



## Westmar University Alumni and Friends Association

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### Awarded as United Methodist Historical Site #543



Janice (Dunbar) Koelker '67  
WAFA Executive Director

Last fall we received word from Westmar alum, Rev. Dr. Darrell Weist, Class of 1962, that he had just been elected as the Chair of the Heritage Landmark Committee of the General Commission of Archives and History for the United Methodist Church. One of the goals, along with Internationalizing United Methodist Landmarks and featuring more ethnic one's was to also highlight the former denominations within the United Methodist Church. Of course that includes the Evangelical United Brethren and their predecessors as well.

He encouraged us to apply for designation as a United Methodist Site/Organization within the Iowa United Methodist Conference. We proceeded with the paperwork and have received word that we have achieved that designation!! We have received a plaque that lists us as Historic site No. 543.

We have now decided to apply for the National level designation of United Methodist Heritage Site. We will keep you posted!!



## Reunions

### WESTMAR CLASS OF '68 50-YEAR CELEBRATION

(and guests: classes of '67 and '69)

#### Reunion Schedule

#### Friday, June 22, 2018

Supper on your own  
6-9 p.m. - Registration, reminiscing, renewal of friendships, Wells' Blue Bunny Ice Cream Parlor (upstairs) - 115 Central Ave. NW

#### Saturday, June 23

10:00--Campus Walking Tour with Dr. Wayne Marty (meet at the new eagle statue)  
11:00--1:00 Plymouth County Historical Museum (Westmar Room and Sports Room) will be open extra hours  
Lunch on your own  
1:00-5:00--Chorale get-together and rehearsal with Mr. Summerside at the United Methodist Church of Le Mars, (former campus church)  
2:00--Alley Art walk, led by Rich Zietlow (Meet at the Convention and Visitors Bureau, 40 Central Ave. SE)  
4:30--Chorale performance at the United Methodist Church, open to all  
6:30 - Banquet dinner at Central Event Center, 10 Central Ave. SE (parking available in street and in parking lot behind building)

#### Sunday, June 24

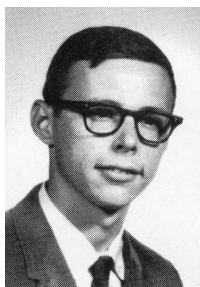
10:00 - church service at U.M. Church. Following the service, coffee and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.  
Lunch - Bob's Drive In } One final gathering before we head out!

See additional information on page 9—All Choral members are included as well.

## During the Last 100 Years

### Stephen Garrington '71 writes:

It has been 50 years since this happened...



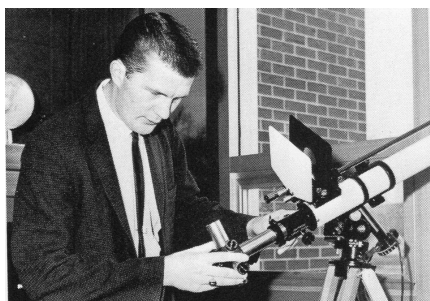
If you looked at the freshman class of Westmar College there was one boy who would not catch your attention. He was shorter than most, skinny, and wore a large set of glasses. He had graduated from High School with a C average, and no particular honor or distinction. He signed up for the usual freshman classes including "Earth Sciences" taught by a Korean war vet, Dr. Ebner.

Dr. Gene Ebner was a tall, pleasant, smiling man with a knack for making the complex seem crystal clear. His classes and labs, were not just informative, they were riveting. His explanations, examples and clarity made taking notes and even taking tests a breeze.

When the first test was being handed back the young boy looked at the top to find the capital letter "A" inscribed. Mouth wide open and mind unable to comprehend what had never happened before, he felt a hand on his shoulder. The boy looked up into that caring smile and heard the words, "nice job." For the first time in his life the boy had met someone besides his parents who felt he has worth. And for the first time the boy believed it.

Dr. Ebner saw potential in what the world saw a rather ordinary boy. The study habits and the determination and the joy of educational success flowed into all the young boy's studies. His high school C's and D's became College A's and B's, and 4 years later he would graduate "Magna Cum Laude," thanks to Dr. Ebner.

