

The mail has been bringing us Christmas cards and letters like this and I've been preaching sermons on the coming of the One, full of grace and truth, whose life and death gave our world an Almighty push toward life that is truly life. So it's time Karen & I get our letter to you all!

No significant events really within our family this year. Just much happening around us.

We and our kids continue in our jobs. I'm starting my 14th year at Trissels; Karen still delights in caring for grandkids several days a week and they delight in her, also teaches Sunday School and leads the women's sewing circle. **April** and **Scott** continue at JMU as librarian and clinical nursing prof; parents of **Miles** and **Oscar**. Next is **Rachel** who continues at Highland Retreat as bookkeeper, editor, webmaster and more, plus knitting and weaving and marketing yarn creations,



many of her own design. **Daniel** continues as manager of the local Mennonite credit union's call center and Broadway branch; **Meg** as head financial officer at Menno Media; parents of **Sylvia**; they did have a significant family transition this year: buying a beautiful home near a park in Harrisonburg. **Darrel** continues helping the largest fresh herbs distributor, now called Soli Organic, thrive as their head national supply chain guy; **Briana** as fulltime mom and light for Jesus in so many relationships and Bible studies; parents of **Lewis, Ian, Corrine!**



The six grandkids, ages 7 thru 1½, keeping growing and amazing us. We see them and their parents most Sundays for lunch and their afternoon; an incredible blessing. On

Friday Karen had the 5 older ones here for a Christmas sleepover (she slept with them in the living room by the tree!) that also included cookie decorating and crafts; Rachel and I helped a bit.

Just two instances of the "much happening around us." Trissels celebrated its bicentennial this year in a series of monthly events from May through October; all were well received — a lot of work and a lot of joy (trisselsmc.org/bicentennial has links labeled "video clip" — watch any and you'll get some of the joy too). The other instance is not fun at all but did involve much joy because of our faith: Karen & I attended



many, many funerals this year, including her Uncle Jim, her cousin Deb, and my Aunt Ruth. My aunt's, back in NY, was one of 4 in the space of 2 weeks; those included two women from Trissels and [Merle](#), a long time family friend and church leader in PA/NY who lived his last years here in Broadway. There's no connection with all the funerals (I think!), but Karen & I bought a plot in the Trissels cemetery this summer.



We'd enjoy some time of conversation together. Some year!

Harold & Karen