





## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*"That's MY kid!"*

We hear these words often as proud parents snap pictures and take videos during all different types of scholastic, athletic, and fine arts events. It is a great moment in parents' eyes when their daughter or son perform in a public setting for all to see. These three words tell the world that there is a bond, a togetherness that can't be broken; it is a statement that exclaims delight in a job well done.

When these words are spoken by members of our faculty and staff, when they are said with pride at the end of a basketball game by one of our shuttle drivers, the message is clear - together we are proud of you, together we will support you! I'm sure you can recall a moment when a teacher celebrated with you, when a member of the IMS faculty called you "MY kid!"

The IMS Experience includes many moments and opportunities where we can all say, "That's MY kid." As a partner of IMS I invite you to be a proud "parent" to our current students and claim them as "MY kids!" When we do this, we come together, we proclaim it together . . .

That we are IMS.

**STEPHEN J. SCHRAG**, *Principal/Head of School*



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## THE BRUIT

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### MISSION STATEMENT

Iowa Mennonite School, in partnership with the family and the church, offers high school students an academically excellent, Christ-centered education rooted in an Anabaptist perspective. Within a caring community, IMS prepares students for lives of Christian discipleship, peacemaking, and service.

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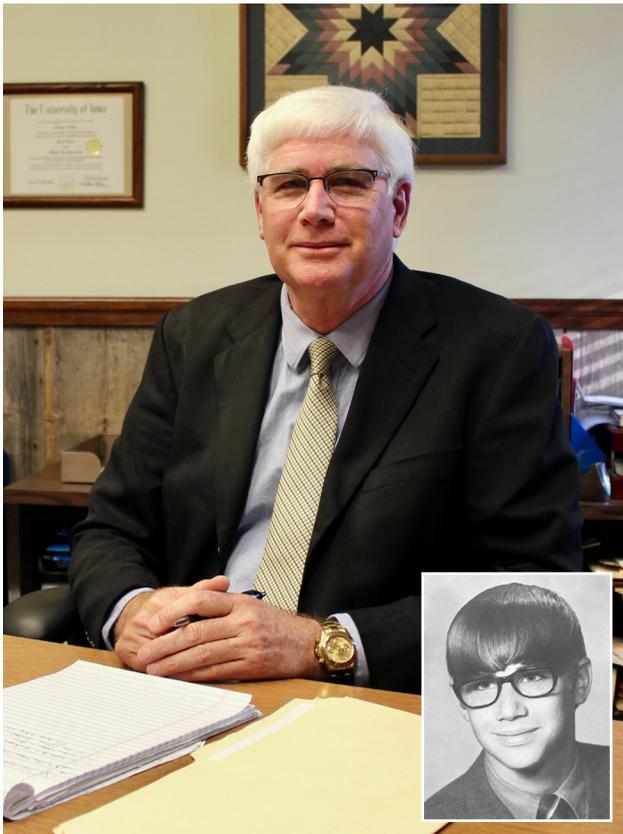


# BRENNEMANS IN LAW

IMS alum **Mike Brenneman ('71)** has been practicing law in the Iowa City area for almost 30 years. It isn't difficult to imagine his effectiveness as an estate planning attorney. Mike interviews with a practiced patience, but also with a quiet kind of humility; he is hesitant to speak in terms of achievement, but focuses instead on relationships.

"I hope that my faith connects to my work in that my goal is to direct client[s] through the sometimes confusing legal maze while always keeping [their] best interest at the forefront," Brenneman says, "When that is done, that is my 'greatest personal achievement.'"

It seems that Mike is indeed achieving this positive combination of faith and work.



Mike in his Iowa City office and as an IMS senior. Photo provided

## LEGAL LEGACY

"I grew up with sweet elderly widows approaching our family and expressing deep gratitude for my dad's [Mike's] work in helping them," says daughter **Allison (Brenneman) Goertz ('02)**.

Whether it was probate, a farm sale, or estate planning, Allison was able to see how her father's work affected others.

"I want to have that kind of positive impact on our community," says Allison. Allison is currently at the University of Iowa Law School studying to follow in her father's footsteps.

