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IMS changes us

The tradition at IMS continues to change. No longer do parents and friends come out to the Friday night intramural games. Instead, the community rallies behind the team in interscholastics.

Some things remain the same; the good reputation of choir, our annual music festival, and practice of activity period and chapel. But we have changed because of our experiences here.

And because we are IMS, it has changed too. No longer are we an isolated school in the sticks, but rather a school adapting to new ideas around us. The new people we have met plus new programs initiated each year all bring a new influence to our student body and school. We the school must change in our views toward this outside scope while retaining the values that made our forefathers build IMS in the beginning.

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A letter between

Gary Erb
Brennem
class

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings to the IMS community,

The 2018-19 school year is in the books and we have been blessed. I was proud of and happy for our 22 seniors as they crossed the stage at graduation! I am grateful for the outpouring of support that we experienced at our *Save Room For Pie*, Into the Black event on June 28. I see it as an affirmation to our past as Iowa Mennonite School and our new future as **HILLCREST ACADEMY!** We are excited to share with you what has gone into this rebranding decision.

Over the last 18 months the operating board and administrative team have focused a significant amount of time and energy to rebranding IMS for the future. Our meetings with pastors, elders/church councils, congregations, faculty and students provided a great opportunity for us to experience firsthand the strong support and care that exists for this special place. People across the continuum shared their deep feelings for and trust in IMS. We are indebted to so many for being willing to wrestle with our reality and provide genuine feedback.

Historically, IMS has been able to depend on the supporting Mennonite congregations for the majority of our students. Though we continue to enroll the same percentage of students from these congregations, the overall number of students has been decreasing as congregations have become smaller. This forces us to reach out to a new demographic from other denominations. While the market of Mennonites is shrinking, we believe the market of parents and students who are hungry for our unique educational experience is growing. Colleges and employers are looking for people who bring unique qualities to their campuses and workforce, qualities that our school offers.

Once the board approved the process to move forward, we met with faculty before the beginning of the school year and showed them a video presentation done by the consultant hired the previous spring. This presentation outlined several initiatives to grow our enrollment, one of them being rebranding. We went on to have two separate discussions about the name change idea as well as other things brought up by the consultant's findings. Most faculty were open to the idea of a name change but several were hesitant. As we met with them further, we felt them move towards supporting the idea. During the first semester we met with students twice in special assemblies. As with the faculty, we felt the support for moving forward with the expression of regret that this was necessary. Similar questions from these faculty and student meetings were asked in survey form and sent out to over 2,100 members of the IMS community including church goers, alumni, and other friends of IMS consisting of both

Mennonite and those from other denominations. Just over 11 percent of this group responded (241 responses.)

As one looks at the data collected from the survey, one can see it reflects the sentiment we've heard all along from the churches, to the faculty, to the students, *"I may not personally like the change, but I understand how it will open up the possibility of IMS to families outside the Mennonite Church."*

We do want to recognize differing views as well and are committed to reconciling those differences wherever possible. How do we let go of a name we've identified with for so long and so strongly? I am reminded of the Luke 5 passage where it speaks of new wineskins. I really view this as an opportunity to sharpen our message and find a way to be relevant in fresh ways. The old is being replaced with something new that we hope and pray will be even more transformational for a broader population. It is our hope and prayer that the community will rally around this decision, clarity of vision, and roll-out of our new brand identity!

HILLCREST is a name that is familiar to many who have been a part of IMS through the years. It harkens back to a time when faith was placed in God to provide space for the growing school, in the form of Hillcrest Auditorium, now known as Hillcrest Union. I remember a comment that was made while meeting with a church elder group. There was an individual who grew up outside of the Mennonite Church in this community and later became a member of this particular congregation. When this person was growing up she thought IMS was a school only for Mennonites. As we will now assume the name **HILLCREST ACADEMY**, we want our school to be accessible to our entire community. We are excited about continuing to be a school that is committed to following Jesus from an Anabaptist Christian perspective. It is our desire to continue meeting the need in our community for families seeking a Christ-centered education.

We embrace this opportunity and trust God's provision for us. We hope you will too! And we ask for your ongoing prayers and support as we embark on this new journey as **HILLCREST ACADEMY!**



Dwight Gingerich, **PRINCIPAL**



HILLCREST ACADEMY

ACADEMICS that INSPIRE. FAITH that LEADS.

