

Sam and Maryann Yoder Installed as Overseers of Beaver Run

Sam and Maryann Yoder, members of University Mennonite Church in State College, Pennsylvania, were installed by Allegheny Mennonite Conference minister Kurt Horst as overseers of Beaver Run Mennonite Church on January 21, 2007. The Beaver Run congregation, which celebrated its 50th year in 2003, has been a member of Allegheny Conference since 2005. The church is located just outside Limestoneville, Pennsylvania.

Prior to the installation service, a licensing service was held for Maryann at University Mennonite Church in December. Russ Eanes, overseer of University Mennonite, presided over the service, which provided Maryann with the necessary credentials to serve as Beaver Run overseer along with Sam, who is an ordained minister.

Lisa McMannus, congregational chair at Beaver Run, says the congregation welcomes Sam and Maryann and looks forward to their new relationship. "We feel that now we have a direct connection with the conference," she says.

Says Maryann, "For Sam and me to serve as overseers at Beaver Run is an opportunity to walk alongside another part of Christ's body

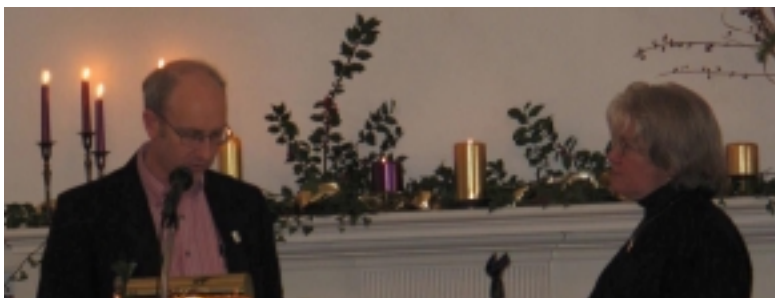
and to extend His grace in a way that demonstrates concern, compassion, and love. Our mission is just that: relate to God and then to everyone around us with compassion and love."

The journey toward becoming an overseer has been an interesting one for Maryann. While she has used her leadership gifts in the church for many years, she didn't sense a clear call to the ministry until January 2006, when the Allegheny Mennonite Conference Leadership Commission told her they'd like to appoint her to serve as overseer and asked if she would consider acquiring the necessary credentials. "Becoming a minister seemed too outrageous to even consider," she says, "but since I believe in a God who's in the business of doing outrageous things . . . here I am! For me it's just another step in this interesting journey we call life." —*Krista Weidner, University*



Above: Sam and Mary Yoder listen as Kurt Horst leads them through the service to install them as overseers for Beaver Run Mennonite Church.

Below left: Maryann Yoder is licensed by Russ Eanes.



9th TriState Relief Sale July 20 – 21, 2007

New this year: Vintage Quilt Evaluations & Vintage Quilt Sales

With a successful Vintage Quilt & Tea held on July 10 of 2007, TriState is planning on a repeat of the Vintage Quilt “Road Show” to be held Friday evening and Saturday July 20 & 21 during the TriState Relief Sale. Discover what you always wanted to know about your quilt but didn’t ask! Bring your quilt or vintage textile items that you would like to learn more about. A Quilt Historian from Lancaster Quilt Museum and a Textile Expert, trained at Williamsburg and Quilt Historian for 3 states, will be on hand to help date, identify and provide textile information.

Also, a number of vintage quilts have been donated and will be sold during the quilt auction on Saturday. Included in this sale will be an 1835 appliquéd quilt. Help pass the word to quilt collectors. If you have vintage quilts or textile items in medium condition that do not have personal significance, perhaps you would consider donating these to the TriState Vintage Quilt Auction. Photos of these quilts and other items to be sold will be available for viewing prior to the event on www.tristatesale.org.

We will again have available autographed NFL footballs by Dan Kreider and Jeff

Hostetler. The Silent Auction is seeking donations of unique, one-of-a-kind items and the Market Place is telling us that now is the time to be preparing your plants. Groups are needed to host food booths and help with children’s activities. Won’t your group consider this worthwhile activity? We need all of you to make this year’s sale a success—crafts, wood items, quilts and helping hands. Call (814) 445-6945 for more information.

