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### CORRECTIONS

We make every effort to ensure that information presented within this publication is accurate and timely. The following notes are corrections or clarifications for the fall/winter 2012 issue of *Houghton*.

In the second paragraph of the article “To Love, Equip and Empower” on page 19 featuring ’78 grad Mark Cerbone and his work with Peace of the City Ministries on Buffalo’s West Side, we would like to make a clarification to the text. Following the line: “We [Mark and Diann] felt this was direction from above, and it became increasingly clear that we were called to stay,” this text should be added: “We located an apartment on a tough block in the West Side and have lived in the neighborhood ever since, raising our children and in time buying a neglected house and bringing it back to life.”

In the feature obituary for Bert Hall ’43 on page 34, we neglected to mention two of Bert’s grandsons: Jonathan and Timothy Sander.

### CONVERSATION

I was delighted to read the article about Harry Thomas, because I was a member of the Class of ’65 and remember very well Harry’s and Terry’s contributions to campus life.

- *Judith Anderson ’65, Midlothian, Va.*

First of all, the cover was very impressive. Second, I read it cover to cover the first day after I received it in the mail. All of the articles were fascinating, but I have to admit the first article really resonated with me, because my life seems so “ordinary,” especially when compared to the rest of the featured alumni. Those others were doing such energetic, outstanding things! Third, I ALWAYS read the “Alumni News,” even though most of the notes seem to be from much later classes than mine.

- *Sharon (Huff) Anderson ’64, Prescott, Ariz.*

The magazine in this and recent issues has come across as more advancement-focused, appearing to try to justify Houghton, rather than to share more about what’s going on on campus. As an alumnus, I’m thoroughly sold on the value of a Houghton education and continue to be proud of my Highlander Heritage! I would love to see more alumni photos and news in coming issues.

- *Jonathan Davidson ’05, Lafayette, Ind.*

Excellent issue!  
Loved knowing that Pastor Harry Thomas and his wife are Houghton graduates.

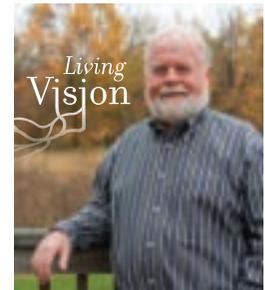
We have been going to the Creation Festival in Mt. Union, Pennsylvania, for years – and we now know that our son, Robert (class of 2013), and Pastor Harry have something in common! Houghton has some amazing alumni, and it is great to find out about the work that God is doing through those alumni (and current students).

- *Susan Martin, Mt. Airy, Md.*

*Facebook comment in response to Brian Reitnour’s article, “Life’s Persistent Questions:”*

I changed my degree about three times and ended up with a master’s in my original area of interest. I was blessed at Houghton to have an education that equipped me in every area. Every professor invested in me, and I learned about subject areas through God’s lens. God uses whatever you study for His glory, so you can’t really go wrong!

- *Susan (Ventresca ’00) Veenema, Newark, Del.*



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## PRESIDENT'S REFLECTION

**No matter how many times we have met spring, it is always new.** Fresh green shoots still surprise us each April as if we had never seen them before. As Christians, we should be accustomed to this pattern of eternal newness coming from what is at the same time foundational and utterly reliable. Our God, who is from everlasting to everlasting, “the same yesterday, today, and forever” is also the grand innovator — creating “new hearts” (Ezekiel 36:26); issuing “new commandments” (John 13:34); revealing “new covenants” (I Corinthians 11:25); making us into “new creations” (II Corinthians 5:17); and promising ultimately a “new heaven and a new earth” (Revelation 21:1).

This God who is at work in all generations “making all things new” is our model at Houghton College. In our work as students, faculty and alumni, we seek to imitate our God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — in the eternal work of innovation and regeneration. Through studying the Scriptures, analyzing texts, producing or performing a work of art, exploring the natural world, we are about the task of creatively applying longstanding truths to new circumstances, prompting new answers through asking new questions, inviting deeper understanding through an artistic performance, and translating historic realities into new language to meet today’s challenges and opportunities.

In this issue, you will be inspired by the stories of Houghton faculty and alumni who are about the work of innovation in a wide range of disciplines and in many circumstances around the world. Some of the stories are dramatic. Some reflect the quiet and daily creativity that ought to characterize each of our lives.

May you be surprised by God’s ever-renewing work in your own life. ||||

Grace and Peace to you.



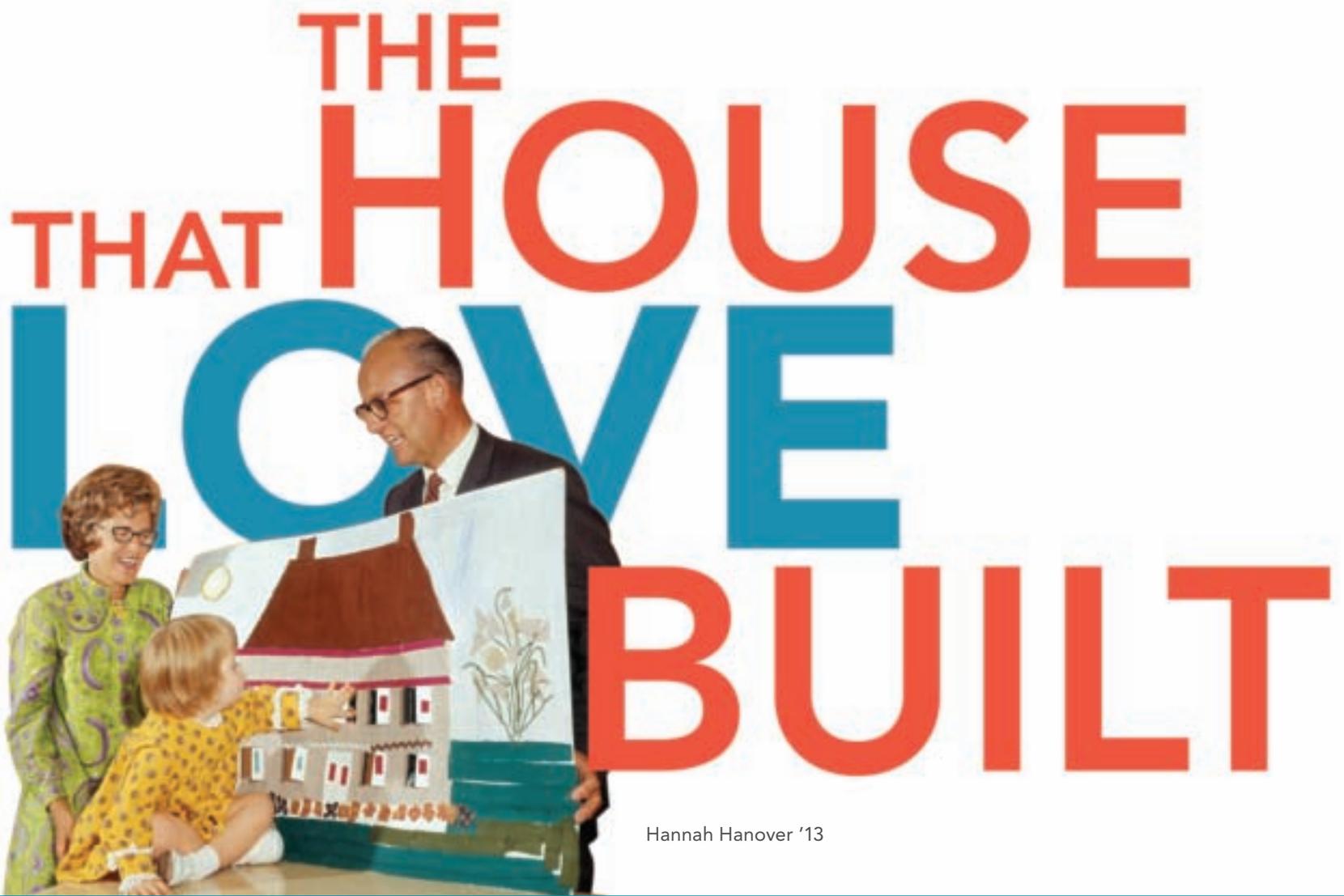
Shirley A. Mullen, Class of 1976

President



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-Shirley A. Mullen



Hannah Hanover '13

**Paul and Mildred (“Miggy”) Krentel ’42** met early in their Houghton careers. In 1940 Paul was sophomore class president and Miggy an incoming freshman. Both left Houghton soon after meeting – and without graduating – to embrace a shared dream of raising a large family. Young, dedicated, and energetic, Paul and Miggy Krentel could not know how their dreams of family and faith would falter in tragedy, change during unanticipated challenges, and eventually flourish through perseverance.

Miggy had given birth to five healthy children when she and Paul began envisioning their future as aging parents, encompassed by their thriving adult sons and daughters.

Then Martha, their fifth child, died.

The Krentels faltered. The unexpected death of their baby girl devastated the middle-aged couple and the rest of the children. After years of fulfilling youthful dreams

conceived at Houghton, the trajectory of the Krentels’ life grew uncertain and somber.

But their uncertainties only began with Martha’s death. In 1963 a sixth child was born. It soon became evident that Melissa had Down’s Syndrome and would never be capable of living independently.

Paul and Miggy began searching for a home-like setting where Melissa could

thrive, a place that would provide basic live-in care, comfort and happiness for those with special needs. Not satisfied with recommended institutional settings, the Krentels’ vision expanded to help not only their own daughter fulfill her potential, but others with developmental challenges as well. The Krentels wanted their daughter to have friends and to live somewhere that felt, looked, and smelled like home.

In 1966, after vigorous prayer and fundraising, the couple sold their home and purchased a 35-room mansion in Berwyn, Pennsylvania, assuming a \$70,000 mortgage. This was the beginning of Melmark, an institution named for Melissa, Martha, and the Krentel family name; it was christened by Paul and Miggy as “the house that love built” and is called “the happiest place on earth” by the current president and CEO, Dr. Joanne Gillis-Donovan.

Over the next 24 years Melmark received monetary support from friends, families, and institutions throughout the country. Melmark’s population grew and the campus flourished into a bustling center of activity and encouragement for its residents. Paul abandoned a career in the private sector to oversee Melmark’s future early in its history, while Miggy and the older Krentel children – Dave, Bob, Steve, and Diane – worked together to craft an environment in which any family could house a loved one without worry or regret.

Miggy helped develop programs for Melmark’s special-needs population that taught marketable skills and crafts and that engaged residents in the arts. Melmark challenged residents to achieve higher levels of independence than ever expected. Originally, this meant swimming in Melmark’s pool, riding horses, and enjoying Melmark’s acres of land. Now, nearly forty years later, a resident’s day might include learning office and building skills, creating dried flower arrangements for future sale, working with textiles, playing sports, acting with the Melmark Players, performing in the Joybells hand-bell choir, or attending parties. An intimate ratio of trained rehabilitative staff to residents provides the level of attention and care necessary to maintain Melmark’s standards of excellence and personal attention.

Paul was a perfectionist, a sharp businessman, and a caring father. Miggy was as spunky as her nickname implies – she rarely took “no” for an answer and refused to be content with situations others may have found inevitable. Her discontent with a system of storing rather than empowering functionally disadvantaged youth and adults led her to revolutionize the systems and standards of care for those with Down’s Syndrome, autism, and other disabilities, casting a vision for their future that continues to broaden and succeed over the 20 years since her retirement in the 1990s.

Melissa remains at Melmark where Paul’s and Miggy’s dreams of care, love, cleanliness, and activity have expanded for the inclusion of youth and adults across the autism spectrum, in addition to those suffering brain damage, a wide range of mental disabilities, and genetic disorders.

