



# The House Of Yoder Newsletter Winter 2022

GLADE LADIE'S TEA

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Theme-Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God"

"Be still so we can hear God's voice, He talks to us, so we need to listen. We always ask Him to lead and guide us, but we need to be still and listen. There is so much noise in our world today, yes, even in Garrett County (MD). Noise of many different opinions, of different teachings, the list goes on and on.

My life was a good life. I married Dan Yoder Sr. when I was 19 and he was 21. By the time I was 25, we had all three of our children; Rose, Dan Jr, and Brenda. Our lives were busy with family, church, and jobs. But no matter how young or old we are, Satan tries to keep us so busy. He likes it when we don't take time in God's Word. We need to come to depend on what His word tells us in trusting and listening to God's leading. Many times a result from not trusting is worry.

A good example of that was last January 2022 when Granddaughter Megan and baby Joelle

were here visiting and were flying to Manitoba, Canada. It was bitter cold and stormy. I worried so much, her car had been at the airport for nearly 3 weeks. I worried-will her car start? She had a charger but when arriving at the airport in North Dakota, she realized she packed the part of the charger in the luggage she checked in and part in her carry-on. She was told her luggage has been lost. So the charger could not have been used. But in the very cold, stormy weather, her car started right up. Brenda kept me informed- I was just a mess. I told God to stop me and help me to trust Him. Soon my phone rang. It was a couple from Manitoba, Canada. A couple that Dana and I met in Florida in Mennonite Disaster Service after hurricane Charlie hit. We kept in touch, then after Dan passed away, they kept calling me to encourage me. I know God used them that night to distract me from worry. After I hung up, my worry was gone and I

could pray...Dear God, be with Megan and Joelle. Help them get home safely. I went to bed, gave all my concerns to God and went to sleep and slept till morning. Yes, they still had a border to cross and a 2 1/1 hour drive to their house. All was well. "Be still and know that I am God."

For most of our married years, I had a few health issues, but Dan, he seemed healthy all the way. He always said he wanted to live to be 100. When he was 75, his legs would get so weak and tired. As time went on we decided he needs to see a doctor. He went to our family doctor. He ordered the one test he was suspicious of and he was right; it was mesothelioma cancer. They sent him first to Morgantown, then on to Pittsburgh where he had surgery on his right lung. The doctor told him he would have a lot of pain. But basically he had very little pain and they couldn't understand that! But there were many people praying and some prayed specifically that God take his pain away. "Be still and I know that I am God."

I was not able to stay in Pittsburgh with him the whole time. Brenda however stayed there the whole time. That was such a relief to me. My sister Jany came from Virginia and stayed with me and also took me to Pittsburgh twice. That surgery gave him 1 1/2 years longer with us. That time was very dear to our family. I was his daytime caregiver. We both were using walkers which became challenging at times. God gave me the strength I needed to do the job and cope. Rose and Brenda did night shift, but soon saw we needed more

night shift help. We go Eric Beitzel to do some shifts. The girls had so many things to do in the house and Danny did the outdoor jobs. Seems there were a log of things needing done.

Dan and I talked about many things and I believe that time helped me in the healing process when he was gone. Hospice was a part of his life at that point. They were all just the best and he enjoyed visiting with them. He talked a lot-most of you knew Dan. He trusted them and they were very good for all of us.

Johnny and Kevin would visit, we both enjoyed those visits.

When Eric first started, he was so good in every way. Right at that time Dan was having trouble with some confusion which Eric understood. It took a little time for Dan to decide he can trust him. Eric has been a gem. His mother, Lisa, also helped out some.

The last month he lived, it all went really fast. He wasn't in bed one single day, of which I am so grateful. And still, Dan had that terrific peace about him and dying. He was always glad to see whoever stopped by. The day before he died, Nick stopped in and asked Dan if he can use the tire patch. Yes, he will show him. So we put him in the wheel chair and pushed him out on the porch. So he showed Nick how to patch a bike tire. Nick treasures that memory.