Allison "always felt great respect for lawyers and the law" and as she witnessed her dad walk through the profession, she "felt there was something honorable about it."

"Of course, I heard all the lawyer jokes, but knew it was possible to be an exception to those jokes because I saw my dad being just that," she adds.

Mike is unlike his daughter Allison and many lawyers of his generation: he had no relatives who were lawyers.

Growing up in the Kalona area, Mike says Mennonites "sort of saw law as apart and perhaps foreign to the Mennonite Church."

Even so, Mike was always "drawn to the study of law." He witnessed friends and classmates from college continue on to law school and so the idea became more accessible for him as a Mennonite.

"That encouraged me to say, 'this is really a possibility,'" he says.

After years of school, Mike joined the firm Honohan, Epley, Braddock & (now) Brenneman which focuses on estate planning.

"I often deal with families when they're in stress. Say after a death when we're dealing with an estate or even other times when they need legal assistance," says Brenneman.

Here's some of what he's learned so far.

## LESSONS LEARNED FROM LAW

**Lesson 1: Prepare, study, and learn what background you need to make a decision.**

**Lesson 2: Listen well to the client.**

"I think it's easy sometimes when a problem is presented that you think 'well, I know the answer to this and this will be the solution that will solve this problem,'" says Brenneman.

"But if you listen a little longer you might find out that that really isn't the solution that is going to benefit this family or

parent-to-child or business decision because there may be some longer-term issues that need to be solved rather than the quick fix.”

### Lesson 3: We don't like to talk about our deaths.

Estate planning is difficult for us to think about. People don't want to think about their demise, says Brenneman, but they do see the need to make plans for it. Many clients have not experienced the death of a loved one before and they are in “uncharted territory.”

Experience allows Mike to take a step back from the crisis and guide individuals through this unfamiliar process. He hopes he serves as a guide who can be strategic, while not becoming calloused. He wants to remain “understanding and caring.”

## LESSONS LEARNED FROM IMS

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“My dad is a hard worker,” says Allison, “He thrives on doing good, accurate work for his clients, and does so efficiently. One quality I admire most about him and his work is his ability to care deeply for his clients and their situations without losing his clear head to calmly guide them.”



Allison at the University of Iowa Law School and as an IMS senior.  
Photo provided

After graduating from IMS in 1971 and from Goshen College in 1975, Mike returned to IMS as a social studies and business law teacher in 1977. He then served as assistant principal and later

principal, leaving at the end of the 1986 school year to pursue law. Mike has offered much to IMS and has been able to observe the school through various lenses.

### **Relationships matter.**

As a student, Mike was known for having a “reasonable amount of nonsense” and was able to explore his gifts in a variety of settings. He still cherishes the friendships he developed in high school and enjoys getting together with old classmates. One of those classmates is his wife, **Kris Brenneman ('71)**, who also served at IMS for 24 years from 1992 to 2016. “That would be another plus from my high school days,” says Mike.

As a principal, Mike was able to see students who may have struggled in school succeed and excel in adulthood.

“I've had conversations with teacher colleagues saying, ‘We always knew [that student] would turn out OK.’ And they did!” Mike says. Although they realized that students needed to be “guided and directed” Mike and his colleagues always made sure students were “always cared for” at IMS. As a lawyer, Mike has had the chance to help former students in a new way. He enjoys reconnecting with IMS grads: “It's a good feeling to know they are moving on with their lives, and growing, and doing good things, and it's also a good feeling to know that I can still be a part of that.”

### **There are simple ways to do good.**

“A lot of people have come through Iowa Mennonite School and accomplished a lot of things in a lot of different areas in a lot of different ways,” says Mike, “Some of those accomplishments may not even be things that people on the outside would notice as much, they may be very important but hidden things,” says Mike, “Maybe [it's] just raising good families and being caring community people.”

### **IMS nudges students to make a difference.**

Mike has a positive outlook on the future of IMS: “I'm always amazed at what I think that nudge that IMS gave to students has helped them along their way to become very helpful and worthwhile persons in the world. I trust that that will continue for many more to come.”