A workday will be held at the Springs Mennonite Church in Springs, Pa., on Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. There will be work for quilters, knotters, sewing of kit bags, and projects for the men. Bring a covered dish and join in the fun. Call the above number for more information. Reminder, to promote your quilt and wall hanging to its best advantage, please submit quilts by May 30, 2007.—*Harriet Berg, Springs*



Above, L.to R.: Karin Miller, Grantsville, Md., Martha Bender, Meyersdale, Pa., Barb Bruehl, Springs, Pa., and Barb Garrett, Pottstown, Pa., evaluating a vintage quilt in 2006.

Penny Power

Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Romans 12:11

You do not have to be physically fit and go to a personal trainer to be ardent in spirit and to serve the Lord! You can be dropping your small change into a container and sending it to the TriState Relief Sale on July 20-21, 2007 to help support food projects through the Penny Power campaign.

Since 1946, the Mennonite Central Committee’s meat canner went on the road and has been rolling ever since. One of the current crew members is John Hillegass, Jerome, Pa., of the Kaufman Mennonite Church. Tim Friesen, MCC canning coordinator, thanks the communities and crew for their support “They are working to feed the hungry as Jesus taught. They are able to do the basic thing the Gospel calls us to do.” Last year, more than 1 million pounds of meat, in-

cluding turkey, beef and pork, were shipped to people in 21 countries.

In a Harlan, Kentucky soup kitchen and emergency homeless shelter, canned turkey is cooked into turkey pot pies or served hot with barbecue sauce on sandwiches. It is providing a nutrient that is very rare in soup kitchens. Many elderly folks would not be able to buy their medicines if they did not get their meals from the center.

—*Harriet Berg, Springs*

Below: John Hillegass, (Kaufman) left, is part of the 2007 Meat Canning Crew.



Allegheny Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting

The 132nd Annual Conference of Allegheny Mennonite Conference will be held on August 3-5, 2007 at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Mt. Pleasant, Pa. Our theme is "Celebrations and Dreams" with our representing agency being Mennonite Mission Network. Our speakers during worship times are: Stanley Green on Friday and Saturday evenings and Carl Geissinger on Sunday morning. There will be seminars, worship

times, and reporting times for adults in which babysitting will be provided for children under 3 (not available over meals and free time). There will be separate activities planned for children, junior high and youth, so be sure to mark their ages on the registration form. Meal registration is a must and a reminder that Friday evening meal is NOT included in the meal package. Make your plans now to attend and Celebrate!

Hartzler New Mennonite Financial President



W. Kent Hartzler

A former member of Allegheny Mennonite Conference has been named president and CEO of Mennonite Financial Federal Credit Union. W. Kent Hartzler of Manheim, Pa., has been chosen by the credit union's board of directors to succeed Larry Miller, who left Dec. 31, 2006, to become president of Mennonite Mutual Aid.

Hartzler has been with Mennonite Financial for nine years, most recently serving as vice-president for lending and business development. Previously he was the credit union's director of marketing.

"Kent is deeply committed to the church and the values we have as Anabaptists," said Carl Litwiller, president of the board of directors, in announcing Hartzler's appointment. "He relates well to people, and, in today's financial arena, at the end of the day, it's all about relationships. Kent brings a high level of communication skills to this position, and he can quickly build trust in those relationships."

"I'm committed to bringing passion and energy in honoring our organization's past and in shaping its future," Hartzler said to Mennonite Financial's 43-member staff following his appointment. Mennonite Financial has always been creative and cutting-edge, a credit union of big dreamers. That will continue in our future."

Originally from Belleville, Hartzler and his wife, Stephanie, lived in Scottdale for several years prior to moving to Lancaster. They are the parents of three daughters and members of Mountville Mennonite Church.

Hartzler's appointment comes at the conclusion of another year of growth for Mennonite Financial. The credit union ended 2006 with more than \$77.8 million in assets, a 7 percent growth over the previous year. Membership grew by 8 percent in 2006 for a total of 9,424.

