

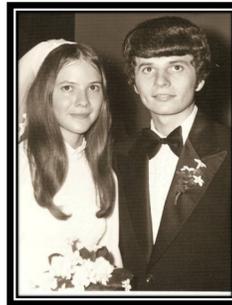


Wayne Gascho—A Faithful CCS Servant Retires

In 1972, my husband, Scott Caley, and I were in the 5th and 6th combination class when this young Michigan accented teacher stepped into his first CCS classroom. Little did Wayne Gascho realize at this time that his aspiration to become an elementary teacher inspired by his own teachers in a country Christian school in Michigan would launch him into a 47 year career at another country Christian school in far away Pennsylvania! But God called and Wayne faithfully responded in spite of being uprooted from both his and his lovely new bride's home state. We are so blessed because of his obedience and calling to CCS.

Mr. Gascho wore many hats over the years teaching hundreds of students and modeling daily what it meant to be a servant leader and a master educator. After teaching his first year with an energetic combination of fifth and sixth graders, he moved into teaching 5th grade and several more 5th and 6th grade combinations. Other roles included being a MS and HS LA teacher, principal of the school, elementary supervisor, gym rental coordinator, and ES, MS, and HS resource room teacher. Frequently these roles were simultaneously completed displaying excellence and diligence in a very busy workload. Hundreds of students and

many teachers have been encouraged and inspired by his very consistent personal, sensitive, and creative teaching style. One of Mr. Gascho's greatest joys is when he "bumps" into previous students along life's jour-



Wayne and Pat Gascho in 1972 before coming to CCS.

ney and sees the pathways the Lord has led them in and knows he was honored to be a part of their lives. Very recently, Wayne hand delivered writing portfolios to students' homes. Wow!

His wife, Pat, taught at CCS and served as the school librarian for many years. His three children, Katrina, Jonathan, and Kevin, graduated from CCS. One of his in-laws, Kendra (Esh) Gascho he taught and another was a student at CCS, Megan (Brown) Gascho. Two grandchildren, Michael and Kaitlyn

Myers, of his 9 grandchildren have graduated from CCS with 2 more following. During his "repurposing" years as Wayne terms it, he plans on having more time to spend with his family, travel, volunteer, and substitute teach. We doubt if much grass will grow under this ambitious man's feet!

A "go to" verse that Wayne has treasured in his life journey throughout the years is Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT) "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." We thank God and Mr. Gascho that a big stretch of his journey was side by side with us. We are saying good-bye here at CCS, but so much of this legendary faithful servant so many have learned and loved from lives on in who we are at CCS.

Bon voyage with our blessings and prayers!

By -Janet (Petersheim) Caley



Amos Stoltzfus, Glenda Hersberger, Wayne Gascho on the Administrative team in 1984

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Mission

- Educating the whole student—body, mind and spirit—for God.

Vision

- Conestoga Christian School, in harmony with the home and church, provides a quality educational program for preschool to 12th grade students in an environment which develops critical thinking, nurtures Christ-like character, and equips students for a life of discipleship and service.

Alumni Spotlight—Marlin Petersheim ('03), Serving in Cambodia

Marlin Petersheim ('03) has been serving as a missionary in Cambodia since 2015. He and his wife, Sambath, are the directors of South East Asia for Overland Missions. They also serve as sector managers in the Preah Vihear Province in northern Cambodia. During the summer months, they lead outreach teams comprised of people from around the



Baptism

miraculous healings. If you would like to learn more about their ministry, you can contact Marlin on Facebook or at marlin@overlandmissions.com.

—Written by Rachel (Petersheim) White



Marlin and Sambath with a new Christian.

world. In addition to leading expedition teams, they provide support for local pastors and are continually exploring the province to find the next remote village where they search for existing believers and seek to plant churches. They daily see Christ's power at work in lives changed by the Gospel, divine "coincidences," and



Bible study

Alumni Committee—Looking for members

Conestoga Christian school plans to start an alumni committee in the upcoming school year. We are looking for Alumni who are willing to meet 2-3 times a year as a part of this committee. Some of the tasks given to this committee would be to brainstorm and speak into what events and communication Alumni would find appealing, suggest articles of interest for this newsletter and suggest ways to begin reunions

and other events as a way of helping Alumni reconnect with the school. If you are interested in helping in this way or would just like to learn more about it, contact Heather Schreier at heather.schreier@conestogachristian.net or Jack Greenly at jack.greenly@conestogachristian.net. You can also call the office at 610-286-0353 to speak with Jack or Heather.

CCS is looking for several people willing to join an Alumni Committee.

In His Likeness sings for His Glory at Music in the Parks

On Friday, May 24th, the 50 high school members of In His Likeness competed against schools across Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Ohio at the Music in the Parks Festival. They truly sang their hearts out! They competed in the morning and then enjoyed the afternoon at Hersheypark.

IHL was ecstatic to receive straight "Superior" rankings, earning a 97.5 average score out of 100. Our stu-

dents took home trophies for 1st place in the Mixed Choir category as well as Best Choir Overall. In addition, senior Emily Rader won Best Vocalist for her flawless soprano solo.

Mrs. Stone says, "I am SO thankful for these students. And I'm also incredibly thankful for the support of the CCS community through-out this busy fine arts season! Soli Deo Gloria!"