Today Melmark is overseen by Dr. Joanne Gillis-Donovan who, since early 1996, has worked to expand Melmark’s programs. Melmark serves a highly diverse population, recently opened a campus called Melmark: New England, and has a population of 1,000 residents and nearly 1,000 employees. Melmark’s services strive to deepen, enrich, and solidify the Krentels’ values and vision with high-quality clinical programs full of dynamism and progressive science, warmth, respect, and attentive care.

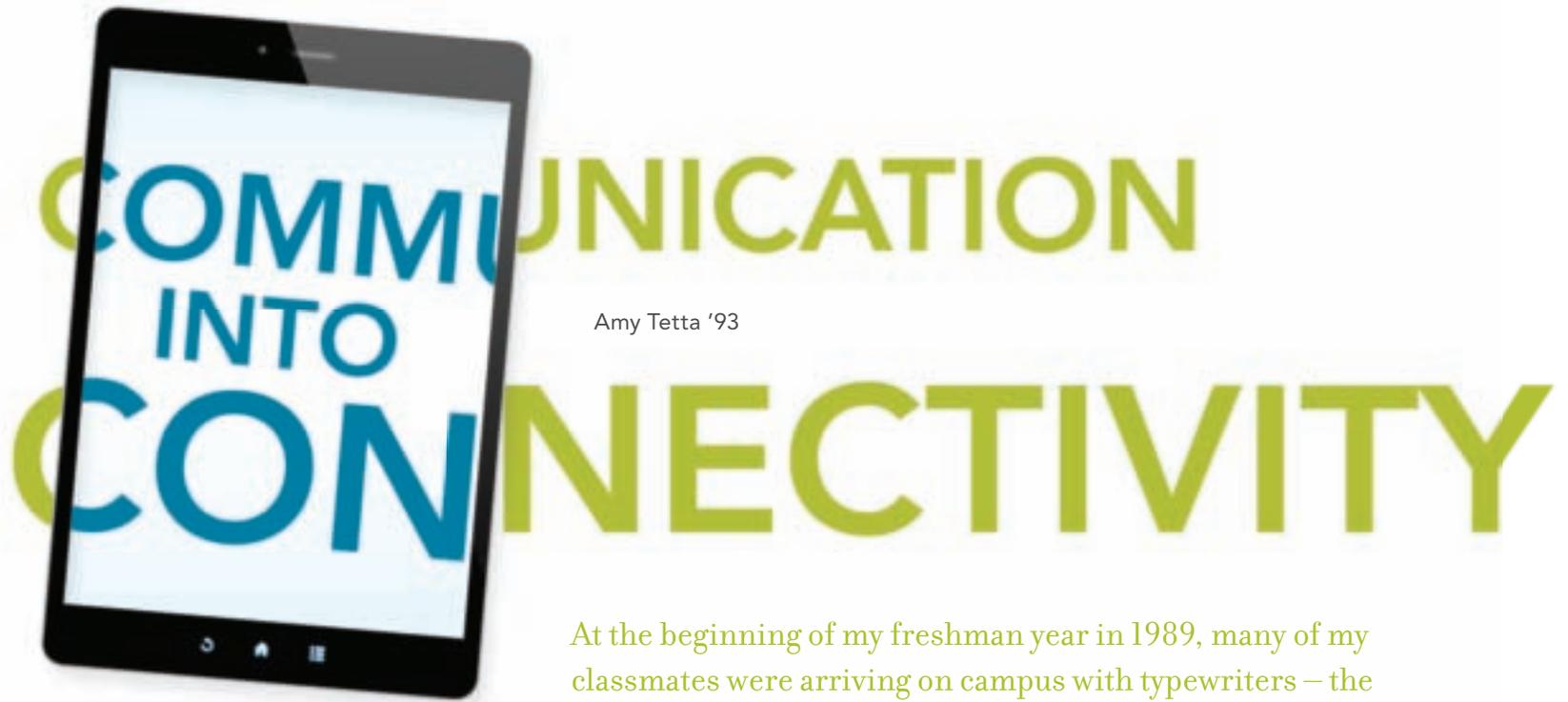
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Paul Krentel passed away in 1996, followed by his loving widow and co-founder, Miggy, seventeen years later in January, 2013. Paul and Miggy envisioned a community that could help individuals fulfill the potential the outside world never thought they possessed. With a stubborn faith and a love for God – and one another – the Krentel family created a new niche in the world where those thought of as disabled, incapable, burdensome, or unstable could gain greater independence and become capable, productive, and cheerful. Paul and Miggy saw a different world for the functionally disadvantaged and dedicated themselves to helping others see that world too. 

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*Explore the house that love built – Melmark – in Miggy Krentel’s own words from her article published in the 1980 Houghton Milieu. ([www.houghton.edu/magazine](http://www.houghton.edu/magazine))*



Amy Tetta '93

At the beginning of my freshman year in 1989, many of my classmates were arriving on campus with typewriters – the more “cutting-edge” students using word processing machines. For those with neither, the opening of the computer lab was a great opportunity. Cell phones were not in use at this time; the more progressive students in what was then called East Hall (now Gillette Hall) paid for personal phone service in their rooms. The rest of us waited, sometimes in line, for the hall phone to be available. Mindful of expensive long-distance fees, students regularly timed their calls to home in the evenings or on weekends to save a few cents per minute. If you wanted to connect with friends to go to Big Al’s, you could try calling their hall phone and hope someone would answer, but you might be more likely to walk around campus to find the action.

Fast forward to April 2013. As an employee at Houghton, I walk through the Campus Center and see that almost every student is on a device of some kind: texting (as they walk), working on a laptop or checking Facebook on an iPad. When they want to get in touch with a friend, they text or call, expecting an immediate response. When they want to know what’s going on, they tap into social media.

Innovations in communication have advanced at warp speed in just a few decades, making the stuff of sci-fi movies reality. At the forefront of this communication explosion has been social media, allowing us to share our lives, as openly as we choose, with our family and friends across time zones and oceans. Social media has also moved us beyond simple

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communication into connectivity. While the Internet built the foundation of the web, social media has connected individuals and given them a voice and a platform from which to speak.

Noel Habashy '03 has embraced the inspirational potential of social media, in the true liberal arts tradition, weaving it into a self-challenge of life-long learning. "One day," recalls Noel, "I was helping a friend clean his kitchen. He had made yogurt and I thought, 'you know, it would be fun to try to make yogurt some time.' That grew to, 'you know, I'd like to try a bunch of new things.' I had just turned 30 and thought this would be a great way to continue to challenge myself, learn, keep myself mentally and personally sharp."

Noel started a blog, [www.theadventuretoday.com](http://www.theadventuretoday.com), where he began to chronicle his journey; he also linked it to Facebook so friends could follow along.

"I've found myself energized to try things that I had never done before. I had more confidence to try new recipes, stretch myself physically, and go new places," explains Noel. And in the process, he has inspired those within his social media network.

Social media has brought connectivity to the business world, as well. Shane Fraser '11 helps small businesses maximize their social media impact and connect with their clientele. His company, Social Networking Assistance ([www.snatoday.com](http://www.snatoday.com)), grew out of an internship experience as a student at Houghton College.

"My first professional social networking experience was an internship at a sports shop in Olean," explains Shane. "Throughout the internship I was able to see social networking really impact this particular small business. Customers were interacting, business was speeding up, and the owners felt that they were able to communicate in real-time with all of their followers."

After the internship concluded, Shane worked to deepen his understanding of how social media can impact businesses. Professor Ken Bates also helped Shane craft a business model that eventually birthed Social Networking Assistance.

"In the early stages of my business, I had the opportunity to work with a public school and help them reach more people within the community. When I joined the picture, they had no presence and by the end of my time helping them, they had quite a following." Shane explains that helping the school connect to students and parents via social media tied the community together in a new way. "Not only were we able to make people aware of the school's calendar events, but we were also able to post updates from sporting events, share news regarding cancellations/delays, and even help make community members and parents aware of a bomb threat! It was rewarding and intriguing to see the impact social media had on this small town," says Shane.

Communication is about connecting. Effective communication builds bridges that connect people with each other, with ideas and with a broader view of the world. While social media is a new, quicker way to connect, it's the people and their ideas that make it exciting, useful and ever changing. What will the future of communication look like? Perhaps we should consult this summer's blockbuster sci-fi films to find out. 

*Amy Tetta '93 is the face behind social media at Houghton, working to connect the college to individuals through Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest.*



Danielle Brenon '12

Heeding God's call to feed a multitude of people, a young disciple dared to plant a church from the ground up. Driven by a heart for broken people, **Rosario Picardo '03** maximized the resources God provided to launch Embrace Church, a bold, authentic community of faith.

True as the title of his new book, *Embrace: The Church Plant that Broke all the Rules*, Embrace Church has shattered every principle of proper church planting.

"Some would have called it a suicide mission," states Rosario, a Houghton grad who majored in religion. Whereas a traditional church plant has funds and folks lined up before the church doors open, Embrace was equipped with pennies, a few able bodies and many scattered ideas. The church plant was both risky and innovative, necessitating a nontraditional approach.

"We hardly knew what we were doing," Rosario admits. "God used that to do so much."

Rosario heeded God's call just as his own life was met with brokenness. Recently divorced and burned out by the "cookie-cutter Christian" imprint, he decided to make ministry his life. Broken and called to rebuild, the young graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary and newly appointed church planter set out to revitalize the Christian church community.

Rosario's ministry began with a few disciples and a small donation from the United Methodist Church; together they formulated a carefully budgeted financial plan. As the gospel story goes, God allowed a small supply to surpass its measure.

Embrace Church opened its doors in downtown Lexington, Kentucky, just as a population decline plagued the area. Without a building, early gatherings were what Rosario calls "hanging out" in basements and public spaces. The church quickly grew to include house worship,

community evangelism and outreach. Three challenging years later, Embrace Church has become a diverse and vibrant Christian faith community that reaches hundreds of people broken by poverty, burned out by religion and in need of healing grace.

Embrace has its home base at the Kentucky Theatre in downtown Lexington (Embrace Downtown), with two local campuses and three congregations. On Sunday mornings, dedicated volunteers set up Embrace Downtown from scratch, only to tear down a few hours later. Another congregation, simply called The Gathering, is a service that sounds just like its name: Christians enjoying fellowship and sharing life over a meal.

All of Embrace's congregations follow an "ancient future" model, looking toward the future in terms of sustainability and relevance, while faithfully reverting to some of the oldest and greatest church traditions. Though the "typical" church service hardly exists, an Embrace service often features a benediction, the affirmation of creeds, responsive readings, testimonies and candlelight.

Embrace brings church to the people. Members regularly go out into the urban community to serve, interact, and get their hands dirty. Concerts and events are held in sports bars. According to Rosario, the church has found its niche in targeting twenty- and thirty-somethings, a generation they have found very concerned with living out their faith.

"We understand our calling to be primarily missional in nature," he writes on the Embrace website. "Just as Christ left his place at the right hand of God to come to us, bringing the good news, offering himself up for us, so we wish to imitate Jesus by going out into the community in ways that allow us to serve different needs and different contexts. Our focus is much less on getting folks to come to us and much more on our going out to them."

Rosario, who is now working on his Doctor of Ministry at United Theological Seminary, believes that his church-on-a-budget is a catalyst for innovation. American churchgoers are no longer a majority, according to a 2013 survey by Asbury Seminary, as about 17 percent of Americans attend church regularly and roughly 80 percent of American church givers are over 65 years of age. Embrace Church hopes to counteract the decline while being as self-sufficient as possible. "We are trying to get ahead of the curve by being a church that is low-maintenance, organized, structured and simple."