Much of this growth can be attributed to new developments in two branch offices. In 2006, Mennonite Financial had its first full year of operation in Sarasota, Fla. During the past year, the credit union also built and opened a new office in Kidron, Ohio; in the first six months in this new building, more than 100 new members joined Mennonite Financial.

"But we are more than numbers," Hartzler says. "Mennonite Financial is committed to providing Mennonites, Amish, Brethren in Christ, and other Anabaptists throughout the United States ways to express mutual aid and care for each other within the context of a contemporary financial institution. To do this we need to operate in ways unimaginable to other financial organizations.

One new way the credit union developed in 2006 was what it calls "Jubilee dividends." Mennonite Financial has tiered its deposit rate structure to pay the highest rate on the first \$500 of savings. "This is upside down banking," Hartzler says. "But we do it because we want to encourage the small saver with little resources and because our members can help each other in this way."

Another way the credit union attempts to help members express faith values is through its rebate for mission program. Mennonite Financial tithes 10 percent of the interchange income it makes from its credit card program and gives this money to Anabaptist church and mission programs. This tithe, totaling more than \$21,000, went to 16 different charities in 2006, many of them in the seven communities in which the credit union has branch offices.

"Mennonite Financial's goal is not to become a huge financial institution," says Hartzler. "Rather, our goal is to help our members express faith values through their everyday financial transactions."

Mennonite Financial is chartered to serve members and employees of Anabaptist-related churches throughout the United States. Its headquarters are in Lancaster, Pa., with branch offices in Ephrata, Belleville, and Scottdale, Pa.; Kidron, Ohio; and Sarasota, Fla. The credit union also offers online banking services for members throughout the world at www.mennonitefinancial.com.

ALLEGHENY MENNONITE CONFERENCE: REGISTRATION FORM
132nd ANNUAL MEETING—August 3-5, 2007

NAME: _____ **CONGREGATION/AGENCY:** _____
ADDRESS: _____ **PHONE:** _____
(NO phone reservations. Please note: the conference office will close at 2:00 p.m. Wed., Aug. 1, until after this event.)

List everyone's name (for NAMETAG purposes) and the ages of children (for better planning of children's activities)

Name of those attending	Children's ages	Name of those attending	Children's ages
1.		4.	
2.		5.	
3.		6.	

YOUTH REGISTRATION (completed grade 9-grade 12) (staying in the Lodge, remember to bring your own linens)

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____
 Total Cost \$75.00 (which includes meals, lodging, and conference fee) **Total youth** \$ _____

CONFERENCE FEE

Whether registering for all or any part of conference: the fee is \$5.00 per person and \$2.50 per child ages 3-11.

Number of adults _____ x \$5.00 = _____
 Number of children (ages 3-11) _____ x \$2.50 = _____

Total Conference Fee \$ _____

LODGING (The rooms/sites are charged with one/two persons per room per night: for each additional adult it will be \$10 per person per night. For children up to age 11, lodging is free.)

Rates per night are: Solarhouse/Guesthouse \$92 Cottage room \$72 (Linens are not provided for the cottages)
 Camp Site with hookups (water/electric/sewer) \$22 Camping site without hookups \$15

Indicate lodging preference _____
 Check which night/nights you need lodging: Friday _____ Saturday _____

Lodging requests will be on a first come, first serve basis.

of nights _____ X rate _____ = **Total Lodging** \$ _____

MEALS must be PRE-REGISTERED for by JULY 16 (Children 2 and under are free)

Meal Packages (Saturday brunch through Sunday noon- does NOT include Friday evening)

# of people	cost	total
3-11 year _____	x \$14.00	_____
12-yrs-adult _____	x \$28.00	_____

Total Cost of Packages \$ _____

Individual meals

MEALS:	3-11 YRS.	12-ADULTS
Friday dinner	_____	_____
Sat. Brunch	_____	_____
Sat. Dinner	_____	_____
Sun. Breakfast	_____	_____
Sun. Lunch	_____	_____

(not included in pkg.)

MAIL TO:
 Allegheny Mennonite Conference
 PO Box 12
 Somerset, PA 15501

Individual meals are: \$8.50 per adult and \$4.25 per child per meal with the exception of Sunday Breakfast which is \$6.25 per adult/\$3.00 per child.

