION

Team Members:

- Fellowship Chairs: Ruth Brenneman & Jennifer Yoder
- Correspondent: Margalea Warner
- Family Life Coordinator: Pat Miller
- Greeter Coordinator: Doris Nafziger
- Food Committees:
  - Team A Food Committee: Barb Freyenberger, Kari Clark, Phil Miller, and Lonnie Bartel
  - Team B Food Committee: John & Linda Yutzy, Mary & Arnold Christy

The year for the Fellowship Committee has been busy! Sip N Chat coordinated by Ruth Brenneman was hosted by many willing volunteers. Doris Nafziger arranged for greeters at both the upper and lower entrances. Pat Miller arranged for meals in homes for several members who had hospitalizations, illnesses, deaths and births. There were 5 wedding showers hosted this year including: Nicole Ropp & Nate Elliot, David Rumsey & Erica Muñoz-Fitch, Mark Gingerich & Kristina Pelegrimaite, Hannah Schrock & Kevin Leaman, Michael Swartzendruber & Laurel Mast. Each couple was presented a book and card from the church. We also hosted a “Grandparent Shower” for Bob & Mag as they prepared for their new roles as grandparents. There were also baby showers for Kirstin & Tyler Swenson and Linnea & Nick Rochford.

The food committee was instrumental in the coordination of the meals at the All-Church Potlucks, Lenten Soup Suppers, and meals for funerals (Lourene Yoder, Paul Gingerich, Becky Bixler, Paul Miller, Orpha Kempf and Edith Piper). They also helped with meals for the MMN Meeting and the Parables Worship Team, the refreshments for the Children’s Christmas Program, the Christmas Breakfast, the Agape Feast, the Easter Breakfast, Grad Sunday, and the All-Church Picnic. Many of the team members helped with fundraisers for the Mendoza Family. The Women’s Event in October was a hit! The committee also introduced a few new activities that were met with great success: pancake dinner prior to Ash Wednesday and Hawkeye Football “Tailgate”.

Certain members of the Fellowship Committee, Worship Committee and others planned and implemented a heart-felt farewell for Bob & Mag. The evening included stories, pictures, laughter and tears. We celebrated their final Sunday with a catered meal that was enjoyed by all!

The Fellowship Committee continues to strive to provide a variety of events for the congregation to choose from. We were able to utilize a more efficient way of collecting and processing information used for Fellowship activities via the all church survey distributed last September. We have added a Funeral Coordinator to our committee to help assist us with the organization and implementation of the funeral meal(s).

-Jennifer Yoder & Ruth Brenneman, Co-Chairs

## MENNONITE WOMEN

One quilt and two knotted comforters were made and donated to the MCC Sale. One quilt was made and given as a gift to Bob and Mag Richer Smith.

-Alta Widmer

## **WORSHIP COMMISSION**

Overall our worship services were greatly appreciated by the congregation, and while the worship commission deserves some of the credit much of it goes to the congregation. At First Mennonite there are many people with gifts of music, preaching, worship leading, children's time, and every other aspect of worship. This congregation makes it easy to put together meaningful worship services.

We planned two series of services, one for Advent and one for Lent, and we also did our best to coordinate services that led up to Mag and Bob's retirement. Our planning for the annual congregational retreat at Crooked Creek was less ambitious, which went well and seemed to create a relaxing atmosphere. Copies of Sing the Story songbooks were purchased and placed in the pews, and we deliberately used songs from them to help the congregation become acquainted with the new song book. The speakers in the overflow room were repaired, and a longer microphone stand at the pulpit was installed to help improve sound during worship services.

In August 2015 the commission met with Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler and our interim pastor, Gordon Scoville, to clarify how the commission would work with the pastors in worship planning. That meeting went well, and we anticipate no problems with worship services in the 2015-16 church year.

My thanks to all the worship commission members for their excellent work: Kathy Ropp, Stephanie Grossnickle-Batterton, Nancy Halder, Kate Brenneman, Miriam Augsburger, Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, Isaac Schrock, and of course, Mag Richer Smith.

-David Heusinkveld, chair

## **TRUSTEES**

We have met almost monthly. There is always some maintenance to do with a building of this size and age. We hosted an All-church work evening and a work Saturday. The carpeting has been replaced in the sanctuary, balcony, sip/chat area, upper education wing, and the hallway of the education wing in the lower level. We will start with a new garbage hauler to help us facilitate recycling in the church. All of the outer older windows have been scraped and received at least one coat of paint. Two of the three offices have been painted. Filters on the furnaces are checked and maintained by Duane Miller. Many evenings and days have been spent trimming and removing bushes and trees. There are many times when the trustees are at the building for items that need attention. There is an orange notebook in the office where problems can be recorded for the Trustees to find, and for emergencies call one of us. Arnold Christy does a great job as janitor and maintenance person. Stasia Majerick had been helping with the upper floors but has gone to college and Sadie Widmer is the new assistant janitor.

-Gene Nissley: Chair, Earl Gingerich, Brenda Litwiller, Steve Litwiller, Jim Piper, Roger Schrock, Cheryne Yoder: Meetings.

## MISSION COMMISSION

In September, 97 MCC School Kits were funded by contributions from the congregation and assembled on a Sunday morning. An additional \$631 was donated for an equivalent of 226 kits in total. Thanks to the Jr. MYF for their assistance.

Our Advent Giving project was for MCC Hygiene Kits. Bags were provided and FMCers completed 188 kits and provided financial contributions totaling \$630.

Marcia Widmer became our representative to the annual MCC Relief Sale and provided an outstanding service to the sale and to our congregation. Thank you, Marcia.