Rosario's approach is to rethink church, but not rethink the Gospel.

The church's journey, from a basement gathering to a local park to the State Theater downtown, has not been easy. "I have had my car stolen and sold for twenty dollars, my tires slashed, my house vandalized and my life threatened for carrying out His call," says an unapologetic Rosario. "God has called me to do this, and that is what keeps me going."

Today, Embrace Church is a thriving spiritual community because of the prayer, presence, financial gifts and service of every willing member. Rosario can attest, however, that Embrace would not have survived without God's unexplainable provisions, not unlike the gospel miracle of the feeding of the multitudes.

"We continue to make things work on five loaves and two fish." 

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*Learn more about this rule-breaking church plant and watch a video about Embrace Church on the magazine website: [www.houghton.edu/magazine](http://www.houghton.edu/magazine).*



Brandon Rush

“I went to dental school thinking I was going to become an orthodontist,” reflects **Jeff Prinsell ’75**. Now, Prinsell is a world-renowned innovator in sleep medicine surgery. His unmistakable passion seeps through in the work he does to help people suffering from Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA).

### BEGINNINGS

After graduating from Houghton, Prinsell went to Tufts Dental School, followed by a dental residency where he discovered his passion – surgery. This led him to Vanderbilt for medical school, a general surgery internship, and an oral and maxillofacial surgery residency. His private practice ([www.drprinsell.com](http://www.drprinsell.com)) is in Atlanta.

Among a limited number of board-certified oral and maxillofacial surgeons licensed in both dentistry and medicine, Prinsell explains that the dual education and training gave him a more complete picture of OSA. “It really worked hand-in-hand, being able to converse with different medical specialties as well as the dental community, as both disciplines work with the airway,” said Prinsell.

### WHAT IS OSA?

OSA is a medical disorder in which the upper airway obstructs during sleep, triggering pauses in breathing. The brain is oxygen deprived, resulting in daytime sleepiness, irritability, depression, short-term memory loss, reduced libido, and impaired concentration. Left untreated long-term, OSA can lead to high blood pressure, heart problems, stroke, and

death during sleep. Many industrial and motor vehicle accidents, which also place the public at risk, are caused by the daytime sleepiness from untreated OSA.

People suffering with OSA often live their daily lives as though in a fog, without realizing why. “It’s a severe medical problem, thought to be under-diagnosed,” said Prinsell. “There are thousands of people that do not know they have OSA and, therefore, are not being treated.”

## DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

Snoring, usually reported by a spouse, often drives the person to seek treatment. Treatments can include weight loss, dental appliances, and continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP). When these are intolerable or ineffective, surgery may be an option.

Maxillomandibular advancement (MMA) surgery advances the upper and lower jaws through controlled jawbone cuts to pull forward the soft palate and tongue base, which opens the entire upper airway. Once considered a last resort for severe cases of OSA, MMA surgery, through the work of Prinsell and others, has become a primary operation, even for mild cases of OSA.

## MMA INNOVATIONS

Prinsell’s innovations include refinements in diagnostic and surgical techniques. Years ago, the main indication for MMA was a lower facial skeletal deformity, such as a retruded lower jaw. Both jaws were typically advanced the same amount, often resulting in an unaesthetic result. Prinsell showed that the primary anatomic criterion was hypopharyngeal airway (behind the tongue base) narrowing, rather than a skeletal deformity. His counterclockwise rotational advancement allows more lower

jaw advancement that results in greater hypopharyngeal airway opening to enhance MMA effectiveness, and a more aesthetically pleasing facial appearance.

Prinsell also established goals and guidelines for OSA surgery. In earlier methodical protocols, MMA was typically performed only after stages of less effective and often painful dysfunctional surgery failed. Prinsell demonstrated what adjunctive procedures can be performed safely together with MMA in a “site-specific” approach — on the correctly identified anatomic sites of airway obstruction, which varies between different patients — as a comprehensive, definitive, single-staged operation.

Prinsell’s MMA innovations have produced extraordinary results. In a five-year clinical study of MMA surgery in 50 consecutive OSA patients, he reported a 100% success rate (Chest 116:1519-1529,1999) — highest worldwide (Chapter 114 in textbook *Current Therapy in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*, Elsevier, 2011). He continues to publish and lecture, nationally and internationally (eg., World Congress on OSA in Rome, Italy, this past fall), on MMA for OSA.

The impact of Prinsell’s innovations expands beyond the surgical arena to his committed service in leadership positions (eg., founding president of the American Board of Dental Sleep Medicine, past president of the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine, and president-elect of the Georgia Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons), which helps increase awareness of OSA to healthcare providers and the public through education, establishing standards of practice, and influencing legislation, such as regulation of drowsy driving to reduce motor vehicle accidents.

## INFLUENCES

“I learned the importance of a loving, Christian family at an early age while living in Sierra Leone, West Africa, where my parents served as medical missionaries,” recalls Prinsell. “The biggest influence in my life and work is the love and support of my family,” said Prinsell, who has been married to Kim for 31 years, and with whom he has two sons, Jeffrey and Eric. “Our loving family bonds continue to strengthen over time.”

Medicine is a multi-generational calling in the Prinsell family. His son, Jeffrey, is a physician. His father, [Gustave '48](#), is a physician, and his mother, Louise, a nurse. Now retired, his parents lead active lives in the Houghton community.

Despite many achievements and accolades throughout his career, Prinsell continues to focus on the lives his work impacts. “Years later, I’ll hear from patients who say ‘this saved my life,’” reflects Prinsell, who cites that relieving others from suffering is the most rewarding aspect of his career. 



Jeff Prinsell '75

# FACULTY innovation

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Treating breast cancer. Predicting flu virus mutations. Avoiding sexual predators on Twitter. These are just a few areas researched by Dr. Wei Hu, professor of mathematics and computer science.

Dr. Hu's research relies upon data mining, which uses the speed of computers to sift through large amounts of unstructured data to discover patterns. This process was used to sort through data for thousands of breast cancer patients, trying to identify gene sequences that correlated with successful chemotherapy treatment. By directing medical professionals to a small number of key genetic factors, this information could be used to better diagnose the type of cancer and choose chemotherapy drugs most likely to be effective for a specific patient. Most recently, Dr. Hu and his students have used data mining to determine a Twitter user's gender based on his or her 140 character tweets. Such information can be crucial in detecting sexual predators as in cases where middle-aged women have posed as teenage boys.

While the outcome of Dr. Hu's research could have lasting effects in medicine or social media, the process itself has proven to be a transformational one for Houghton students. From reading papers to learning background information, to formulating the research

question, to carrying out the research, and then writing a scientific article – students are involved in each step of the process. Since 2009, 12 of his 34 papers were written with students. Through class assignments, honors projects and the Summer Research Institute, Dr. Hu creates opportunities for students to engage in significant research.

"I'm very glad that my undergrad research was in an area where it could make a difference," says Erin Bard '11. "If it weren't for Dr. Hu, I never would have considered doing my research in a non-technical area; and even though it was more difficult, I'm proud to have made the extra effort, and I have him to thank for that." 



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**Thomas Kettelkamp**  
**Professor of Recreation and Physical Education**  
 Cindy (Prentice '82) Austin

During his 38-year tenure at Houghton, Dr. Thomas Kettelkamp, “TK,” has made the most of every opportunity God has placed in his path. He has taught courses in recreation and wellness, coached baseball (and now golf), led 22 groups of students to Honduras for Mayterm, taken students to Munich, Germany, for Onkle Tom’s Baseballercamp, and taken at least one trip down a river for a college fundraiser.

TK has also served as a consultant for government-sponsored development programs in Costa Rica, Honduras, Bolivia and El Salvador. Last spring, TK and his wife, Margo, spent a sabbatical semester in Bolivia on a Fulbright Scholarship from the U.S. State Department. He taught several intensive courses and led workshops at the Universidad Evangelica Boliviana in Santa Cruz, an affiliate member of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

TK was also the keynote speaker for an International Congress for South American health care professionals, sponsored by the Bolivian Ministry of Public Health. His topic was “The Connection between Poverty in Rural Bolivia and Obesity and Cardiovascular Disease.” Obesity and cardiovascular diseases are drastically increasing in Bolivia, particularly among indigenous populations such as the Incas. The recent availability of unhealthy (but cheaper) food is having a huge impact, and health professionals there are just

beginning to understand the link between nutrition and health. TK and Margo plan to return to Bolivia in June 2013 to follow up with those who participated in last year’s workshops and to continue development of a master’s degree in community health.

From my first class with TK in 1980, to introducing him to baseball players in Germany, to working with him again back at Houghton, I have been amazed at his ability to network and to teach – all the while mixing in a healthy dose of crazy adventures. For this tall “Gringo” with his doctorate in leisure studies, life has been anything but leisurely! 


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**Jillian Sokso**  
**Associate Professor of Art**  
 Abby Buckingham '14

Professor Jillian Sokso is a dynamite printmaker and teacher. She has pushed my art in new directions and made me think about art in new, wonderful ways. Professor Sokso's recent experience teaching papermaking in Africa has inspired me to think about my own artistic practice, challenging me to use my art to positively impact the world.

The journey to Sierra Leone began in Houghton last summer, when Professor Sokso and former student, [Renee Roberts '12](#), made paper from locally harvested plant fibers and cotton fibers from locally collected clothing.

This past February, the duo took their craft overseas to Makeni, Sierra Leone, in conjunction with Women of Hope International, where they taught papermaking to women with minor disabilities. Given the lack of technology and tools common in the college printmaking studio back in Houghton, they improvised and taught the women to beat the fibers by hand using giant mortar and pestles over an open fire. Crafts produced using the hand-made paper would be sold to help the women earn a living.

For Professor Sokso, this experience was a unique way to combine her art and Christian calling. "It's such an authentic extension of my practice; it's already what I do. I'm already a printmaker. And I'm already an artist. And I'm already a teacher." The trip was so much more than simply making paper. "The goal was to alleviate poverty, in every sense of the word: spiritual poverty and people's disconnection with their environment, with God, and with each other." 



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**David Davies '01**  
**Assistant Professor of Composition Studies**  
 Amanda (Young '01) Cox

I met my friend David Davies on the first day of our freshman year in the depths of the basement of the library for Dr. King’s class, Music in Christian Perspective. As we began to think and talk about music and how it relates to our faith, we couldn’t have realized that 15 years later, we would be composing and performing music together as colleagues at Houghton College.

One of the challenges facing composers today is finding a way to make use of one’s gifts outside of academia’s aesthetic “ivory tower.” This is especially so for the young Christian composer seeking to function within the body of Christ and maintain a faithful Christian presence in the broader musical community. With this challenge in mind, Professor Davies established the New Song Composer Residency for Houghton College students.

The residency pairs a gifted Houghton College music composition major with two church congregations. The student composes two original works to be used in worship services and interacts with the music directors of the participating congregations. This provides an essential “real world” music-making experience. As the worship director at Houghton Wesleyan Church, I was excited to participate in the inaugural year of the residency with Houghton senior Anne Nickerson.

Professor Davies has provided an important opportunity for young composers to enter into the life of the church and discover how their gifts can be used to glorify God and lead His people in worship. It is a valuable step in the necessary, sometimes difficult, and ultimately rewarding process each composer must negotiate as he or she discovers how his or her voice can best serve the Lord and His people. 

