

Spring 2017, New ACC Minister Recognition

Addie Sanders Banks

Position & Location: Minister, NYC

Date of Ordination/Installation: November 18, 2011 (In pastoral leadership from 1993-2011 at King of Glory Tabernacle)

Family: Two daughters: Hyacinth Banks Stevens and Margaret Banks, five grandchildren.

Education: Bachelors in Social Science, MA and MPA.

Hobbies: Cooking, writing, reading, singing, art.

Life Bible verse: Corinthians 3:10.

A recent joy: Expanding my peace and justice ministry into the NYC public school system.

A challenge ahead: Building a multi-sector community and faith based coalition to deliver healing, health and wellness programs in the Northwest Bronx



John Bauman

Position & Location: Pastoral Counselor at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, NYC, and Chaplain at Wartburg, Mount Vernon, NY.

Date of Ordination/Installation: Installed at Glad Tidings Mennonite Church in the Bronx in June, 1978, ordained in June, 1979.

Family: Married to Susan Ebersole who is an artist and raises money for the New York Philharmonic. Children: Clara, 26, works in the alum office at Barnard College. She plans to be an art teacher. Anna, 21, plans to graduate from Oberlin College in May, 2017, in history and political science.

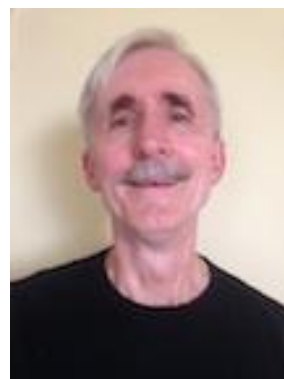
Education: B.A. Goshen College; studied at AMBS and received M.Div. from Chicago Theological Seminary; certificate in pastoral counseling from Blanton-Peale and D.Min. from Andover Newton.

Hobbies: Taking care of the flower garden; going to concerts and art museums.

Life Bible verse: Psalm 121

A recent joy: It is a joy to join the Atlantic Coast Conference.

A challenge ahead: Deepen my ministry as a pastoral counselor and a chaplain.



Gina Burkhart

Position & Location: Associate Pastor at Landisville Mennonite Church

Date of Ordination/Installation: 2015 license toward ordination (in process)

Family: Spouse- Dan, children- Grace, Anna, Ben, Emma, & Peter

Education: BS ed., Millersville Un., M. ed., Penn State, working toward MACL at Eastern Mennonite Seminary

Hobbies: outdoor work, casual bike riding, supporting the creative & fine arts, watching our children's sporting & school events

Life Bible verse: Col. 2:6-7

A recent joy: a short trip with my husband to the Philadelphia Flower Show

A challenge ahead: finding balance between ministry, rest, and family care in the midst of leadership transitions in our congregation



Howard Garver

Position & Location: Interim Lead Pastor, Landisville Mennonite Church, Landisville, PA

Date of Ordination/Installation: Ordained in The Wesleyan Church in July 1999/Installed as interim at Landisville in June 2016

Family: Married with 2 children – Spouse is Rebecca (Becky) Engle Garver; Son is Samuel Garver, 25, and daughter is Gabriela Garver, 23

Education: BA in Mathematics/Education from Messiah College (1985), studies in the School of World Missions at Fuller Theological Seminary and School of Theology at Western Evangelical Seminary

Hobbies: Enjoy riding motorcycle, Texas Rangers baseball and home improvement projects

Life Bible verse: 2 Peter 1:3 - His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

A recent joy: Spending time as a family taking a cross-country road trip

A challenge ahead: Hosting an MCC IVEPer from China



Todd Gusler

Position & Location: Rossmere Mennonite Church – Lancaster, PA

Date of Ordination/Installation: Ordained on May 16, 2010 at Olive Mennonite Church in Elkhart, IN. Installed at Rossmere on Nov. 16, 2014

Family: Spouse – Leah; Children – Cora (4), Jude (1)

Education: BA from Spring Arbor University, 2005; Master of Divinity with a concentration in Faith Formation from AMBS, 2014

Hobbies: Running, Reading, Traveling, Playing with my children, cheering on the Michigan Wolverines and the Detroit Lions, Tigers, and Red Wings.