HILLCREST MORE THAN A NAME

The name **HILLCREST** holds a significant place in the history of Iowa Mennonite School (IMS). Hillcrest Union was the name given to the multi-use auditorium-gymnasium at a community-wide dedication ceremony in April of 1955 after the four-year-long construction project was completed. The name Hillcrest and the vision around this addition to our school embodies so much of who we were, who we are, and who we want to be.

Frank Yoder's ('69) book, *Opening a Window to the World* talks about how, "only by drawing from all segments of the Mennonite community could an auditorium as large as Hillcrest be built...and by making the building available for community events, IMS filled a need that no other institution in the community could fill." This new and important role IMS could now have, according to the book, "made it so families who might not have attended functions at IMS previously now had a good reason to come see the school." This is exactly what we are trying to do now with our school; create opportunities for families who might not know about IMS previously and give them a good reason to check out our school. **The name HILLCREST embodies new ideas and a desire for outreach.**

The book also describes the careful planning, the persistence of those who had a vision for the project, and the contributions of many to make this vision a reality. It states, "Hillcrest stands as a tribute to the skill and dedication of local farmers and builders." Volunteers did the bulk of the work (at one point volunteers donated over 1,040 working days) and "in their minds, Hillcrest Union belonged to the community." The book continues, "The structure has remained both sound and functional, evidence of the high-quality planning and construction that created it." IMS itself was built with many, many volunteers, faculty and staff, alumni, and other community supporters. **The name HILLCREST embodies everyone that has ever been a part of the IMS community and what we can do together.**

"In addition to redefining the internal dynamics of IMS, Hillcrest Union strengthened the link between IMS and the local community by making IMS the center of the community." IMS is at a pivotal place in its history. We need to make who we are more accessible and understandable, allowing our message and our culture to reach a larger market. IMS needs to expand its reach; cast a bigger net. It's time we re-introduce ourselves to the world, while at the same time introducing our message to those that need it most. **The name HILLCREST embodies re-invention, new thinking, and community interaction.**

Embarking on a project like the building of Hillcrest Union also involved taking a big risk. Those with the vision knew there were community members who didn't agree with what they were creating. "Not everyone associated with IMS enthusiastically favored the building project...not all shared eagerness for the new building." But as noted later in the book, "conflict at IMS has often been the catalyst for growth." Many examples of this can be counted. Over the years, not everyone at IMS has always agreed. But everyone had the school's best interest at heart and put their feelings aside for the good of the school. The name Hillcrest also embodies this idea of taking a risk for the greater good of the school, knowing that not everyone will agree. Adding Hillcrest Union to IMS opened up the school to the community and, down the road, the opportunity for adding sports programs that spurred growth in the school.

As we look to move forward, realizing that our viability is outside the Mennonite Church, we need to embrace a vision that will bring us growth. We hope the concept of Hillcrest and all that it embodies, can be used in the new name and will open doors to invite the broader community to be a part of our school. IMS is a hub in this community; a bridge connecting faith and learning.

The use of **HILLCREST** in the name of the school will connect us to our past and all the things that make us who we are, while at the same time allowing us to embrace who we need to be in the future.

HILLCREST ACADEMY

ACADEMIC BRAND ELEMENTS

The operating board and administrative team have been working with North Star Marketing as they created a logo and tagline for **HILLCREST ACADEMY**. The logo(s) and tagline are shown below. We feel like they really captured who we are as a community and what we were looking to communicate to the larger community about who we are. We are very pleased with the design and our hope is our community will embrace it as well!



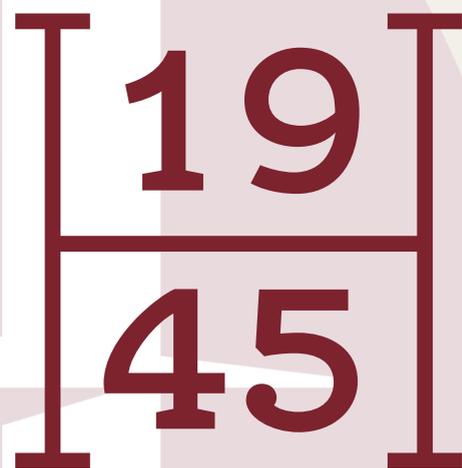
ACADEMIC SEAL

Here is the designer in his own words as he describes the concept. *“After distilling all the information we gathered from the brand kick-off meeting, there were some important attributes of the brand that became clear. Features that I really wanted to capture were Christ-centered, the hilltop location, the concept of a light on a hill, hope, unity, and community. I also wanted to include a design that would express the excellence of a college prep school. This concept is based on the school being a beacon in the community; I love the idea of the school being ‘a light on the hill.’ The cross is at the summit and it shows that Jesus is at the center of all things. The light ray completes the horizontal crossbar of the H. The fields and crop rows make up the surrounding hillside and help give identity to the location. This concept can be used as a seal and as a stacked or horizontal logo as well as a 1945 icon.”*