Mike is joined by IMS alum **Caleb Detweiler ('06)** at Honohan, Epley, Braddock & Brenneman and may soon be joined by his daughter Allison. Mike and his wife Kris live in rural Kalona, Iowa. They have two grown children, **Gretchen (Brenneman) Yoder ('99)** and **Allison (Brenneman) Goertz ('02)**. They also have three grandchildren.

# SEEKING GOD & FINDING THE COUNSELING PROFESSION

## A CHANGE OF COURSE

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Kendra (Conrad) Bailey graduated from IMS in 1999. Her plans were to graduate with a major in elementary education and a minor in psychology from Eastern Mennonite University and begin to teach. During student teaching, Kendra discovered that God's plans were leading her elsewhere.

"I was in the classroom and I kept finding that I was gravitating [to] the little handful of students that just had emotions that they needed to work through," says Kendra, "I kept zeroing in on one or two people and wanted to really go deeper with them. It was my heart's passion to go to a deeper level, not just surface. I was . . . wanting to just sit with them and cry with them and be with them."

Kendra made the switch to school counseling and later clinical counseling after listening to the prompting of God and her professors. Kendra realized that she enjoyed "talking with everyone at different ages and stages of life" and that the mixture of age that clinical counseling provided was "kind of refreshing." She found -- through a variety of mental health settings -- that working with all ages "was a good fit."

Just as Kendra didn't expect to be a counselor, she also didn't intend to be a business owner. But, God had other plans. Kendra opened and is the Executive Director of her own practice, Imagine Therapy Solutions located in North Liberty, Iowa.

"My husband **Jace ('00)** and I prayed for God's guidance . . . [we] felt God's strong prompting to open Imagine Therapy Solutions," says Kendra, "Starting my own Mental Health Practice is probably both my greatest professional achievement and my greatest challenge."

The practice centers around its mission statement from Ephesians 3:16-21.

***We give God the glory at Imagine Therapy Solutions and pray that individuals are filled with God's love and experience strength and growth through Him beyond what they can imagine.***

It is clear that Kendra is passionate about helping her clients and allowing God into that space. She feels enriched by her clients, even though it can be difficult when she hurts deeply



Kendra at Imagine Therapy Solutions and as an IMS senior. Photo provided

## GOD'S VAST IMAGINATION

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for the suffering of clients. But even in the spaces of suffering, Kendra is "humbled and privileged" that her clients allow her to walk with them in that space.

"It makes me realize that we really do all have pain, we are really all hurting, and we are all the same in this world. And so I sit here and [listen] and I feel like it is a privilege that helps me see life through a different lens," says Kendra.

"Realizing that we are all in this together . . . makes me value people in a different way and live in a different way. It is pretty special and I credit my clients for all of that."

Kendra describes her work as building relationships: "As a person sits with another through their trials and pain a relationship is formed and through that relationship healing can often begin." She adds that these types of relationships are important in times of joy and sorrow.

“One of the biggest misperceptions surrounding Mental Health Therapy is the belief that a person has to have something ‘wrong’ in order to seek therapy. In reality, those walking through our doors are often there for the journey,” says Kendra.

Although Kendra aids in the healing process, she gives God the credit for the transformation that happens:

*Faith is integral to the work I do. My conviction is that all healing is done through Jesus Christ, I am simply a tool that God can use. I invite God into the therapy room and pray each morning that God brings through the doors those He wants us to serve. I hope my clients can feel and sense God’s spirit at work in our office. We acknowledge that God can offer healing in ways no one else can, and by giving our troubles to God true restoration can occur.*

Not all of Imagine Therapy Solutions’ clients are Christian; she helps people from all different backgrounds. Even so, she sees Christ in each of them. Kendra, along with her coworkers, “are amazed at the ways God stretches [them] and continue to pray that God brings through the doors each day whomever He wants [them] to serve.” Among Kendra’s staff are former IMS graduates. **Heidi Gingerich Detweiler ('06)** counsels as a social worker and **Elaine Yoder ('00)** is the office manager.

## GROWN WITH IMS ROOTS

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Long before Kendra became a licensed mental health counselor and the executive director of her own business, she was an IMS student. The 1999 Reverie (Kendra’s senior year) clearly shows that she was involved in a variety of sports and performing arts activities. She feels that these opportunities and the people prepared her and her husband for the work they do today.

