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Events

April 10 & 13: Society closed
Good Friday and Easter Monday
(open Saturday, April 11)

Sunday, April 19: Volunteer Appreciation tea

Friday, April 24: Book Auction,
rare and used books, 6:30 pm at
the Society; library also open

Saturday, April 25: Lancaster Family History Conference at Eden Resort:
“Roots on the Move: Stories of Immigration,” 9 am to 4:30 pm

Saturday, May 9: Annual Banquet meeting, 6 pm, at Weaver’s
Restaurant in Adamstown, Pa.

Saturday, May 23: field trip:
“Exploring Lancaster’s Old Order Mennonites,” 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Monday, June 1: quarterly meeting,
7 pm, author William Klassen
speaks about new biography of
Marpeck at Groffdale Mennonite Church

Friday, June 12: Book Auction, rare
and used books, 6:30 pm at the
Society

Saturday, June 13: Field trip:
“Following the Footsteps of Native
Americans in Lancaster,” 8:30 am
to 4:30 pm

August 12-15: Bookworm Frolic,
used book sale

Great Buys on Rare Books

Join us on Friday evening, April 24,
at 6:30 pm, for good fellowship
and great book buys at the Society’s
204th auction of rare and used
books. Normally held on second
Fridays in March, June, September
and December, this extra sale coincides with our annual family history
conference. At these lively auctions,
which attract a cross-section of Plain
People and non-Mennonite book
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rare, used and out-of-print books.

In particular, the April sale includes some unique, one-of-a-kind items, such as six leather-bound
copies of The Martyrs’ Mirror. Three
are in English (an 1837 edition pub-
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County, Pa., and two 1886 editions
distributed in Elkhart, Indiana, by the
Mennonite Publishing Company (lots
#1, 73 and 350).

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sale are in German (a 1872 edition
published in Pirmasens, Germany,
which includes Oesch family records
in French, and two 1814 editions
distributed in Lancaster, one of which is inscribed,
“This Book bought by William Frantz
1864 at the sale of Widow
Elizabeth Landis in Lampeter” (lots
#128, 129 and 340).

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Society Seeking College Interns

Earn real wages and get job expe-
rience by working at the Society
this summer. We are looking for
student interns to work in several
capacities: organizing our summer
used book sale, helping customers
in our book store and library, assist-
ing in our museum, and helping to
give tours. If possible, students
should be enrolled at a Pennsyl-
vania college or university and eligi-
ble for financial aid from their school
for the Society to access the state
funds available for use to hire them.
Contact Beth at director@lmhs.org
for more information.

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June 1 Quarterly Meeting: author of new book on Anabaptist leader, Pilgram Marpeck, to speak

Mennonite seminary professor,
William Klassen, co-author of
the new book, Marpeck: A Life of Dissent and Conformity, will discuss the importance of the early
Anabaptist leader, Pilgram Marpeck.
This thorough biography (Herald Press,
2008) shows how Marpeck, perhaps
more than any other early Anabaptist fig-
ure, helped lay the theoretical and prac-
tical foundations of the believers church.

In the book, Klassen examines the life and thought of urban minister,
Pilgram Marpeck, who was
employed by the city councils in
Strasbourg and Augsburg as a civil
engineer.

Marpeck appealed to the authori-
ties to exercise tolerance toward
Anabaptism, though he
was fired for refusing to aid in capturing them.
Father of one birth child
and three adopted chil-
dren, he lived to die a
natural death in Augsburg
in 1556.

An important
Anabaptist leader and
thinker of the South
German Anabaptists from
1530 until his death,
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Mennonite Writing Web Site
Goshen College (Indiana) English department has launched the on-line Center for Mennonite Writing. Professor Ann Hostetler hopes that this web forum will “open up the possibility of an international reach and scope for the study of Mennonite literature.” The site features a journal section that includes new writing and criticism; a resources section that includes writers’ biographies, bibliographies, links to other relevant sites and classic Mennonite texts; and an interactive forum. (Matthew Yoder, a 2008 communication major from Lancaster, Pa., designed the site.) The second volume of the Center for Mennonite Writing Journal, now live, is devoted to the poetry and memoirs of Yorifumi Yaguchi, distinguished Japanese poet and Mennonite lay minister. Join the conversation at www.mennonitewriting.org.

“Sounds in the Land” Music Conference
Plan now to attend this festival/conference of Mennonite music across borders, sponsored by Conrad Grebel University College and the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada, June 4 – 8. Includes multiple performances, workshops, and an academic conference with presentations that address issues of Mennonite-rooted peoples and their local and global music making. Keynote addresses by Alice Parker and Mary Oyer. Early registration ends May 4. More information or to register at phone: (519) 888-4973 or http://grebel.uwaterloo.ca/academic/undergrad/music/soundinlands.shtml

“Seagoing Cowboys” Film Premieres
A 23-minute film, which tells the story of the men and boys who delivered livestock on cattle boats to Europe and China after World War II, will be shown on Tuesday, April 14, at 7 pm at the Church of the Brethren in Lititz and on Wednesday, April 15 at 2 pm in Assembly Hall at Brethren Village in Lancaster. Seagoing cowboys from the area are invited to bring memorabilia for display. More information at prmiller@bnin.net or 574-658-4147.