Life Bible verse: Romans 8:38-39 “I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

A recent joy: Every time I hear my children laugh

A challenge ahead: I am running in my first marathon in October.



Ernest (Ernie) Hess

Position & Location: Retired: Pastor, Byerland Mennonite Church; Bishop/Overseer, New Danville District – both in Lancaster Conference

Date of Ordination/Installation: 1977, Pastor; 1986, Bishop

Family: Wife – Lois; 2 adult children; 4 grandchildren

Education: B.Sc., EMU; MST, Cornell University; PhD, Ohio State U.

Hobbies: Gardening, hiking/backpacking

Life Bible verse: Micah 6:8: “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 you God!”

A recent joy: finding a “just-right-for-us” house as a step in downsizing

A challenge ahead: accepting and adjusting to changes necessitated by growing older



Carmen D. Horst

Position & Location: Associate Pastor, James Street Mennonite Church
Date of Ordination/Installation: Ordination – June 23, 2013

Family: My parents are dairy farmers in Chambersburg, PA. I have 2 sisters, 2 brothers-in-law, 5 nieces and 1 nephew.

Education: MDiv Eastern Mennonite Seminary; B.A. Eastern Mennonite University in Economics of Development

Hobbies: Reading, gardening, watching Netflix, practicing Yoga, shopping at thrift stores; listening to podcasts; sampling the downtown Lancaster restaurants

Life Bible verse: One I often return to: Isaiah 40:26-31

A recent joy: I recently experienced the joy of God's wild imagination and creation through a safari in southern Kenya. There were thousands of animals, acres of savannah, the fresh air, warm sun, and beautiful conversations with people from around the world. It was glorious.

A challenge ahead: Learning and living God's wide love for ALL people, especially as we navigate changes at JSMC.



Daniel H. Kemper

Position & Location: Pastor @ Crossway Church in West Ocean City MD

Date of Ordination/Installation: December 18, 2016

Family: I am married to my wonder wife of 28 years, Michelle M. Kemper. We have one son Daniel H. Kemper II.

Education: I Graduated from Nazarene Bible Collage with a Certificate of Completion for Ordination.

Hobbies: I love fishing, golfing, and just about anything that has to do with the beach.

Life Bible verse: Philippians 4:13 – “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

A recent joy: Moving to the Ocean City Maryland area and becoming a part of the CrossWay family.

A challenge ahead: Being everything that God wants me to be, for myself, my wife, my family, and my congregation.



Rachel S. Nolt

Position & Location: Pastor, Akron Mennonite Church, Akron, PA

Date of Ordination/Installation: Ordained on September 20, 2015 at Silverwood Mennonite Church of Central District Conference; Installed on January 29, 2017 at Akron Mennonite Church

Family: Spouse, Steve Nolt; Children, Lydia and Esther Nolt

Education: MDiv, AMBS; BA, Goshen College

Hobbies: reading, walking, and laughing with family

Life Bible verses: Isaiah 43:1-7

A recent joy: Experiencing love and connection with extended family (aunts, uncles and cousins) even in the face of sorrow

A challenge ahead: Continuing to find our way as individuals and family as we adjust to life in Lancaster County



Stan Shantz

Position & Location: Pastor, James Street Mennonite Church

Date of Ordination/Installation: March 13, 1987

Family: Wife - Kathy; Daughters – Kristi (18) and Kayleena (15)

Education: BES – University of Waterloo; MDiv – Goshen Biblical Seminary; MA – Fuller Seminary; DMin – Fuller Seminary

Hobbies: Running, fishing, hiking, reading & hanging out at coffee shops

Life Bible verse: Matthew 6:33-34

A recent joy: Talking together and having dinner on the back patio with my family on a warm spring day

A challenge ahead: Sending a daughter off to University



Klaudia Smucker

Position & Location: Active Without Charge in Lancaster County

Date of Ordination/Installation: October 2000 College Mennonite Church/Indiana Michigan Conference