**HILLCREST
ACADEMY**

PRIMARY LOGO



**HILLCREST
ACADEMY**

SECONDARY LOGO

A LIGHT ON A HILL

We plan to take this idea of 'a light on a hill' and weave it into our messaging and new identity. We feel the passage that talks about this concept in Matthew 5 fits perfectly with the future we all want for our school.

Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 MSG

A MESSAGE FOR THE FUTURE

As our new logo concept embodies everything about who we are and who we want to be moving forward, it will be coupled with the simple but powerful message of the tagline.

ACADEMICS that INSPIRE. FAITH that LEADS.

This tagline indicates that **HILLCREST ACADEMY** will help students grow in both academics and faith, and help prepare students to become leaders in serving others as a part of the Christian and Mennonite tradition.

HILLCREST ACADEMY ATHLETIC BRAND



PRIMARY LOGO

You will notice our athletic colors will remain the same as we feel they completely fit with this particular mascot. We think this mascot concept characterizes strength and confidence but also playfulness. This is a much more straightforward concept compared to the academic logo. Here is the designer in his own words as he describes the concept. "This was designed to be a more modern logo. This is composed of a custom illustrated **RAVEN** head along with custom typography. The word **HILLCREST** is intentionally arched to represent the campus location and name."

Again in the book *Opening a Window to the World*, it mentions "that cheering for IMS has not always been easy since unlike almost every other high school, IMS has no nickname or mascot." He also talks about how over the years the issue of not having a mascot would not go away. The book talks about how the lack of a mascot or nickname visibly separated IMS from other schools. This is one of the reasons it was now important to incorporate a mascot into our new identity and we feel this image of a **RAVEN** captures a worthy representation of how God will provide for our future.

The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. (Elijah Fed by Ravens)
1 Kings 17:6 (NIV)

The **RAVEN** is often considered the world's most intelligent bird which is fitting for a school which hangs its hat on academic excellence but embraces the fact that it's athletic programs and their successes are what put them on the map. Plus it's interesting to note that in a board meeting soon after the 1972 decision to add interscholastic sports, in the list of possible nickname or mascot suggestions was you guessed it, **RAVENS!**

IMS CHANGES . . . US

There is so much good happening at IMS! Yet we must also acknowledge a very difficult truth. At the forefront of our minds is the fact that enrollment has been in decline for a decade. As a result, there are financial concerns about the long-term viability of our school. Our traditional dependence on enrollment from our Mennonite churches won't continue to move us forward.

To explain a little bit about the cover, **IMS Changes Us** is from the **1975 Reverie**. Just as IMS was realizing it's changing place in the community around it, we too are needing to do the same now some 44 years later. Those words "*The tradition of IMS continues to change...and because we are IMS it has changed too*" were relevant but also prophetic as we all embrace our new brand identity moving into a bright future.

Change creates opportunities.

We have an enormous opportunity for us to reach out to families who don't attend our Mennonite churches, but who are looking for a great opportunity for their students to learn and participate in a safe, supportive, Christ-centered community.

This past year we began the process of getting better at strategic marketing and outreach. In order for IMS to grow, it is critical for the school to find a way to attract families who don't attend Mennonite churches. This includes rebranding, offering new programming, and reaching out more aggressively to our growth demographic of the Iowa City and Washington communities. It is important for IMS to stand apart from the competition and communicate our identity to these demographics to attract and enroll new families to the school. This involves using marketing strategies and a new brand that includes compelling messages for all marketing platforms, creating a comprehensive word-of-mouth marketing campaign, and utilizing a network of current families, alumni, and community members to help attract new families to IMS. This also includes a few things to come like updating our website, making better use of social media, along with developing purposeful follow-up methods to keep in contact with families during the decision-making process. **Rebranding is the key piece to these marketing strategies but it is not the remedy by itself, but the foundation for us to build on moving forward.** There are many other areas for growth and improvement we will be working on to make our school a relevant and viable option for today's students.