The family was in and out a lot, as well as others. Becky stopped by, came in, was in tears, handed Dan a letter. She said this says what I couldn't. He couldn't read well at that point

So I read it to him. We cried as I read and I have not read that letter since without crying. The two of them had a special bond. In her letter she mentions that at their wedding, Daddy Dan (that's what she called him) kissed her on the cheek. She said from that point on, she knew he loved her like a daughter, and indeed he did.

Dan would say he wants to go home. I finally told him, I live here with you, I'm not going anywhere. That seemed to settle it. He said, if you're going to be here, I will stay here too. And he never mentioned it again.

Our friends Ken and Audrey Zehr came one last time to see him. Dan and Ken were twins. They met when Ken's moved here to be a pastor at Glade. While unloading their furniture, they discovered they are twins-same birthdate, same age. Dan's mother always told him he was born on Friday the 13th, but Ken's mother never told him that. So Dan thought he would try to make sure that it was true. When one aunt had passed away, they were giving away the last of her personal things, he eyed her diary. He took it and opened it to Friday 13th, 1939. It read- Henry's had a baby boy. That settled that.

On June 5th, 2018 Brenda noticed a change in him. She called Danny to come help get him in the wheel chair. They stood him up and wanted to turn him when he resisted and said wait, wait...he was watching a TV program of a house being remodeled. Being the carpenter he was, he wanted to see the last part. Then he was done.

They put him to bed at 8:30pm. Soon it was apparent he was slipping away. We sang, had prayer and at 1:30am on June 6, 2018 he left this life. My time of grieving I feel was less intense because he and I shared so many things during his time of illness.

I know I was exhausted and kept on going, during the time of his death until after the funeral I had shed very few tears. I thought – what is wrong with me.

His funeral was on Saturday. Then Sunday people started to go home. Till Sunday evening, it was me and our family here. Well into the evening, they needed to go home, but hated to leave me there alone. I said if I'm going to live alone, I need to start tonight. They reluctantly left, some in tears.

Believe me, I had a rush of feeling inside myself. I had a real meltdown in the next several hours. I asked God to be with my family and myself as we face life without their dad and my dear husband. I went to sleep till morning.

I thought, I can be here and let others do for me or I can go on and do what I was able. I chose to go on.

It was very heartwarming to hear people telling me their stories as they worked with him through the "House of Yoder" in the village at Penn Alps. He dearly loved being there. He never met a stranger-could talk to anyone. Sometimes he sat on the bench in the village, or inside on the rocking chair by the big fireplace. He was on the board of the "House of Yoder" and was president of the board for a 3

year term. He had to resign several months before his term was up due to his illness.

It did me good to hear how he was missed on the board and the time when the wind storm came through and took down so many trees, they said “Dan would have had many ideas and suggestions and would have been the first on there to help clean up.”

I stayed in our house 1 1/2 years after he died, but my legs continued to be weak and I was not as comfortable being here alone. I told the children I would like to go to the Assisted Living at Goodwill. They would have supported me in doing what it would take if I stayed in the house, or would support me if I went to Assisted Living. I decided to go to the Assisted Living.

I was moved in a settled in when suddenly I thought—what have I done? That only lasted about 10 minutes.

One day the secretary came to my room and was frustrated, and said she was on all three floors. And said there was an 11 year old girl named “Carolyn” who would like a Pen Pal from Assisted Living. She said those she asked said they are too busy. I said “Well, I would love to.” She has certainly blessed my life. And I soon learned that people need someone to just listen. I soon found that God could still use me. Being in a power chair, I could go anywhere in this three story building, or over in the nursing home-without assistance.

Thank-you dear Father, for teaching us to stop at time and be still. When we obey your

voice within, how we are blessed! Amen”



*Anna (Beitzel) Yoder , with her husband, Dan Yoder*

Anna Beitzel was born December 1, 1941 near Accident, MD. Her parents are Gorman and Elizabeth Yoder (YR26118224). Their family consisted of seven daughters: Fanny, married to Alva Maust; Alta married to David Kindy; Anna; Doris “Pauline” married to Lloyd Kindy; Miriam married to Mervin King; Elnora married to Donald Groff; Ruth married to Larry Champ; and Joyce married to Joe Miller .

