



First Mennonite Church of Iowa City

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

ANNUAL REPORT 2016

COUNCIL OF ELDERS

The Elders for 2015 – 2016 were Marian Schwabbauer, Miriam Miller, Cheryl Martin Miller, Cathy Gingerich, Larry Swartzendruber, and Bill Hochstetler. Bill served as the chair, Cathy was the secretary, and Larry served as our representative to Administrative Cabinet.

It was a year of transition. Gordon Scoville served as our intentional interim pastor. Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, our regular pastor for community life on a half-time basis, picked up extra responsibilities and served on a three-quarters time basis during the fall and winter. Jim Grossnickle-Batterton filled in for Karla during her maternity leave in February through April, and then rejoined the pastoral staff in late July at the end of Gordon's one-year term.

Upon arriving in August, Gordon moved promptly into his intentional ministry with an assessment period. A questionnaire was circulated. Gordon interviewed each of the elders, many other congregational leaders, and other members of the congregation. A "response group" consisting of Gordon, two elders, and three other members was formed as a reference group for Gordon.

Approximately 80 First Menno people gathered on October 11 to focus on our top priorities for pastoral leadership. The results of that meeting were provided in a detailed written report. Approximately 60 First Menno folks gathered on November 15 to discuss two major topics that Gordon had identified as needing attention: 1) reorganizing the church structure, and 2) further study of welcoming into full membership those with gender identity questions. Gordon provided many details and recommendations, based on the discussion of those who participated in the meetings, the results of several questionnaires, and his observations about First Menno.

In lieu of a congregational meeting on the topic of welcoming, Bill and Marian organized and led seven small group discussions. A few additional people participated via personal conversation or by email. A total of approximately 125 individuals participated. It was a rich time of sharing and listening. Marian and Bill provided an oral report to the congregation at the June 19 congregational meeting. A written report was also provided.

The Elders formed a pastoral search committee in November. Its members are Cindi Schrock and Isaac Hooley, co-chairs, Karen Gingerich, Cheryl Martin Miller, Natalie Graber, Doug Hornick, and Tim Krabill. They are working diligently in helping us find long-term pastoral leadership to serve with Karla.

In early January, Tim Krabill, Dave Boshart, Gloria Villatoro, Karla, and Bill met to discuss the possibility of pursuing an R-1 religious worker visa for Max Villatoro. For this process to work, Max would be hired as a First Menno pastor to serve the Torre Fuerte congregation. There were many questions and few answers. After further information gathering and additional meetings, including an elder's meeting, Tim was asked to put together a detailed proposal for the congregation through the Mission Commission.

The Elders assisted the pastors with pastoral care items. Providing the care that First Menno participants might wish to receive is a big task. Not everything that could have been done was actually accomplished. However, good effort was given.

Looking ahead to next year there is much to be done – securing additional long-term pastoral leadership, conducting Karla's pastoral review, attending to congregational care, giving further attention to the welcoming topic, and carrying out other duties and responsibilities. The Elders for 2016 – 2017 will be Marilyn Rose, Miriam Miller, Cheryl Martin Miller, Cathy Gingerich, Kevin Kummer, and Bill Hochstetler.

■ Bill Hochstetler

FROM THE PASTOR

God chose the foolish...not the wise; God chose the weak...not the strong. –1 Corinthians 1:27
My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness. –2 Corinthians 12:9

One constant throughout our 2015-16 church year has been CHANGE. From September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016 we've had five different constellations of church staff, including pastors Gordon, Jim and Karla, and administrative assistants Andrea DeAvila and Mary Forney.

With each transition in personnel has come a new set of personalities and gifts, new relationship dynamics to understand, and new roles to define. This is hard work, both for the staff and the congregation!

In the midst of so much change and hard work, we have sometimes felt grief for the way things "used to be." We have sometimes felt overwhelmed at the work that we've felt COULD or SHOULD be done to carry on Christ's ministry in our congregation and community. We have sometimes felt foolish, because the only honest answer to a question posed was "I don't know." We have sometimes felt weak or inadequate for the job.

AND YET in the midst of this year when we've known what it means to be foolish and weak, God's grace and provision are abundantly apparent. We can celebrate God's Spirit at work in our congregation though:

- **New life:** 7 babies born, 1 new member, 12 new regularly participating individuals/households, 3 marriages, hundreds of visitors
- **New ministries:** forming and blessing a pastoral search committee; encouraging inter-generational relationships with our "FaithNet" initiative; carefully discerning together and then deciding to pursue an R-1 Visa for Max Villatoro; welcoming the Portillo family
- **Care for one another:** many prayers lifted, cards sent, visits made, meals shared, and caring conversations had with members experiencing the loss of loved ones or health challenges; listening well to one another as we shared our hopes and questions regarding the role of persons identifying as sexual minorities in the church
- **Laughter, food, and fun shared:** at our annual Church Retreat, at tailgate parties; at our winter Coffee House; at our worship service and picnic at City Park in June; at various fellowship meals
- **Vibrant worship:** celebrating the gift of "On Earth, Peace" in Advent and "Letting Go" during Lent; learning the gifts of "Gelassenheit" in the spring and seeking the God who "Binds Us Together" in late summer and into fall 2016
- **And more!**

We can anticipate more change in 2016-17, as well as more of God's UNCHANGING LOVE and ABUNDANT GRACE. May we trust our steady, generous God whose power has been and will be made perfect in our weakness!

■ 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 Andrea De Avila, who resigned as our Administrative Assistant to relocate in Canada to attend school, and we welcomed to our staff Mary Forney to take over that position. Thanks to Marian Schwabaurer, Karen Gingerich and Steve Ropp for their help in this process. We also carried out updating our phone system and upgraded our 2 desktop computers and internet system. The computers will be leased, serviced and maintained by Integrated Technology Partners (ITP). A special thanks to Fred Gingerich for his help on these projects.