There followed many honors as the boy grew to manhood, two Master's Degrees, a commission in the US Army, a chance to serve as a responder after 9-11, and even being named Director of Honor Flight of the Quad Cities. But after each one the boy knew that his success was the success of his teacher. To this day, he thanks the Good Lord for sending Dr. Ebner into his life.



Gene Ebner, Earth Science

Steve Garrington  
Class of 1971

**Don't forget to use Amazon Smile when you order from them and they will donate to Westmar Alumni and Friends at no cost to you. It all helps us.**

*Editors note: Wayne Marty is wearing several hats this month and so is not writing an article this time. He is planning to do the amazing "Westmar Tour" at the reunion this summer. This tour is always very interesting. You will see what is happening on campus now—the YMCA and the old gym that is now a terrific swimming pool with lanes and a "lazy river" and more.*



*You will be meeting at the new Eagle In Flight sculpture and seeing many things in the Westmar Park that you probably forgot were there.*

*You will continue to the "Old Gym" and the YMCA.*

*Looks like you might remember from the front but then....*

*There is a pool and play area....*



*The gym has been moved but WESTMAR is still there!!*

*And those attending from that championship team that went to Kansas City..*



*Might even get to shoot a ball while there for old times sake. This could be great!!!!*





## During the Last 100 Years cont....

### *Wernli girls create homes out of rooms*

From the April 7, 1967 Gleam by Sandra Overturt

Wernli Hall should be recognized for the creativity that goes into decorating the dorm rooms. When a girl first sees her dorm room, she is confronted with four plain walls. Many Wernli girls have turned their rooms into a home.

Girls have made night stands out of boxes and book shelves out of crates, board and bricks. They have made bulletin boards out of cloth, peg board, rugs, cardboard and even the wall itself. Some such as Pinky McCue and Sue Vinson have rocking chairs to add a "homey" touch to the room.

One room gives the effect of a South Pacific Island. Pat Wyman has a bamboo mat the length of one wall strung with vines. On the floor in front of the mat is a log with plants growing from and draping about the log. A fish net hangs in the corner. Across from it is a lamp three-feet high with colorful tropical fish on it. To finish off the effect, Pat has a live banana tree growing in her room.

The girls in Wernli are good at finding unusual articles to decorate their rooms. For example Lynn Fleischauer has a smashed Ford hubcap hanging in her room. This is very practical. It is cheaper than a Van Gogh or a Raphael piece of art and catches a person's eye just as fast. The room of Kathy Orres and Ruth Ann Milbrandt is a treasure chest of unusual items. Among many things they have a gold coated pop bottle, a bronze replica of The Thinker (They have named the work of art Count Your Blessings), the head of a man made from a paper sack, and a cigarette with a match inside a case which reads "Break glass in case of emergency." They also have a list of thirteen ways to be miserable.

Joy Chaffee and Melain Haak have also personalized their room. The Casino Royal (as they call the room) has several corners of interest. One corner has pictures of horses. The car corner has more Cadillacs than any other kind of car. The corner behind the door is called the "sin corner." Here can be found magazine advertisements from almost every brand of cigarette in existence. Among the more practical things are an autographed picture of Captain Jet owned by Candy Nitzsche and an autographed paddle given to Carol Sansgard for protection from boys by her boyfriend, Herb.

First floor of Wernli is the home of the idiot box. The girls' private lounge is decorated with things that torment a dieter—pop machines, candy machines, and a refrigerator. Here the girls may get away from the cares of school for awhile.

The second floor has the special feature of every girls' dormitory—the public lounge. The points of interest of this room do not need to be described.

## Reunions

**Westmar Reunion - class of '68**

**(+guests of '67 & '69)**

**June 22-24, 2018**

**Registration forms: deadline - April 16, 2018**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

First, (maiden), Last, Class

Name \_\_\_\_\_

First, (maiden), Last, Class

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell-phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_  
(to receive monthly updates on who is attending)

Friday evening (Blue Bunny Ice Cream Parlor)  
Number \_\_\_\_\_ (no cost-except for ice cream!)