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**intercultural studies**

## Ndunge Kiiti '88

### Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies

Jaime Colman '13

Often the word “innovative” sparks images of new technology that develop new currents in culture. What if being innovative meant new ideas about old possessions — a new perspective about the material objects right before one’s eyes? For Dr. Ndunge Kiiti, the question of innovation is simply: what is in your hand? Kiiti is part of Vinya wa Aka (“The Strength of Women”), a woman’s group birthed in 2001 during Kenya’s economic crisis. Every month, the 15 members each give an agreed upon amount of money to another member to financially support a business or project that person is undertaking. Some of the women make jewelry, others make bags, and some have their own businesses. In a merry-go-round system, not only are goods shared, but a sense of connectedness is established as well.

The story of Florence provides insight to the empowerment such women’s groups foster. When first invited to become a member of Vinya wa Aka, she declined out of embarrassment of her financial state. The women decided, against Florence’s wishes, to give her their collected money for that month. With the funds, Florence started a small catering business, which now caters for one of the six largest companies in Nairobi.

An African proverb says, “A human becomes a human because of other humans.” Professor Kiiti’s innovative work has taught me the importance of combining research with faith to creatively work toward the common good of individuals and communities. She has an Amos-like fire for justice that motivates her to use whatever is in her hand to further the Kingdom that is already here, but is yet to come. 

*calls of*  
**PATIENCE**  
*and* **BOLDNESS**

Marshall Green

**The Houghton College Class of 2013**

celebrated Commencement in the midst of family, friends, faculty, staff, administrators, board of trustees, and members of the Class of 1963. On the morning of Saturday, May 11, 2013, 261 undergraduates and ten master’s students walked across the stage of the John and Charles Wesley Chapel to receive their diplomas and join a group of more than 20,000 individuals around the world who call themselves Houghton alumni.

The Commencement address was given by Dr. Nathan O. Hatch, president of Wake Forest University. Dr. Hatch began his comments by complimenting Houghton College’s rich history and promising future. “Focus on what is set before you,” challenged Dr. Hatch, “my advice is...it is better to master something than dabble in ten different things. When you have a challenge, learn to master it... no matter how difficult. True strength and character is forged by encountering and dealing with difficulty.”

The senior class gift, an interpretive nature trail on the Houghton greenway, was presented by *Sydney Cunningham* '13. “On behalf of the Houghton College community, I gratefully accept this gift,” said President Mullen. “The tradition of leaving a visible sign of one’s presence as a class on this campus goes back a very long way. This will ensure that we will not forget you.” In addition to the Commencement festivities, Houghton also welcomed members from the class of 1963 for a 50-year reunion. “It was a thrill to host 96 class members and guests for the 50th reunion for the class of 1963,” said *Dan Noyes* '93, executive director of alumni relations. “It was an honor to hear their stories of God’s faithfulness, to witness their excitement at renewing relationships that began on the Houghton campus 50 years ago, and to see new connections being made between current students and Houghton alumni.”

In closing the ceremony, President Mullen said, “When you first wake up to the world as a college graduate, commit yourself in the face of any fears you might feel to the twin calls of patience and boldness as you find the next place of challenge and grace that God has prepared for you, knowing that He who brought you to this place has every intention of completing His work until the day of Jesus Christ.”

View Commencement photos and video at [www.houghton.edu/commencement](http://www.houghton.edu/commencement)

CLASS OF 2013  
*snapshot*

**268** Undergraduates

**10** Master of Music graduates

**57** undergraduates achieved double majors

**125** graduated with honors

**2** graduates were commissioned as second lieutenants, U.S. Army

**CO-VALEDICTORIANS**

Laura White, Jenna Engelhart, and Sarah Jacoby

**CO-SALUTATORIANS**

Lydia Strand and William Deitrick

**GRADUATES CAME FROM 13** countries, including Canada, Ecuador, Honduras, Indonesia, Morocco, Paraguay, Philippines, Russia, South Korea, Tanzania, Thailand, United Kingdom and the United States.

**01** L to R: Co-Salutatorian William Deitrick; Co Valedictorians Jenna Engelhart, Laura White and Sarah Jacoby; and Co-Salutatorian Lydia Strand. **02** Class of 1963 return for their golden reunion **03** President Shirley Mullen '76 with Commencement speaker, Wake Forest University President Dr. Nathan O. Hatch.

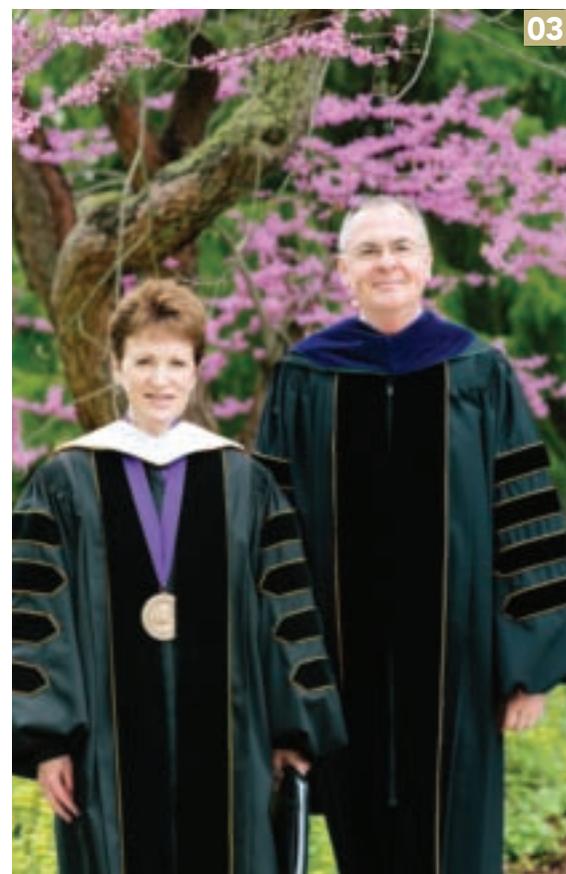
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ERIC CURRIE



ROBERT POOL

## HOUGHTON WELCOMES NEW ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Continuing its commitment to seek accomplished and passionate Christian leaders, Houghton College proudly welcomes five new members to the community.

### ROBERT POOL

#### *Vice President for Student Life*

Dr. Pool's preparation extends through his service in student life at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, University of Evansville and Southeast Missouri State University. His ample knowledge, leadership skills and training make him an ideal vice president for student life, as he assesses Houghton's programs and goals with a fresh perspective and a vision of enriching Houghton's legacy.

#### *Christ at the Center*

"I love to help students creatively solve problems, overcome obstacles and discover the potential God created in them. At Houghton, Christ is at the center of all we do. Before meetings convene to address the problems of the day, we pray. When a student needs help, together we seek God's direction. Houghton helps students grow in their faith – it is essential and core to our mission."

### ERIC CURRIE

#### *Vice President for Enrollment Management*

Eric Currie holds a decade of experience within the academic realm, after having served as director of enrollment and student services at Asbury Seminary's Orlando campus. Houghton College's reputation of high-quality academic work and thoroughly relational community impressed and attracted Currie, who wished to work in an environment committed to Christian scholarship and relationship.



DAVID SMITH



MICHAEL JORDAN



STEVE DUNMIRE

#### *Engaging the World*

“I have already been able to live out my passion at Houghton because it is a place that connects Wesleyan theology, not only within the local area but also around the world. The ability to recruit students and to represent a school that passionately believes in engaging the world for the Kingdom of God places a fire inside me that burns deeply!”

#### **DAVID SMITH** *Vice President for Finance & Planning*

David Smith '73 accepted his role as vice president for finance and planning after having worked for the International Business Machines Corporation almost 39 years. His last 20 years at IBM were spent as an executive, where he managed finance, business operations, customer relations, information systems, product development, and sales.

#### *Giving Back*

“I reached a point in my career where I wanted to move from the business world into a place where I could give back – either in ministry or the church. It became clear that God’s next step for me was at Houghton. My Houghton experience as a student was

wonderful, and my deep desire is to keep it a thriving place for my grandkids.”

#### **MICHAEL JORDAN** *Dean of the Chapel*

According to Houghton President Shirley Mullen, Dr. Jordan encompasses the combination of academic and pastoral experience, interpersonal skills, and practical wisdom that makes him an excellent fit for Houghton’s next dean of the chapel. Dr. Jordan will partner with the academic and student life leadership to plan Houghton’s Christian educational curriculum and to provide leadership to the students’ spiritual development.

#### *Worship in its Own Right*

“My desire for Houghton is to see us understand worship as a spiritual practice in its own right. Too often we think of worship only as our grateful response to God, and not as a discipline He will use to change us as we encounter Him in worship. I try to reassure worshipers that it’s okay if they’re not “feeling it” on a given day, that God still honors our gift of time and can use the discipline of setting aside time to worship to do amazing work in our hearts.”

#### **STEVE DUNMIRE** *Director of Church Relations*

Dr. Steve Dunmire is an ordained Wesleyan pastor who has served urban, suburban, and rural churches. For the last eight years he has served as senior pastor of North Collins Wesleyan Church, a community which has experienced eight consecutive years of growth. He and his wife, **Tammy**, are both 2001 graduates of Houghton College.

#### *Called to Houghton*

“I love the church, and have loved tackling the challenges of pastoral ministry, but I knew the Lord was calling me back to Houghton this year. I believe this new position allows me to directly connect two of my greatest loves: the church and Houghton College. It is an honor to be a catalyst for developing and nurturing a mutually beneficial relationship between Houghton and the global church in many new, creative, and meaningful ways.” 

# Campus News & Notes *numbers edition*

**3 MAJORS ADDED**  
in the past year: international development,  
B.F.A. in applied design and visual  
communication, B.F.A. in studio art

**5,837** 

**LIKES** on Houghton's Facebook  
page (as of July 4, 2013)

**128**  
**STUDENTS WHO  
STUDIED ABROAD**  
during the '12-13 academic year  
(in over 20 countries!)



**100**  
**YEARS** the *Lanthorn*,  
the college's student literary  
magazine, has been in existence.

**25**  
**YEARS SINCE**  
Houghton last fielded a Pep Band.  
They're back!



1890's ▶

WALLDORF  
TEMPERANCE  
HOTEL  
was constructed.



◀ 2013  
YEAR

Walldorf will be renovated and transformed into Houghton's first alumni house

65

PERCENT of Houghton faculty and staff who give financially to the college, a record high



◀ \$102,751

AMOUNT

RAISED for the Highlander Athletic Team Challenge; funds are designated for the new Kerr-Pegula Athletic Complex

# Alumni News & Notes

Houghton College welcomes all submissions to Alumni News & Notes. Due to space limitations, not all news items or photos may be published, and the college reserves the right to edit submissions for space and content. You can submit updates online at [www.houghton.edu/magazine](http://www.houghton.edu/magazine)

## EASTERN PILGRIM COLLEGE

### 1955

Charles L. Reiter Jr. recently published a scholarly monograph titled *Writing in Greek, but Thinking in Aramaic: A Study of Vestigial Verbal Coordination in the Gospels* as C. Leslie Reiter with the Edwin J. Mellen Press. **01**

## ADULT EDUCATION (FORMERLY P.A.C.E.)

### 1999

Cathy Fabiatos, West Seneca Cohort F2, was recently included in 2013 edition of "Who's Who in Education: Teachers for Tomorrow," a special report published by *Buffalo Business First*. Fabiatos is the principal of Pine Valley Jr./Sr. School in South Dayton, N.Y., and also teaches part-time at Canisius College.