We approved 2 paid positions for Football Parking Assistants and job descriptions were written by the Football Parking Coordinators. The Administrative Cabinet was responsible for hiring persons for these positions

The congregational meetings dealt with the usual business of approval of the 2015-2016 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 to renew our commitment to the Torre Fuerte Partnership for an additional year beginning September 1, 2016.

Thanks to all of our church officials for their vision and leadership, and special thanks to Carol Miller.

- Del Miller, Church Moderator

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Our pastoral search committee was formed and began meeting in mid-December, 2015. It is a committed group representing a nice cross section of our congregation. We are committed to find the right pastoral people and combination to become our FMC pastors. Members on the committee are co-chairs Isaac Hooley and Cindi Schrock, Natalie Graber, Tim Krabill, Cheryl Martin Miller, Doug Hornick, Karen Gingerich.

To date, our search committee has analyzed over 29 MLI portfolios and reached out to over 8 people without MLI portfolios registered but in pastoral positions as FMC congregants had asked us to touch base..."because they would be great for FMC". Two MLI potential candidates are semi-local, all the rest have been out of state/across country. Dave Boshart has been a good conference liaison in the formal process.

Numerous skype and phone conference calls have been done. Sermon samples, MLI reviews, and group discussions have kept us very busy. We have hosted 4 (non-official) face-to-face visits in the last 6 months. We are still on the journey. We have toiled with the 1.5FTE combination all along this journey, in multi-faceted ways, but we are committed to find the right people to help lead our congregation. Please keep us all in your thoughts and prayers as we go forward.

- Cindi Schrock

GIFTS DISCERNMENT COMMISSION

Commission members included: Doug Hornick, Lynn Gingerich, Diane Funk, Sherrill Yoder Cook, Maya Yoder and Ann Valenta. We were painfully aware of how much administrative leadership Pastor Bob Smith offered to this commission when we were faced with having to take up that slack.

With low numbers in the Kids Who Care age group it was decided to put this group on hold this year. We did not go to Sunday school classes to generate names, but instead met as a commission to come up with them. We were able to fill the slate but there was hesitation on the part of many to accept positions. Several commissions will have only five members (instead of six).

We would suggest reevaluating the need for six people on each commission. Interim pastor, Gordon Scoville, discerned a desire on the part of the congregation to examine the current structure of commissions. The sentiments expressed by people being asked to serve suggests that some change is needed.

- Diane Funk

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMISSION

The highlights of this year were:

- *Faith Formation for a New Age* workshop attended by Rosie, Karla and Leigh. Since about ½ of young adults leave the church when they graduate, the presenters looked at what works in faith formation. Relationships are more important than content, especially intergenerational relationships. We launched the idea of each person (especially youth) developing a Faith Net – to purposely connect with others of another generation whose faith they admire (This will replace the discontinued mentor/mentee program). We'll continue to develop ideas for intergenerational interactions next year.
- Updated Christian Education job descriptions. We are waiting to finish this until we have full pastoral staff.
- The Primary Christmas Program was December 13th, planned by Laura Krouse, Dea Hoeme, and Rhonda Miller.
- Elective adult education classes were offered: Jim Grossnickle Batterton led one using the book, *A Muslim and a Christian in Dialogue*, and Gordon Scoville led a sermon response class for part of the year.
- Increased Bible memory reward for memorizing 50 verses from \$50 to 50% of camp registration.
- Education Sunday was May 22nd, teachers were honored with a gift, and a Bible was given to our two seniors and one eighth grader.
- Bible School was August 14th – an evening with the Torre Fuerte congregation's children. We used the *Shine* curriculum and the offering project was school supplies for the Kele Kele School in Honduras.
- **Shalom Reader's Club**, led by Noreen Gingerich, 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 an age-appropriate list of books that teach core Christian values from an Anabaptist understanding, and discuss the books with an adult. Seth Yoder, Simon Willems, and Claire Widmer read their goal and received a gift book from the conference. Simon and Seth each read 6 more books from the Shalom list. Congratulations, kids! Thanks to the librarians for adding these books to the library.
- Thanks to all who served on Christian Ed commission this year – Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, Laura Krouse, Rhonda Miller, Patty Miller, Noreen Gingerich, and various representatives of the Library committee.

- Rosie Hochstetler, Christian Education chair

KIDS WHO CARE

Sponsors for Kids Who Care (KWC) 2015-2016 were Mary Issah, and Todd and Marcia Widmer. Members of the KWC group were in grades 2 – 5 and included the following: Benji Hourcade, Seth Yoder, Ephraim Byler, Joe Krabill, Isaac Miller, and Hakim Issah. We started the year by discussing the year's upcoming activities. We tried to do a new activity where the KWC would sell cookies at the parking for a football game and the money would be used to purchase gift cards for families in need at Home Ties Day Care. We had moderate sales and were able to purchase gift cards for 10 families which were given at Christmas with cards made by the group. In the spring the KWC group participated in the Crop Walk.

- Mary Issah

JR MYF

This year the Jr. MYF numbered 5-10 participants plus 2-5 Torre Fuerte Jr. Highers as schedules allowed. Mark & Kristina Gingerich and Matthew & Maya Yoder were sponsors and a goal of monthly meetings was established. Activities focused on building relationships and creating a safe and positive space for Jr. Highers to be themselves. A number of parents and church members helped host or carry out activities, which was an excellent way to build intergenerational relationships.

We enjoyed the presence of a few non-FMC youth in our group as First Mennonite youth brought friends. A family who attends another congregation in town without a youth group had their children join us for some activities and the FMC youth did a good job of being open to and including others.