Saturday evening banquet (Central Event Center)  
Number \_\_\_\_\_ @\$25 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to WAFA and send to:**

**335 First Avenue SW**

**LeMars, IA 51031**

Or pay on-line at [www.westmarcollege.org](http://www.westmarcollege.org)



## Alumni Deaths

'40 Western Union – **Mildred Manson Morton**, 97, of Le Mars, IA died Dec 20, 2017. She received her teaching degree and taught country schools in Plymouth County and enjoyed telling of her adventures: lugging water, stoking the wood stove and teaching the kids to read. She served as the pianist for the Union Township Presbyterian church and accompanied her husband John as a soloist for many events. [www.siouxcityjournal.com](http://www.siouxcityjournal.com)

'41 Western Union – **Rev. Lawrence Richard Kurth**, 99, Paola, KS, died Dec 4, 2017. He was a teacher and then was drafted into the service in '42. He served at evacuation hospitals in Africa, Italy, France and Germany. He then went to Seminary school and served churches in Kansas east conference until his retirement. He and his wife celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2016. He had a beautiful voice and sang at Westmar and throughout his life. [www.DengelMortuary.com](http://www.DengelMortuary.com)

'43 Western Union – **Mary Ann Burns Zietlow**, 96, of Le Mars, IA died Jan 13, 2018. In 1981, she and her husband Carryl Zietlow, returned to Westmar and she managed the college bookstore. She was active in church activities and volunteer work with hospitals and nursing home. She also worked part-time in gift shops. She enjoyed hobbies of many kinds and sewed items for several consignment shops as well as sewing and crafting for family. Survivors include: husband **Carryl** '47, (see below) son **Richard** '71 and his wife **Jean** '71, daughter **Janice** '68. [www.lemarssentinel.com](http://www.lemarssentinel.com)

'45 Western Union – **Margaret Kraft-Green**, 91, Kingsley, IA, died Jan 11, 2018. After receiving her teaching certificate, she taught briefly in rural schools. After marriage and WWII when her husband returned they opened the Kraft Kleaners in Kingsley. Her husband passed away in 1975 and with the help of her son, she continued the business. The business celebrated over 60 years and she was honored as the Grand Marshall of the annual August-fest Parade. She was active in her community and church. [www.siouxcityjournal.com](http://www.siouxcityjournal.com)

'47 Western Union – **Carryl Zietlow**, 97, of Le Mars, IA died Jan 25, 2018. He was enrolled in the flight training course and received his private pilot's license and became a flight instructor for the Air Corp. He received his Master of Divinity and served several churches. In 1951 he served on Westmar staff for 4 years. He returned to the ministry and then came back to Westmar for 9 years – '61 to '70 – where he worked in alumni, church relations, fundraising and assistant to the president. In 2012 he and wife Mary Ann returned to Le Mars, IA. Survivors include: son **Richard** '71 and his wife **Jean** '71, daughter **Janice** '68. [www.lemarssentinel.com](http://www.lemarssentinel.com)

'48 Western Union – **Rev Richard C. Pfaltzgraff**, 93 of Des Moines, IA died Nov 20, 2017. He served in the US Airforce during WWII. He served churches in Iowa and was a

District Superintendent of the Creston District for the Iowa Conference. After retiring, he served for 28 years as a part-time Chaplain at Wesley Acres in Des Moines and served 25 years as a part-time staff pastor for Ankeny First UMC. He also served as an on-call chaplain for the VA Medical Center in Des Moines for 35 years. He was preceded in death by his wife **Mary Schneider Pfaltzgraff** '48, a brother **Paul** '44 and is survived by a son **Peter** '76 and a daughter **Tamie Logan** '74. [llesfuneralhomes.com](http://llesfuneralhomes.com), [Des Moines](http://DesMoines)

'51 – **Enid Kathryn Schmickle Sloan** 87, San Clemente, CA died Jun 9, 2017. While at Westmar she was voted "Most Likely to Succeed". She taught English and Speech for a few years. After marriage she worked at raising their family and volunteered in community activities. She became very active in working with church and children. Her husband Al Sloan '51, survives her. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/losangelesregister/obituary.aspx?pid=185963944>