A series of video teleconferences took place in February with Executive Conference Minister David Boshart leading discussions on evangelism and outreach. Thanks to Mark Gingerich for providing the necessary technical support.

We worked with Jim Brenneman to develop new financial support for a vital mission effort near the city of Reynosa, Mexico. The pastor was present with us and with other Mennonite communities in July to acquaint us with the ministry he and his wife have been called to there.

FMC support of the Crisis Center's Thanksgiving in July Food Drive resulted in delivery of 181 pounds of food and two boxes of disposable diapers.

We worked with Rachel Schrock and with the Worship and Christian Ed. Commissions to bring Anton Flores-Maisonnet from La Grange, GA to our congregation and community for a weekend of discussion about immigration. Thanks to Rachel for her vision and leadership.

We worked with representatives from MCC and the Crowded Closet to bring Neera Ghising Tamang, a young woman from Nepal, to spend a year as a volunteer and to learn management skills through the International Volunteer Exchange Program. We thank Carl and Donna Darby for providing a home for Neera for the coming year.

Over the past year, we donated Mission Commission funds toward support of the mission in Reynosa, MX, a visit to Iowa City from Brian McLaren for a lecture and workshop, a film screening of "Abrazos" at the U of I, Sister Care sessions at Kalona Mennonite, and transportation expense for Anton Flores-Maisonnet. Michael Darby was awarded a \$1000 Missions/Service Grant in support of his coming year of service with MCC SALT teaching music in Bolivia.

We continued to schedule a variety of people from within and without the congregation to present a Focus on Mission to highlight mission efforts of FMC and to promote efforts in the broader Iowa City community.

We, along with the entire congregation, continue support of the Torre Fuerte congregation and the Villatoro family by whatever means are helpful and commit ourselves to work and to pray for the return of deported Pastor Max. We will continue to work with various groups and organizations in promoting immigration reform and making life better for immigrants in our community, and we will assist in efforts to invigorate the Immigration Task Force.

Thanks to commission members Dennis Bricker, Gail Heusinkveld, Jerry Partridge, Circe Stumbo, and Ann Valenta.

- Tim Krabill, chair

## CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP

Crooked Creek Christian Camp offers a place for youth and adults to escape, if but for a moment, from their busy lives to reflect, enjoy God's creation and focus on relationships with God and others. As a supporting congregation of Crooked Creek you are a valuable partner in providing a place for youth and adults to grow in their faith in God and in their relationships with each other.

Program – “God...*Naturally*” was the summer camp theme focusing on Psalm 104:1-4. Discussion and teachings focused on four main elements in God’s creation: water, wind, earth and fire. Camp is a great place to explore these elements since all of them are here and we could actually feel them (or in the case of fire its effect). Attendance at our summer youth camp programs this year was 386 people.

Buildings and Grounds – The Cabin Upgrade Project was completed this year. What a tremendous blessing these cabins are to so many people, children and families alike. As potential guests visit many comment saying: “I should send my child(ren) to camp here.”

With the completion of the cabins, facility improvement plans turn to construction of a new Office & Welcome Center building. Camp leadership is working on details and look forward to sharing more information soon.

Staff – For 13 years, Juanita Benedict served Crooked Creek Christian Camp as the Food Service Manager. This past summer was her last with us. Juanita will depart this month to become a teacher. During her time at Crooked Creek great food continued to be part of the reputation guests have appreciated. We wish her well in her new endeavors. As we transition we welcome Brenda Jenkins as Food Service Manager. Brenda lives in Washington and has experience as a school cook and daycare provider.

Other year round staff: Tim Friesen (Administrator), Megan Miller, (Program Director), Julie Bontrager (Administrative Assistant), Gay Widmer (Facilities and Maintenance Director), and Gloria Widmer (Head Housekeeper). Serving as summer staff in 2015 were 17 young adults in high school or college representing 9 different schools.

Finances – A significant milestone was achieved this past year when Crooked Creek Christian Camp became debt-free. This was made possible with the blessing of memorial and estate funds given to camp. We are grateful for the legacy these people left and the faithful giving of their families. The 2014 Fall Fundraiser focused on the pavilion kitchen with a new walk-in cooler and freezer. In addition we were able to purchase new queen beds for the retreat lodge and a tractor pulled finish mower.

In the past year, more than 160 groups were guests at Camp. Thirteen of the 17 supporting member Mennonite Congregations (or a sub group of the congregation) held an event at camp. In addition, several other church denominations continue to have events at Crooked Creek for couples, church leadership retreats or church wide gatherings.

The camp staff and board of directors are grateful for the congregational and individual support received throughout the year. Prayers, financial donations, attendance at camp-sponsored programs, or volunteering your time and talents are noticed and appreciated. Thank you for your contribution to Crooked Creek Christian Camp as we continue our outreach and bless our surrounding communities.

-Tim Friesen, Director CCCC

## **HOME TIES**

During the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year, Home Ties served 81 children from 68 families. The families that attended Home Ties were referred to us from many places in our community: Shelter House, the Domestic Violence Intervention Program, United Action for Youth, the Department of Human Services, the Crisis Center, MECCA, and the University of Iowa.