Though the youth were busy with other extracurricular interests and busy schedules, there was a desire to meet more often; and there would be room for expanding both the volunteering component and a more structured faith-building component with this group. It was a good year for the youth to build friendships and learn about themselves and each other.

- Mark & Kristina Gingerich

MYF

The MYF sponsors for the year were Nicole & Nate Elliot and Lisa & Isaac Schrock. Youth from First Mennonite and Torre Fuerte participated in football/wrestling parking and on the service trip. In coordination with leadership at Torre Fuerte, Pastor Tamara Gill organized and led youth group activities and faith formation on a weekly basis for the youth of Torre Fuerte.

To accommodate a wide array of youth and sponsor schedules, the group met consistently on the first Sunday of the month, the second or third Wednesday of the month, and on another date each month that varied according to the activity (typically Wednesday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday). Typical events included a shared meal (provided by sponsors, parents or volunteers), fellowship (prayer, sharing about our week), activities (ping pong, games), and/or hearing faith stories from other FMC members. Special events included bonding together during Church Retreat (Fall) and taking in a UI Women's basketball game (Spring). Youth and sponsors parked cars for 7 UI home football games and 1 home wrestling match.

In June 2016, Nicole, Nate, Lisa, and the youth went on a service trip to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp and completed physical labor projects as a service to the church camp. The sponsors led youth in service projects, reflection on the meaning of service, and faith formation activities.

- Isaac Schrock

LIBRARY

The library at FMC functions to support the Christian growth of our attendees and members. The focus of the collection is Anabaptist theology and works by Christian authors. Acquisitions are chosen that fulfill this and highlight the care of the earth, social justice, and equality for all peoples. In addition the library supports our Sunday School Classes and ongoing topics of concern. Toward these goals we have added 156 items since August 1st, 2015. The number includes: 23 CDs, 28 DVDs, and 10 audiobooks on CD. The circulation since August 1st, 2015 has been 554 books of which 131 were Shalom books for children. Non-print items circulated were: 39 music CDs, 2 audiobooks on CD, and 62 DVDs. This is an increase of 125 items or 29% from last year's annual report.

Items circulate for one month with a month grace period before contacting persons with the item. If an item is out for 6 months or more the library asks for a replacement copy. Evaluating the collection is an ongoing task. Items without historical or theological merit which have not circulated in 5 to 7 years are taken to Crowded Closet.

Our goal last year of concentrating on the non-print collection was achieved in the addition of 61 items versus the previous year's total of 13 non-print additions. This year our goal is to highlight the library collection for adults and children.

- Jill Miller and Ann Valenta, FMC Library Chairpersons

WORSHIP COMMISSION

The past year has been spent assisting with more than the usual worship service logistical details. We did the initial planning of the Advent and Lent services, including the Maundy Thursday service planned jointly with Gloria Villatoro of the Iglesia Menonita Torre Fuerte congregation. Since the year was filled with a number of personnel transitions, we called on more of the congregation to assist with services, and were grateful for our multi-talented congregation and the willingness to serve.

We also took care of "housekeeping" details:

- Set goals for the coming year
- Prepared a procedure for assisting with the communion elements
- Ordered additional hymnals to fill the gaps in the pew racks
- Approved a change in format for the Sunday bulletin
- Initiated planning for the October church retreat
- Circulated the worship volunteer sign-up survey
- Prepared worship volunteer schedule
- Received comments from intentional interim pastor Gordon regarding feedback he received on worship practices at FMC

Commission members for the past year were Kate Brenneman, Doris Bewley, Alana King Weaver, Stephanie Grossnickle-Batterton, Isaac Schrock, David Heusinkveld, Nancy Halder, with ex-officio members Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, Jim Grossnickle-Batterton, Gordon Scoville.

- Nancy Halder, chair

CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT

Over the past year I have sent six reports to *Mennonite World Review*, each covering two months of news about the life of our church family—births, deaths, weddings and baby dedications, milestone birthdays and peace knitters groups. Things like bake sales by the youth are not too small to include. I wrote about the sadness of another year passing since Pastor Max was snatched from his family. I share about our worship themes and visuals because I think our creativity may inspire other congregations to try something new.

As correspondent to Menno World Review, I receive the newsletter free and I really enjoy reading it. Would anyone else like my issues when I've finished reading them?

- Margalea Warner

FELLOWSHIP COMMISSION

Team Members:

- Fellowship Chairs: Sarah Kanagy Gingerich & Jennifer Yoder
- Correspondent: Margalea Warner
- Family Life Coordinator: Cindi Schrock
- Funeral Coordinator: Cheryne Yoder
- Greeter Coordinator: Doris Nafziger
- Church Photographer: Brenda Litwiller
- Food Committees:
 - Team A Food Committee: Mary & Arnold Christy, Phil Miller, and Lonnie Bartel
 - Team B Food Committee: Barb Freyenberger, Kari Clark, John & Linda Yutzky

The Fellowship Committee is, once again, grateful for a busy and fulfilling year! Sip N Chat, coordinated by Sarah Kanagy Gingerich, was hosted by many willing volunteers. Doris Nafziger arranged for greeters at both the upper and lower entrances. Cindi Schrock arranged for meals in homes for several members who experienced hospitalization, illness, death, and birth. There were three wedding showers hosted this year including: Nate Gingerich and Haley Riddle, Erin Yoder and Clayton Funk, and Brianna Rodriguez and Scott Rendin. Each couple was presented a book and card from the church and we were thrilled to celebrate their marriages, as well as the marriage of Mary Piper and Chuck Hendrickson. There were traditional baby showers for Amy and Jonathon Hershberger and Nathan and Grace Swartzendruber, and Sip & See showers for Matthew and Maya Yoder, and John and Julia Eicher.