'51 – **Chaplain Bob Alan Chaffee**, Lieutenant Colonel, USAF (retired) 87, of Tampa, FL died Oct 3, 2017. He served as pastor of several churches before joining the Air Force as a chaplain in 1965. He served at several bases around the world before retiring in 1986. He received many military decorations and awards. Bob is survived by his wife Roberta "Bobbi" Randolph Chaffee of 67 years. She attended Westmar '48 – '50. [http://brewerfuneral.tributes.com/obituary/print\\_selections/105269680?type=6](http://brewerfuneral.tributes.com/obituary/print_selections/105269680?type=6)

'52 Western Union – **Aletha E. Schubert Sensanbaugh**, 87, Jenison, MI, formerly Sioux City, died Jan 9, 2018. Aletha taught for over 30 years before retiring from Sioux City Public Schools in '93. She was active in church, quilting, reading, playing cards, and hosting Camp Grandma in the summers for her granddaughters. [www.siouxcityjournal.com](http://www.siouxcityjournal.com)

'53 – '73 **Beverly M. Irwin Petersen**, 83, of Cleghorn died Jan 9, 2018. She received her teaching degree in '53 and later received her BA in '73. She had a passion for teaching and was an elementary teach for 30 years. She was active in church, paying bridge, reading, gardening, cooking, singing in church and an avid supporter of high school athletics. One of survivors is **Maxine Irwin** '45. [www.siouxcityjournal.com](http://www.siouxcityjournal.com)

'53 – **Dorothy J. Kallsen Bohnenkamp**, 87, of Remsen, IA, died Jan 3, 2018. She taught rural schools for several years. After marriage she farmed with her husband for 50 years while raising their family. She was active in church, ballroom dancing, shopping and bowling. She also worked in her garden, canned, cooked, baked and raised chickens. She was preceded in death by her sister **Helen Kenaley** '68. [www.siouxcityjournal.com](http://www.siouxcityjournal.com)

'53 – **Don H. Richards**, 86, Hinton, IA, died Dec. 2, 2017.



## Alumni Deaths continued

He was active in sports and outdoor activities. He was the Hinton postmaster for over 30 years and was well known in the area. [www.sioouxcityjournal.com](http://www.sioouxcityjournal.com)

'60 – **Roy Messerole**, 80, Le Mars, IA, died Jan 11, 2018. He began his career in teaching and became a principal, and then a superintendent. In 1985 he became the superintendent for the Le Mars Community School District. He retired in 2000 and the following year served as interim superintendent for Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn School District. After officially retiring, he taught driver's education and supervised student teachers. He was very active in church and community. Among survivors is son **William '90** Teikyo Westmar. [www.sioouxcityjournal.com](http://www.sioouxcityjournal.com)

'62 – **Carolyn Jean Meyer Anderson**, 78, of Papillion, NE, formerly of Sioux City, IA died Nov 16, 2017. She received her teaching certificate from Westmar serving in various area schools while raising her family. She later taught 4 years at Emerson Elementary and then Kindergarten at Lewis and Clark Elementary School in So. Sioux City, NE for 22 years. she was a volunteer with the Special Troopers Adaptive Riding School and active in her church. [www.sioouxcityjournal.com](http://www.sioouxcityjournal.com)

'64 – **David D. H. Bakley**, 75, Plymouth, MI died Dec 10, 2017. While at Westmar he played football. He began teaching in Oregon and spent 22 years teaching and coaching at Linn-Benton Community College. He was Oregon Track Coach of the Year 6 times and coached 25 All-Americans and 6 National Champions. Three of the athletes he coached went on to the Seoul Olympics in 1988. He had several coaching assignments that took him to Katmandu, Nepal, and Nyadire, Zimbabwe and other places. Among survivors is a sister **Jolane Bakley '62**. Obituary submitted.

'64 – **Leland V. Gustafson**, 75, Carrollton, GA, died Dec 26, 2017. He taught economics for 46 years at the University of West Georgia. He liked taking one-year teaching assignments in Europe, so his family would be exposed to other countries and cultures. He taught Sunday School and he and his wife traveled the world. [www.almonfuneralhome.com](http://www.almonfuneralhome.com)

'65 – **Kathryn Ann Preston James**, 74, Arvada, CO, died Nov 18, 2017. She taught elementary school in Des Moines for three years, and after their family was raised, she went back to teaching. She taught mostly 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. In 1990 she was a recipient of the Colorado Distinguished Teacher Award. She later worked for the library at Allendale Elementary in Arvada before retiring. She was very active in church and family. Among survivors are her husband **Roger James '64** and sister **Jane Benson '68**. [www.aspenmortuaries.com](http://www.aspenmortuaries.com)