*Changing the name of IMS to **HILLCREST ACADEMY** will not change who we are.* Our vision/mission as a school will not change. Our aim will always be to keep our feet firmly planted in our Anabaptist Mennonite identity. However, we feel operating under a new brand will allow us to better reach out in invitation to those who are not yet familiar with what we have to share at our school.

Our hope is that everyone will see God's hand at work in these changes, and that our community may come to embrace them. We look forward to hearing all perspectives as we partner together in this effort and we ask that everyone join us in asking God to bless our efforts towards the growth of our school.

As we move forward together into a new place in our history, there may be excitement for some and uncertainty for others. Those emotions along with countless others are important. Together we all may feel different about what our school is and what we need to do to move us forward, but the key to our success as a school is the togetherness. Our community is what makes us who we are, it's what makes us strong. I have been a first-hand witness to the generosity of so many of you that cherish our school and want it to continue for many more generations. Many, many of our alumni and friends were faithful to supporters this past year and invested in our future. For that we are truly thankful. It's the commitment of our supportive community that together will carry us into a bright future.

Jeremy Ours, **DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT**

BACK TO BACK



FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR, IMS met Solon at Spartan Stadium to play for the opportunity to go to state and for the second time IMS found a way to beat the #7 ranked Spartans and go on to play in the state tournament in Des Moines.



ONE LAST TIME ***THE CLASS OF 2019***

2019 GRADUATION EXERCISES took place in Celebration Hall on the campus of IMS. Baccalaureate was Saturday, May 25 and Commencement was on Sunday, May 26. Both were at 6:00 PM. The Baccalaureate speaker was Randall Ney. Randall is an Immigration Attorney at the University of Iowa and father of senior, Rubye. The 72nd IMS commencement speaker was Jewel Gingerich Longenecker, PhD. **Jewel ('82, F '93-'95)** is the Dean of Lifelong Learning at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. IMS graduated 22 students with the valedictorian of the class being Gretta Rempel (daughter of **Randy '92 and Kristen '92**) and the salutatorian being Adria Ebersole (daughter of Lee and Connie).

The 2019 IMS Commencement saw 22 students walk across the Celebration Hall stage to receive diplomas. The Class of 2019 accumulated **\$915,870 in merit-based scholarships** to attend colleges all over the country.

LIFE MOMENTS

FUTURE **ALUMNI**

JACE KEATON | FAITH & TRAVIS GINGERICH ('99) , JANUARY 31, 2019
ALINA KATHERINE | KARA (STOLTZFUS '03) & DOM PORTER, APRIL 1, 2019
ESTHER CATARINA | GRACE MARENGO SANCHEZ & THOMAS DAVIS ('06), APRIL 30, 2019
JOSEPH LELAND | LAURA (BRENNEMAN '14) & RODNEY ROPP, MAY 4, 2019
ELIJAH JAY | MARIA (YODER '07) & MATTHEW SWARTZENTRUBER, MAY 23, 2019
NILE THOMAS | NICOLE (ROPP '08) & NATHAN ELLIOT, JUNE 3, 2019
OLIVIA GRACE | HANNAH & TRUMAN SHETLER ('10), JUNE 19, 2019
HENRY HOYT | AMANDA (BEACHY '03) & JON (LEICHTY '97) BLEICHTY, JULY 15, 2019

WEDDING **BELLS**

AMANDA (BATES '08) & SHAWN ECHOLS | MARCH 23, 2018
KATIE NISLY ('11) & RYAN HARRIS | SEPTEMBER 1, 2018
BROOKS MILLER ('09) & FALYNN WIEBE | OCTOBER 27, 2018
KRISTIN DAVIS ('14) & BRYCE PIERCE | JUNE 7, 2019
DEMI BREZINA ('15) & **KIRBY SHETLER ('15)** | JUNE 29, 2019
KAYCEE MILLER ('15) & WILL SPURR | JULY, 13, 2019

IN **MEMORIAM**

KENNETH SWARTZENDRUBER ('59) | JULY 31, 2017
LARRY PIPER ('59) | FEBRUARY 28, 2018
VIRGINIA (BRENNEMAN '50) RYAN | FEBRUARY 18, 2019
ERVIN WHETSTONE ('52) | JANUARY 5, 2019
MARK JOSEPH "MJ" YODER ('54) | FEBRUARY 15, 2019
RUTH (YODER '54) KING | MAY 11, 2019
WALLACE BRENNEMAN ('53) | MAY 30, 2019
VIRGINIA (SWARTZENDRUBER '62) CHRISTOPHEL | JUNE 23, 2019
TARA HERSHBERGER ('91) | JUNE 24, 2019
LESLIE HOCHSTETLER ('53) | JUNE 24, 2019

NOT FOUR YEARS.
IMS ALUMNI
FOR LIFE.