### 2007

Laura Bosinski, West Seneca Cohort K5, received her master's in educational administration from SUNY Brockport and completed her C.A.S. in school business administration on May 14, 2013.

### 2009

Terry Williams, Jamestown Cohort N6, was recently named superintendent of public works for the city of Corry in Pa. In this new position, Williams manages the streets, water, and wastewater departments. Previously, Terry served as the borough manager at Youngsville Borough in Youngsville, Pa.

### 2010

Jani Wendell, Jamestown Cohort Z6, received her Master of Science in education from Walden University, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on October 28, 2012.

## TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE

### 1962

Valgene Dunham recently published a new book with Syracuse University Press titled *Allegany to Appomattox: The Life and Letters of Private William Whitlock of the 188th New York Volunteers*. Dr. Dunham is Distinguished Professor Emeritus in the College of Science at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, South Carolina. He is the author and coauthor of numerous books, chapters, and journal articles.

Ralph Speas was recently a guest instructor at Hindustan Bible Institute in Chennai, India. Dr. Speas is founder and president of Meridian University of Biblical Training, which recently formed a partnership with Hindustan Bible Institute to help facilitate the church planting movement there.

### 1963

Robert S. Burns was honorably retired from ministry at First Presbyterian Church in Mount Joy, Pa., celebrating 45 years as pastor in Presbyterian churches. Rev. Burns is now the parish associate at the Highland Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, Pa., and is a clergy volunteer chaplain at the Lancaster County Prison. He recently offered the opening prayer for the Pennsylvania State Senate in the State Senate Chambers in Harrisburg, Pa.

### 1964

Charles Green is "in retirement" serving an independent church in New Jersey, occasionally teaching a Bible study at a nearby Baptist church and attending the Romanian Baptist Church once or twice

a month. Twice a year, he travels to the Republic of Moldova (formerly part of the Soviet Union) to visit an orphanage where, according to Rev. Green, they "purchase clothing for the most needy children, take some of them to church with us, and after church we have lunch together."

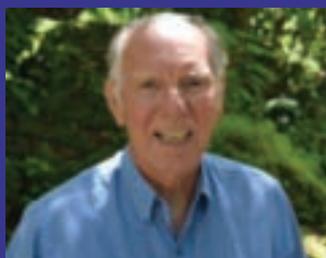
Elwood "Woody" and Carol (Wells '62) Zimmerman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August on a celebratory cruise with all of their children and grandchildren, including son and daughter-in-law Brian and Deb (Perry '89) Zimmerman '93; and again on September 29, 2012, with an anniversary party at the Lightfoot Restaurant in Leesburg, Va. Eighty-five well-wishers were there to celebrate with the couple, including best man, Hall Burchell '62 and three other members of their original wedding party. **02**

### 1965

Milton Scott assisted with the book, *Choosing Fatherhood: America's Second Chance*, by Lewis Kostiner. Scott was a staff member of the National Fatherhood Initiative at the time of the writing.

### 1966

William (Bill) and Marilyn (Burroughs '65) Francis retired recently from their ministry with The Salvation Army after serving the denomination for 40 years in various pastoral and administrative appointments in the U.S., England and Canada. Marilyn and Bill retired with the rank of Commissioner, the highest rank next to that of General. In retirement, Bill continues his role as chairman of the Army's International Doctrine



## alumni**innovation** Christian Camping

Christian camping has been a lifelong adventure for **Bob Sabean '58**. Serving with Latin American Mission since 1965, Bob spent the first 15 years developing Costa Rica's most well-known camp in Central America, Camp Roblealto. He went on to co-found Christian Camping International Latin America which provides resources, training and support for all the Spanish-speaking Christian camps of Latin America.

Today Sabean teaches and trains camping professionals all over the world. Over the years, he has been a professor of recreation at the National University of Costa Rica, as well as advisor to the government of Costa Rica in the development of the national policy on recreation. He co-founded the Institute for the Formation of Instructors, a 17-day-long intensive training institute through which C.C.I.L.A. forms its instructors, giving them official approval to teach the camp counselor and program director training courses in their respective countries.

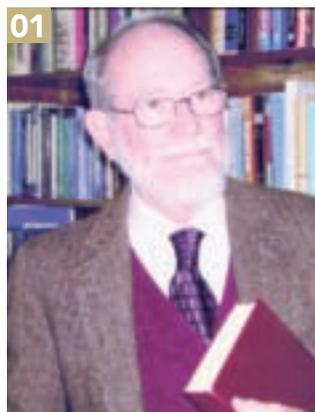
At 76, Sabean is still on that Christian camping adventure. He is currently writing a book in collaboration with the University of Costa Rica titled *El Juego: una Perspectiva Cristiana (Play: a Christian Perspective)*, due to be published early this fall. He hopes to teach the book in seminaries and Bible institutes around Latin America to the next generation of pastors and camping professionals.

Bob and his wife of 50+ years, Nancy, make their home in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Council, and Marilyn continues to minister through music, preaching and her unique and well-respected counseling ministry throughout the world. Together, they continue to lead annual pilgrimages to Israel, Greece, Turkey, Jordan and Egypt. Their retirement home is in Orlando, Florida, a perfect place for their two children and nine grandchildren to visit.

**Jean (Hogan) McFate** and her husband, Paul, spent 25 years working at Camp Pinnacle, a Christian camp in the Helderberg Mountains just outside of Albany, N.Y.; and 17 years serving as missionaries with IAM in east/central Africa doing discipleship ministry. Now in retirement, they continue to serve both ministries by volunteering once a week at the camp and once a week at the IAM headquarters.

**Faye (Boorum) Zuidema** retired in June 2012 after a career in secondary education that spanned 46 years. Dr. Zuidema spent her last 15 years in education as assistant principal for curriculum at Santa Fe High School in Alachua, Florida. She remains active in First Baptist Church of Alachua, Florida, and resides with husband, **Jack '66**, on their horse farm where they raise thoroughbreds. **03**



## 1968

**John and Sue (Osterhout) Babbitt** have co-authored their second book in Arcadia Publishing's *Postcard History Series* titled *Genesee River*. The book includes more than 200 vintage images and postcard memories of life along the Genesee from the spring in Gold, Pa., where the river originates, up to the mouth of the river along the shore of Lake Ontario in Rochester, N.Y. The Babbitts' first book, *Postcard History of Steuben County*, was published in 2010.

## 1972

**Deborah (Marble) Hubbard** recently published her debut novel about an American Jewish graduate student who travels to Mainz, Germany, to rescue her mother from the traumas of the past. *The Peace Bridge* by D.C. Hubbard is available through Amazon.com. For more information visit [www.dchubbard-writes.com](http://www.dchubbard-writes.com). **04**

**Jeanne Meeder** recently joined Wixon, a manufacturer of seasonings, flavors, ingredients and consumer products for the food and beverage industry, as industrial ingredients and consumer products director. Wixon is located in St. Francis, Wis. Prior to this appointment, Meeder worked as director of food product development at Koch Foods in Chicago and has worked in research and development for Barber Foods, Luigino's HFI Foods, Del Monte, and Stouffer's. **05**

**Karen (Smith) Roberts** recently published a children's book on Kindle titled *Silly Old Book of Walrus Fun*. For more information and links to her other two Kindle books, visit her Amazon author web page.

## 1975

**David Clark** was named vice president and dean of Bethel Seminary. Clark will lead the 1,100-student seminary, which operates in St. Paul; San Diego; Auburn, Mass.; and Washington, D.C. Prior to this appointment, Clark served Bethel University as executive vice president and provost since 2009. **06**

**Karin A'Hearn-Sweeney** recently began a master's in theology studies at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, N.Y. "After 20 years of teaching the faith," says A'Hearn-Sweeney, "those seeking to convert to Christianity have been asking for more in-depth philosophical and theological explanations, so I am going deeper myself." **07**

## 1977

**David Penne** currently shows and sells his artwork through the online gallery Sociarty. Sociarty is a committed sponsor of the international medical humanitarian organization, Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders), and half of all the gallery's profits go to helping that organization deliver emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, natural or man-made disasters or exclusion from healthcare. To see David's work, visit [www.facebook.com/PicturethisPenne](http://www.facebook.com/PicturethisPenne) or [penne5.wix.com/picturethis](http://penne5.wix.com/picturethis)

## 1978

**Mark S. Caruana** has served Tabernacle Baptist Church in Utica, N.Y., as pastor for the last 13 years. This year his congregation received a grant of \$47,425 to enable him to participate in the 2012 Clergy Renewal

Program funded by the Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment Inc. This program allows pastors to step back from their busy lives and renew their spirits for the benefit of their ongoing ministries. During Dr. Caruana's 13-year tenure, Tabernacle Baptist Church has welcomed hundreds of ethnic Karen refugees from Burma (Myanmar) into its congregation. He will be spending his sabbatical immersed in the history and culture of Burma, the experience of Baptist Christians in Burma, and the experience of other Baptist congregations in the U.S. that are welcoming refugees from Burma into their fellowships. His plans include an extended visit to Burma in late 2013.

## 1980

**Leah (Omundsen) Slye** and **Sherry (Kingdon '80) Johnson** both have sons who graduated in the class of 2012. Leah reports that "Kyle and Jon became friends without any introductions or involvement of their mothers, who were friends while attending Houghton, and remain so today." In the photo from left to right: Leah (Omundsen '80) Slye, Jonathan Slye '12, Kyle Johnson '12, and Sherry (Kingdon '80) Johnson. **08**



## 1985

Marc Troeger has recently been promoted to practice manager for the higher education practice at Ciber Inc., a global information technology company based out of Denver, Colorado. This promotion allowed Troeger and his wife, Jan, to move back “home” to Holland, Michigan, where Jan runs her own consulting business.

## 1986

David Hoffman, M.D., has been promoted to area medical director for USHealthworks in Seattle, Wash. **09**

## 1990

Kris (Paroline) Cavanaugh recently published a book titled *Be Still? Really Lord??: Surviving Unexpected Losses and a Long Desert Season with my Smile and Laughter Intact*. Find out more at [www.bestill-reallylord.com](http://www.bestill-reallylord.com) or visit Kris on her website at [www.beginintoshift.com/what-is-coaching](http://www.beginintoshift.com/what-is-coaching).

Melissa Fisher was named CEO of Entertainment Promotions, leading the company’s marketing, communications, product production, pricing, procurement, promotional partnerships, business services, information technology, human

resources and legal functions, as well as direct-to-consumer sales via retail stores, internet and call centers. Entertainment Promotions is the leading provider of the most recognized and sought-after discount and promotion products in communities throughout North America. **10**

Caroline (Roederer) and Shane Larson were married on December 29, 2012. In attendance were her 11-year-old daughter, Montana; and his daughters, Hailey (15) and Malia (17). The Larsons reside in Anchorage, Alaska.

## 1991

Ricardo Lopez has been recently promoted to financial credit manager for Etro, an Italian fashion house located in New York City that produces textiles, home décor and perfumes. Lopez has been with the company for over eight years and has worked in the fashion industry since receiving his M.B.A. from Fairfield University in 1993.