“IMS will always hold a special place in my heart. The school provided a community of support for me that has always felt like family. I am forever grateful for the foundation that IMS provided for me in my education and in my life. I am deeply appreciative for my IMS roots and hope to see the school continue to grow.”

*Kendra and her husband **Jace Bailey ('00)** live in rural Riverside, Iowa and have three children.*



## IMS TOGETHER PARTNER PROGRAM

The IMS TOGETHER Partner Program is made up of individuals, families, and businesses who make ongoing contributions to the IMS Annual Fund **CREATING A BETTER SUSTAINABILITY IN DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS.**

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## TERESA VICTORIA CARDENAS

IMS would like to extend our gratitude to all of you for the support you have offered us and the family of IMS sophomore **Teresa Victoria Cardenas** who died tragically on December 1, 2017. We have felt the love of alumni far and near through your prayers, emails, and acts of service. The outpouring of love and faith is tangible. Teresa is survived by her mother Mireya and father Carlos, and brothers, Michael Mendoza, and Carlos Cardenas. Please continue to hold the family and IMS in your prayers as we mourn the loss of the bright and joyful presence that Teresa brought to our lives.



Teresa at her Quincenera. Photo provided

A memorial fund has been established to help the family with associated expenses. If you feel led, please contribute in any of the following ways: send or turn into cash or check donations to IMS or Hills Bank (Kalona, PO Box 1210, Kalona, IA 52247). Please make checks out to the "*Teresa Cardenas Memorial*."

