

Fall 2018 New Minister Introductions

Ron Adams

Position & Location: Lead Pastor, Landisville Mennonite

Date of Ordination/Installation: Installation date was March 1, 2018 (I was ordained in 1999)

Family: Spouse Marilou, two adult sons and a daughter-in-law

Education: M.Div., Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (1985); D. Min., Lancaster Theological Seminary (2011)

Hobbies: Reading, walking, time with family and friends

Life Bible verse: Romans 8: 38-39

A recent joy: We just got a puppy!

A challenge ahead: We just got a puppy!



Judith Bohlen

Position & Location: Chaplain Associate II, Lancaster General Hospital

Family: Husband Jeff. 3 young adult sons

Education: Lancaster Mennonite High School, Alvernia College: Registered nurse, Lay Leadership Certificate: Lancaster Theological Seminary, Clinical Pastoral Education: Hershey Medical Center and Lancaster General Hospital

Hobbies: Hiking, nature, reading, connecting with friends

Life Bible Verse: "You shall know the truth and the truth will make you free." John 8:32

A recent joy: Cleaning and getting rid of 100 unnecessary items from our garage.

A challenge ahead: Decluttering the rest of our house.



Lowell Gerber

Position & Location: work part time at the Mennonite Information Center, Lancaster, PA

Date of Ordination/Installation: July, 1982 at Abbotsford, British Columbia, ordination now retired

Family: wife Lois, step daughter Kris and her husband Kirk Shank Zehr. Their children are Adrian and Sophie (our grandchildren), step sons, Karl and Michael Shank

Education: BA in Elem. Ed. From Goshen College, MA in Elem. Ed. from University of Akron, Master of Divinity from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, four units of Clinical Pastoral Education

Hobbies: reading, traveling, gardening, photography

Life Bible verse: Micah 6:8

A recent joy: one week family vacation in August at Nags Head in the Outer Banks, North Carolina

A challenge ahead: to downsize as I age



Nina Kaufman Harnish

Position & Location: Minister of Care and Visitation @ Forest Hills Mennonite Church, Leola

Date of Ordination/Installation: 9/9/18

Family: Husband: Craig Harnish, Children: Caleb (24), Adam (22), Mary (19), Isaac (16)

Education: BA Food and Nutrition @ Goshen College, Registered Dietitian @ UVA

Hobbies: Hiking, reading, spending time with friends and family

Life Bible Verse: Matthew 22:37-39

A recent joy: Celebrating various milestones of my children

A challenge ahead: Our beloved church administrator is retiring!



Robert Kanagy

New Position: Co Pastor, Ridgeview Mennonite Church

Date of Ordination/Installation: October 21st

Family: Wife Audrey Kanagy, three sons, Josiah (19), Jesse (16), Ethan (13)

Education: Camping, Recreation and Youth Ministries (B.S.), School Counseling (Masters), Ministry Leadership Certificate, EMS

Hobbies: Helping others, working with my hands

Life verse: Micah 6:6-8

A recent joy: Taking my oldest son for his first year of college.

A challenge ahead: Navigating a variety of transitions in our family.



Name: Audrey Kanagy

New Position: Co Pastor, Ridgeview Mennonite Church

Date of Ordination/Installation: October 21st

Family: Husband Robert, three sons, Josiah (19), Jesse (16), Ethan (13)

Education: Audrey - BS in Elementary Education, Masters in Arts and Religion (EMS)

Hobbies: Audrey - visual art of many kinds, adventures in nature and reading

Life verse: John 21:15-17

A recent joy: Seeing my sons thrive in a variety of situations and overcome challenges

A challenge ahead: navigate a variety of transitions in our family.



New Minister Name: Amy Yoder McGloughlin

Position & Location: Pastor, Frazer Mennonite Church

Date of Ordination/Installation: Ordination, May 2014, Installation at Frazer Mennonite: September 30, 2018

Family: Partner: Charles; Children: Willem (17); Reba (14)

Education: Eastern University (1994); Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (2010)

Hobbies: Travel, Reading books about Jesus; critical analysis of popular media; gardening

Life Bible verse: Mark 5: 1-20

A recent joy: Leading a Christian Peacemaker Teams delegation to the West Bank

A challenge ahead: Ministry in a new context (that also counts as a joy!)



Karen Sensenig

Date of Ordination: I was ordained on August 19, 2012 (installed in 2007, before women could be ordained in LMC) at Habecker Mennonite Church, where I served as sole pastor during the time we welcomed 150+ Karen refugees into services, activities and leadership. I became a member at Laurel Street Mennonite Church in July, 2018, and work as a chaplain in the Penn Medicine and WellSpan Health systems. My ordination credentials were recently transferred from Lancaster Mennonite Conference to Atlantic Coast Conference.

Family: I am gratefully married to Kenneth Sensenig (Mennonite Central Committee) and we have three adult children and their significant others in our family.

Education: M.Ed and M.Div

Hobbies: Pottery, knitting, reading, hiking and traveling with Ken

Life Bible Verse: Be still and know that I am God. Ps 46:10

A recent joy: Visiting our youngest son and his wife in Austria.

A Challenge Ahead: To follow God's leading in my fledgling Dance of Life business: making ceramic contemplative oil lamps and providing holy listening.



Naomi R. Weaver

Position & Location: Supply Pastor; home congregation is James Street Mennonite Church

Date of Ordination/Installation: June 24, 2018

Family: Married to Jim Weaver for over 45 years; 3 grown children; 4 and one on the way grandchildren

Education: Graduated from Lancaster Mennonite High School; BA from EMU; MDiv from Lancaster Theological Seminary

Hobbies: Word games, reading, traveling, spending time with family and friends

Life Bible verse: Romans 8.28 (In the process of growing older, I am experiencing the truth of the principle expressed in this verse.)

A recent joy: Ordination! One of the most satisfying, fulfilling experiences of my life as family and friends celebrated this milestone with me.

A challenge ahead: To be discerning about continued ministry opportunities.



"Lori" Jeanette Witmer

People know me as "Lori" which means victorious spirit.

Position & Location: Executive Director of Spiritual Care at Menno Haven, Inc., Chambersburg, PA

Family: My husband, Dennis and I have been married since 1983. We have worked in Mennonite church leadership for decades in Central America and US. Our daughter, Carmen (married to Brandon) and Elizabeth both graduated from EMU, and live in Harrisonburg, VA. Dennis and I live beside my parents on the family farm in Newville, PA where we learn about interconnections of natural systems by raising grass-fed beef cows, goats, grass hay, blueberries and blackberries.

Education: Degree Seeking Candidate as Master of Divinity: Graduation Goal: 2021; Clinical Pastoral Education: Working in Level 11, Unit 4; BS International Development with emphasis on Health and Nutrition, BA Human Service, AA Early Childhood Education

Hobbies: Being outdoors, animals, wetlands, migratory birds and how sustainable agriculture contributes to wellness of our planet; Enjoying a nutritious meal and a good cup of coffee with a friend.

Life Bible verse: "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8 NRSV).

A recent joy: Daily recognizing little joys as I hold every day with an attitude of gratitude (Philippians 4: 4-8).

A challenge ahead: Working in Sabbath rest as part of time management (Isaiah 58).