## 1992

Michael Foster is owner and lead animator for Foster Animation, a Christian and family-oriented cartoon and animation company located in N.Y. Foster Animation has produced work for Phil Vischer,

creator of Veggie Tales; Big Stuf Camps, Way of the Master, and Go Fish Guys. Their original cartoon titled Minimum Wage was optioned by Atomic Cartoons and is being considered for a mainstream cartoon series. To see more of Michael’s work, visit [www.fosteranimation.com](http://www.fosteranimation.com). **11**

## 1996

Karin “Davlyn” (Davidson) Alexander and her husband, Gary are serving with United World Mission in central Asia. Their teammates include Brian and Jennifer (Nelson ’96) Derbe ’96. Gary and Karin were recently blessed with their first child, Asher, on October 1, 2012. **12**

April (Vaughn) and Nigel Fabien ’99 wish to announce the birth of a son, Gabriel, on February 14, 2012. Gabriel joins big brothers, Xavier (9) and Keegan (8). The Fabiens reside in Georgia, where Nigel has recently completed his M.B.A., works full-time at the bank and coaches his son’s soccer team. April works full-time managing an electronic content team and website and still has time to play chauffeur to her band of boys and their various activities. **13**

## 2000

Ruth (Erde) Hartt received her master’s degree in vocal performance with honors from Boston University in 2011 and was selected that same year to be a member of the Gerdyne Young Artist Program at Opera Theater of Saint Louis, Mo. She returned to her home state of Maine to join the PORTopera Young Artist Program in Portland and was recently named the winner of the 2012 American Prize for Vocal Performance in Opera. This spring she will compete as a semifinalist in the Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra’s Concerto Competition. **14**



Naomi (Hanson) and Christopher Luce announce the birth of a son, Benjamin David Luce, on April 24, 2012. The family resides in Nanuet, N.Y., where Chris attends Pace University to become a nurse practitioner and Naomi is a tutor at Huntington Learning Center. **15**

Christine Reese recently moved from State College, Pa., to Alexandria, La., to accept a faculty position with the department of history and political science at Louisiana College. Dr. Reese will be teaching a wide range of undergraduate European history classes at the four-year liberal arts college affiliated with the Louisiana Southern Baptist Convention.

Allison Syvertsen and Benjamin Gallman '02 were featured in a joint exhibition called Urban Perspectives at Cerulean Arts Gallery and Studio in Philadelphia, Pa. Syvertsen's paintings and Gallman's photographs stem from their immediate neighborhood or places they repeatedly pass by and are very much about the city of Philadelphia, without depicting recognizable sights. Syvertsen is both adjunct drawing/painting faculty and continuing education coordinator at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Gallman currently works at Yard's Brewery in the tasting room.

Jeremy Veenema and several friends from Stone House attended the wedding of housemate Kurt Sauder on July 24, 2011. Included in the picture: Tim Graffam; Dan Jackson; Jim and Julie Ulrich; Kevin and Lynda (Jones) Baker; Kurt and Jane Sauder; Dan and Bronwyn (Coughlan) Mund; Jeremy and Susan (Ventresca) Veenema and Ray Solis, all from the class of 2000. These families, along with their 16 children, are planning another Stone House reunion in the spring of 2013. **16**

## 2001

David and Courtney (Yerdon '03) Gleason welcomed daughter, Rosemary Ruth Gleason, on July 5, 2012. The Gleason family lives in Charlotte, N.C., where David is a national accounts manager for Newell Rubbermaid, and Courtney has her own tax and bookkeeping business, Courtney R. Gleason, CPA, PLLC. **17**

Cathi Hackett is an elementary school principal in the Seattle area, where her administrative responsibilities include instructional leadership and overseeing 660+ kindergarten through 6th grade students. **18**

## 2002

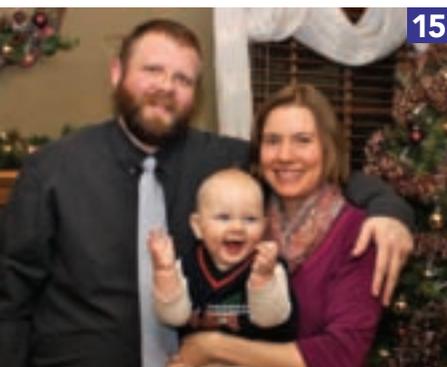
Joy (Brautigam) and David Sonju are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Ian David, on August 24, 2011. Ian and big sister, Ellie (3), were both born in Scotland, where David was pursuing a doctorate at the University of St. Andrews. **19**

## 2003

Karen (Jennings) Buell was recently promoted to assistant vice president – eChannel manager at PeoplesBank, the largest community bank in western Massachusetts. Buell previously served as the internet branch officer. She received her M.B.A. from Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts and currently resides in Belchertown, Mass.

## 2004

Jeremy and Julie (Brisben) Bullinger are happy to announce the birth of Rachel Elizabeth on October 5, 2012. She joins big sister, Anna Katherine (3). The Bullingers reside in Greenville, S.C., where Julie has recently received her M.A. in Spanish language teaching from Southern Oregon



University and continues to work as a high school Spanish teacher at Christ Church Episcopal School in Greenville. Jeremy is a middle school science teacher at Camperdown Academy, a unique school in Greenville designed to meet the needs of students with dyslexia. **20**

## 2005

Sarah Graham opened a solo art exhibition on November 8, 2012, at the Desoto City Hall in Desoto, Texas, where she was honored as the November 2012 Featured Artist. Graham is particularly known for a sensitive touch with watercolors, especially in her portraits. In addition to receiving national and regional recognition for her work in competitive art shows, she is sought as a guest demo artist, curator, and juror. She resides in Duncanville, Texas, where she teaches both high school art and private lessons. For more information about Sarah and to see her work, visit her blog at sarahgrahamartwork.blogspot.com.

Daniel and Laura (Mann '06) Kilpatrick are excited to announce the birth of their son, Eli Joel, on September 30, 2012. They currently live in Waxhaw, N.C., where Daniel is an epidemiologist for the state of South

Carolina's Health Department. Laura is taking a break from her school counseling career to be a stay-at-home mom, while also tutoring children from their community. **21**

Lucas Rees married Deanna Ingerham on June 9, 2012, in Bradenton, Fla. Fellow '05 classmates, Ben Howard and Timothy Ridgway, participated in the wedding. The couple currently resides in Fort Polk, La., where Lucas serves as an army chaplain. **22**

Kristen (Poyer) and Michael Zale '04 welcomed son, Dominick Thomas Zale, into the world on August 18, 2012. The Zale family lives in Spencerport, N.Y., where Kristen works as a human resource coordinator, and Mike is a high school business education teacher. **23**

## 2006

Daniella (Knapp) and Jason Shambach are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Eden Lea, on September 21, 2012. She joins older brother, Soren (4), and big sister, Avielle (1.5). The Shambachs live in Canaseraga, N.Y., where Jason is the pastor of Valley Wesleyan Church, and Daniella runs an in-home day care. **24**

## 2007

Sarah Bishop was recently named a BALLE (Business Alliance for Local Living Economies) Local Economy Fellow. BALLE is the only fellowship committed solely to advancing the local economy movement. She joins 15 other Fellows from across North America in an 18-month leadership immersion program designed to help strengthen their capacity for transformative change in their communities. Bishop is the executive director of Buffalo First!, a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering small-business owners and communities in Buffalo, N.Y.

Joelle (Potts) VanEtten was married to Duane VanEtten on August 18, 2012, at Wellsville Bible Church in Wellsville, N.Y. Included in the wedding party were Houghton alumni, Janelle Potts '04 and Kate Hamilton '08. Proud family members included mother of the bride, Cheryl (Greenfield '76) Potts and brother of the bride, Brett Potts '09. The VanEttens reside in Scio, N.Y., where Joelle is in her second year of graduate school at Alfred University working toward a degree in counseling, and Duane is a math and physics teacher at C.A. BOCES in Belmont N.Y. **25**



## 2008

Nicole (Trask) Gustafson, husband Alan, and big sister Kathryn welcomed Erik Alan into their family on November 20, 2012. The Gustafsons reside in Bath, N.Y., where Alan is the creative service director at Family Life and Nicole is a stay-at-home mom.

Jessica (Mullen) and Peter Romance are pleased to announce the birth of Katelyn Janae Romance on May 15, 2012. Jessica is in her second year of teaching special education at Belfast Central School in Belfast, N.Y., and the Romance family makes their home in Fillmore, N.Y. Katelyn is the first grandchild of James and Darice (Beardsley '86) Mullen '86. **26**

## 2009

Kimberly (Gaul) Lewis married Michael Lewis on October 6, 2012, at the Steppingstone Museum in Havre de Grace, Md. Houghton alumni involved with the wedding were bridesmaid, Jane Brown '09; photographer, Kaylan (Reynolds '09) Buteyn; and wedding coordinator, Jenny Taylor '08. The couple makes their home in North East, Md., where Kim is employed by Sandy Hill Camp and Conference Center, and Mike is a police officer with the Elkton Police Department. **27**

Madeline (Arkin) Mbeh married Ellis Mbeh on October 13, 2012, in Corning, N.Y. The ceremony was officiated by uncle of the bride, Kenneth Wood '66. Other alumni in attendance included Amanda (Wilgus '10) Lucashu, Ashley Crane, Bonnie Null, Rebekah Devenney '09, and Mindy Swancott '09. The couple lives in Silver Spring, Md., where Madeline is employed by Children's National Medical Center. **28**

## 2010

Sisters Ruth Kenote and Rebekah (Kenote '08) AuYeung appeared as the soprano and mezzo-soprano soloists for Beethoven's 9th Symphony with the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra November 9-11, 2012, at the historic Fulton Opera House in Lancaster, Pa.

Emily (Tullar) and Patrick Barringer '05 are happy to announce the birth of their first son, Micah Stanley Barringer, on December 16, 2012. The Barrings live in Syracuse, N.Y., where Patrick is a high school math teacher. **29**

## 2011

Jennifer (Curinga) Aitken married Chris Aitken '10 on August 4, 2012, at Grove City College in Grove City, Pa. Chris, a graduate of Grove City College, received his M.A. in music from the Greatbatch School of Music in 2010. The bride and groom were both music majors at their respective institutions, and each wanted to incorporate their college musical heritage into the ceremony. Choral pieces were performed by a choir made up of friends from Grove City and Houghton, and all of the other music in the wedding was performed by Houghton and Grove City graduates or professors. Houghton friends in the wedding party included Jewel (Buckwalter '10) Aagaard, Bethany Abrahams '12, Susanna (Thomforde-Garner '09) Ballard, Dara Searcy-Gardner '08, and matron of honor Assistant Professor of Voice Kelley Hijleh. The Aitkens make their home in Asheville, N.C., where Chris is the director of choirs at Asheville Christian Academy, and Jennifer is interning with a local opera company while working on her teaching license/graduate degree at the University of North Carolina Asheville. **30**



## 2012

Susanna (Brautigam) and Andrew Roorbach '13 were married on August 18, 2012, at Houghton Wesleyan Church in Houghton, N.Y. Many Houghton alumni celebrated the special occasion with the couple, including but not limited to, David Brautigam '72, father of the bride; Amy (Konz '83) Brautigam, mother of the bride; Colleen Jennings '13 and Elizabeth Rutledge '07, bridesmaids; Sarah (Brautigam '10) Moore, sister of the bride/music; Joshua Moore '10, brother-in-law of the bride/music; Sharon Brautigam '14, sister of the bride/maid of honor; Michael Jordan '99, officiant; Douglas Roorbach '81, father of the groom; Krista Roorbach '98, stepmother of the groom; and Jeffrey Roorbach Braaten '09, brother of the groom. The Roorbachs reside in Houghton, N.Y., where Susanna is a financial aid counselor at Houghton College, and Andrew is a debt collector for Pioneer Credit. **31**



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## Pocket Vinyl

When **Eric Stevenson '08** and **Elizabeth Jancewicz '09** of Pocket Vinyl play a show, they give the audience a heart-stopping artistic experience – complete with Stevenson pounding on the piano and singing while Jancewicz paints an original work of art live on stage. At the end of each show the painting is sold to the highest bidder. The husband and wife duo tour for a living and recently finished their “Little Dog Tour” after playing in 24 states over the last four months.