All meals must be paid upon registration or upon check-in.

ALL MEALS NEED TO BE REGISTERED BY JULY 16 with no refunds

TOTALS	Conference Fee	Youth	Lodging/ Camp Site	Meals	Grand Total	Deposit (please pay at least 1/4 of total)	Balance Due

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 16. Any registrations postmarked after July 16 will be charged a \$15 (per person) or \$30 (per family) late fee with no meals available!

Two NEW Releases From Herald Press

Check out our web site at www.heraldpress.com for additional information on these books as well as other Herald Press titles.

Psalms* by James H. Waltner** (part of the ***Believers Church Bible Commentary Series)

The influence of Psalms is immense, both in terms of the worship of God's people and in the spiritual experience of countless individuals. James H. Waltner aims to help readers find their way through Psalms, encounter God, and be led into obedience and praise.

"Waltner's commentary provides a rich treasury of resources for preachers and teachers of Psalms. He expounds and interprets each Psalm with warmth and spiritual depth, yet in a straightforward, clear and crisp style. With great care, Waltner sets the Psalms in their canonical con-

text and in the context of the life of the church. This is a resource of immeasurable worth to serious students of the Bible and to those seeking spiritual direction from Psalms." —*Helmut Harder, Canadian Mennonite University*

About the Author . . . James H. Waltner served as a pastor for 38 years in Mennonite congregations in Kansas, California, Illinois, and Indiana. With specific interests in biblical studies, he has taught courses in the Psalms at Bethel College, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Sunday school classes, and Bible lectures.

***Countryside Cooking & Chatting: Traditional Recipes and Wisdom from the Amish and Mennonites* by Lucy Leid**

Lucy Leid brings you the best of traditional recipes from Old Order Amish and Mennonite kitchens from across the United States and Canada—along with some charming folk wisdom.

During 2003, readers of the Plain People's weekly newspaper, *Die Botschaft*, were invited to share favorite and tried-and-true recipes for a new North American Old Order cookbook. In addition, Old Order cooks share an interesting story to go with the recipe: something amusing or interesting that happened while preparing it (or serving it) or how they got the recipe. Some share why they like a recipe or tell about their family or farm where the recipes have its origins or use. Included here is a collection of close

to 400 recipes along with stories and wisdom.

Recipes include Favorite Breakfast Casserole, Honey Oatmeal Bread, Little Spatzlein, Sausage Zucchini Bake, Grandmother's Spaghetti Soup, Bread and Butter Pickles, Yoder's Eight Minute Cheesecake, Black Midnight Cake, Chocolate Whoopie Pies, Pretzel and Chip Dip, and Kitchen Made Apple Butter. Wisdom includes *My Recipes for Losing Weight and Keeping It Off*, *Recipe for a Blessed Life*, *Grandma's Pies*, *Friendship is a Shining Gift*, and *Recipe for a Happy Marriage*.

About the Author . . . Lucy Leid lives among the Amish and Old Order Mennonites in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Conference Calendar ▼

March 16-18

Junior High Retreat
grades 6-8,
at Laurelville,
Speakers: Jason &
Lori Lichti

March 27

Pastors Meeting
at Bedford, Pa.

April 3

Deadline May/June
issue *ACNews*

April 21

TriState Relief Sale
Workday at Springs
Mennonite church,
9:00-3:00

April 23-26

Pastors Bible Study
at Laurelville

May 29

Deadline July-Aug.
issue *ACNews*

July 2-7

National Youth
Convention, Biennial
Convention and
Delegate Assembly,
San Jose, California

July 16

Registrations due for
AMC Annual Meeting

July 20-21

TriState Relief Sale,
McHenry, Md.

July 31

Deadline Sept./Oct.
issue *ACNews*

August 3-5

Summer Conference
at Laurelville

New Youth Ministry Resource

In January 2007 Mennonite Mission Network launched *Relate: A Christian Service Newsletter*, an Anabaptist youth ministry resource for pastors, sponsors and lay leaders working with youth and young adults from middle school through college. You can receive this free HTML newsletter every other month. See a preview and sign up online at Service.MennoniteMission.net/Relate.

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