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## FUTURE ALUMNI

*Loralyn Ruth*

**Haley (Slaubaugh '09)** and **Ryan Bontrager ('08)**, June 1, 2017

*Dominic Greyson*

**Sharon (Yoder '94)** and **Ryan Trotta**, July 7, 2017

*Palmer Huxley*

Lexi and **Christopher Perez ('12)**, July 19, 2017

*Wrenly Adam*

**Grael (Miller '09)** and **Adam Weaver**, July 31, 2017

*Jacqueline Lydia*

Chepina and **Brian Rumsey ('00)**, August 19, 2017

*Olive Maris*

**Ranee (Gingerich '01)** and **Justin Brokaw ('01)**, September 7, 2017

*Ethan Wade*

Katie and **Adam Yoder ('00)**, October 1, 2017

*Kaden Meyer*

Melanie and **Michael Leichty ('96)**, October 18, 2017

*Ian Durell*

Amber and **Torey Miller ('05)**, November 4, 2017

*Morgan Lynn*

**Quinlan (Schrock '12)** and **Kyle Miller ('11)**, November 8, 2017

*Everett James*

**Sarah (Schneider '02)** and **Chad Showalter**, November 11, 2017

## WEDDING BELLS

**Sonja Stutzman ('03)** and **Stewart Master**, April 22, 2017

**Sam Swartzendruber ('12)** and **Kari King**, June 3, 2017

**Evelyn Charles ('08)** and **George Fitting**, June 10, 2017

**Tony Hostetler ('06)** and **Mary Johnson**, June 24, 2017

**Emma Yoder ('11)** and **Collin Brenneman**, June 24, 2017

**Carly Unruh ('11)** and **Adam Voth**, July 29, 2017

**Laura Stoltzfus ('06)** and **Aarion Jones**, August 5, 2017

**Corben Boshart ('09)** and **Mara Weaver**, August 5, 2017

**Brian Miller ('10)** and **Kally Vellenga**, August 12, 2017

**Nicole Hershberger ('10)** and **Matthew Costello**, August 26, 2017

**Gretchen Geyer ('11)** and **Thomas Leonard**, September 2, 2017

**Jacob Schaver ('11)** and **Abigail Armstrong**, September 9, 2017

**Amanda Beachy ('03)** and **Jon Leichty ('97)**, September 23, 2017

**Rose Bender ('87)** and **Bruce Cook**, October 8, 2017

**Nathan Peters ('12)** and **Jessica Graybill**, November 25, 2017

## IN MEMORIAM

**Nedra (Miller '49) Schrock**, June 1, 2017

**Wendell Nisly ('66)**, June 22, 2017

**Rose Hershberger ('66)**, June 22, 2017

**Alice (Bender '64) Golden**, August 23, 2017

**Orlin Hochstetler ('49)**, September 15, 2017

**Jeanette (Gingerich '57) Hotz**, October 23, 2017

**Imogene (Gingerich '49) Schlabaugh**, November 28, 2017

**Teresa Cardenas ('20)**, December 1, 2017

**David L. Slabach ('68)**, December 7, 2017

# CLASS REUNIONS

**THE CLASS OF 1957** held their 60 year class reunion Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017, at the Kalona Chamber Building. The group of 23 class members and 12 spouses gathered to enjoy a delicious meal, catered by Ila Miller and then spent a relaxing evening enjoying visiting and catching up on each other's lives. We remembered our seven deceased classmates with Allen Horst sharing a moving tribute to Merle Brenneman who passed away in 2016. He and his wife, Viola led us in singing, "Be Thou My Vision", one of the hymns sung at Merle's funeral. Our class sponsor, Audrey Musselman, was in attendance and updated us on her full and active life in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. It was a special pleasure to see her once again. After some discussion with regard to our next gathering, it was decided to meet again in two years, rather than the usual five. Two persons, Charles Rhodes and Ruth Ann Bontrager, were appointed to head up our next gathering. *Submitted by Orpha Yoder & Judy Gingerich*



**Front Row Left:** Loris (Marner) Miller, Jeanette (Gingerich) Hotz, Ruby (Yoder) Campos, Lucy (Gingerich) Hostetler, Norma (Ropp) Nisly, Ruth Ann (Gingerich) Bontrager, Elaine (Kennel) Yoder, Charles Rhodes **2nd & 3rd Rows:** Merle Miller, Ron Wyse, Allen Horst, Orpha (Hartzler) Yoder, Kate (Kinsinger) Brenneman, Mary (Gingerich) Hickman, Wilford Yoder, Esther (Yoder) Coblentz, Francis Litwiller, Judy (Miller) Gingerich, Esther (Schrock) Siville, Sanford Hostetler, Audrey Musselman, Delbert Roth, Joy (Yoder) Hess



**THE CLASS OF 1962** met at Crooked Creek Christian Camp for its 55th reunion on Sept. 27 2017. We spent the evening eating together and talking. Larry Hershberger started off the storytelling and then all class members shared a story of their life experiences. On Thursday morning the 28th we had breakfast together then traveled to IMS and attended chapel service, talked with school personnel and ate lunch with the students. Thursday evening we again met at CCCC for our evening meal. The Great Bluegrass Herons provided entertainment which we enjoyed immensely, followed by Larry Rediger talking about what he's learned from life's experiences and Kenny Frey sharing a monologue about the man who carried Jesus' cross. The attendees agreed we want to meet again in the future at a not yet established date. *Submitted by Nyle Kauffman*

**First Row Left:** Virginia (Swartzendruber) Christophel, Shirley (Brenneman) Hochstedler, Evelyn (Yoder) Miller, Audrey (Yoder) Hartzler, Esther (Hershberger) Gingerich, Judy (Schweitzer) Beachy **Second Row:** Elaine (Graber) Gingerich, Belle Marie Derksen, Joann (Bontrager) Boley, Shirley (Wyse) Oswald, Ken Frey, Larry Hershberger, Warren Gingerich **3rd & 4th Row:** Wallace Gingerich, Calvin Miller, Gene Troyer, Nyle Kauffman, Larry Rediger, Larry Oswald, Gary Graber, John David Miller, Lee Gingerich, Dwight Schumann

# CLASS REUNIONS



## THE CLASS OF 1967

gathered for their 50th Class Reunion on a 3-day weekend coinciding with the Kalona Historical Village Fall Festival, Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2017. Friday evening, the 29th, we met for a meet 'n greet at The Home Place, a wonderful outdoor venue with bonfires and lawn chairs. Saturday evening, the 30th, we indulged in an authentic Amish meal in the home of Warren & Ila Miller, where we also played a game of high school trivia and received a Memory Book with contact info and memories of each classmate. On Sunday, Oct 1, we met for a catered brunch in at IMS, a short service in the auditorium and an excellent tour of IMS conducted by Jeremy Ours. The weekend flew by and seemed too short, but we reconnected with classmates and planned future get-togethers. We are planning our 55th Class Reunion for somewhere in Arizona!