“Life on the road is fantastic!” says Stevenson. “The adventures and joy always outweigh the negative parts.” Although touring can be strenuous at times, Stevenson and Jancewicz are doing what they love. “We’re some of the only folks who sleep in their car sometimes,” adds Stevenson, “yet feel like they’re living the dream!”

Pocket Vinyl has released two full-length albums, “Protagonist” in 2010, and “Monsters Talking” in 2011. In 2013 they released a 7” called “MP1” which was the world’s first “MP” (Mini-Play). They are working on their third full-length album “Death Anxiety,” due to release in the fall of 2013. To learn more about Pocket Vinyl and to see some of Elizabeth’s paintings, visit their website [www.pocketvinyl.com](http://www.pocketvinyl.com). When they are not on the road, Eric and Elizabeth make their home in New London, Conn.



# In Memoriam

## 1942

Elizabeth (Carlson) Ortlip went to be with her Lord on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, in her home. Elizabeth taught K-12 music at Theresa, N.Y., and was a missionary in China and Haiti. She also ministered to Native Americans at the Seneca Cattaraugus Reservation. Survivors include daughter, Dr. Karen (Ortlip '69) Daugherty and her husband, Dr. David Daugherty '69; sons David W. Ortlip '75, Jonathan H. and wife Ruthie (Rothenbuhler '83) Ortlip '81; and Daniel P. Ortlip '86 and wife, Fran; 10 grandchildren including: Nathan '04, Sean '06, Shannon '11, and Lauren '14 Daugherty; and Jonathan Ortlip '11, and one great-grandson; and many nieces and nephews with Houghton connections. She was preceded in death by husband, W. Henry Ortlip '40.

## 1943

Robert "Bob" J. Oehrig, 90, passed away October 16, 2012. Dr. Oehrig graduated from Cornell Medical School in 1948 and served in both World War II and Korea. During the Korean War, he served as a medical doctor, earning the Purple Heart and the bronze star. Professionally, Dr. Oehrig served as the medical director at Home Life Insurance Company in Manhattan for more than 30 years. He is survived by three children, Kathleen (Oehrig '72) Mason and husband Paul Mason '71; Robert Oehrig '75 and wife Donna (Coddington '75) Oehrig; James Oehrig '83 and wife Rebecca (Thorn '83) Oehrig; 13 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Marion (Hagen '48) Oehrig.

## 1947

Artist (Lawson) Wilcox, 87, died on Tuesday, December 4, 2012, at her home in West Palm Beach, Fla. Wilcox founded Operation Concern Inc., with her husband, the late Rev. Linford C. Wilcox '46. She was also an accomplished painter, stained glass artist, and gardener. A scholarship has been set up in her name at Houghton College: the Artist Wilcox Art Scholarship. She is survived by her daughter, Sharon Hendrix Gibson; son, Scott Wilcox; two grandsons; a nephew; and caregiver, Laverne Cahoon.

## George Beverly Shea

Grammy Award-winning singer, George Beverly Shea '32, went to be with his Lord on April 16, 2013, in Asheville, N.C., after a brief illness. He was 104.

Born in Winchester, Ontario, in 1909, to evangelist Adam J. Shea and his wife Maude Whitney Shea, "Bev" (as he is known to friends and family) was eight years old when his family moved to Houghton, N.Y., in 1917. During his childhood years in Houghton, he lived next door to President James S. Luckey.



Shea enrolled at Houghton College in the fall of 1928, and though he left for financial reasons in 1929, maintained a close tie to Houghton throughout his career with evangelist Billy Graham, routinely coming back to campus to visit family members still in the area. In 1956 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree; in '73, he was named "Alumnus of the Year;" and during Houghton's Centennial celebration in 1983, he was recognized as one of the "Houghton Hundred," outstanding individuals of Houghton's first century.

Shea is survived by his wife, Karlene; his son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Kathy Shea; his daughter, Elaine Anderson; and his granddaughter, Tamara Anderson. In addition, he is survived by Karlene's children and their spouses, Steve and Fran Aceto and Nanci and Jack Edwards; her grandchildren and their spouses, Ben and Tiffany Aceto; as well as their children, Kylie Aceto and Knox Hampton Aceto; Bill and Sallie Aceto; Matheson and Jeff White; and Ellis Edwards. He is also survived by his brother, Alton J. Shea '36; and sister, Ruth (Shea '41) Willett; and many nieces and nephews who attended Houghton, including Sally (Shea '66) Syme, David W. Robinson '63, Eunice (Robinson '66) Sitzer, A. Jonathan Shea '63, Eila Shea '66, Paul W. Shea '69, Nancy (Wright '70) Tucker, Thomas L. Willett '68, Christine Ruth (Willett '73) Greenwald, Brock W. Baker '74, and Tod H. Baker '82.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Erma Shea; his parents, the Reverend A.J. Shea and Maude Whitney Shea; and siblings, Pauline Lusk, J. Whitney Shea '33, Mary (Shea '23) Robinson, Lois (Shea '38) Wright and Grace Baker.

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**1949**

**Robert Underwood** passed away peacefully on Thanksgiving morning, November 22, 2012. Bob served from 1943 to 1945 in the U.S. Air Force. He received his masters' from the University of Kentucky and his doctorate from the University of Northern Colorado. Professionally, he taught at Cedarville College, Bethel College, and at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Bob is survived by his wife of 65 years, Shirley; two children, Steve Underwood and Jo Anne Frawley; four grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Richard.

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**1951**

**Willis C. Moore**, 89, passed away Tuesday, November 20, 2012. Moore was a veteran, serving in World War II with the U.S. Army. He graduated from Simmons School of Mortuary Science, and was owner of Willis C. Moore Funeral Home in Naples, N.Y. He is survived by his wife, Julia; three daughters, Mary Saunders, **Linda Moore '85**, and **Amy (Moore '91) Kimsey**; three sons, **David Moore '76**, Stephen Moore and Alan Moore; one stepdaughter and three stepsons; eight grandchildren, including **Joseph Moore '05**, **Samuel Moore '08**, and **Elizabeth Moore '12**; one great-grandchild; and two nephews. He was predeceased by his first wife, Betty Jean Lawrence Moore; his son, Robert Moore; and his brother, Clarence Moore.

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**1952**

**Franklin G. Horst**, 82, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on January 21, 2013, surrounded by his family. Rev. Horst attended Dallas Theological Seminary and was ordained in 1958. In his years of ministry, he pastored churches in New York, Michigan and Illinois. He also served as regional director of four southwestern states for American Missionary Fellowship in Rio

Rancho, New Mexico, until retiring in 1998. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Colleen (Williams) Horst; four children: **Steve Horst '77**, Kevin Horst, Gregg Horst, and **Kara Horst-Alderman '91**; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one sister.

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**1955**

**Gerard B. Pollock**, 80, went to be with the Lord on January 16, 2013. An ordained pastor in the United Methodist Church, he pastored churches in Hillsdale, N.Y., Arkport, N.Y., followed by 22 years in Lakeville, Conn. Other churches where he ministered include Pawling, Poquogue and Mannsville, N.Y. He is survived by wife of 58 years, **Emma Ruth Pollock '55**; daughters Nancy Williams and husband Dennis; **Dr. Susan (Pollock '78) May** and husband **Dr. Chris May '78**; **Heidi (Pollock '82) Versland** and husband **Dr. Mark Versland '81**; and son **Christopher Pollock '92** and wife **Chrissie (Lamos '92) Pollock**; and eight grandchildren.

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**1958**

**John S. Reist Jr.**, 76, passed away November 1, 2012. Dr. Reist served in the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1960 in France, and in 2001, received the Cold War Certificate of Recognition from the U.S. government. He was ordained as a pastor in 1963, followed by service in several denominations. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and went on to teach at several institutions. In 1985, he helped found the Christian studies department at Hillsdale College, serving as director of Christian studies, and later vice-president of academic affairs, until his retirement. Dr. Reist is survived by his wife, Marilyn; daughters, Beth Foor and Jennifer Azar; three grandchildren; a sister, Kathryn Leonard; and twin brother, **Irwin Reist '57**.

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**1961**

**Marcella (Frisbie) Thomas**, 76, passed away January 22, 2013. Marcella received the Master of Music degree in applied voice from the School of Music, Texas Tech University in 1976 and spent six years at Sias International University in Xinzheng, China, where she taught oral English, voice, music literature and art history. In addition, she was a sacred music composer and was a charter member of Lubbock Choral and the area Singing Women of West Texas. She was preceded in death by infant daughter, Bernita Ruth Thomas, her parents, two sisters and a brother. She is survived by husband of 50 years, Orlan E. Thomas; son, Marlan Paul Thomas; twin daughters, Anita Cranford and Jolita Holasek; a brother; and ten grandchildren.

**Howard B. Warriner Jr.**, 77, passed away Monday, October 8, 2012. Rev. Warriner graduated from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School and served the United Methodist Church as a pastor in New York and Arizona for 46 years. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Arnet Bertch Warriner, two daughters, two sons, five grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, a sister, and a brother.

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**1971**

**Carol (Graham) Childs**, 63, passed away September 12, 2012, following complications stemming from a sudden stroke. Carol was an early-childhood educator for more than 30 years, and enjoyed spending time on the lake, traveling, learning, and gardening. She is survived by her husband of 41 years **William Childs '71**; sister, Marilyn Liddle, brother, **Philip Graham '68**; daughter Christi Smith; sons, Brent Childs and Bryan Childs; and 5 grandchildren.

1972

**Kathleen (Clawson) Kemp**, 62, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 17, 2012, following a courageous battle with cancer. Kathleen held a master's degree in special education from the College of Saint Rose, Albany N.Y., and served in the South Burlington and Burlington school districts in Vermont. She is survived by sons, Daryll and Timothy Kemp; father, Tunis Clawson and stepmother, Elaine Clawson; sisters, Brenda Bryson and Laurel Leaf; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was predeceased by her mother, Margaret Walford Clawson.

1977

**Valerie (Mills) Daly**, 57, concluded her struggle with cancer on December 22, 2012, surrounded by her family. Valerie had an insatiable hunger for learning, and the ability to make those around her feel valued and loved. She worked with her husband, Jim, running United Methodist camps in New York and Pennsylvania, and in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, where Jim managed Camp Michigamme. Valerie is survived by Jim; her children, Nathaniel Thach, Christina Thach, Rebecca Lindamood, Jessamine Daly-Griffen, and Luke Daly; her parents, Earl and Dawn Mills; one brother and two sisters; 10 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

1979

**Janet Crawford**, 54, passed away on Sunday, December 11, 2011, after a long battle with cancer. She was a graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary and worked for Olan Mills and Chase Manhattan Bank. Friend **Wendy (Gregory '80) Begin** remembers that "Janet had a rare single-mindedness even when we were young women in our twenties and in college together...she loved her Lord and wanted others to love Him, too." Janet was preceded in death by her parents, and leaves behind her siblings, niece and nephew, and a loving church family.

**Ken Nielsen**

Soft spoken and wise; welcoming, generous and kind; loving husband, faithful steward, and friend; famous maker of pancakes and connoisseur of Perry's Ice Cream. Ken Nielsen, former vice president for finance, died on January, 21 2013. He was 81 years old.

For 36 years, Ken Nielsen worked largely out of view of the students managing the business of Houghton College, but his impact and influence can be seen everywhere on campus.