The Center continues to offer free, temporary emergency child care to qualifying families with children ages 6 weeks to 6 years of age. Home Ties would not be able to offer these valuable services to the community if it did not receive the continued generous support of the First Mennonite Church. Families who qualify receive up to 3 months of care. Upon enrollment parents establish at least 3 goals to work towards greater self-sufficiency. Success or failure of parents in meeting their goals largely depends on the level of the crisis situation that they are facing, their own particular needs, and the skills that they already have in place when they start the program. Regardless of the parent's ability to meet their goals, all the children who attend Home Ties get balanced meals, developmentally appropriate programming and loving care in a safe, predictable environment. We see growth in all the children who attend the program as the children start to relax and feel secure. They enjoy reading books, doing art projects, taking fieldtrips and playing with the toys and materials. The infants and toddlers get a great start with consistent, responsive and loving care. Home Ties also serves a limited number of families who use DHS Child Care Assistance to pay for their child care tuition.

The children have enjoyed the Home Ties' garden this year. They have grown peas, green beans, two kinds of kale, dill, basil, zucchini squash, pumpkins and strawberries. The outdoor green space is an excellent learning laboratory for the children. We are truly fortunate to use this space provided by the church.

The center staff and families are thankful that the First Mennonite Church makes this significant commitment to the community. The space that the church provides us with is wonderful, and with the outdoor playground and garden, we are able to offer the children positive and meaningful early childhood educational experiences. With the help from the church, Home Ties is able to make a positive difference in the lives of young children and their families here in Johnson County.

### **Home Ties Goals:**

1. Continue to serve the needs of low income & families in crisis in Johnson Co.
2. Continue a strong relationship with the church and other cooperating agencies.
3. Increase the number of children we serve.

**THANK YOU, First Mennonite Church.**

Respectfully submitted by Jan Koch, Director  
July 29, 2015

## IOWA MENNONITE SCHOOL

Much like every other year in Iowa Mennonite School's history, students came each morning and left each afternoon. They attended classes and chapels, ate many lunches, and...at the end of the day they went home again. Many stayed later than others to participate in athletics or music and drama rehearsals. They had FFA meetings and other extra-curricular activities.

What do our students learn?

They learn the typical subjects just like any other high school student. Math, science, language arts, history. Music, art, business. They work toward their diplomas and parlay that into college studies, jobs, and service opportunities.

Our students also learn what it means to live in community. They learn what it means to work through difficult adolescent issues, and how to help *each other* work through the same issues. They receive care from a group of faculty and staff members who truly believe in them and routinely ask them how things are going.

By attending chapel daily, and by taking Bible courses, our students receive daily edification in their faith walk. And they learn how to talk about their faith with their peers and their teachers.

A recent student who attended IMS through an exchange program shared with us that he entered IMS as an agnostic, and left as a believer in Jesus Christ (see our website for the full story on Rudy Mucaj). He summed up his experience by saying he viewed his one year at IMS "not as one year in my life, but as a lifetime of experiences in one year."

We can talk about the numbers (the 80+ students). Or the successes, like having participation in the state cross country meet last fall. We can celebrate the fact that as summer rolled around, our enrollment figures for 2015-16 looked positive. We can lament the fact that our administrator and several long-time faculty members chose to leave IMS, or we can celebrate the arrival of our new principal, Steve Schrag, and the new replacements in the classroom.

All are very real as we discuss IMS.

But the true story lies in the stories our students tell, the experiences they share with one another. If you ask one of them, they will likely tell you how important IMS is in their lives. And I do encourage you to ask them.

Thank you for your continued role in helping shape the lives of our students. Your financial support, attendance at events, your questions on Sunday mornings, and your continued prayers...all are important, welcomed, and appreciated. Thank you for that!

-Larry Swartzendruber

## **TORRE FUERTE PARTNERSHIP**

The original 3-year commitment of the six participating congregations to the Torre Fuerte Partnership expired August 31, 2015. All six congregations have renewed their commitments to the partnership for an additional year through August 31, 2016. The partnership includes FMC, Torre Fuerte, Cedar Falls, Wayland, Sugar Creek, and Eicher Emmanuel Mennonite Churches. The purpose of this partnership is for mutual support and development, to develop robust relationships, to foster growth, and to renew the missional imagination of all parties. Partnership members are committed to attend partnership meetings, to regularly participate in Torre Fuerte's worship life, and to provide prayer support to one another. The partnering congregations are also committed to supporting the Torre Fuerte congregation financially. FMC contributes \$500 each month.

Representatives from each congregation meet together four times a year, usually at First Mennonite. Tim Krabill is the representative from our congregation and the facilitator of the group. David Boshart, Executive Conference Minister for Central Plains Mennonite Conference also attends the meetings. Our meeting agendas include reports of happenings in each of our congregations, noting that the partners are living up to the commitments that they have made, and making sure that the financial support is flowing smoothly to Torre Fuerte. We also spend time sharing joys and concerns and praying together.

Upon the deportation of Pastor Max Villatoro in March, the congregation initially struggled and shifted in their responses and reactions to the loss of Max's leadership. Pastor Gloria Villatoro did a good job of leading the congregation and helping them remain committed to one another by demonstrating her own commitment to them and to leadership in the worship, fellowship, and community life of the congregation. Along with Gloria, several other members have helped in worship leading, teaching, and preaching, and guest ministers and speakers from near and far have also joined them in worship. Worship attendance remains steady at around 25-30 people with a core group of five families. A primary mission focus of Torre Fuerte has been ministry to immigrants and their families. Their commitment to outreach to the community in evangelism and service remains strong. We will pray, worship, and work together for the continued growth of the Torre Fuerte congregation and for the return of Pastor Max.