Great Buys on Rare Books
The following volunteers recently joined forces to assist with our Annual Fund mailing. Pictured L to R: Jack Retallack, Sarah Miller, Phil Longenecker, Christ Brackbill, Alice Snyder, Anna Brackbill (seated), Mabel Swartzentuber, Jean Landis, Dick Falstick, and June Gehman.

Quarterly Meeting - Continued from page 1
Marpeck’s writings were only recently rediscovered, thus drawing him out of obscurity.
Marpeck was concerned with three primary themes that recur in his writings: the connection between inner and outer spirituality; freedom of conscience with respect to legalism and coercion; and the primacy of love. Marpeck engaged in debate around these issues with many of his contemporaries, both within and outside of the Anabaptist movement.
Marpeck believed that legalism can stifle the Spirit of God, but that order is necessary to provide moral constraints on sinful behavior. He sought to develop a third way between legalism and license. In many ways, his struggle to remain faithful while engaged with society mirrors the contemporary situation of many Mennonites today.
Klassen is currently adjunct professor and principal emeritus at St. Paul’s United College, University of Waterloo, Ontario. He has been professor of New Testament and Peace Studies at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary and the University of Manitoba, and he holds a PhD from Princeton Theological Seminary.
This free event takes place at Groffdale Mennonite Church, 168 N Groffdale Road, Leola, Pa. All are welcome.

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May 23 Field Trip: Exploring Lancaster’s Old Order Mennonites

On Saturday, May 23, join retired history teacher, Henry Benner, and two Old Order historians for a tour exploring Old Order Mennonites of Lancaster County.

Offering unique access, this tour will visit an Old Order meetinghouse to understand its architecture and order of service.

It will stop at a farm to watch horse-shoeing and go inside to look at quilts. The tour will visit the Old Order produce auction, and stop at Shady Maple restaurant for a smorgasbord lunch.

En route the bus will tour farming country to observe older farming practices and to catch the spirit of an Old Order Mennonite worldview.

Cost of the tour is $60 for members and $70 for nonmembers, with a $5 discount for groups of five or more. For information and to register, contact Dorothy Siegrist at the Society, (717) 393-9745.

Your seats are reserved once registration and payment are received.

Society Plans Tour to Native American Sites in Lancaster

They are remembered by the names they left behind for the waterways they traversed – Conestoga, Susquehanna, Cocalico, Pequea. They were here perhaps a thousand years before Lancaster County’s first European settlers arrived in 1710.

How did the local Native American Indians live at the time of white Mennonite settlement in Lancaster County nearly 300 years ago? Where were they located and what do we know of their history? The Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society is planning a unique field trip on Saturday, June 13, and on Saturday, September 26, to address these questions, entitled, Following the Footsteps of Native Americans in Lancaster.

Join us as we travel back through time aboard comfortable coach buses to visit Washington Boro, site of a fortified village of the Susquehannock Indians before they were conquered by the Iroquois in 1675. The Susquehannock villages were located near the river on land granted to them out of the Penn family’s manor just a few years before the first Swiss-German settlers arrived in 1710. There they became known as Conestoga Indians, from the location of their village, and made a living from farming, hunting, broom- and basket-making. Their numbers declined through outmigration as white settlement increased, before their final massacre.

The tour will stop at a local Indian pow-wow and return by way of the Conestoga Historical Society, noting their exhibit on ancient Indian petroglyphs. The tour will discuss the interactions between Native American and white settlers, covering related historic sites along the way. Lunch will be en route at a local inn.

The bus will leave the Historical Society at 8:30 am and return about 4:30 pm. Cost of the tour is $60 for members, $70 for non-members, including transportation, admissions and guides. Experienced leaders Henry Benner, retired history teacher, and genealogist Darvin Martin will conduct this tour. This popular tour fills early, so reserve your space today. Contact Dorothy at the Society to register: phone (717) 393-9745 or dsiegrist@lmhs.org.

Quarterly Meeting Recordings Available

Not able to attend a recent meeting? We have CD and audiocassette recordings available of the November talk by Paraguayan Mennonite Ernst Bergin, the December meeting on the Global Mennonite History Project, and the March panel on Rosanna, with Julia Kasdorf, $5 each.