*Submitted by Muriel Nisley*

**Front Row Left:** Donna (Steckly) Chupp, Maxine (Troyer) Mast, John Bontrager, Larry Miller, Bob Miller, Jim Gingerich, Linda (Leichty) Williams, Dale Marner, Art Swartzendruber **2nd Row:** Gloria Yoder, Jerry Yoder, Muriel (Miller) Nisly, Ruth (Bontrager) Hershberger, Nadine (Nafziger) Arriago, Donna (Hershberger) Litchfield, Russ Miller, Ken Miller, Kenton Miller **3rd Row:** Diane (Miller) Hess, Ardith (Ropp) Hartzler, Carol (Gingerich) Bowman, Donna (White) Jones, Sandi (Yoder) Cripe, Lois (Wenger) Klopfenstein, Mary (Swartzendruber) Althaus, Barb (Kinsinger) Miller **4th Row:** Galen Yoder, Jim Yoder, Reagan Yoder, Gilbert Troyer, Don Steckly **Classmates attending other events but not pictured here:** Daniel Bueno, Ken Garber, Ruth (Stoltzfus) Boller, Don Hartzler, Ed Hershberger, Robert Kauffman



**THE CLASS OF 1972** was invited to Bozeman, Montana June 16 and 17 to celebrate their 45th year reunion. Nine class members traveled from Iowa, Michigan, and Indiana, and with spouses and guests the final dinner included 14 people. Hosts for dinner the 16th and lunch the 17th were Joyce Swartzendruber and her husband Jim Melnis. They accompanied the group on a tour of local Bozeman favorites including the Museum of the Rockies, Palisades Falls, the Madison Buffalo Jump, and Ted Turner's bison ranch. Although it wasn't a huge turnout, the brave souls who ventured to Montana were treated to an informal gathering with lots of time for catching up and getting to know each other again.

*Submitted by Joyce Swartzendruber*

**At Palisades Falls Standing Left to Right:** Leland Ropp, Jon and Becky Widmer, Jay Detweiler, Don Miller, Jim Melnis, Karla Yoder, Joyce Swartzendruber, Patty (Yoder) Miller **Seated Back:** Del Miller, Loren Hochstedler **Seated Front:** Elvesta (Miller) Hochstedler, Tami Miller

# CLASS REUNIONS

**THE CLASS OF 1977** met on Friday, Sept. 29 for a casual get-together at Tuscan Moon in Kalona. On Saturday, Sept. 30 we met at Steve Litwiller's barn for a barbeque. It was a great time of storytelling and connecting with each other. In fact we were so involved in conversation that we forgot to take pictures and didn't even look at cell phones all night! *Submitted by Deyonne Miller* **Attending the reunion were:** Atlee Yoder, Dave Yoder, Linford Yoder, Steve Litwiller, Paul Miller, Judy (Hostetler) Balbinot, Paula (Yoder) Clayton, Deyonne (Sutter) Miller, Paulette (Miller) Hershberger, Carla (Leichty) Yoder, Jackie (Yoder) Abd-Allah, Lee Schlabaugh, Karen (Miller) Schrock, and Larry Pickard (class sponsor)

**THE CLASS OF 1992** gathered on *Homecoming Weekend* to celebrate our 25th reunion. Friday night we met with our families at a great barn outside of Iowa City that classmate Ben Miller had fixed up. There were 13 of the class who joined the fun, including a few who have never been to a reunion before. Saturday night the group had dinner together at the IMS junior class pork supper and then spent a few more hours reminiscing at the Kalona Brewery where five more classmates joined the party. We missed some of our class but all agreed that we need to gather more often. Maybe we'll start a homecoming weekend tradition. *Submitted by Kristen Rempel*