TELL
US

YOUR LIVES ARE IMPORTANT TO US!

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HOME COMING & ALUMNI FAMILY WEEKEND 2019

Join us on campus for **HOME COMING & ALUMNI FAMILY WEEKEND ON OCTOBER 4-5, 2019!** On Friday night watch or participate in the alumni volleyball game or alumni soccer game, then on Saturday morning run or walk in the Joetown Classic 5K. Afterwards be sure and stick around for the IMS Tailgate or take a campus tour. Later that evening enjoy the annual Pork Supper in Hillcrest Union followed by a Community Hymn Sing in Celebration Hall.

2018 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

The IMS community thanks all those who donated to the Annual Fund in the 2017 calendar year. The Annual Fund is the school's mission critical fundraising effort. The majority of our development efforts are directed towards the Annual Fund. Essentially the Annual Fund is what helps us deliver The IMS Experience to each of our students year after year by supplementing operating expenses not covered by tuition.

1948

Ethel (Swartzendruber) & Henry Miller

1949

Orval & Norma Brenneman

Lois (Brenneman) Gugel

Ruby (Swartzendruber) Lehman

Cletus Miller

Margaret J. Miller

1950

Donald Erb

Dorothy (Hershberger) Miller

1951

Paul Bowers

Barbara (Miller) Longoria

Dolores (Miller) Miller

Oliver & Miriam (Swartzendruber) Yutzy

1952

Myrna (Kinsinger) Farraj

Lores (Brenneman) Hochstetler

Edwin D. & Mary Jane Miller

Mary Ellen (Hershberger) Miller

Verda (Ropp) Swartzendruber

1953

Mary Lou (Smucker) Bowers

Eunice (Yoder) Brenneman

Carley (Eash) Brubaker

1954

Faye Beckler

Ruth (Yoder) & John Mark King

Marlene (Yoder) & Marion Leichty

E. Gene & Edna Miller

Carolyn (Miller) Walter

1955

John Blough

Ray Horst

Dorothy Logan

Kay Marner

William Shettler

Lorena (Brenneman) & Chuck Swantz

1956

Fanni (Marner) & Wilbur Birky

Joe & Norma (Hershberger) Hostetler

Anna (Leichty) Lewis

Phyllis (Yoder) Litwiller

John & Dorothy Yoder Nyce

Lynn & Barbara Troyer

James Zook

1957

Frances (Powell) Collins

Allen Horst

Francis Litwiller

Charles Rhodes

Howard Schrock

Ronald & Barbara Wyse

Ezra Yoder

Wilford & Elaine (Kennel) Yoder

1958

Jim Brenneman

Keith Brenneman

Erma (Yoder) Edwards

Karen (Hochstetler) Gingerich

Loretta (Miller) Kauffman

Wesley & Sue (Schlatter) Richard

Doris (Schrock) Thirtle

Carroll & Nancy Yoder

1959

Phyllis (Miller) Bassett

Mary (Hochstetler) Brenneman

Nelson & Margaret Gingerich

Edwin & Marjorie Hershberger

Lydia Ann (Schrock) Kennel

H. Marcus & Vonna Yoder

Larry Yoder

1960

Neva (Stutzman) Frey

Alice (Wenger) Hsu

Ronald King

Jane (Marner) & Walter Kopsa

Keith Litwiller

Wilbur & Mary (Beachy) Litwiller

Charlotte (Graber) Rosenberger

Martha (Miller) & Kent Shawver