-Tim Krabill, FMC representative to the Torre Fuerte Partnership

## **BUILDING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY PROJECT**

During the fiscal year 2014-2015, we continued to pay principal and interest on the loans for the Phase 1 and 2 Building Project (Home Ties and Fellowship Hall). On Dec 31, 2014, we paid off the remaining amount due of \$6,622.40 for the Columbarium. We reduced our principal loan balances from \$221,500 to \$151,000. Contributions received to-date for the entire project: \$866,343 of which \$81,000 was received during the 14/15 year.

Our checking account current balance is \$3,150. It is used for automatic monthly loan interest payments of approximately \$500. Based on our remaining pledges, we will need to raise approximately \$35,000 to pay off the loan by the end of year 2017.

-Submitted by Carol Miller

## **GIFTS DISCERNMENT COMMISSION**

Commission members included: Doug Hornick, Donna Darby, Lynn Gingerich, Diane Funk and Esther Johnson. With Bob and Mag's retirement in June of 2015, we made an effort to ask individuals currently serving in leadership positions to consider serving an additional year to facilitate a smooth transition. Many people answered that call. The Gifts Discernment and Education Commissions completed a visioning process with regard to MYF leadership at FMC. Our goal was to build on the rich history of youth leadership at FMC while balancing the changing demographics of volunteers and needs and desires of our youth. We drafted a new job description for MYF sponsors and created a support team for the sponsors to assist with some of the planning and logistics. We proposed a one year trial of this format followed by an evaluation in the spring of 2016. We did not fill the Mentor Coordinator position and suggest that Christian Ed review the structure. At this writing we are struggling to find two more people to serve as Jr MYF sponsors.

We received feedback that it is hard to agree to a two year appointment as a Central Plains delegate if the location of the second year session is not known. It was suggested that perhaps delegates be appointed to one year terms so they know where they will be going and when and how long they need to be off work. This should be a consideration during recruitment for 2016.

-Diane Funk

## **STEWARSHIP COMMISSION**

The commission this past year included John Spitzer, Bob Smith, Cheryl Martin Miller, Connie Swartzendruber, Michael Loss, Fred Gingerich and Carol Miller as Treasurer. Our goals for the year were:

- 1.Prevent any financial crisis.
- 2.Align what we are doing at FMC with the means to carry it out.
- 3.Explore ways that the Stewardship Commission could help the congregation examine personal and corporate expressions of stewardship.
- 4.Complete an audit of the recent fiscal year end.
- 5.Encourage the congregation to make their gifts by using electronic payments
- 6.Explore the merits of establishing a student scholarship committee that would report to Stewardship.

Once again First Mennonite has demonstrated amazing generosity. Thank you for your generous giving. The General Fund ended with a balance of \$174. Total Income to the General Fund was \$457,488, down a little over \$7,000 from the prior year. Total expenses exceeded our total income. However, we entered the year with balance of \$13,272 and as a result were able to meet all of our commitments. A summary of how our giving was shared includes:

Church-wide Missions	\$92,682
Community Missions	\$112,696
Home Missions	\$171,420
Congregational Ministries	\$19,974
Maint. & Improvements	<u>\$73,813</u>
Total	\$470,585

We spent some time discussing the idea of establishing a Scholarship Committee. This committee would handle the administration of the fund. A draft of possible committee responsibilities has been completed and shared with the Ad Cabinet. More discussion will take place in the coming year.

A special thanks to Carol Miller who spends a great deal of time keeping the finances of FMC organized. She does an outstanding job. Thank You, Carol.

God truly has blessed First Mennonite Church and the congregation has generously shared this blessing with others. As this year concludes and a new year begins, may we continually be reminded to share God's generosity and goodness.

-Steve Ropp

## SPENDING PLAN PROPOSAL 2015-2016

### FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH OF IOWA CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015

Reconciliation of Fund Balances to Cash Balances

<u>GENERAL/OTHER FUNDS</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	<u>09/01/2014</u>	<u>09/01/2014- 08/31/2015</u>	<u>09/01/2014- 08/31/2015</u>	<u>08/31/2015</u>
General	\$ 13,271.97	\$ 457,488.20	\$ 470,585.90	174.27
Parking Lot	-	16,637.98	14,158.24	2,479.74
Concession	445.54	1,480.00	1,925.54	-
Mutual Aid	(1,859.00)	3,650.00	927.20	863.80
FMC Football Parking	35,642.00	55,192.00	62,661.00	28,173.00
Student Scholarship	74,995.50	26,842.36	17,506.00	84,331.86
Hobert Yoder Student Fund	47,000.00	-	6,500.00	40,500.00
<u>DESIGNATED GIVING FUNDS</u>				
CPMC - Villatoro Support	799.51	-	-	799.51
Columbarium	(8,676.07)	9,022.40	346.33	-
Community Compassion	841.00	100.00	850.00	91.00
Fundraiser/Love Offerings	-	8,099.50	8,099.50	-
Iglesia Zoar	-	28,391.00	7,330.00	21,061.00
India Churches	-	5,580.00	4,380.00	1,200.00
Memorials	2,300.74	5,965.00	5,775.74	2,490.00
MMN - Quito, Alyssa R	1,967.68	-	610.17	1,357.51
Mennonite Women Quilters	-	744.52	249.03	495.49
Pipe Organ	144.66	-	-	144.66
Primary Sunday School	3.00	-	-	3.00
Ted Swartz & Co	-	1,775.00	560.00	1,215.00
Vacation Bible School	-	171.52	-	171.52
Total	(2,619.48)	59,848.94	28,200.77	29,028.69
<u>FUNDS IN INVESTMENTS</u>				
IMS Tuition	11,270.03	-	10,059.67	1,210.36
Twila S Wenger Memorial	20,265.81	-	1,382.78	18,883.03
Total	\$31,535.84	\$0.00	\$11,442.45	\$20,093.39
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$198,412.37</b>	<b>\$621,139.48</b>	<b>\$613,907.10</b>	<b>\$205,644.75</b>
<u>CASH</u>				
Hills Bank Checking	\$166,851.53	\$570,516.30	* \$551,841.47	* \$185,526.36
Petty Cash	25.00	-	-	25.00
Everence Investments	31,535.84	-	11,442.45	20,093.39
Total Cash	\$198,412.37	\$570,516.30	\$563,283.92	\$205,644.75

