
LINDALE LINES

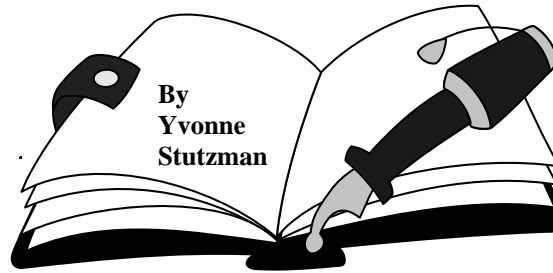
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Telling the Story - Omar & Lena Showalter



Lena Beachy was born January 14, 1931, the 11th of 12 children to Eli and Mary Ann Beachy. There were Amish and lived on a 155-acre farm in a large Amish community near Plain City, Ohio. At the age of seven, Lena's parents, along with numerous other families, formed a new church group called the Beachy Amish. This group adopted slightly different dress patterns and some modern conveniences such as electricity, telephones, cars, and more modern farm machinery. Lena was greatly influenced by her parents and older siblings who were deeply devoted to God. Her grandfather Beachy was a bishop in the Amish Church, and her uncle was a pastor in the Mennonite Church. Four of her brothers were ordained to ministry in various states and one of them served many years in India.

At age 16 Lena and her younger brother accepted Christ as their Savior. They and their parents began attending the Conservative Mennonite Church where Lena became involved in a very active youth group and teaching and singing ministries. In 1954, she became a member of a mixed octet that traveled throughout the United States giving programs in churches that supported a summer singing tour in Europe.

June 10, 1955, Lena married Norman Yutzky also from Plain City. Norman had graduated from Eastern Mennonite College five days earlier, was licensed to preach in 1956, and was later ordained. He pastored at Trissels Mennonite near Harrisonburg, at Souderton Mennonite in Pennsylvania, at Roanoke Mennonite in Illinois, and was an evangelist in numerous areas. They returned to Harrisonburg and began attending Lindale in 1981. In June, 2000, Norman became interim pastor at Stephens City. December 26, 2000, shortly after they moved from Timberville to Wits End Way where Lena lives now, Norman died in a farm accident. Lena has three children and seven grandchildren who all live in this area.

Omar Valentine Showalter was born on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1928, the youngest of nine children, to Noah and Elizabeth Showalter in Garden City, Missouri. Omar tells the story that at his birth, when the neighbors heard the Showalters had another child named Omar; they said Showalters had "ohmore," a pun on his name. Omar's father had been the first librarian at Eastern Mennonite College and taught harmonia sacra music to churches in the area; however before Omar was born they had moved to Missouri. When Omar was ten, the family returned to Harrisonburg, so the children could attend Park Elementary School and Eastern Mennonite High School where Omar graduated in 1949. His father died in November, 1948 while Omar was the only child living at home with his mother.

Lindale Mennonite Church

...RELEASED by Christ...EMPOWERED by the Holy Spirit...SENT to share God's love

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In high school, Omar had become interested in a schoolmate, Esther Trauger who graduated when he did and returned to her home in Pennsylvania. Since his sister would be coming home from missionary service in Africa and would live with their mother, Omar moved to Pennsylvania near Esther's family, got a job, and courted Esther. They were married April, 1950. Omar started building their new house in 1951 and quit his job to finish the house. At the time they were attending a mission fellowship that later became Groveland Mennonite Church.

In September, 1951, Omar was chosen by lot and ordained to be a non-salaried pastor in this church where he served until 1971, working part-time at a manufacturing company as a machinist/designer. For 11 years, he served as a speaker for a radio ministry sponsored by individuals in Franconia Conference. While he was pastor, he took a one year sabbatical to attend Eastern Mennonite College, now Eastern Mennonite University. After resigning from the pastorate in 1971, Omar worked full-time for the same company until he retired in 1993 when he and Esther moved to Harrisonburg. They attended Lindale Mennonite, where Omar had been baptized at age 10, and they both volunteered at Gift and Thrift. After several years of illness, Esther passed away March 5, 2004, just short of their 54th anniversary. Omar has five grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