The food committee was instrumental in the coordination of the meals at the All-Church Potlucks, and meals for funerals (Gloria Bontrager, Bob Summers, Mel Roth, and Betty Krabill). They also helped with refreshments for the Children's Christmas Program, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Service, lunches for Interim Pastor Gordon Scoville's all church meetings, meals and refreshments for the Christmas Breakfast, Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper, the Easter Breakfast, Graduation Sunday, the All-Church Picnic, and a farewell Sip & Chat for Gordon. Our committee also hosted a football tailgate party, game night, and a coffeehouse. The entire church pulled together to host 50 students and chaperones from Central Christian High School during the choir festival at IMS. Fellowship committee hosted a lunch for those same students, as well as a lunch for a choir from Hesston College.

The Fellowship Committee continues to strive to provide a variety of events for the congregation to choose from. We have obtained two church credit cards to make the purchasing of food and supplies for funerals, meals, and

events much simpler and more streamlined. We look forward to another wonderful year, and hope to continue to foster a sense of continuity and community through fellowship, during a time of transitional leadership in our church.

- Sarah Kanagy Gingerich and Jennifer Yoder, Co-Chairs

MISSION COMMISSION

We added the Dream Center of Southeast Iowa City as a mission partner and we became an organizational affiliate with the Center for Worker Justice of Southeast Iowa. We worked at reviewing and updating the list of mission partners and advocates, as well as updates to the “Missions: Across the Street and Around the World” pages on the FMC website and the “Local Mission Opportunities” document.

Michael Darby served for the year as a music instructor with MCC Salt in Bolivia.

Neera Ghising Tamang of Nepal served with MCC’s International Visitor Exchange Program as a volunteer in training at the Crowded Closet. Thanks to Neera for her excellent work and friendship among us and our community; and thanks to Carl and Donna Darby for their hospitality and care as hosts to Neera. We plan to continue our partnership with the Crowded Closet in participation with IVEP for the coming year. Ashisha Lal, a young woman from India plans to join us here and to live with Barb Freyenberger.

The Jr. MYF assisted in the assembly of 100 MCC School kits on September 6th and the congregation contributed \$1055 that was sent to MCC for more kits and shipping costs.

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

We continued in organizing financial, prayer, and emotional support and encouragement to the Iglesia Zoar mission in Mexico. East Union has joined with us and we hope for more partners to come. Jim Brenneman kept us informed from Texas, including his work as a volunteer with the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in McAllen in helping newly arriving families from south of the border.

Our Advent Giving Project was for the “Quito Property Fund” to help the Christian Anabaptist Mennonite Churches of Ecuador and the Quito Mennonite Church to own their own property. Our goal was to raise \$1000 from the FMC congregation for this fund. Contributions sent from FMC totaled \$3090. Thanks to the congregation for such generous giving.

FMC hosted the Martin Luther King, Jr interfaith service January 17th. We had good participation from many gifted representatives of local faith communities and a lot of help from the congregation.

In March, we began work on a proposal for FMC to add Max Villatoro to our pastoral staff in order to petition the U.S. government for a religious worker visa to return him to his work as pastor for Iglesia Torre Fuerte. The proposal was presented to the congregation in May for discussion and discernment. Following several congregational meetings for that purpose, a vote by the congregation was scheduled for August 21st. The vote passed with an 83% majority.

We connected with IC Compassion, located at the Nazarene Church in Iowa City, following an Immigration Conference held there in April and attended by Bryson Dean. Bryson has since volunteered in helping with English classes, and Jim Brenneman has received help with legal services and housing for a refugee family from El Salvador he connected with in Texas who are in search of asylum. Executive Director Teresa Stecker brought a Focus on Mission June 26th. We anticipate more collaboration with IC Compassion in the future.

273 pounds of food and household necessities were delivered to the Crisis Center Food Bank as a result of the generous contributions from FMC to the Thanksgiving in July Food Drive.

Thanks to Mission Commission members Jim Brenneman, Dennis Bricker, Bryson Dean, Jerry Partridge, Marty Stoltzfus, and Circe Stumbo. Thanks as well to the congregation for your steadfast and joyful support of the various and far-reaching mission, outreach, and service activities of so many among us, near and far.

- Tim Krabill, chair

TORRE FUERTE PARTNERSHIP

The Torre Fuerte Partnership began between six area Mennonite congregations as a three-year commitment in September of 2012 under the guidance of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. Upon its expiration last year, all six congregations renewed their commitments for another year which expired August 31, 2016. All six congregations have again renewed their commitments to the partnership for an additional year through August 31, 2017. 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 attending partnership meetings, to regularly participating in Torre Fuerte's worship life, and to providing prayer support to one another. The partnering congregations are also committed to supporting the Torre Fuerte congregation financially. FMC contributes \$500/month (\$6000 annually).

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, also attends the meetings. Our meeting agendas include reports of happenings in each of our congregations, noting that the partners are faithful 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.

Since the deportation of Pastor Max Villatoro in March of 2015, the Torre Fuerte congregation has suffered by the loss of Max's leadership. Pastor Gloria Villatoro has done a good job of guiding the congregation and helping them remain committed to one another by demonstrating her own commitment to them and by providing leadership for the worship, fellowship, and community life of the congregation. Several other members have joined with Gloria 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 20-25 people with a core group of four 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. They also support mission projects in Texas and Honduras.

In August, Enrique Mendoza, Maria Mendoza, and Gloria Villatoro were each awarded a Certificate of Completion for two years of study of Anabaptist and Mennonite history and theology, along with ministerial training through IBA (Instituto Biblico Anabatista), the Anabaptist Biblical Institute for Spanish-speakers administered through Mennonite Church USA. They may continue their study for another two years toward a diploma.

As partners, we will be united in prayer, worship, and work together for the growth and nurture of the Torre Fuerte congregation and for the return of Pastor Max.