*\*Cash deposits/withdrawals totals are \$50,623.81 less than fund deposits/withdrawals totals due to fund transfers to General Fund of 1) \$11,479.54 from MYF tithe/missions 2) \$12,301.28 from Parking Lot, Memorials and Concession for capital improvements and a transfer of \$26,842.36 from MYF to Student Scholarship Fund.*

## MINISTRIES OF FIRST MENNONITE OF IOWA CITY

Ministries	2014-2015 Budget	2014-2015 Actual	2015-2016 Proposed	Change from This Year's Actual	% Change From Actual	% Change From Budget
<b>Churchwide Missions</b>						
Mennonite Church USA	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ -	0.0%	0.0%
MMN (as needed)	\$ 26,400.00	\$ 26,400.00	\$ 26,400.00	\$ -	0.0%	0.0%
MMN (Robin Gingerich Support)	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	0.0%	0.0%
Health Ins. for Robin Gingerich	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ -	0.0%	0.0%
International Visitor Exchange	\$ 960.00	\$ -	\$ 4,260.00	\$ 4,260.00	0.0%	343.8%
Mennonite Education Agency	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -	0.0%	0.0%
Seminaries	\$ 2,570.00	\$ 2,570.00	\$ 2,570.00	\$ -	0.0%	0.0%
Colleges	\$ 6,425.00	\$ 6,425.00	\$ 6,425.00	\$ -	0.0%	0.0%
Third Way	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 999.96	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.04	0.0%	0.0%
Menn. Central Committee	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	0.0%	0.0%
Central Plains Menn. Conference	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	0.0%	0.0%
CPMC: designated "Join Hands"	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0.0%	0.0%
Christian Peacemaker Teams	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0.0%	0.0%
Peace & Justice Support Network	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0.0%	0.0%
Corinthian Plan Mutual Aid	\$ 11,350.00	\$ 9,536.97	\$ 11,350.00	\$ 1,813.03	16.0%	0.0%
<b>Total Churchwide Missions</b>	<b>\$ 95,455.00</b>	<b>\$ 92,681.93</b>	<b>\$ 98,755.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,073.07</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
<b>Community Missions</b>						
Torre Fuerte	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	0.0%	0.0%
Crooked Creek Christian Camp	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	0.0%	0.0%
Ecumenical Consultation Dues	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -	0.0%	0.0%
Shelter House	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	0.0%	0.0%
Free Lunch Program	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.20	\$ 500.00	\$ 249.80	50.0%	0.0%
InterVarsity - Univ. of Iowa	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00	25.0%	33.3%
Iowa City Crisis Center	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	0.0%	0.0%
Iowa Mennonite School	\$ 93,773.00	\$ 93,773.00	\$ 102,189.00	\$ 8,416.00	8.2%	9.0%
<i>IMS tuition fund (not from Gen. Fd)</i>	<i>\$ 10,000.00</i>	<i>\$ 10,000.00</i>	<i>\$ 1,250.00</i>		0.0%	-87.5%
Mission and Social Concerns	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,076.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (76.50)	-7.7%	0.0%
Mission/Service Grants	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,402.58	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 597.42	29.9%	0.0%
Dream Center SE IC	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	100.0%	#DIV/0!
Pleasantview Home	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	0.0%	0.0%
Peace Forum	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0.0%	0.0%
PEACE Iowa	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	0.0%	0.0%
Grief Care	\$ 250.00	\$ 293.44	\$ 250.00	\$ (43.44)	-17.4%	0.0%
<b>Total Community Missions</b>	<b>\$ 113,423.00</b>	<b>\$ 112,695.72</b>	<b>\$ 123,339.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,643.28</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>8.7%</b>
<b>Home Missions</b>						
Pastor-Salary-(Bob/Mag/Gordon)	\$ 91,388.00	\$ 81,060.95	\$ 68,659.00	\$ (12,401.95)	-18.1%	-24.9%
Benefits	\$ 27,421.00	\$ 25,018.08	\$ 15,696.00	\$ (9,322.08)	-59.4%	-42.8%
Continuing Education	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,533.32	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (333.32)	-27.8%	-50.0%
Pastor-Salary - Karla	\$ 23,584.00	\$ 23,584.00	\$ 30,568.00	\$ 6,984.00	22.8%	29.6%
Benefits	\$ 10,395.00	\$ 9,013.87	\$ 10,294.00	\$ 1,280.13	12.4%	-1.0%
Continuing Education	\$ 800.00	\$ 471.98	\$ 800.00	\$ 328.02	41.0%	0.0%
Temporary Pastor	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	100.0%	#DIV/0!
Secretary - Salary	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 13,376.75	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1,623.25	10.8%	-9.1%
Benefits	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,369.50	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 130.50	8.7%	0.0%
Financial Administration	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	0.0%	0.0%
Payroll Taxes	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,215.60	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 284.40	19.0%	0.0%
Office Supplies	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,933.06	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 66.94	1.1%	-14.3%
Staff Expenses	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 5,346.93	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 653.07	10.9%	5.3%
Computer Support	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,496.34	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3.66	0.2%	50.0%
<b>Total Home Missions</b>	<b>\$ 191,188.00</b>	<b>\$ 171,420.38</b>	<b>\$ 173,217.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,796.62</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>-9.4%</b>