Anna was employed at Good Will Nursing Home prior to her marriage to Dan. She and Dan met at Anna’s Grandmother’s funeral dinner. While serving the meal, Anna dropped a pickle in Dan’s applesauce. Dan always said Anna made a “splash” that day! Anna and Dan were married in 1960. They are the parents of three children: Rose Marie married to Jeff Opel; Dan Jr., married to Becky Opel; Brenda married to Mike Brenneman. Anna and Dan have seven grandchildren and four great granddaughters.

Thank you Anna for sharing your story!!

*In Remembrance  
Of  
Cora Anna (Yoder) Yoder  
January 18, 1932-October 7, 2022*

Cora Anna (Yoder) Yoder a familiar face at The House of Yoder, passing out popcorn at Christmas in the Village, and helping out as a day host with her husband, Marvin J. Yoder.



*Cora Anna (Yoder) Yoder with her husband, Marvin J. Yoder serving popcorn to our visitors during Christmas in the Village.*



*Cora Anna (Yoder) Yoder YR2611*

"Cora Anna Yoder, 90, of Springs, PA passed away peacefully Friday, October 7, 2022, at UPMC Western Maryland, Cumberland, MD, surrounded by her loving family.

Born January 18, 1932, near Grantsville, MD, she was the daughter of the late Alvin H. and Martha (Maust) Yoder. She was also preceded in death by one grandson, Brandon Yoder; three sisters, Ruth Tice, Ellen Yoder and Mary Opel; one brother, Clark Yoder.

Cora Anna accepted Christ as her Savior in her youth and joined the Maple Glen Mennonite Church, where she was a lifelong member. She graduated from Baltimore City Hospital School of Nursing and worked as a an LPN at Goodwill Mennonite Home, Grantsville.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Marvin J. Yoder; beloved mother of five children, Eldon (Olga) Yoder, Burtonsville, MD; Brenda (John) Sapp, Felton, Del; Mark Yoder and Kevin (Shelly) Yoder , all of Springs; Diane (Steve) Byler, Nathalie, VA; five siblings, Kenneth Yoder, Roman Yoder, Ezra Yoder, Mark Yoder and James Yoder; loving grandmother of 15 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

## INTRODUCING OUR HOSTS TO THE HOUSE OF YODER HOSTING PROGRAM for 2022



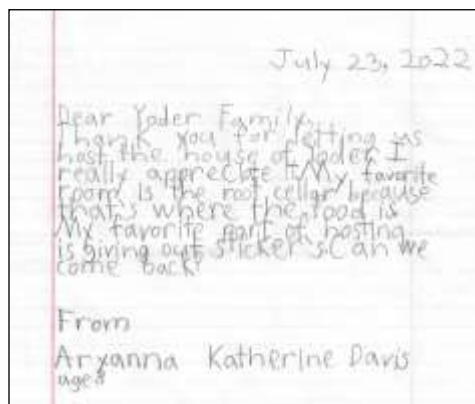
Cordelia, Josephine and Aryanna Davis, waiting at the front door of the House of Yoder to welcome our visitors



Letter written by Cordelia Hermione Davis, age 5



Artwork and letter by Josephine Adelaide Davis, age 9



Letter and artwork by Aryanna Katherine Davis, age 8

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Robbie Dickey, age 12, from Berlin, PA, grandson of the editor, standing at the front door of the House of Yoder, and also pointing to his picture in *Mountain Discoveries*. The House of Yoder was featured in the magazine, Robbie and Carter Dickey, both Grandsons of the editor, along with this editor dressed in period clothing for the pictures.



*Written by Robbie: "My experience at the House Of Yoder was great, I learned along with the people I toured and had a lot of fun doing it. I am not usually a fan of school or most forms of learning because I can find them boring. This wasn't like that, I had a wonderful time there and would love to host again."*



Originally from the Grantsville area, Phillip Yoder now resides in Elkhart, IN



Jacob and Danielle Davis, parents of Josephine, Aryanna and Cordelia Davis. The family lives in Woodbridge, VA



Randie Stiffler, New Paris, PA

A very warm welcome to our hosts. You are so very important to the House of Yoder.

