

Joy and I have been in love for over 50 years (and married for 48 years). It has been “an easy love.” We have five children and ten grandchildren who live in five states. We recently moved to Broadway, VA, purchased eight acres in the country and are finishing a passive solar house we had built in order to be near one of our children.

I attended Woodstock High School in Mussoorie, India. We met at Greenville College, a Free Methodist school, and at first glance, immediately liked each other. I, Paul, went to Trinity Seminary (Deerfield, IL) in the Evangelical Free Church tradition. While in seminary we had the privilege of associating with friends from which came *Sojourners Magazine*.

After Seminary, the single fold moved to DC while the married folk went to Upper Peninsula of Michigan to establish an intentional Christian community. We lived among these folk for nine good years.

We left the community; it became necessary for me, if I were to be a minister, to choose a faith tradition. Providentially, we were welcomed into the Mennonite Church, and for nine years I was the pastor of the Maple Grove congregation in New Wilmington, PA. During this time Joy was mother to five children and I was privileged to complete a DMin at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, focusing on Family Systems and Spiritual Direction.

We spent three years with Foundation Mennonite Church, a church plant in Erie, PA, seven years with Prince of Peace Mennonite Church in Corvallis, OR, and sixteen years with Shalom Community Church, a Mennonite and Church of the Brethren congregation in Ann Arbor, MI.

Three of our children went to Eastern Mennonite University and two went to Goshen College. Anna Versluis and Ben Penner live in St. Peter, MN with three children. Ben is an organic wheat farmer and Anna is a geography professor at Gustavus Adolphus College. Bethany and Peter Fairfield live

in Harrisonburg, VA with four children. Peter works for the language software company Rosetta Stone and Bethany works for her four children. Sara Versluis and Jovon Grossi live in Portland, OR, where Sara does contract work in editing such as for MennoMedia, and Jovon is a hospital chaplain. Rachel Versluis and Neil Detweiler live in Goshen, IN with their three boys. Rachel is studying to be a nurse, while Neil is beginning his first year as a professor of biology at Goshen College. Paul Versluis IV lives in Ann Arbor, MI, where Paul works for a thrift store and his girlfriend Rachel works on a PhD in literature.

Joy is a full time grandmother, an avid reader, and enjoys walking outdoors and writing. She continues to teach online classes in writing for Eastern Michigan University.

In the last year, I was the interim pastor at Prince of Peace Church in Anchorage, AK for five months and then interim minister for the Living Peace congregation (Church of the Brethren) in Plymouth, MI for six months. In all our locations, I have enjoyed working with hands as a carpenter-remodeler for our family and others. [Ecc. 12:12, “To much study is a weariness of the flesh”] I often end my correspondence with the word “courage.”