Ministries	2014-2015 Budget	2014-2015 Actual	2015-2016 Proposed	Change from This Year's Actual	% Change From Actual	% Change From Budget
<b>Congregational Ministries</b>						
Christian Education Comm.	\$ 12,000.00	\$7,247.55	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,752.45	27.5%	-16.7%
Young Adult Ministry	\$ 1,000.00	\$945.26	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 54.74	5.5%	0.0%
Kids Who Care	\$ 300.00	\$0.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	100.0%	0.0%
Library	\$ 500.00	\$464.53	\$ 600.00	\$ 135.47	22.6%	20.0%
Junior MYF	\$ 800.00	\$585.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 215.00	26.9%	0.0%
Mentor Program	\$ 300.00	\$111.91	\$ 300.00	\$ 188.09	62.7%	0.0%
CPMC Delegate Fees	\$ 600.00	\$520.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 80.00	13.3%	0.0%
Worship Commission	\$ 2,300.00	\$3,360.36	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (860.36)	-34.4%	8.7%
Choir	\$ 500.00	\$40.06	\$ 250.00	\$ 209.94	84.0%	-50.0%
Speaker Honorariums	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,550.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 950.00	38.0%	66.7%
Child Care	\$ 150.00	\$20.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 130.00	86.7%	0.0%
Church Retreat	\$ 1,000.00	\$248.32	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 751.68	75.2%	0.0%
Elder Commission	\$ 600.00	\$346.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 2,754.00	796.0%	416.7%
Wellness Committee	\$ 2,000.00	\$0.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	0.0%	0.0%
Family Life	\$ 200.00	\$207.48	\$ 200.00	\$ (7.48)	0.0%	0.0%
Flowers	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,133.52	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (133.52)	-11.8%	0.0%
Sip & Chat	\$ 1,150.00	\$966.24	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 183.76	19.0%	0.0%
Food Committee	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,227.78	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (227.78)	-10.2%	0.0%
Stewardship Commission	\$ 50.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	-100.0%
<b>Total Congregational Ministries</b>	<b>\$ 27,950.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,974.01</b>	<b>\$ 29,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,475.99</b>	<b>47.4%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>

#### Maintenance & Improvements

Building Maintenance	\$ 16,000.00	\$16,428.40	\$ 16,000.00	\$ (428.40)	-2.6%	0.0%
Utilities	\$ 14,500.00	\$12,636.17	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 1,863.83	14.7%	0.0%
Capital Improvements	\$ 18,000.00	\$38,080.31	\$ 18,000.00	\$ (20,080.31)	-52.7%	0.0%
Building Insurance	\$ 7,500.00	\$6,668.98	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 831.02	12.5%	0.0%
<b>Tot. Maintenance &amp; Improvments.</b>	<b>\$ 56,000.00</b>	<b>\$73,813.86</b>	<b>\$ 56,000.00</b>	<b>\$ (17,813.86)</b>	<b>-24.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>FMC Spending Plan Total</b>	<b>\$ 484,016.00</b>	<b>\$ 470,585.90</b>	<b>\$480,761.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,175.10</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>8%</b>

Beginning Balance: \$ 35,642.00  
 Estimated Income: \$ 70,000.00  
 Actual Income: \$ 62,069.00  
 Actual Expenses: \$ 62,069.00  
 Ending Balance: \$ -

General Fund Tithe (10%)  
 Youth Convention Scholarships  
 Youth Convention: Kansas City  
 Conference Youth Activities  
 Crooked Creek Winter Camp  
 Youth Leadership  
 MYF Programming  
 Local Mission/Service (10%)  
 Service Trip  
 Football Parking Expense  
 FMC Scholarship Fund  
**MYF Spending Plan Total**

2014-2015 Budget	2014-2015 Actual	2015-2016 Proposed	Change from This Year's Actual	% Change From Actual	% Change From Budget
\$7,000.00	\$5,739.77	\$6,200.00	\$460.23	8.0%	-11.4%
\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	(\$2,500.00)	0.0%	0.0%
\$17,000.00	\$14,633.26	\$0.00	(\$14,633.26)	0.0%	0.0%
\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.0%	0.0%
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0%	#DIV/0!
\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	0.0%	0.0%
\$2,500.00	\$1,952.50	\$2,500.00	\$547.50	28.0%	0.0%
\$7,000.00	\$5,739.77	\$6,200.00	\$460.23	8.0%	-11.4%
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
\$4,500.00	\$4,753.34	\$5,000.00	\$246.66	5.2%	11.1%
<u>\$27,500.00</u>	<u>\$26,842.36</u>	<u>\$25,100.00</u>	<u>(\$1,742.36)</u>	<u>-6.5%</u>	<u>-8.7%</u>
<b>\$70,000.00</b>	<b>\$62,661.00</b>	<b>\$62,000.00</b>	<b>(\$661.00)</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>	<b>-11.4%</b>