If you ever ...

- ...ate a meal family-style in the basement dining facilities of East Hall;
- ...braved the "Pamper Pole" or the other high elements on the ropes course;
- ...cheered for the Highlanders at a home basketball game in the gym;
- ...hung out at Big Al's over milkshakes and chicken wings;
- ...lived in Rothenbuhler (South Hall), Lambein (Brookside) or the Townhouses;
- ...took a ski lesson on Houghton's ski slope;
- ...walked from the campus center to get to a class;
- ...visited the President's home on Centerville Road;
- ...spent time in West Seneca at the Lambein Learning Center;
- ...took a horsemanship class at the College Farm;
- ...had your own space to work in Stevens Art Studios;
- ...went on the Highlander Adventure;

If you remember the day they moved Fancher;

Then you have experienced the legacy of Ken Nielsen.

Long-time close friend and colleague, Dr. Dan Chamberlain, gave Ken's eulogy: "He was a totally remarkable man, and one that we miss terribly," said the former Houghton College president. "The world is a better, brighter place because he walked this way."

Ken is survived by his wife of over 57 years, **Doris "Mabel" (Garrett '71) Nielsen**, children, **Marla (Nielsen '83)** and **Dr. Daniel Omdal '84**; **Dorislee (Nielsen '86)** and **Maher Dandan**; **Timothy Nielsen '90** and **Adina Nielsen**; and grandchildren, including current students **Carly Omdal '16** and **Jens Omdal '16**. He was preceded in death by his son, Dale.

## Silas R. Molyneux

Col. Silas R. Molyneux '36, U.S.A.F. Ret., passed away on Saturday, October 27 2012, in Eastern Niagara Hospital, Lockport, N.Y.

Col. Molyneux was born in Houghton, N.Y., in 1916, just south of the village on a road named for his family. He graduated from Houghton Seminary in 1932. After college he received his M.A. from Columbia University and taught in area high



schools before joining the U.S. Air Force. His military career led to the rank of colonel and included faculty service at West Point and the Air Force Academy.

In 1960 he was assigned to the Pentagon as chief, research and analysis division, in the office of the Secretary of the Air Force, where he wrote the preamble to the Air Force's plan for putting a man on the moon. He spent four years there in long-range planning and received the Legion of Merit Award from President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964.

Col. Molyneux gave the convocation address and received an honorary doctorate at Founders' Day in 1984. Molyneux always appreciated his Houghton education, citing in the address that his experience in the original college choir under director Wilfred Bain prepared him for the discipline of the military. He was the Alumni Board president from 1972 through 1983.

Molyneux is survived by his wife, Marilyn Brauer Molyneux; son, Joel Molyneux; daughter, Leslie Furzak; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by brothers Glenn, Max, Evan ('29) and Charles Molyneux '36; sister, Roberta (Molyneux '29) Grange; and his first wife, Eleanor Kaltenborn Molyneux.

## 1981

Robert C. Matson, age 53, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, at his home. Bob worked for *The Suburban Press* in Orchard Park, N.Y., and for the *Messenger Post Media* in Canandaigua, N.Y., where he concluded his journalism career as executive editor. In 2008, Bob began working at Finger Lakes Community College as the director of community affairs relations. He also was a former adjunct professor of journalism at Monroe Community College and Syracuse University Newhouse School of Public Communications. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Tammy (Marshall '83) Matson; three children, Meredith, Mitchell '13 and Carter Matson; two grandchildren; his mother, one sister, two brothers and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert B. Matson.

## 1995

Lisa (Becker) Bailey, 38, lost her brief battle with cancer on January 24, 2013. Lisa was an accomplished musician, performing on both piano and organ for numerous church congregations and military presentations. Her memorial service was held on February 5, 2013, in Syracuse, N.Y., and many Houghton friends were in attendance. Tammy (Cummins '94) Holmes, Brad Saltzman '95, Jackie (Senz '95) Kuhlkin, and Gloria (Anderson '92) Hudson participated in the service. Lisa is survived by her husband of 15 years, Jonathen Bailey; five children: Josiah, Judah, Jonah, Violette and Virtue; her mother Gloria White Becker; and six sisters: Sharon, Rita, India, Danita, Michelle, and Sharissa Becker. Her father, Larry Becker, and her grandparents preceded her in death.

## 1998

Timothy Rourke, 46, passed away on Monday, January 21, 2013, after a three-year struggle with sarcoma. Tim had a master's degree in education from Western Washington University and served as principal of Ocean Cliff Elementary School in Surrey, B.C. He is survived by his wife, Leigh-Anne (Carmichael); sons, Brendan and Taylor; his parents; a sister and a brother.

## 2004

Elizabeth Rose Wilson, 31, went to be with the Lord on February 20, 2013, in Niagara Falls, N.Y. Elizabeth was employed by Notable Corp in Buffalo, N.Y., as a research and development supervisor and ran her own graphic design business. She is survived by her parents, Phillip and Deborah Wilson; two brothers, Daniel Wilson and Matthew Wilson '98; six nieces; two nephews; and many aunts, uncles and friends.

## 2011

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Reigna L. Shearer passed away unexpectedly on December 1, 2012, at Corning Hospital in Corning, N.Y., due to complications stemming from a tonsillectomy. She was 24. Reigna was working as a teacher's aide at the Erwin Child and Family Center and planned to attend Corning Community College in the fall to pursue a nursing degree. She loved animals and was an accomplished horsewoman. Reigna is survived by her parents, Eric Sr. and Celeste Shearer; her brother, Eric Shearer Jr. and his wife, Caitlin; nieces Anabell and Olivia; extended family members; and close friends from Houghton **Kristen Ailport '10** and **Annemarie Herzing '11**. Also surviving is her sister, Marie Gerstenberg. She was predeceased by her brother, Robert Gertstenberg in 2007.

## 2014

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Gregory Young, 21, died on February 23, 2013. Greg was a junior from High Point, N.C., with a double major in religion and philosophy and a minor in political science. Well known for his unique sense of humor and his capacity for deep thinking and authentic conversations, Greg was full of life and delighted friends and faculty alike with his "lop-sided grin" and his deep love and compassion for others. He is survived by his parents, Richard and Judy Young.

## Former Faculty/Staff

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Muriel Nolan Babbitt, 88, passed away on February 3, 2013, after complications from Sjogren's Syndrome. Muriel served in the financial aid office and the development office at Houghton in the '70s. Muriel is survived by her husband of 68 years, John S. Babbitt; sons **John S. Babbitt II '68** and **Stephen J. Babbitt '71**; daughter **Susan (Babbitt '74) De Jong**; eight grandchildren, including **Jeffrey Babbitt '96** and **Kari (Babbitt '00) Cowell**; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers.

**Alma Foss** died Friday, February 22, 2013, in Loretto-Cunningham Nursing Home in Syracuse, N.Y. She was 82 years old. Alma attended Houghton Seminary and lived most of her life in or near Houghton. She spent her 35-year career at Houghton College serving in various positions from laundry to food service. Alma is survived by her three sisters, **Alta Jean (Foss '55) Pelkey**, **Pauline (Foss '58) Buck** and **Judy Foss '66**; as well as seven nieces and nephews and 23 grand-nieces and nephews.

**Roberta (Sommerville) Hunting**, 93, died October 15, 2012. Roberta served as secretary to Houghton College President Dr. Stephen W. Paine from 1945 to 1947. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Ward M. Hunting '46**, seven siblings and a daughter, Rebecca Gray. She is survived by son Timothy, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, a sister, many nephews and nieces and her sister-in-law **Fay (Hunting '46) Bennett**.

**Arland B. Rees '50**, former associate professor of history, passed away on January 19, 2013, at Buffalo General Hospital. He was 90 years old. Dr. Rees served in the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy during WWII, and after graduating from Houghton, went on to receive his doctorate from Buffalo State College. During his career he worked in Christian education and served in several churches in the Wesleyan Methodist and United Methodist denominations. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Louise; son, John Rees; daughter Carol Ensell; and several grandchildren.

**Charles Randall Wilson**, 93, professor of Bible and theology from 1959 to 1965, passed away on Monday, July 2, 2012. Dr. Wilson was an ordained Wesleyan minister, and in addition to teaching at the college, he also served as assistant pastor of Houghton Wesleyan Church. He is survived by his four children: Phillip Wilson, Mark Wilson, Deborah Nesmith and Priscilla Clancy; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brother, John Wilson; and sister, Eleanor Buckman. He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Loretta; a brother and a sister.



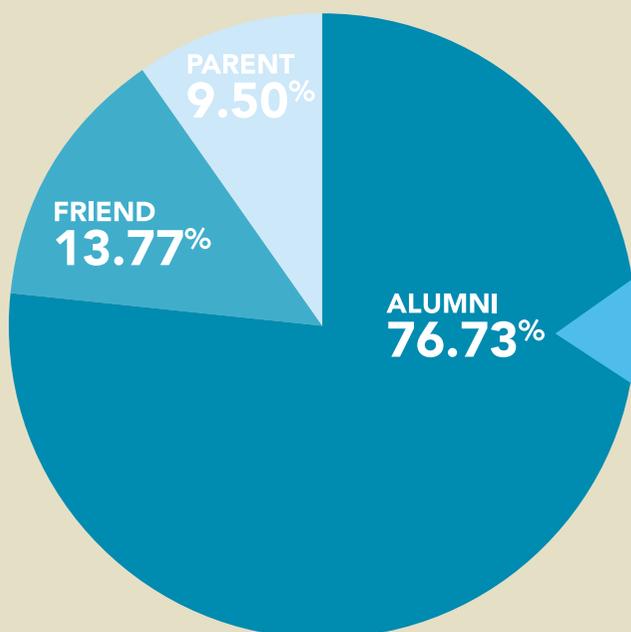
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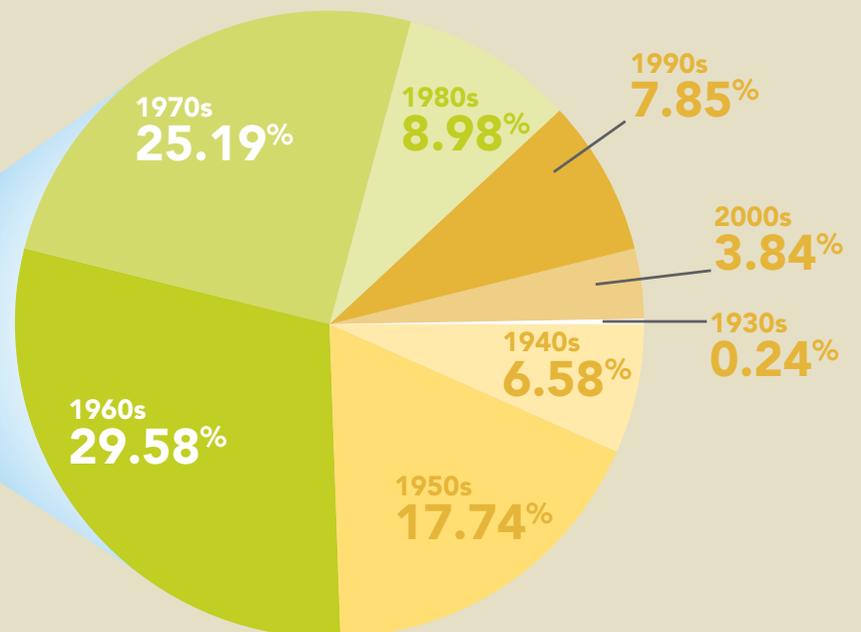
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