## **The House of Yoder Hosts for 2022**

John H. and MaDonna Yoder, Catonsville, MD; Curtis and Daisy (Yoder) Duff, Oakland, MD; Val and Sandy Dzwonczyk, Baltimore, MD; David and LouAnn Kanagy, Archbold, OH; Robert Swartz, Waterford, MI; Jacob, Danielle, along with their daughters Josephine, Aryanna and Cordelia Davis, Woodbridge, VA; Bill and Pat Strunk, Harrisonburg, VA; \*Randie Stiffler, New Paris, PA; Sandy Schoener, Milford, OH; \*Phillip Yoder, Elkhart, IN; Brad and Jeanne Smucker Yoder, Noblesville, IN. Our day hosts were: Harvey Yoder, Bellville, PA; Heidi Yoder, Oakland MD; Mark and Mayla Yoder with their grandson, Robbie Dickey, all of Berlin, PA .

\*New

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VISITORS

THEIR HOME STATES AND

COUNTRIES

Montana, Louisiana, New Mexico, Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia, Indiana, Michigan, Florida, Minnesota, Connecticut, Nebraska, Georgia, Missouri, New Jersey, Utah, South Carolina, Arizona, Idaho, Wisconsin, Iowa, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Kentucky, West Virginia, California, Maryland, Ohio, Delaware, North Carolina, Texas, Maine, New York, Vermont, Mississippi, Arkansas, Kansas, Illinois, South Dakota, Washington, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington D.C.

COUNTRIES

United Kingdom, Canada, Switzerland, Australia, Holland, Venezuela, France, German, Morocco, Belarus, Mexico, Brazil, Thailand, New Zealand, Scotland, South Wales and Indonesia

The House of Yoder would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Kathleen (Moran) Yoder, wife of Tom Yoder (YR125611414) of Wichita Falls, Texas who passed away on Thursday, December 29, 2022.



*Kathleen and Tom Yoder, Wichita Falls, Texas.*

Kathleen and Tom are the parents of two sons, Bart and Zach.



*Tom Yoder of Wichita Falls, TX and the furniture he and his wife Kathleen donated to The House of Yoder*

Tom and Kathleen donated many pieces of antique Yoder furniture that they owned when they downsized. Tom transported the furniture to The House of Yoder in October 2014. Tom has also been a faithful host to The House for many years.



*"God never said that the journey will be easy, but He did say that the arrival will be worthwhile."*

Max Lucado

## CHRISTMAS IN



With heavy rain, strong wind and cold temperatures, the weather did not cooperate for Christmas In The Village. But, that did not deter a large number of visitors to The House of Yoder. The 37th annual event was held Friday, December 2, Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4.

The front yard was graced with a live nativity scene. The animals were provided by Craig and Anita Lowry, along with their children, Luke and Lauren, Grantsville, MD and friends from Cross Roads Church, Deep Creek MD



*Pictured above: Long time Board of director for The House of Yoder Lowell Bender, enjoying some freshly popped popcorn.*

The House of Yoder continued with the “tradition” of handing out popcorn to our visitors. This year, over 1400 bags of popcorn were shared.

## The VILLAGE



*Pictured above is Curtis Duff, a host at The House of Yoder, ready to greet our visitors.*



*Above: Ellen Wilds of Grantsville, MD, demonstrates the drop spindle.*



*Pictured above are sisters On the left: Ramona (Yoder) Gillum and Renata (Yoder) Glotfelty. Nieces of the Editor, helping to greet our visitors.*



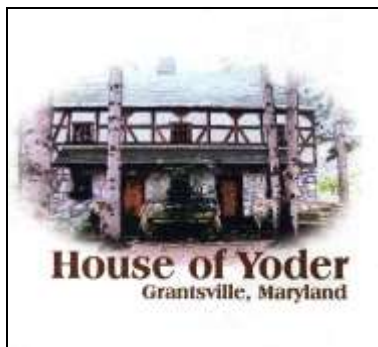
*Pictured above: The popcorn table, with bags of popcorn, ready to be handed out.*

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	1 Year	5 Years	Lifetime
Individual	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Couple	\$35.00	\$150.00	\$1,500.00