In September 2005, Omar invited a Gift and Thrift volunteer, Lena Yutzy, out to dinner which led to a continuing relationship resulting in their marriage January 15, 2006. Omar is in his 17th year of volunteering at Gift and Thrift and has been instrumental in its growth and success. One of his hobbies through the years has been woodworking. He built all the book cases in the new store. After a walk up the hill to Lena's daughter's home October 10, 2007, Omar collapsed in the yard. Being a nurse, Charlene gave him CPR. The next day he received a pacemaker. Omar says, "I am so grateful for the way the Lord led in my life and now has given me an extension to continue serving Him." Lena has served as manager of the Lindale Mennonite Women's group for many years. Her hobbies include quilting, sewing, and word puzzle games. She and Omar enjoy playing a game of Scrabble each evening. Lena "marvels at the way God has led me throughout my life as I have sought to be in His will."



Committed to Memory

¹⁰ This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

Jeremiah 29:10-14



A 3:16 VALENTINE WITH LOVE!
This is amazing and indeed it IS the greatest Valentine of all
time!!!

"For God so loVed the world,

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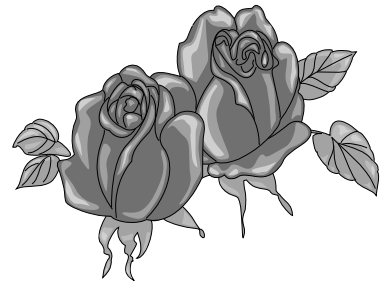
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That whosoever

Believeth IIn Him

Should NNot perish,

But have EVerlasting life."



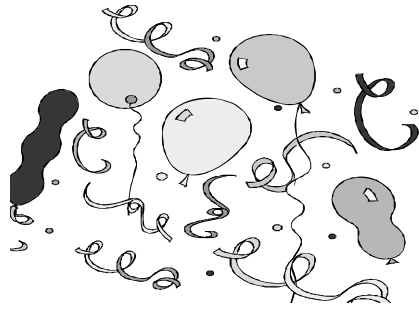
Senseless Acts of Kindness

Keep all those that are suffering in Haiti in your prayers, as well as those that are working there to comfort and aid the Haitian people.



February Birthdays

1 - Terri Gehman
2 - Bailey Brownlee
3 - Dennis Brubaker
3 - Walter Roynon
4 - Judy Leaman
4 - Brianna Brunk
6 - Duane Swartley
6 - Jennifer Sommers
7 - Rachelle Oswald
7 - Gregory Kulp
7 - Hans Harman
7 - Aspen Long
7 - Ruby Hostetler
8 - Sheldon Rice
9 - Jolene Kratz
10 - Bryan Thomas
12 - Kerry Riggelman
12 - Jonathan Hershey
13 - Larry Beiler
13 - Steve Brydge
14 - Omar Showalter
14 - Stephanie Cable
15 - Craig Anders
15 - Don Tyson
16 - Ashton Pease
16 - Mike Engle
17 - Lauren Benner
17 - Chris Showalter
17 - Jody Byler

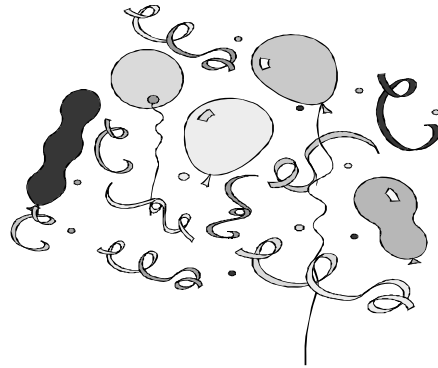


17 - Tate Weaver
22 - Dex Beyer
22 - Sam Weaver
22 - Jo Martin
23 - Brian Hess
24 - Jason Rhee
24 - Michael Weaver
26 - Mark Horst
27 - Ben Bowman
27 - Galen Lehman
28 - Ben Schlabach

February Anniversary Time:



25 - Jim & Dawn Monger



Did You Know????