**MEMBERSHIP LISTING**

Barkey, Doug  
Bartel, Amanda  
Bartel, Hannah  
Bartel, Julie  
Bartel, Linea  
Bartel, Lonnie  
Bewley, Doris  
Bewley, Lloyd  
Birkett, Clay  
Bixler, John  
Bixler, Peter  
Bontrager, Aaron  
Bontrager, Dan  
Bontrager, Gloria  
Bontrager, Johanna  
Bowers, Mary Lou  
Bowers, Paul  
Bowman, Bernie  
Bowman, Carol  
Bowman, John  
Brenneman, Ben  
Brenneman, Dianne  
Brenneman, Ervin  
Brenneman, Jerry  
Brenneman, Jim  
Brenneman, Kate  
Brenneman, Kristin  
Brenneman, Michael  
Brenneman, Norma  
Brenneman, Orval  
Brenneman, Peter  
Brenneman, Ruth  
Brenneman, Sara  
Brenneman, Liza  
Brenneman, Tony  
Brenneman, Wally  
Bricker, Dennis  
Bricker, Melinda  
Brown, Rachel  
Buckles, Willis  
Carlson, Kathy (Stoltzfus)  
Chandlee, Cindy  
Chandlee, Todd  
Cheuvront, Janelle (Nafziger)  
Christner, Doug  
Christner, Eric  
Christner, Joe  
Christner, Karen  
Christner, Matthew  
Christner, Ryan  
Christy, Jonathan  
(Heinlein) Christy, Rachel  
Clark, Amy  
Clark, Kari  
Clark, Lori (Widmer)  
Cole, Cheri (Yoder)  
Cook, Angie  
Cook, Mike  
Cyr, Jessica  
Darby, Carl  
Darby, Donna  
Darby, Michael  
Detweiler, Nathan  
Detweiler, Karla Stoltzfus  
Earnest, Beth  
Earnest, Randy  
Edwards, Erma  
Edwards, Steven  
Edwards, Susan  
Eichelberger, Ashley  
Eichelberger, Don  
Eichelberger, Morgan  
Eichelberger, Travis  
Elliott, Nicole  
Enns, Carol  
Enns, Rich  
Feil, Diane  
Forney, Mary  
Freyenberger, Barb  
Funk, Diane  
Funk, Mark  
Gengler, Kelly  
Gerig-Sickles, Amanda  
Gerig-Sickles, Analisa  
Giesking, Brad  
Giesking, Ruth  
Giesking, Susie  
Gingrich, Abby  
Gingerich, Aliese  
Gingerich, Bonnie  
Gingerich, Cathy  
Gingerich, Clara  
Gingerich, Dwight  
Gingerich, Earl  
Gingerich, Eli  
Gingerich, Ellie  
Gingerich, Ethan  
Gingerich, Fred  
Gingerich, Hannah  
Gingerich, Karen  
Gingerich, Keith  
Gingerich, Ken  
Gingerich, Lynn  
Gingerich, Mark  
Gingerich, Michaela  
Gingerich, Mildred  
Gingerich, Mo Rhodes  
Gingerich, Nathan  
Gingerich, Noreen  
Gingerich, Robin  
Gingerich, Sarah Kanagy  
Gingrich, Patty  
Gingrich, Rebecca  
Gingrich, Roger  
Glick, Orpha  
Graber, Galen  
Graber, Natalie  
Halder, John  
Halder, Nancy  
Heaton, Jane  
Heusinkveld, David  
Heusinkveld, Molly  
Hochstetler, Bill  
Hochstetler, Dave  
Hochstetler, Jan  
Hochstetler, Jennifer  
Hochstetler, Justin  
Hochstetler, Lores  
Hochstetler, Orlin  
Hochstetler, Rosie  
Hooley, Emily  
Hornick, Doug  
Hornick, Leigh  
Hostetler, Colette  
Hostetler, Jessica  
Hostetler, Jordan  
Hostetler, Steve  
Howard, Bill  
Howard, Wanita  
Howland, Joni  
Johnson, Ed  
Johnson, Esther  
Jones, Lena  
Jones, Matt  
Knepp, Charlotte  
Knepp, John  
Knepp, Myrna  
Krabill, Betty  
Krabill, Dawn  
Krabill, Joe  
Krabill, Tim  
Krasowski, Matt  
Krouse, Laura  
Kummer, David  
Kummer, Kevin  
Kummer, Maria  
Lehman, Julia  
Lehman, Lynn  
Leichty, Lowell  
Lippold, Lydia  
Litwiller, Eddie  
Litwiller, Steve  
Liu, Jianying  
Loss, Deb  
Loss, Michael  
Lowry, Eulalia  
MacDonald, Sarah  
Majerick, Sarah  
Majerick, Stasia  
Manley, Marilyn  
Manrique, Jean  
Manrique, Rafael  
Martin, Paul  
Massanari, Analisa  
Matthews, Megan  
Miller, Amy  
Miller, Arden  
Miller, Ben  
Miller, Bob