**Friday Front Left:** Greg Yoder, Will Miller, Carly Nisly, Stephan Johnson, Ben Miller, Danny Graber, Renae (Bender) Miller, Matt Miller, Matthew Bricker, Travis Kliewer **Back Left:** Matt Miller, Kristen (Litwiller) Rempel, Randy Rempel



**Saturday Back Left:** Ismael Huerta, Jonette (Kauffman) Kemling, Matt Miller, Kristen (Litwiller) Rempel, Jodi Beachy **Middle Left:** Adam Fleming, Renae (Bender) Miller, Matthew Bricker, Melissa (Miller) Jane **Front Left:** Randy Rempel, Travis Kliewer, Greg Yoder

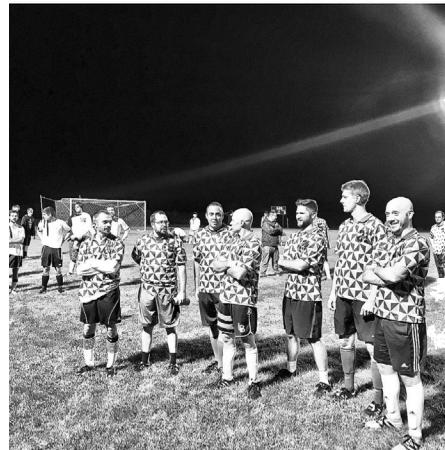
**THE CLASS OF 2007** met on Aug. 25, 2017 at Stonewall Pizza in rural Wellman for their 10-year class reunion. Eleven of the 34 members were in attendance and enjoyed a campfire and live music while swapping stories and catching up on life events of the past ten years. *Submitted by Brett Miller*



**Left to Right:** Brett Miller, Rachel Finnegan, Levi Powell, Rachel (Yoder) Yoder, Jacob Geyer, Katie Beary, Brad Hershberger, Amber (Slaubaugh) Miller, Jordan Prihoda, Carson Miller, Gideon Grenell

# HOMECOMING ON Instagram

The first ever *Homecoming & Alumni Family Weekend* was held on the campus of IMS on October 13-14. The weekend kicked off Friday evening with two alumni sporting events. First, many alumni and their families gathered in Hillcrest Union to watch the alumni ladies play volleyball. Afterward, the alumni men took the pitch to play soccer. The sideline was full of fans there to watch. This fall was the 20 year anniversary of the 1997 IMS fall soccer State Championship. Members of the 1997 team were in attendance and were recognized at half-time of the game. Saturday morning IMS hosted the Joetown Classic. The event included a 5K race, a kids one mile fun run and other kid's activities. Despite rainy weather, 116 runners and walkers participated. The overall male and female winners of the 5K race were IMS senior,



Levi Geyer (18.19.59) of Kalona and Madison Roth (22.40.10) of Wayland. As is tradition, the overall winners received a pan of homemade cinnamon rolls along with their medal. After the race wet runners/walkers enjoyed post race refreshments along with a concession stand style meal put on by the IMS PTO while listening to the sounds of The Young Ramblers, a duet made up of **Matthew Yoder ('05)** and Lisa Schrock. Saturday night the IMS junior class hosted the Annual Pork Supper. Hillcrest Union was full of hungry alumni, friends of IMS, and community folks enjoying the traditional meal and fellowship. The evening was capped off with a Community Hymn Sing. **Nathan Swartzendruber ('05)** led with grace and ease those gathered in Celebration Hall in singing mostly acapella songs that were chosen by the audience.

For more pictures from *Homecoming Weekend 2017* check out the school's **Instagram** at [@iowamennoniteschool](#) and search for **Iowa Mennonite School Yearbook on Flickr**. And if you haven't . . . be sure and "Like" our **Facebook page** at [@IowaMennoniteSchool](#).

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Together. Our alumni, our former faculty, our former parents, all of our current people. The past, present . . . future. Together we celebrate who we are and *The IMS Experience* we all cherish. Together we will support our school and help navigate it to a bright future. All of us. . . Together!

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2017-18 students at Crooked Creek Christian Camp during the All-School Retreat in Sept.