- Tim Krabill, FMC representative to the Torre Fuerte Partnership

PEACE KNITTERS

This group of church and community members meets at FMC weekly to knit charity items for the UI Preemie project, World Vision's "Knit for Kids", and Ann Rubin's charity to Afghanistan, "afghans for Afghans". We use donated yarn from persons sharing from their abundance and from Crowded Closet, which supports local churches in their work. Many thanks for their help.

Since August 1st, 2015 we have sent:

- 125 knitted hats
- 15 children's sweaters
- 1 pair mittens
- 13 pairs socks for children
- 8 baby blankets
- 4 child sized blankets

As well we have knit 3 prayer shawls for our FMC pastors to share with our community here.

We welcome any and all to join us on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at the church. This is an effort to create peace through the work of our hands, directed to the life and good of the recipients.

■ Ann Valenta

TRUSTEES

Trustee members were Brenda Litwiller, Chair; Steve Litwiller, Ken Gingerich, Tim Schumacher, Nathan Detweiler, and Mike Cook.

Projects undertaken and completed included:

- Dismantling the storage area behind the elevator for safety concerns.
- Renovation of storage areas in the Fellowship area for Torre Forte and custodial usage.
- Painting of two offices after the pastors departed and before Gordon arrived.
- Removal of scrub shrubbery along Frank's fence.
- Filling the areas next to the driveway by the street with rock, donated by Marty Roth.
- Voted to allow Arnold Christie the authority to contact the necessary companies/persons for furnace and electrical issues.

Trustees did not meet regularly. When we did meet, we worked to resolve whatever issues were listed in the orange book in the office, which were mostly general church maintenance issues. Still on the agenda for discussion is the condition of the play area for the daycare. We plan to contact the daycare manager and determine what can be done about the overgrowth and general disrepair of this area as it looks to be rather unsafe for children.

■ Brenda Litwiller

CROOKED CREEK CHRISTIAN CAMP

Crooked Creek Christian Camp serves the spiritual development of children and adults in the Midwest by providing Christ-centered programs, excellent facilities and generous hospitality in a setting that celebrates God's creation.

Program –

“Rootin’ for Peace” was the summer camp theme focusing on John 14:27. The theme of peace was split into topics such as peace in relationships, peace in the world, peace with one’s self and peace with God and Christ. Age appropriate conversations encouraged children and youth to discover how each person can represent the peace of Christ. Attendance at summer youth camp programs this year was 374 people.

A new program, High School Retreat, was held in April 2016. The goal of the retreat was to provide an opportunity for youth to ask questions that focus on current cultural and societal influences and build on their faith in God and an understanding of the Bible.

Staff –

Year-round staff leaders include: Tim Friesen (Administrator), Julie Bontrager (Administrative Assistant), Brenda Jenkins (Food Service Manager), Megan Miller (Program Director), Gay Widmer (Facilities and Maintenance Director), and Gloria Widmer (Head Housekeeper). Recruiting male counselors for the summer was a significant challenge. Camp was blessed by having area pastors and other leaders serve as counselors for one to two weeks filling in the gaps. The strong support of the church community is a reason why Crooked Creek Christian Camp is a blessing to so many people. Many thanks from camp to those who served as counselors! Other summer staff included 19 young adults in high school or college representing 15 different schools.

Buildings and Grounds –

Crooked Creek is blessed to be a great place to enjoy creation! In July 2016, the entrance of camp became a construction site of a new building...the Welcome Center. The goal is to have the building enclosed by November 2016. Camp is grateful for the support of the community and the donors who have made this building possible.

Finances

The 2015 Fall Fundraiser included several projects. The Pavilion was outfitted with some new cabinets, LED lighting, an updated water softener and sidewalk replacement. Other projects included remodeling a bathroom in the director’s residence, a John Deere tractor and replacing several vacuums. Lower than anticipated expenses provided an opportunity to purchase LED lights for the Retreat Lodge.

This past year, more than 35 churches have come to camp for retreats. Camp also continues the great opportunity of hosting several leadership retreats for students of the University of Iowa. First time and returning guests comment on the beauty they enjoy while spending time at Crooked Creek.

On behalf of the camp staff and board of directors, thank you for your continued support of camp ministry. Our guests feel the blessing of Crooked Creek Christian Camp and your prayers, financial gifts and volunteer hours are much appreciated!

■ Tim Friesen, Director of CCCC

HOME TIES CHILD CARE CENTER

During the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year Home Ties served 117 children from 93 families. The families that attended Home Ties were referred to us from many places in our community: Shelter House, the Domestic Violence Intervention Program, and United Action for Youth, the Department of Human Services, the Crisis Center, Prelude, 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, broccoli, and strawberries. The outdoor green space provides the children with an area to develop and use their large motor skills. Having a green space is vital for these children as many of them do have the opportunity to enjoy such a place outside Home Ties.

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 staff and volunteers, 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 Joan Gredell, Interim Director and Afrika Beatty, Director

IOWA MENNONITE SCHOOL REPORT

Iowa Mennonite School is just another typical high school, right? Located among the cornfields and rolling hills of the Iowa countryside. Teachers teach and students learn, and in four years those students move on to the next stage of their lives.

But there's got to be something that sets IMS apart from other schools.

And if you spend a day on campus, I believe you will notice that difference. If you talk to Eli, Natalie, Nick, or Caleb, they'll probably tell you what distinguishes IMS from other schools.

