

Installation Service Notes

Andrew Bodden is the Mennonite Central Committee coordinator for Miami/Florida.

James M. Lapp is preaching minister at Salford Mennonite Church in Harleysville, PA. He has been Dave's spiritual director and friend for many years.

Kendra Rittenhouse is a soloist and vocal teacher in Telford, PA. She's a member of Souderton Mennonite Church and a friend of the Greisers.

Sandra Drescher-Lehman is Minister of Worship and Pastoral Care at Souderton Mennonite Church, a former colleague and good friend of Dave's.

Sheldon Rich is a long time member of one of Dave's former congregations, West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship. He lives in Lansdowne, PA.

Ted Hughes is a song leader from Souderton Mennonite Church and long time friend of the Greisers.

Warren L. Tyson is the Executive Conference Minister for Atlantic Coast Conference.

Here – Composed by Paul R. Schlitz, Jr. in honor of the installation of Pastor David Greiser. In 1894, an Oriole first baseman named Dan Brouthers hit a tape measure home run that so astounded the spectators that they draped a simple eloquent orange and black flag over the spot where the ball left the ballpark with the word "Here". In May 1966, during the second half of a double header against the Indians, Frank Robinson hit a fastball off of Luis Tiant that landed outside of capacious Memorial Stadium, landing in the parking lot. Of the 3000 or so major league games played in Memorial Stadium between 1954 and 1991, no other batter even came close to duplicating this feat. The Orioles commemorated the feat similarly with an orange and black flag and the terse one word "Here". So "here's" to Dave Greiser, with faith that he will "hit the ball out of the park" as our next pastor.

Please join us for a fellowship meal immediately following this service.

Litany of Installation for *Pastor David Greiser*

Presentation

Leader: Sisters and brothers, we have gathered today in the presence of God and this assembly to install David Greiser as pastor of this congregation. Who presents Dave for installation?

Congregation: We present Dave. Believing that the Spirit of God has guided us, we have called Dave to be our pastor.

Leader: In commending Dave for this ministry, will you also uphold him in it?

Congregation: We will stand by Dave in his calling.

Examination

Question: Dave, do you hold to the promises you made at your baptism and ordination?

Question: Do you believe that this calling and your acceptance of it are in response to the leading of the Holy Spirit?

Question: Will you seek to be faithful in prayer, in setting forth the Scriptures, and in seeking the good of this congregation?

Question: Will you seek to live honestly, openly, and justly with your brothers and sisters in this congregation?

Leader: Sisters and brothers, you have heard the commitment to ministry in this congregation made by Dave. Do you receive Dave as your pastor? Will you seek to live honestly, openly, and justly with Dave as he accepts this calling?

Congregation: We will.

Spiritual Life Group Members: We affirm you as a spiritual guide of this congregation, and offer ourselves as your partners in ministry with it.

Prayer of Installation

O God, you call your people to service through the church. Bless the covenant we have made together as pastor and people. We thank you for the calling to ministry that comes to each of us.

On this day, we especially thank you for the calling to pastoral ministry. Be a source of strength to Dave as he accepts this calling and exercises spiritual leadership in this congregation.

We pray blessing also rest with Anita as Dave's companion in ministry, encourager and fellow-servant in ministry. We especially pray your protection and grace is with Dave and Anita as Anita finishes teaching this school year in Hesston area.

Give Dave and Anita the full measure of the gifts of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control so that much fruit might result from his ministry.

Bind us to one another in the bond of peace.

"Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working among us that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever." (Heb. 13:20-21).

Amen.

Presentation of Ministry Certificate and Gift from Atlantic Coast Conference

Response by Pastor David Greiser

NBMC Announcements

Please Join Us – What better way to start a Sunday than by attending the Adult Sunday School. The Sunday School group meets at 9:30am every Sunday morning in the Pastor's Study. For the new year we are having a Sermon Roundtable where discussion will be held on the scriptures to be covered in the sermon for the following Sunday. Bagels and coffee will be available for a \$1 voluntary donation. Now you don't even have to have breakfast before you come!

2010 Winter Bible School – Mark your calendars for March 5-7, 2010 and join us the NBMC Winter Bible School. This year, NBMC is pleased to welcome Dawn Yoder Harms, who until recently was associate pastor of Akron Mennonite Church. We will kick off the Friday session with a lasagna meal, provided by our youth group. Childcare will be provided. More details to follow shortly.

January 24, 12:30pm – *Mission Committee meeting* at NBMC.

January 29, 6:30pm – *Youth Group meeting* at NBMC.

February 13, 6:00pm – 9:00pm – *Youth Group Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser* at NBMC. Please mark your calendars for this annual event. Childcare will be provided. A menu will be announced before the event.

Community Announcements

Please Help Haitian Earthquake Recovery Efforts - Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is responding to the earthquake that struck Haiti January 12, the largest Haiti experience in more than 200 years. MCC's multimillion-dollar, multiyear response will provide immediate shelter, water, food and emergency supplies and trauma healing and other long-term recovery needs. You can help through prayer for the people of Haiti and by donating to MCC's Haiti Earthquake appeal. Give online at donate.mcc.org/project/haiti-earthquake, by check to the MCC office nearest you, or by phone toll free: 1-888-563-4676.

February 12-14 - *Spruce Lake Winter Peace Retreat* at Spruce Lake Retreat Center. Sponsored by Eastern District and Franconia Conferences. The retreat is called *Compassionate Peacemaking: Extending Hope And Healing To Those With Soul Wounds* featuring Carolyn H. Heggen. For further information contact Becky Felton (215/-536-7935, bbfelton@verizon.net) or see the complete announcement at <http://efpjc.pjir.org/efp102.htm>. Registration deadline is January 22.

April 9-11 - **Women** *in Conversation: Living a Life of Gratitude* at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. This event will feature keynote speaker Megan Ramer of Chicago IL, and worship leaders Jen Helmuth Shenk and Kristin Graber Kauffman of Elkhart IN, this women's retreat is an opportunity to focus on your spiritual journey - **body, mind, soul and spirit**. Women of all ages and walks of life are invited. Visit www.laurelville.org or call 800.839.1021

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Last Week - Attendance: 95
Offering: \$2,335.77