† Abe & Ruth Rittenhouse will spend the month of February volunteering at Sunside Retirement Community in Florida, where J. David Yoder is the CEO.

2010 Adult Winter Bible School

The Gospel of John: Seven Signs and Seven Sayings
Four Sundays at 6:30PM at EMHS Auditorium
February 21 - March 14, 2010
Taught by Pastor Duane Yoder

Child Care will be provided and an offering will be received.

Sunday School 9:30AM

Morning Worship 10:30AM

Lindale Mennonite Calendar

Sunday, January 31	Monday, February 1	Tuesday, February 2	Wednesday, February 3	Thursday, February 4	Friday, February 5	Saturday, February 6
Last Day to order MYF Subs	6:30PM Women's Bible Study	Happy Groundhog Day!	8:30AM Four Distinctive Gospels Bible Study	9AM Lindale Mennonite Women	Leadership Retreat 6:30 CrossRoads Dinner & Meeting 7:30 Ernie Haase & Signature Sound	Leadership Retreat
Sunday, February 7	Monday, February 8	Tuesday, February 9	Wednesday, February 10	Thursday February 11	Friday, February 12	Saturday, February 13
MYF Sub Sale 3PM Legacy 5 at EMHS	6:30PM Women's Bible Study		Wed Night Programming		7:30 Excellent Trouble	3PM Mennofolk 8PM Variety Show
Saturday, February 14	Monday, February 15	Tuesday, February 16	Wednesday, February 17	Thursday February 18	Friday, February 19	Saturday, February 20
<i>Happy Valentine's Day!</i>	6:30PM Women's Bible Study					Smart Marriage Retreat
Sunday, February 21	Monday, February 22	Tuesday, February 23	Wednesday, February 24	Thursday, February 25	Friday, February 26	Saturday, February 27
Food Pantry Collection Day 6:30PM Winter Bible Study <i>Deadline for Lindale Lines</i>	Edom United Methodist Food Pantry 6:30PM Women's Bible Study		Wed Night Programming Goshen College Men's Chorus			9AM Survivor Breakfast Lindale Game Night 6 PM Nazareth Village Festival at EMHS Dining Hall
Sunday, February 28	Monday, March 1	Tuesday, March 2	Wednesday, March 3	Thursday, March 4	Friday, March 5	Saturday, March 6
Last Day of Blanket Drive 6:30PM Winter Bible Study	Turkey Canning Project Starts 6:30PM Women's Bible Study			9AM Lindale Mennonite Women	Men's Retreat	Men's Retreat

Exciting Things Are Coming!

February 3, 2010 to March 24, 2010 every Wednesday from 8:30AM to 9:45AM at Park View Mennonite Church. Reta Halteman Finger will lead a Bible Study entitled "Four Distinctive Gospels."

February 5, 2010 – 6PM CrossRoads Heritage Center Annual Dinner & Meeting at Lindale Church. Call 438-1275 by **February 1, 2010** for reservations.

February 5, 2010 – 7:30PM Ernie Haase & Signature Sound at 1st Baptist Church in Charlottesville. Call (800) 965- 9324 for information.

February 7, 2010 – 3PM Legacy 5 will be concert at EMHS auditorium. Call 236-6026 for more information.

February 12-13, 2010 – Drama and songs about love and relationships will abound on Valentine's Weekend at EMHS Auditorium.

February 12, 2010 - 7:30PM – Excellent Trouble performed by Ted Swartz and Ingrid De Santis with music by Brad Yoder. Tickets at the door \$10.

February 13, 2010 – 3PM Music concerts by Trent Wagler & The Steel Wheels, Andru Bemis, Heather Kropf, Rachel Ries, and Brad Yoder.

February 13, 2010 – 8PM Music and Comedy show. All Saturday performances will be Pay-what-you-will. For more information call 574-4877.