James Wenger

Gordon & Norma Yoder

1961

Linda (Miller) Rowold Brown

Myrna (Yoder) Kaufman

Karen (Beachy) Kropf

Roger & Evelyn (Roth) Leichty

Wilma (Leichty) Lichti

Ronald Piper

Colleen (Rhodes) Stoltzfus

Kenneth Yoder

Winifred (Hostetler) & John Yordy

1962

Virginia (Swartzendruber) & Lavon Christophel

Ken Frey

Lee & Julie Gingerich

Wallace & Elaine (Graber) Gingerich

Mary Louise (Brenneman) & Merlin Grieser

Audrey (Yoder) & Frank Hartzler

Larry Hershberger

Shirley (Brenneman) & Calvin Hochstedler

***Nyle & Lauralee Kauffman**

Calvin Miller

Evelyn (Yoder) Miller

John David & Rebecca Miller

Wilbur & Helen Yoder

1963

Jay Brenneman

Ronald & Ruth Guengerich

Arlen Hershberger

Kathleen (Yoder) Quinn

Dale & Charlene (Yoder) Rhodes

Lovina (Gingerich) & Carl Rutt

Elaine (Gerig) & Daniel Schrock

1964

Nedra (Brenneman) Berger

Elaine Brenneman

Calvin Litwiller

*Aliko Songolo

Ardell Swartzendruber

Darvin & Martha Yoder

Fred & Judy Yoder

1965

Daniel Gingerich

Ken & Noreen Gingerich

Karen (Yoder) & Bruce Harvey

Rachel (Hess) Litwiller

Myrna (Swartzendruber) Moyer

Margaret (Miller) & Lynn Williams

Norm & Linda Yoder

1966

Roger & Kathleen (Yoder) Erteld

Mary (Yoder) & Ervie Glick

Myron & Martha (Yoder) Graber

Phil & Joyce Ropp

Linda (Wyse) Stump

Marcia & John Yoder-Schrock

Dick & Jane Yoder-Short

1967

Diane (Miller) Hess

Ken & Christine Miller

Joyce Yoder

1968

Karen (Miller) Albrecht

Nancy (Bender) Gehman

Firman & Susan (Yoder) Gingerich

Jim Gingerich

Wayne Hershberger

Steve Lowry

Dennis & Rosie (Yoder) Miller

Judy (Yoder) Moskalik

Dean & Becky (Guengerich) Rhodes

Marlene (Slagle) & Ted Springer

Loren & Pat (Swartzendruber) Swartzendruber

Kathy (Brenneman) Walter

1969

Roberta (Yoder) & Ernest Kandel

Loren & Kathrine Troyer

Tim Widmer

Frank & Jane Widmer Yoder

Wanda Yoder

1970

Ron & Lorene (Yoder) Bender

Julie (Miller) Derstine

Ed Gingerich

Janice (Miller) Godshall

Arden & Pat Miller

Wendell & Cheryl Martin Miller

Gay & Gloria (Bender) Widmer

***Curtis & Lois Yoder**

Rodney Yoder

Sheldon & Letha (Mullet) Yoder

1971

Lynn & Ruth Ann (Wenger) Brenneman

Mike & Kris (Brenneman) Brenneman

Mary Lou (Swartzendruber) & Roger Farmer

Barb Graber

Loren Hochstedler

1971

Marla (Hochstetler) & Randy Longenecker
 Harold & Mary (Roth) Stutzman
 George & Deborah Yoder

1972

Lois (Bender) Gingerich
 Elvesta (Miller) Hochstedler
 Del & Patty (Yoder) Miller
 Donald & Tamara Miller

***Jim Miller**

Jon & Becky Widmer

1973

Lorna (Miller) & Glendon Bender
 Jim & Linda Histan
 Leon & Fran Hochstedler

Bill & Rosie Hochstetler**Deb (Yoder) Miller**

Eileen (Miller) Sawatsky
 Doug Stoltzfus
 Gary Yoder

1974

Myrna (Miler) & Dirk Eitzen
 Mary Lou (Miller) Gingerich
 June (Miller) & Marc Hershberger