'70 – **Terry L. Rounds**, 69, of Le Mars, IA, and Ann Arbor, MI, died Dec 15, 2017. He participated in the '69 Biology

Field Trip and earned an associate degree from Westmar. He retired from a career as network analyst at the Town of Avon in Avon, CO. He enjoyed traveling, photography and antiquing throughout the US with his wife. [www.lemarssentinel.com](http://www.lemarssentinel.com)

'72 – **Joyce Elaine Vondrak Sparr**, 88, of Hinton, IA, died Dec 15, 2017. She graduated from high school in 1946 and received her teaching degree from Westmar and began teaching at age 18. She continued night school and summer school, graduating from Westmar with her degree in 1972. Her career lasted 60 years. She and her husband farmed, and she was active in church, gardening and activities with her children. Survivors include a daughter, **Mary Kay Holiday '74** and a sister **Kay Hansen '78**. [www.sioouxcityjournal.com](http://www.sioouxcityjournal.com)

'73 – **Stuart E. McCord Jr.**, 67, Lawton, IA, died Nov 13, 2017. While at Westmar, he played football. Stuart taught for 33 years, retiring in 2005. During that time, he taught junior high Social Studies and World Geography and high school World History. He coached junior high track, football, and basketball and high school baseball. In addition, he refereed football and basketball. [www.sioouxcityjournal.com](http://www.sioouxcityjournal.com)

'75 – **Janet "Jan" Ann Koppen Gorrell**, 80, of Le Mars, IA, died Jan 10, 2018. After raising their four daughters, Jan earned her BA and taught in the Hinton School District for over 25 years. She enjoyed bicycling, sewing and gardening. She was a bridge player for over 40 years and attended many sports and fine art activities of her children and grandchildren. [www.lemarssentinel.com](http://www.lemarssentinel.com)

'93 – **Kenn H. McSherry**, 49 of Weston, MO died Nov 6, 2017. He worked for CVS and Jeff's True Value Hardware. He was an avid reader, enjoyed architecture and was a true Jeopardy fan who if given the chance could have won millions. [www.hkfuneralhome.com](http://www.hkfuneralhome.com)

### Faculty:

**Dr. Clinton Lee Sparks**, 87, of Discovery Bay, CA died Dec 24, 2017. Originally from North Dakota, he served in the Korean War from 1952 – 1954. He received his degree in NDSU and had a career in teaching and administrative positions. He completed additional degrees and was an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Westmar College in Le Mars. He is survived by his wife **Bernadine Lillian Luther Sparks '53**. [www.dignitymemorial.com/brentwood-funeral-home/en-us/index.page](http://www.dignitymemorial.com/brentwood-funeral-home/en-us/index.page)

Do you have any Westmar items you would like to donate to the Archives or for room display? We are also looking for Sports Memorabilia as well as items from other groups for display. Good copies of photos or certificates are also welcome.

**2017 Donations to General Fund**  
(This fund is used to maintain the office together with dues)

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To be used for Sculpture, Plaza, and Landscaping  
In Westmar Memorial Park**

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Cheryl Gerber Rosebrook in Memory of R. Myron Rosebrook

**\$100 to \$250**

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***A heartfelt thankyou to each of you!!! Donations are very important to keeping the memories of Westmar alive. We operate on donations and membership dues. Every dollar is extremely important to keeping our doors open.***

***Thank you so very much!!***



***We would also like to thank you for submitting articles for publication and obituaries of our alumni and friends. We only ask that for obituaries and other printed articles that you also give us the source, name of newspaper or funeral home. Your submissions help to make this newsletter interesting.***

## Alumni News

***What's Happening with You? Tell Us!***

**We are interested in knowing what has recently (or not so recently) happened in your life. Promotions? Marriage? Births or deaths? Honors or awards? Graduate degree? Semi- or full retirement? Pass on the information so we can print it and spread the good news!**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class year** \_\_\_\_\_ **Spouse also an alum** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other relatives also alums** \_\_\_\_\_

**News (attach a separate sheet if needed )** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Le Mars, Iowa 51031**

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Can we e-mail your newsletter? Yes No**

**Attended Westmar** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class of** \_\_\_\_\_

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**General donation to help sustain your Alumni Association** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory/Honor of (person)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## ALUMNI NEWS—Cont.