This area is blessed with great schools, great academic environments. But over the past 29 years I have observed something different, something unique, about IMS:

- in calling teachers by their first names, it lends an atmosphere of comradery instead of a distinct hierarchy...yet the students do learn and respect the boundaries that such comradery may cause;
- the teachers and staff truly do care about each student;
- by attending chapel on a daily basis, students – and faculty – have intentional time to focus on their walk with God;
- by taking Bible courses, students learn to experience what it means to follow Christ...while struggling at times with their faithwalk;
- as a small school, living in relationship with one another through the ups and downs of being a “family” means relying on one another;
- the small-school feel provides a learning atmosphere conducive to forming bonds with one another;
- the numbers allow students to participate in multiple activities: drama, music, athletics, FFA, and much more...and not just focus on one aspect of life

Principal Steve Schrag completed his first year, and has shown his skills and gifts as a ‘people-person’: engaging students in the hallways, spending time in the classroom, and becoming immersed in the community.

Please continue to support IMS. For 71 years, lives have been impacted at this school. Relationships have developed, and more than 3,500 young lives have been shaped.

It will be no different in 2016-17. With your support, your involvement, your prayers ... IMS will continue to thrive.

Thank you for your role in the lives of these young people!

■ Larry Swartzendruber

BUILDING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY PROJECT

During the fiscal year 2015-2016, we continued to pay principal and interest on the loans for the Phase 1 and 2 Building Project (Home Ties and Fellowship Hall). On June 2, 2016, we paid the final installment of \$10,000 plus \$200 interest to our private lender. We reduced the principal on our bank loan to \$86,000. Contributions received to-date for the entire project: \$933,873 of which \$67,530 was received during the 15/16 year. Our checking account current balance is \$750 and is used for automatic monthly loan interest payments of approximately \$320.

We are asking the congregation to remember our goal of having the bank loan paid off in Dec 2017 when it comes up for renewal. Thank you to so many of you who have kept the building fund in mind when making donations and memorial gifts.

- Submitted by Carol Miller, Treasurer

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

The commission this past year included John Spitzer, Julia Bartel, Dawn Krabill, Teri Roth, 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.

Once again First Mennonite has demonstrated amazing generosity. Thank you for your generous giving. The General Fund ended with a balance of \$5,392. Total Income to the General Fund was \$435,628 down just under \$22,000 from last year with total expenses of \$430,410. A summary of how our giving was shared includes:

Church-wide Missions	\$90,737
Community Missions	\$120,830
Home Missions	\$163,330
Congregational Ministries	\$21,632
Maint. & Improvements	\$35,079

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. Meeting our Spending Plan goal during this time of transition is an indication of the generosity of our congregation. Thank you.

- Steve Ropp, Chair

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH OF IOWA CITY
 TREASURER'S REPORT
 September 1, 2015, to August 31, 2016
 Reconciliation of Fund Balances to Cash Balances

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Balance</u> 09/01/2015	<u>Income</u> 09/01/-8/31/16	<u>Disbursements</u> 09/01/-8/31/16	<u>Fund Transfers</u> 09/01/-8/31/16	<u>Balance</u> 08/31/2016
Unrestricted Funds					
General	\$ 174.27	\$ 426,501.99	\$ 430,410.27	\$9,126.06	5,392.05
Temporarily Restricted Funds					
Blake Shelton	-	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	-	-
Community Compassion	91.00	10,975.00	8,422.21	-	2,643.79
Concession	-	1,938.00	-	-	1,938.00
CPMC - Villatoro Support	799.51	-	-	-	799.51
CPMC - Operating Fund	-	1,250.00	1,250.00	-	-
CPMC - Quito Property	-	3,090.00	3,090.00	-	-
Ecuador Project	-	250.00	250.00	-	-
Facility/Grounds	-	857.00	-	-	857.00
FMC Football Parking	28,173.00	57,644.00	12,931.43	(43,645.35)	29,240.22
Hobert Yoder Student	40,500.00	-	5,000.00	-	35,500.00
Honduras Playground	-	497.00	497.00	-	-
IMS Tuition	1,210.36	-	1,210.36	-	-
Iglesia Zoar	21,061.00	12,850.00	26,725.00	1,197.76	8,383.76
IMS Mendoza	-	50.00	50.00	-	-
India Churches	1,200.00	1,250.00	1,200.00	-	1,250.00
Kempf, Orpha Estate	-	27,387.65	2,210.25	-	25,177.40
Love Gift	-	750.00	750.00	-	-
Memorials	2,490.00	1,995.00	-	-	4,485.00
Mennonite Women Quilters	495.49	-	-	-	495.49
MCC School Kits	-	1,055.00	1,055.00	-	-
MMN - Quito, Alyssa R	1,357.51	-	550.00	-	807.51
Mutual Aid	863.80	9,625.00	7,671.14	-	2,817.66
Parking Lot	2,479.74	13,590.97	5,567.00	-	10,503.71
Pipe Organ	144.66	-	-	-	144.66
Primary Sunday School	3.00	-	-	-	3.00
Student Scholarship	84,331.86	-	10,850.00	33,321.53	106,803.39
Ted Swartz & Co	1,215.00	3,583.00	4,798.00	-	-
Vacation Bible School	171.52	448.65	620.17	-	-
Total Temp.Rest.	186,587.45	149,086.27	94,697.56	(9,126.06)	231,850.10
Permanently Restricted Funds					
Twila S Wenger Memorial	18,883.03	531.24	-	-	19,414.27
Total Funds	\$205,644.75	\$576,119.50	\$525,107.83	\$0.00	\$256,656.42