Barb (Yoder) Martin

Julie (Erb) Meyers

Leonard & Laura Miller

Ray Miller

Lorraine (Swartzendruber) & John Munk

Lois (Miller) Rhodes

Pam (Brenneman) Stoltzfus

John & Elisabeth Tiessen

Calvin & Judy Yoder

1975

Stanley Marner

Brenda Nissley

Cindy (Yoder) Widmer

1976

Dwight & Mo Gingerich

Joann (Roth) Marner

Marcus & Beth Miller

Cindy (Swartzendruber) & Dan Steiner

Darrell Yoder

1977

Dave & Kathy (Slabach) Bender

Paulette (Miller) & Marv Hershberger

Julee & Phil Kauffman-Jantzi

Melissa (Yoder) & Ron Thomas

Marlin & Joni (Doolin) Yoder

1978

Carol (Bender) & John Bates

Crandall Miller

Donna (Swantz) & Nelson Miller

Steve & Kathy Ropp

Sherry (Schweitzer) & Todd Thompson

Maynard Yoder

1979***Mitch & Sandie Kinsinger**

Ken & Bev Miller

Susan (Swartzendruber) Stoltzfus

Larry Swartzendruber

1980

Lucille (Schrock) & Wilbur Shetler

Rodney Swantz

Connie (Miller) Swartzendruber

***Gary & Donna Yoder**

Rhonda Yoder

1981

Joe Eichelberger

Martin & Heidi Gingerich

Julie (Kelso) & Lon Marshall

1981

Beth (Litwiller) Swantz

Linda (Bender) & John Yutzzy

1982

Karla Gingerich

Ed Miller

Leora (Miller) Troyer

1983

Kermit & Lori (Miller) Bender

Mike Bender

Brian & Heather (Blosser) Herschberger

Craig Marner

Forrest & Nora Miller

Deb (Yoder) Murray

Kurt Roth

Maribeth (Yoder) Schlaubaugh

Gary & Joy Schrock

Elroy Shetler

1984

Cynthia (Yoder) & Gordon Bontrager

Larion Hostetler

***Lyle & Bonnie (Hostetler) Miller**

Jim Schlaubaugh

1985***Jon Beachy****1986**

Jeff Gingerich

Tony & Leah (Stutzman) Miller

Sheryl (Hostetler) & Frank Moreland

1987

Rose Bender Cook

Mark & Kristen Leichty

1988

Christine (Leichty) & Brian Cahoe

Chris & Sandi Rhodes

Chad Stoltzfus

Warren & Emily Yoder

1989

Corey Oswald

Todd & Kate Watson

Brent & Tara Yoder

1990

Lara Troyer

Melanie & Ismail Yoder Salim

Marlow & Jenny Yoder

1991

Dana (Hochstetler) Oswald

Mitch Rhodes

Shannon Roth

1992

Randy & Kristen (Liwiller) Rempel

1993

Heidi (Troyer) Baldwin

***Anita (Miller) Beachy**

Lowell Gingerich

Adam & Brigitte (Nisly) Ingersoll

Erika (Payne) Miller

Rebecca Beachy Miller & Tom Miller

Sheila (Bender) & Jeremy Ours

1994

Lori (Boller) & Nolan Gerber

Rachel (Rempel) Koehn

1995

Theresa (Litwiller) & Kent Blossom

Amy Gingerich & Ryan Claassen

Stacy Ropp Miller

Jenelle (Bender) Yoder

1996

Jodi (Hochstedler) & Ben Beyeler

Nate Miller

1997

Fred & Sarah Gingerich

Nate & Amy (Boller) Graber

Brian Miller

Steven Rhodes

1998

Joel & Christine Beachy

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Nick Ropp

Sarah Smith Baber

Kevin Zook*1999**

Kendra (Conrad) Bailey

Jill (Stoltzfus) & Thushan Hemachandra

Laurie (Bender) Miller*2000**

Nathan Detweiler & Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler

Jace Bailey

Jill (Widmer) & Josh Lundberg

Erin Miller Milanese

Chuck Miller**Tyson Miller*****Adam Yoder****2001**

Amy Widmer

2002

Allison (Brenneman) & Isaiah Goertz

Nathan Miller

Caleb & Beth Yoder

Nolan Yoder

2003***Joel Koerner & Maria Blough Koerner**

Kara (Stoltzfus) Porter

Benjamin Yoder*2004**

Tyler & Rosanna Coblantz

2005

Del & Sarah Bortrager

Amy (Yoder) & Dan Landes

Roby Miller

Liz (Beachy) Rhodes

Matthew & Rachel Ropp

Jason Widmer

2006

Thomas Davis

Caleb & Heidi Gingerich Detweiler

Laura (Stoltzfus) Jones

Lindsay (Erb) Widmer

Kyla (Yoder) & Josh Wiebe

2007

Hannah Ney

Marcus Unruh*2008**

Patrick Fischer

Reggie Hochstedler

Joe Hochstetler

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2009

Collin Gingerich

Maria Davis Hochstedler

2014

Kristin (Davis) Pierce

2018

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