'55—**Bill Arnold** writes that when he read in the last Alumni News, Dr. Art Angove's article about being part of the United States Air Force Air Defense Command, my memory went back to those days when I too was a member of the Air Defense Command along with Art and others. We had memorized all the United States planes and most of Germany's and Japan's as well. It was a thrill!



After graduating from Westmar College I attended Western Evangelical Seminary in Portland, Oregon, then transferred and graduated from Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Illinois. I was an associate pastor those years at ETS. After graduation I became an Elder and a pastor in the Nebraska Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church for the next 40 years. After retiring from the parish I then became a Chaplain and spent 18 delightful years at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lincoln, NE. During those same 18 years I spent three of them as the pastor of small churches near Lincoln and at the same time spent 11 years as the Chaplain at the Dialysis Center of Lincoln in Lincoln, NE.

My wife **Shirley (Walkup)** attended Westmar for a year and a summer and graduated with the class of '58. She and I met the summer of '59 after I had graduated from seminary and have now been married for 57 years and have two daughters, seven beautiful grandchildren and two wonderful son's-in-law. Shirley taught in elementary schools for several years and was very active in our churches and communities where we lived. We now make our home in Lincoln, NE.

We are grateful for the numerous reunions that we have been able to attend at Westmar and are thankful for many friendships that have remained from those days in college. As we look back on it we realize it was a wonderful time to have been a student at Westmar,

(Bill is the second generation to graduate from Westmar. His parents, John J. Arnold and D'Alta (David) Arnold, an aunt and uncle graduated from Westmar and a brother, Lloyd and a cousin also attended.)

**Notice** Please add WAFA to your address book.

Don't miss a newsletter or important email message. Some emails always come back to us as being blocked when the group email is sent.

Don't forget to let us know when you change your information. We don't want to lose you!!!



'66 **David** and '64 **Gwen Koth Mead** celebrated their 50th Anniversary. David and Gwen met at Westmar College and were married at the United Methodist Church in LeMars, IA on May 28, 1966.

They are blessed with two sons and daughters-in-law. Living in Rochester, MN and retired 17 years from United Methodist ministry.



Faculty—**Ted and Barbara Rebstock** of Le Mars, IA celebrated their 60th Anniversary last summer with family and friends in Le Mars. They have 2 sons, Dave '82 and Don and 3 grandchildren. Ted and Barbara Lee were married on Nov 30, 1957, at Evangelical United Brethren Church in Buchanan. They now live in Le Mars.

'54—**Paul** and '57 **Marcia (Bartel) Wiener** of Loveland, Co. celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 11, 2017. A family and friends dinner was held and also there was celebration at their church in Loveland Colorado.

'63—**Alan** and '59-'62 **Mavis (Dreier) Streyffeler** of Claremont, CA We are living at Pilgrim Place, a retirement facility for "very religious" persons. Mavis and I do birding, sing in a chorale, and generally lead active lives selling furniture and making yard art

## IN MEMORY/IN HONOR

Making a donation in someone's name that is deceased places that person's information in a special section of our *MEMORY* book, on a stand, in the Westmar Room. The page will also include donor's names. Donations may also be made in *HONOR* of someone living, with Westmar ties, and a page will also be entered for that person in that section of the book.





## ALUMNI NEWS—Cont..



'64—**Wendell McKenzie** was inducted into the 2017 Kingsland Wall of Honor on Nov. 3, 2017 at Kingsland High School, Spring Valley, MN. The school honors those alumni that have made a difference instead of athletes.

Wendell is a retired North Carolina State University genetics professor.

"Excellence, I like to think, is more about the journey than the destination. Work smart; be dedicated; lead by example; enjoy the ride!"