Ministries of First Mennonite Church of Iowa City

Ministries	2015-2016 Spending Plan	2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Proposed	Change from This Year's Actual	% Change From Actual
Churchwide Missions					
Mennonite Church USA	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00	\$0.00	0.0%
MMN (as needed)	\$26,400.00	\$26,400.00	\$26,400.00	\$0.00	0.0%
MMN (Robin Gingerich Support)	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Health Ins. for Robin Gingerich	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	0.0%
International Visitor Exchange	\$4,260.00	\$4,125.00	\$3,960.00	(\$165.00)	-4.0%
Mennonite Education Agency	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Seminaries	\$2,570.00	\$2,570.00	\$2,570.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Colleges	\$6,425.00	\$6,425.00	\$6,425.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Third Way	\$1,000.00	\$999.96	\$1,000.00	\$0.04	0.0%
Menn. Central Committee	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Central Plains Menn Conference	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
CPMC: designated "Join Hands"	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Christian Peacemaker Teams	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Peace & Justice Support Network	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Corinthian Plan Mutual Aid	<u>\$11,350.00</u>	\$3,467.28	<u>\$8,500.00</u>	<u>\$5,032.72</u>	145.1%
Total Churchwide Missions	\$98,755.00	\$90,737.24	\$95,605.00	\$4,867.76	5.4%
Community Missions					
Torre Fuerte	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Crooked Creek Christian Camp	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Ecumenical Consultation Dues	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Shelter House	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Free Lunch Program	\$500.00	\$169.29	\$500.00	\$330.71	195.4%
InterVarsity - Univ. of Iowa	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Iowa City Crisis Center	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Iowa Mennonite School	\$102,189.00	\$102,261.43	\$96,451.00	(\$5,810.43)	-5.7%
<i>IMS tuition fund (not from Gen. Fd)</i>	<i>\$1,250.00</i>	<i>\$1,177.57</i>			0.0%
Mission and Social Concerns	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Mission/Service Grants	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	#DIV/0!
Dream Center SE IC	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Pleasantview Home	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Peace Forum	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)	-100.0%
PEACE Iowa	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Grief Care	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	#DIV/0!
Iglesia Zoar	-	\$0.00	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	#DIV/0!
Total Community Missions	\$123,339.00	\$120,830.72	\$118,101.00	(\$2,729.72)	-2.3%
Home Missions					
Pastor-Salary	\$68,659.00	\$60,928.21	\$35,111.00	(\$25,817.21)	-42.4%
Benefits	\$15,696.00	\$14,360.00	\$9,300.00	(\$5,060.00)	-35.2%
Continuing Education	\$1,200.00	\$740.46	\$900.00	\$159.54	21.5%
Pastor-Salary - Karla	\$30,568.00	\$30,568.07	\$24,744.00	(\$5,824.07)	-19.1%
Benefits	\$10,294.00	\$9,149.96	\$10,994.00	\$1,844.04	20.2%
Continuing Education	\$800.00	\$303.67	\$800.00	\$496.33	163.4%
Interim Pastor	\$12,500.00	\$19,976.06	\$14,000.00	(\$5,976.06)	-298.8%
Secretary -Salary	\$15,000.00	\$15,206.14	\$15,000.00	(\$206.14)	-20.5%
Benefits	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Financial Administration	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%

Payroll Taxes	\$1,500.00	\$1,006.17	\$1,500.00	\$493.83	100.7%
Office Supplies	\$6,000.00	\$5,488.44	\$5,000.00	(\$488.44)	#DIV/0!
Staff Expenses	\$6,000.00	\$1,612.20	\$4,000.00	\$2,387.80	1.5%
Computer Support	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$490.40</u>	\$840.00	\$349.60	#DIV/0!
Ministry in Training	-				
Total Home Missions	\$173,217.00	\$163,329.78	\$125,689.00	(\$37,640.78)	-23.0%

Congregational Ministries

Christian Education Comm.	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,137.97	\$ 9,000.00	\$862.03	10.6%
Young Adult Ministry	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 846.62	\$ 1,000.00	\$153.38	18.1%
Kids Who Care	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Library	\$ 600.00	\$ 547.55	\$ 600.00	\$52.45	9.6%
Junior MYF	\$ 800.00	\$ 524.69	\$ 800.00	\$275.31	52.5%
Mentor Program	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
CPMC Delegate Fees	\$ 600.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 650.00	(\$150.00)	-18.8%
Worship Commission	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,604.32	\$ 2,700.00	\$95.68	3.7%
Choir	\$ 250.00	\$ 475.45	\$ 250.00	(\$225.45)	-47.4%
Speaker Honorariums	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 235.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$1,565.00	666.0%
Child Care	\$ 150.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 150.00	\$110.00	275.0%
Church Retreat	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,340.20	\$ 1,500.00	\$159.80	11.9%
Elder Commission	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 1,693.79	\$ 2,500.00	\$806.21	47.6%
Wellness Committee	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 189.00	\$ 500.00	\$311.00	164.6%
Family Life	\$ 200.00	\$ 183.23	\$ 200.00	\$16.77	9.2%
Flowers	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,898.41	\$ 1,500.00	(\$398.41)	-21.0%
Sip & Chat	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 950.11	\$ 1,150.00	\$199.89	21.0%
Food Committee	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,165.44	\$ 2,000.00	\$834.56	71.6%
Stewardship Commission	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	0.0%
Total Congregational Ministries	\$ 29,450.00	\$ 21,631.78	\$ 26,300.00	\$4,668.22	21.6%

Maintenance & Improvements

Building Maintenance	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 14,548.18	\$ 16,000.00	\$1,451.82	10.0%
Utilities	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 12,670.66	\$ 14,500.00	\$1,829.34	14.4%
Capital Improvements	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 832.69	\$ 18,000.00	\$17,167.31	2061.7%
Building Insurance	<u>\$ 7,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,026.98</u>	<u>\$ 7,500.00</u>	<u>\$473.02</u>	6.7%
Tot. Maintenance & Improvements.	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 35,078.51	\$ 56,000.00	\$20,921.49	59.6%