February 10 and 24, 2010 – 6PM Wednesday Evening Programming. Dinner and Activities for all. Four Adult Electives include (1) Come to the Light: Women in the Gospel of John (2) Different Avenues to Experiencing God (3) Intercessory Prayer Group and (4) Men's Support and Accountability Group MYF and JMYF will meet for their regularly scheduled programs. Children ages 3 to 5th grade will be Cruisin' the Amazing Amazon: A Jungle Journey to Discover Jesus based on Nahum 1:7.

February 20, 2010 – 9AM-4PM Marriage Investment Retreat will focus on strengthening communication, conflict management, intimacy and enjoyment in marriage. **Registrations are due by February 7, 2010.** Please contact Pastor Cindy if you have any questions.

February 21, 2010 - Adult Winter Bible Study at EMHS Auditorium. Pastor Duane will teach on the Seven Signs and Seven Sayings of John's Gospel.

February 24, 2010 – Goshen College Men's Chorus Tour at Park View Mennonite.

February 27, 2010 – 9AM- 11AM Survivor Breakfast at 1st Presbyterian Church. Call 434-3360 to RSVP.

February 27, 2010 – Lindale Game Night planned by the Special Events Committee.

February 27, 2010 – 6PM Nazareth Village Festival in the EMHS dining hall. Fundraiser to support Shirley Roth, director of Nazareth Village. Call Diane Bowman at 434-9727 for reservations.

Exciting Things Are Still Coming!

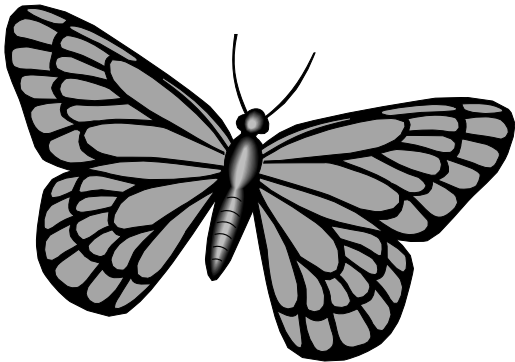
March 5-7, 2010 – Men's Retreat at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. Ervin Stutzman will be the speaker. For information call toll free 866-566-9272.

March 1-5, 2010 – Annual Meat Canning at the Hinton Mennonite Relief Center. Virginia Mennonite Conference is responsible for March 2nd. Help is needed from 5AM to 11PM each day. March 5th is scheduled as a community day. Everyone is welcome to come any day. Call Leon Rhodes at 867-9751 or Gerald Knically 879-2077 for information.

March 20, 2010 – 8:30AM MEF (Mennonite Elders Fellowship) Lindale Prayer Breakfast in the Lindale Fellowship Hal Anyone born before 1959 is welcome to attend.

May 22, 2010 – MEF Spring Trip to visit to Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton.

MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers) meet the second and fourth Tuesday from September - May at the Harrisonburg Baptist Church. There are two sessions 9:30-11:30AM and 6-7:30PM.



Send Newsletter Submissions

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Audrey Hepburn wrote this poem when she was asked to share her "beauty tips."

For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.
For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people.
For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.
For beautiful hair, let a child run his/her fingers through it once a day.
For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone.
People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived,
reclaimed, and redeemed; never throw out anyone.
Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you will find one at the end of
each of your arms.
As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands; one for
helping yourself, and the other for helping others.

VISION STATEMENT

As followers of Jesus Christ, Lindale Mennonite Church seeks to be a caring Anabaptist community sent to neighbors near and far through vibrant worship, abundant generosity, and ministry in word and deed.

MISSION STATEMENT

Lindale Mennonite Church is a fellowship of Anabaptist believers in the stream of God's love who are being **RELEASED** from the bonds of sin and freed by the grace of God through the saving work of His Son Jesus Christ to walk in newness of life ...

EMPOWERED by the Holy Spirit and nurtured within the community of believers to follow Jesus and daily live the Kingdom values of the Sermon on the Mount...

SENT to neighbors near and far, calling them by word and deed to embrace God's gift of healing and hope, the joy of community and the promise of new life.

Happy Valentine's Day!!!

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