By—Hannah Stone (IHL Director)



2018-20219 IHL Choir

Come See—ANNE OF GREEN GABLES—NOVEMBER 8-9
A great night out for your family

Growing In Faith Together—Land Purchase Complete

The last Capital Campaign that Conestoga Christian School (CCS) embarked on was in 2005 when Conestoga completed a 1.6 million dollar addition to the gymnasium building. The 2005 expansion project included the addition of administrative offices, high school classrooms, a new computer lab, and an expanded library/media center. Question . . . do you remember that Campaign?

In 2018 the Board of Trustee launched CCS's newest Campaign, "Growing in Faith Together". It has been a blessing to watch the school grow numerically and in its programs. The first step of our *Growing in Faith Together* campaign was to purchase more land. Mast Farms graciously agreed to sell CCS four acres of land that is adjacent to the school's soccer field. A note of praise,

on January 8, 2019 the school was able to complete the purchasing of those four acres without borrowing any money - the Lord provided everything needed . . . praise Him!

The Conestoga Christian School website shares the why, what, and how of

our *Growing in Faith Together* campaign. Please pray for this expansion as the school seeks to continue to make an impact for God's Kingdom. (Matthew 6:33)

- Written by Ken Parris (Head of School)



Mr. Parris in front of the recently purchased property



Picture from the past—Construction of the current high school in 2005

Auction planned for October 18-19

Auction weekend is set for October 18 and 19 with all of the foods and events everyone has come to love. The BBQ is October 18 from 11am to 7pm along with the auction preview and coffee and craft area designed especially with Alumni in mind. Come and visit in the cozy atmosphere of a coffee shop.

BBQ tickets can be purchased online at the school website. Early Bird Tickets are \$9 from August 26th until October 7th and \$10 after that.

Saturday Breakfast kicks off at 8am, the auction at 8:30 and the Kidz Zone opens at 9am. The auction will be over shortly after noon so come early to make the most of your day.

An Online auction will run from October 17 to October 31 with more items for those who want to support the school but cannot make it to the BBQ and Live auction. Go to

www.biddingforgood.com/conestogachristian or scan this QR Code with your phone for more information on the online auction.



2nd Annual Alumni Corn Hole Tournament—October 5th

The 2nd Annual CCS Alumni Corn Hole Tournament will be held on Saturday, October 5th at 10am. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the CCS alumni fund. Grab a friend and plan to attend this fun event.

Last year we had 15 teams, with 4 of those teams being made up of CCS alumni. We had teams consisting of father/sons, mothers/daughters, husbands/wives, grandparents and grand-

children. This year will be a fun event for the entire family. We will provide lunch for every team, and prizes will be given out throughout the day including 2 Shady Maple Gift Certificates for \$100.

It will be held at the CCS Soccer field rain or shine and the cost is \$40 per team.

Please contact Jack Greenly @ jack.greenly@conestogachristian.net to register your team.



We're on the Web!

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ALUMNI INSTAGRAM



Check out the Alumni section of the
school website

www.conestogachristian.net/alumni

Upcoming Events

- **Alumni Corn hole Tournament**—October 5th
- **Scholastic Book Fair**— September 23-27
- **BBQ and Auction**—October 18 & 19
- **Fall Drama—Anne of Green Gables**— November 8-9
- **Cougar Basketball Classic** —December 6-7
- **Christmas Concert**—December 12
- **Pastors Lunch**— February 6
- **Open House**—February 26 in the morning—additional open houses will be listed online as available and in the next newsletter.
- **Fall and Winter Athletics**—The schedule can be found at www.conestogachristian.net/athletics

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE
WEBSITE AT

WWW.CONESTOGACHRISTIAN.NET

SCHOOL FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/conestogachristianschool/

SCHOOL INSTAGRAM

www.instagram.com/conestogachristianschool/

ATHLETICS INSTAGRAM

Alumni News

Scott and Kaitlyn (Brown) Yost (07') announce the birth of their son Conner James on October 24, 2018

Danielle (Caley)Liddick (09') and Caleb Liddick had a baby girl, Wren Soleil on June 26, 2019

Peter Van Ness (13') and Lindsey Blest (12') married on April 6, 2019. They reconnected after going different ways for college and jobs. Peter is working as a data analyst, and Lindsey is a reporter at LNP Lancasteronline in Lancaster County.

Bryce Petersheim (12') and Madison (Parris) Petersheim (13') welcomed Emerson Alyssa Petersheim into this world on June 1st



Emerson Petersheim

Leah (Thompson) Shoup (13') and Jonathan Shoup (14') are the proud owners of a new house in Elizabethtown, PA

Emily Ley (14') started a music recording this summer and will publish it by the end of 2019

Tyler Greenly (14') graduated from LBC this past spring with a degree in Sports Management.

Brandon Herr (14') was engaged to his fiancé Jess Wilson on July 6th. Brandon and Jess met at Messiah College. Brandon is currently employed by ATI as an athletic trainer.

**DO YOU HAVE NEWS? CONTACT JACK GREENLY AT
JACK.GREENLY@CONESTOGACHRISTIAN.NET**



2nd Annual CCS CornHole Tournament

Date: Saturday October 5th

Time: 10 am Start

Where: CCS Soccer Field

Benefits: CCS Alumni Fund

Cost: \$40 per Team

Please come out to support the Alumni Fund of CCS. The tournament will be held rain or shine. Great Prizes. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Jack Greenly @ jack.greenly@conestogachristian.net to register.