FMC Spending Plan Total

FMC Spending Plan Total	\$ 480,761.00	\$ 431,608.03	\$ 421,695.00	(\$9,913.03)	-2.3%
General Fund Tithe (10%)	\$6,200.00	\$5,161.91	\$5,500.00	\$338.09	6.5%
Youth Convention Scholarships	\$0.00		\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	#DIV/0!
Youth Convention: Orlando	\$0.00		\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	#DIV/0!
Conference Youth Activities	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	#DIV/0!
Crooked Creek Winter Camp				\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Youth Leadership	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	#DIV/0!
MYF Programming	\$2,500.00	\$652.26	\$2,000.00	\$1,347.74	206.6%
Local Mission/Service (10%)	\$6,200.00	\$5,161.91	\$5,500.00	\$338.09	6.5%
Service Trip	\$15,000.00	\$7,321.51		(\$7,321.51)	-100.0%
Football Parking Expense	\$5,000.00	\$4,957.66	\$5,000.00	\$42.34	0.9%
FMC Scholarship Fund	\$25,100.00	\$33,321.53	\$7,500.00	(\$25,821.53)	-77.5%
MYF Spending Plan Total	\$62,000.00	\$56,576.78	\$55,000.00	(\$1,576.78)	-2.8%

MEMBERSHIP LISTING

Barkey, Doug
Bartel, Amanda
Bartel, Hannah
Bartel, Julia
Bartel, Lonnie
Bewley, Lloyd
Bewley, Doris
Birkett, Clay
Bishop, Johanna Bontrager
Bixler, John
Bixler, Peter
Bontrager, Aaron
Bontrager, Dan
Bowers, Mary Lou
Bowers, Paul
Bowman, Bernie
Bowman, Carol
Bowman, John
Brenneman, Dianne
Brenneman, Ervin
Brenneman, Jerry
Brenneman, Jim
Brenneman, Kate
Brenneman, Kristin
Brenneman, Michael
Brenneman, Norma
Brenneman, Orval
Brenneman, Peter
Brenneman Graber, Ruth
Brenneman, Sara
Brenneman, Benjamin
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)
Conley, Libby
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 (Ropp)
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
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, Abby
Gingrich, Patty
Gingrich, Rebecca
Gingrich, Roger

Glick, Orpha
Graber, Galen
Graber, Natalie
Halder, John
Halder, Nancy
Heaton, Jane
Hendrickson, Mary
Hershberger, Amy Miller
Heuskinkveld, David
Heuskinkveld, Molly
Hochstetler, Bill
Hochstetler, Dave
Hochstetler, Jan
Hochstetler, Jennifer
Hochstetler, Lores
Hochstetler, Orlin
Hochstetler, Rosie
Hooley, Emily
Hornick, Doug
Hornick, Leigh
Hostetler, Colette
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, 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, 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, Nathan
Piper, Sarah
Plank, Emily
Plank, Ezra
Ray, Beth
Ray, Mac

Reschly, Erica
Rochford, Linea Bartel
Rodriguez, Alyssa
Rodriquez, Augie
Rodriguez, Elvia
Ropp, Jason
Ropp, Kathy
Ropp, Matt
Ropp, Steve
Rose, Marilyn
Roth, Alice
Roth, Dan
Roth, Denise
Roth, Jay
Roth, Marty
Roth, Selina
Roth, Shelby
Roth, Teresa
Roth, Tiffany
Row-Heyveld, Lindsey
Row-Heyveld, Zach
Rumsey, Christine
Rumsey, Eric
Rumsey, Hannah
Schneider, Bill
Schneider, Jean
Schrock, Isaac
Schrock, Lisa
Schneider, Morgan
Schrock, Cindi
Schrock, Rachel
Schrock, Roger
Schwabbauer, Marian
Schweitzer, Ken
Si, Sara Li Xiou
Sickles, Dave
Sherwood, Elizabeth
Sherwood, Steve
Showalter, Chad
Showalter, Sarah
Smith, Bob
Smith, Heather
Smith, Isaac
Smith, Jesse
Smith, Mag Richer
Smith, Todd
Snyder, John
Stalter, Elliot
Stalter, Elspeth
Stalter, Kristine
Stalter, Tim
Stevens, Sandra
Stoltzfus, Charlotte

Stoltzfus, Marty
Stutzman, Alex
Stutzman, Shirley
Stutzman, Sonja
Stutzman, Stan
Summers, Edith
Summers, Rachel
Swantz, Junell
Swartzendruber, Connie
Swartzendruber, Larry
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, Maya Kehr
Yoder, Matthew
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, Mekdes

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

Marriages	3
Mary Piper & Chuck Hendrickson	4/15/16
Brianna Rodriguez & Scott Rending	5/29/16
Erin Yoder & Clayton Funk	7/23/16
Births	7
Frances Ellen Gingerich	9/28/15
Lois Pearl Byler	11/7/15
Everett Brennan Wenger	11/8/15
Colette Unalea Eicher	11/14/15
Mahala Jubilee Stoltzfus Detweiler	2/4/16
Avery Ann Hershberger	5/5/2016
Abram Daniel Kehr-Yoder	5/30/16
Deaths	5
Robert Summers	10/11/15
Gloria Bontrager	12/6/15
Mel Roth	3/9/16
Ed Heusinkveld	4/ 21/16
Betty Krabill	8/21/16
Members Gained by Baptism	0
Membership Gained by Confession of Faith	0
Membership Gained by Transfer of Letter	
Libby Conley	6-30-16
Membership Gained by Transfer of Associate Member to Member	0
Membership Losses by Transfer of Letter	5
Michael Swartzendruber	3/8/2016
Hannah Schrock Leaman	3/10/16
Charlotte Shristi	4/5/16
Micah Shristi	4/5/16
Justin Hochstetler	5/20/16
Members as of 8-31-2015	361
Additions	1
Withdrawals/Death	10
Membership as of 8-31-2016	329
Associate Membership	23

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