Field Trip Registration Form

$ _________ enclosed for the Old Order Mennonites tour on Saturday, May 23
☐ Members at $60 per person
☐ Nonmembers at $70 per person

$ _________ enclosed for the Native American Sites tour on
☐ Sat., June 13 or
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(additional $5 discount for groups of five or more)

Name(s) __________________________
Address __________________________
City __________________ ZIP ________
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Pennsylvania German art and culture, an engaging talk about your heritage, tracing your Mennonite family tree, learning the history of people and places that deepen your roots in Pa. German and Mennonite family history.

While we can’t change the economy, we can offer meaningful books, gifts, and educational programs that deepen our faith and provide beauty and security for the days ahead. The wellspring of identity growing out of our Pennsylvania German and Mennonite family history can anchor us and provide security amid larger forces of uncertainty.

Thank you for doing your part to help us secure our financial future during these tight economic times.

April 24: Genealogy Conference “Roots on the Move!”

There is still time to register for the 30th annual Lancaster Family History Conference on Saturday, April 25, at the Eden Resort in Lancaster, PA. Keynote speaker is Barry Moreno, author of many books on immigration, who directs the Ellis Island Memorial Library. To register on-line, visit: www.lancasterhistory.org/. This one-day conference is preceded by a Friday night, rare book auction at our headquarters of more than 400 lots, specializing in local genealogies and histories. Don’t miss out on this significant event.

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RESERVE TICKETS NOW FOR MAY 9 ANNUAL BANQUET: WRITING AMISH FAMILY STORIES

Join us on Saturday, May 9, at 6 pm, for our annual meeting and banquet at Weaver’s banquet hall in Adamstown, Pa., just north of Ephrata, to explore the theme, “How Research in Family History Can Shape Your Identity.” Ervin Stutzman, Eastern Mennonite Seminary dean and author of two books about his parents will speak to this theme.

Beth Graybill

Stutzman will be joined by Old Order Amish writer, Linda Byler, from south-central Pennsylvania. Byler is the author of seven children’s books, two books of adult fiction, and a book of essays from her regular column in the Amish newspaper, “Die Botschaft.” Hugely popular within the Amish community, Byler is gaining the notice of a wider public, and has just been offered a national book contract. Both Byler and Stutzman will speak about the pleasure and challenge of writing Amish family stories.

The evening will include special music by the men’s Lancaster Harmony Quartet and a feast of traditional Lancaster County home cooking: fruit cup, salad, rolls, ham balls, home-made mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, and lemon sponge or cherry crumb pie. Tickets are $16.

Weavers is located on Route 272 at the intersection with Route 897 in Adamstown (2610 North Reading Road, Denver, if using mapquest), one mile north of the turnpike exit off Route 222 North (map available at www.weavermarkets.com/).

Confirm your tickets today via the entry blank at left or by phoning in your banquet registration to the Society at (717) 393-9745.

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Adamstown, PA

❑ $16.00 per adult

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History/Social Sciences


Language/Fiction/Film
Kershner, Gerry. Pennsylvania Dutch holiday poems = Pennsylvanisch Deitsch Feierdaag Gedichte.

More Duplicate Periodicals for Sale
We have another batch of duplicate periodicals for sale. The items listed below will be available for sale until May 30:

Christian Living, 1954-1973; $3.00/year
Christian Monitor, 1911-1953; $3.00/year (not all years complete)
Journal of the Lancaster County Historical Society, 1908-1947, various issues; 1916, 1918, 1919, some complete sets; $3.50/year; $5.00/issue
Laurel Wreath Yearbooks, 1962-1970; $3.00/book
Mennonite Family History, 1983-2005; $3.50/year or $1.00 issue

Mennonite Historical Bulletin, 1940-1973; $3.00 per year (not all years complete)
Mennonite Meeting Calendar, 1945-1968; $5.00/issue
Mennonite Yearbook, 1980-1997; $5.00/issue
Mission Yearbook, 1956-1967; $5.00/issue
Music Messenger, from 1967 to 1979; $1.25/Year or $.25/issue
Sword and Trumpet, 1944 to 2003; $2.00/year or $.25/issue
Youth Messenger, 1964-1969; $3.00/year

Staying In Touch
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If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please contact Peggy Erb at 717-393-9745 or perb@lmhs.org.

Credit card or check is acceptable payment. Shipping/handling charges will be added to your purchase.

Take advantage of this opportunity to complete or broaden your collections. Thank you.
Philosophy/Psychology/Religion


Mennonite confessions of faith and minister’s manual : containing the Schleitheim (1527), Dortrecht (1632), and Garden City (1921) confessions of faith, forms of baptism, commun-ion, feet washing, marriage, anointing, ordination of bishops, ministers, and deacons, funeral texts, graveside services, and so forth / originally compiled by John S. Coffman and John F. Funk, 1890. Ephrata, PA : Revised and reprinted by Eastern Mennonite Publications, 1997. (BX8124 .M45 1997)


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