Information from article and photo by Gretchen Mensink Lovejoy/Spring Valley Tribune. <http://bluffcountrynews.com/Content/Spring-Valley-Tribune/Local-news/Article/-Blessed-Wall-of-Honor-recipient-contents-you-can-go-home-again-/11/94/69905>

'87—**Marty Kurth** entered the IHSBCA Hall of Fame in January 2018, as part of the Hall of Fame 50th Anniversary. A baseball coach of more than 30 years, he lost his eyesight last year and continued to coach the Le Mars Gehlen Catholic baseball team with his assistant coach and son Ty Kurth <http://www.lemarssentinel.com/story/2466104.html>



*Order your Westmar shirts, glasses, cozies, and other items early and pick up for the reunion!! We only keep a few shirts in stock and they are printed for us on demand.....want to wear one for the chorale or for the meet and greet....order online at our webpage or contact the office.....Let everyone know **You Went to Westmar!!!***

*(All items are shown with prices on our web page.)*

## Reunion

Continued....

**All 30 years of Choral** Alumnus are invited to join this reunion and be directed in an afternoon of music at the United Methodist Church.

G. Timothy Hoffman is working on contacts for the Choral part of the reunion and suggests supper (on your own) at Archie's Wayside Friday night June 22 before the meet and greet at the Ice Cream Parlor.

Mr. Summerside would like to know as soon as possible if you plan to sing and what part you sing so he can have enough music ready. You can call or email the WAFA office with this information.

If you are planning to attend, and we certainly hope you are, please make your reservation as soon as possible.

Send the registration form in if you plan to attend and whether or not you plan to attend the banquet Saturday night. There will be **NO** last minute reservations for dinner with your friends at the Brown's Central Event Center.

You may also make your reservation through the webpage and pay, if you're attending the banquet, through PayPal.

Trying to contact your Westmar friends? If you need help, contact the WAFA office and we may be able to help you make the connection.



Check out the Website for lots of memorabilia!! Other than shirts and jackets, you can find Choral CD's and other items. You can place your order at the website or contact us at the office. [www.westmarcollege.org](http://www.westmarcollege.org) or call 712-546-8759 and leave message.

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Most newsletters are now sent by email to reduce office costs of printing and postage. We send to a few who do not have email or who have a special request. Get it on line and get it in color—make the print as large as you like. Get it where ever you get your email whether at home or on vacation. It's the best way!! .

**Be sure to check out our ever-changing website at:**

**<http://www.WestmarCollege.org/>. We offer online shopping and membership. Suggestions are always welcome.**

**Current Members: You will receive only one reminder postcard when it is time to renew your membership. Please pass the form below on to other Westmar Alum and encourage them to be a WAFA member.**

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The third floor is the home of the Squirrels. The Squirrels are a volleyball team who spread their fame with signs all over the walls.

And the girls on the fourth floor are proud of three things. They are the only floor with an American flag hanging in the hall. The flag measures three by five inches. They're also proud of its party room and art room. The party room was named after George W. Worm who was kidnapped by a group that lost to fourth floor in field hockey.

After living in Wernli for awhile, a girl realizes it is never quite the same as it was the first day she saw it. Each girl puts part of her personality into Wernli.

Thus, Wernli becomes a part of her life.



It's Scholarship Time! Please encourage your children, grandchildren, gr. Grandchildren, nieces and nephews to apply for these scholarships. Last year \$34,000 was awarded to 29 students who attended an Iowa private college or institution.

Last year 2 Presidential awards of \$5,000 each were given to incoming College Freshmen with a minimum of GPA of 3.0. \$1,000 awards and \$500 awards are awarded to those of all college grade levels with a minimum GPA of 2.5.

You do need to have your application and transcript in on time to be eligible. The transcript is your responsibility so do make sure it has been sent from your school in plenty of time.

Applications are online for 2018 – 2019 at [www.iowacollegefoundation.org](http://www.iowacollegefoundation.org). Click on 'For Students', then click on 'Westmar Endowment Scholarship Application' which takes you directly into the application and description of the scholarship program. Deadline is April 1, 2018.

Iowa Methodist Foundation Westmar Scholarship can be found at [www.iumf.org/westmar.html](http://www.iumf.org/westmar.html) - download application. Application and transcripts must be postmarked by March 15, 2018 for those attending United Methodist College in Iowa.

**Send your applications early and make sure your Official Transcript arrives BEFORE the due date.**