Miller, Carol  
Miller, Cheryl Martin  
Miller, Dave  
Miller, Dean  
Miller, Del  
Miller, Duane  
Miller, Greg  
Miller, Heather  
Miller, Ida Fern  
Miller, Jeff  
Miller, Josh  
Miller, Julie  
Miller, Lance  
Miller, Lily  
Miller, Matt  
Miller, Matthew  
Miller, Michelle  
Miller, Miriam  
Miller, Mike  
Miller, Pam  
Miller, Pat  
Miller, Patty  
Miller, Rhonda  
Miller, Stephanie  
Miller, Tony  
Miller, Wanda  
Miller, Wendell  
Nachtigall, John  
Nafziger, Doris  
Nissley, Gene  
Nissley, Pat  
O'Neil, Larissa  
Oswald, Larry  
Oswald, Shirley  
Partridge, Jerry  
Peterson, Danny  
Peterson, Gerry  
Peterson, Kristin  
Peterson, Nathan  
Peterson, Ruth  
Piper, Jim  
Piper, Mary  
Piper, Nathan  
Piper, Sarah  
Plank, Emily  
Plank, Ezra  
Ray, Beth  
Ray, Mac  
Reschly, Erica  
Rodriguez, Alyssa  
Rodriquez, Augie  
Rodriguez, Elvia  
Ropp, Jason  
Ropp, Kathy  
Ropp, Steve  
Rose, Marilyn  
Roth, Alice  
Roth, Dan  
Roth, Denise  
Roth, Jay  
Roth, Marty  
Roth, Mel  
Roth, Selina  
Roth, Shelby  
Roth, Teresa  
Roth, Tiffany  
Row-Heyveld, Lindsey  
Row-Heyveld, Zach  
Rumsey, Brian  
Rumsey, Christine  
Rumsey, Eric  
Rumsey, Hannah  
Schneider, Bill  
Schneider, Jean  
Schneider, Morgan  
Schrock, Cindi  
Schrock, Hannah  
Schrock, Isaac  
Schrock, Lisa  
Schrock, Rachel  
Schrock, Roger  
Schwabbauer, Marian  
Schweitzer, Ken  
Si, Sara Li Xiou  
Sickles, Dave  
Sherwood, Elizabeth  
Sherwood, Steve  
Showalter, Chad  
Showalter, Sarah  
Shristi, Charlotte  
Shristi, Micah  
Smith, Bob  
Smith, Heather  
Smith, Isaac  
Smith, Jesse  
Smith, Mag Richer  
Smith, Todd  
Snyder, John  
Spencer, Bill  
Stalter, Elliot  
Stalter, Elspeth  
Stalter, Kristine  
Stalter, Tim  
Stevens, Sandra  
Stoltzfus, Charlotte  
Stoltzfus, Marty  
Stutzman, Alex  
Stutzman, Shirley  
Stutzman, Sonja  
Stutzman, Stan  
Summers, Bob  
Summers, Edith  
Summers, Rachel  
Swantz, Junell  
Swartzendruber, Connie  
Swartzendruber, Larry  
Swartzendruber, Michael  
Swartzendruber, Roline  
Swartzendruber, Sam  
Thomas, Jane  
Thrapp, Judi  
Thrapp, Kevin  
Thrapp, Teela  
Thrapp, Travis  
Valenta, Ann  
Valenta, Steve  
Walker, Becky  
Walter, Andrea  
Walter, Jason  
Walter, Mike  
Warner, Margalea  
Wenger, Galen  
Wenger, Ron  
Wennerholm, Kira  
Widmer, Alta  
Wiebe, Paul  
Wiebe, Donna  
Yoder, Cheryne  
Yoder, Elaine  
Yoder, Elaine  
Yoder, Erica  
Yoder, Erin  
Yoder, Lois  
Yoder, Matthew  
Yoder, Maya Kehr  
Yoder, Miriam  
Yoder, Phil  
Yoder, Reg  
Yoder, Renee  
Yoder, Ryan  
Yoder, Shirley  
Yoder, Steve  
Yoder, Sherrill  
Yoder, Wilford  
Yutzy, Emma  
Yutzy, John  
Yutzy, Linda  
Yutzy, Nick  
Yutzy, Olivia

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Bradford, Marnetta  
Christy, Arnold  
Christy, Mary  
Friesen, Delores  
Friesen, Stan  
Heusinkveld, Gail  
Hooley, Isaac  
Klassen, Bonnie  
Klassen, Jolene  
Klassen, Lyn  
Klassen, Preston  
Kratzer, Tom  
MacDowell, Martin  
MacDowell, Susan  
Michael, Rosemary  
Massanari, Lois  
Massanari, Mike  
Reeves, Cheryl Patterson  
Reeves, Ray  
Yoder, Lonnie  
Yoder, Margaret  
Yoder, Teresa Boshart  
Yohannes, Mekde

## **MEMBERSHIP RECORDS**

## **Marriages**

Nicole Ropp & Nathan Elliott – 12/27/2014  
Mark Gingerich & Kristina Pelegrimaite – 03/28/2015  
David Rumsey & Erica Muñoz-Fitch – 01/17/2015  
Michael Swartzendruber & Laurel Mast – 06/07/2015  
Hannah Schrock & Kevin Leaman – 05/30/2015

## **Births**

Elsa Corrine Rochford – 11/27/2014  
Aya Dianne Swenson – 05/29/2015  
Ira Henry Eidmann Swartzendruber - 08/07/2015

## Deaths

Lourene Yoder – 09/21/2014  
Paul Howard Miller – 11/15/2014  
Becky Bixler – 11/22/2014  
Orpha Kempf – 05/28/2015  
Edith Piper – 08/13/2015

## **Members Gained by Baptism**

Ben Brenneman – 06/12/2015  
Eli Gingerich – 08/02/2015  
Natalie Graber – 08/02/2015  
Nick Yutzy – 08/02/2015

## **Membership Gained by Transfer of Letter**

Doris & Lloyd Bewley – 04/12/2015  
Emily Hooley – 05/03/2015  
Isaac & Lisa Schrock – 05/03/2015  
Matthew & Maya Yoder – 05/03/2015

## **Membership Gained of Associate Member Isaac Hooley – 05/03/2015**

## **Membership Losses by Transfer of Letter**

Libby Smith Schrock – 06/10/2015

Members as of 8/31/2014

**Members as of 8-31-2014**      **336**  
Additions      **11**  
Withdrawals/Death      **7**

**Membership as of 8-31-2015**      **340**  
**Associate Membership**      **23**