Family: Bob-husband, two adult children; Julia and Lindsay, one grandchild

Education: B.S.N., Goshen College, 1978; M.Div. AMBS, 1998

Hobbies: Camping, reading, hiking, jogging/walking

Life Bible verse: My favorite Bible verses change throughout my life depending on what is going on. Right now it is, "Beloved, let us love one another. For love is of God and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Those who do not love do not know God, for God is love." 1 John 4:7&8

A recent joy: Our recent joy is our almost 2 year old grandson. Seeing him discover the world is a reminder of what an amazingly surprising and beautiful world we live in.

A challenge ahead: In this time of transition it is sometimes hard for me to be patient. It is a time of letting go and learning anew. It is exciting and scary at the same time. And yet because of God's faithfulness in the past, I know that if I am patient and wait for God's timing, things will fall into place. So in the meantime, I take each day as an opportunity to see where God is at work, and see the world, wherever I am and whatever I'm doing, as God's church, asking myself, "How can I show God's love here?" I try to notice and pay attention.



Anne Kaufman Weaver

Position & Location: Chaplain, Landis Homes Retirement Community

Date of Ordination/Installation: began working March of 2016, ordination is being planned

Family: husband Todd, daughters Keri & Lara, and son Seth

Education: BSW from Eastern Mennonite University, MSW from Marywood University, and MDiv from Eastern Mennonite Seminary

Hobbies: exercise, entertaining, bird watching

Life Bible verse: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength and love your neighbor as yourself.

A recent joy: meeting with the ministerial committee of ACC

A challenge ahead: keeping the "yes" decisions in balance with "no" decisions.



Calvin Yoder

Position & Location: Retired from active responsibilities. Attend East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church

Date of Ordination/Installation: 1986 installation/1987 Ordination. I served congregations in Eastern District and Atlantic Coast Conference.

Family: Spouse – Lorie, Children – Tiffany, Tyler, Megan

Education: MA-Eastern Mennonite Seminary, M.Div. – Palmer Theological Seminary

Hobbies: Reading, walking, cooking

Life Bible verse: Philippians 4:8

A recent joy: hearing we will become grandparents

A challenge ahead: Staying focused on my priorities, staying positive in a world filled with many challenges, listening to others who are very different from me



Ron Zook

Position & Location: Co-Pastor, Laurel Street Mennonite Church
Date of Ordination/Installation: Ordained - September, 2002, LSMC installation – August, 2015

Family: Judy Zook – spouse, son Justin Zook married to Katie, daughter Janelle Zook married to Franklin Cunalata, daughter Jessica Zook and fiancé Jess Frasher

Education: Lancaster Mennonite School, Eastern Mennonite College and Millersville University - Physics, Villanova University - Master in Computer Science, Eastern Mennonite Seminary - Master of Divinity, Gordon Conwell - Doctor of Ministry

Hobbies: Art, woodworking, gardening, camping, juggling, hiking, biking.

Life Bible verse: Cheer up! On your feet! Jesus is calling you! Mark 10:49

A recent joy: Watching children enthusiastically lead worship. Playing hide and seek with a grandchild.

A challenge ahead: Growing as an intentional community in Lancaster city.



Judy Zook

Position & Location: Co-Pastor - Laurel Street Mennonite Church
Date of Ordination/Installation: Ordination: June, 2009/ LSMC Installation: August, 2015

Family: Spouse - Ron Zook, Children: Justin & Katie Zook, Franklin & Janelle Zook Cunalata, Jessica Zook & fiancé Jess Frasher, two granddaughters

Education: MS in Biology/Medical Technology, MA from EMS with a focus in Spiritual Direction

Hobbies: Biking, Camping, Gardening, Reading, Cooking, Knitting, Sewing

Life Bible verse: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness O Lord. Lamentations 3:23,23

A recent joy: Reaching a major milestone on our house renovation project.

A challenge ahead: Finding a good balance in work, relationships, and leisure.

