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Four summer field trips

The Historical Society will sponsor four Saturday field trips this summer—three in June alone.

On June 9, tour guides Mike Salamh, Jr., Joanne Siegrist and Lisa White will highlight “Three Histories”—Lancaster sites significant to the African American, European American and Native American story.

On June 16, longtime Society volunteer Dan Ness and a respected Amish businessman will visit “Amish Businesses without Electricity.” A similar tour last fall won high marks from participants in the Mennonite Economic Development Associates conference.

For the first time on June 30, Mary Etta King, director of Kairos: School

of Spiritual Formation will lead a pilgrimage through Lancaster County’s historic religious communities, including Lititz Moravian Church, the Ephrata Cloister and the Cloistered Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary.

Finally, on July 14, historian Martin Keen will conduct an information-packed half-day tour of the Ferree-LeFevre Huguenot Settlement, marking its 300th anniversary this year. Huguenots comprised Lancaster County’s second wave of European settlers.

Additional details about these trips can be found at www.lmhs.org and www.LancasterRoots.org. Rediscover Lancaster County! Reserve your seats at (717) 393-9745 or tours@lmhs.org.

A Mennonite read on the Civil War

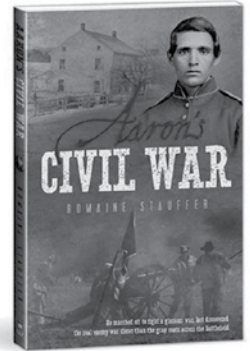
Local Mennonite author Romaine Stauffer will give a short talk and sign copies of her new book, *Aaron’s Civil War*, at three events on Friday, June 15.

At 10:00 AM Stauffer will speak at the Westview Community Room at Landis Homes Retirement Community, Lititz. Contact Janice Hess at (717) 569-3271 for more information.

At 2:00 PM she will appear at Muddy Creek Farm Library at Fairmount Homes Retirement Community, Denver, Pa. Call 717-351-0218 for information.

At 7:00 PM, Stauffer will speak at Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. Call (717) 393-9745.

Aaron’s Civil War is a historical novel about a young man who defies his family and childhood faith to fight in the U. S. Civil War. It is available at the LMHS bookstore for \$7.50.



Hans Herr House to open second concert season

The 1719 Hans Herr House in Willow Street—a regular partner of Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society—will open its second season of Music in the Orchard concerts this June.

Frances Miller, who performed at the Society’s Music Night in February, will play with folk trio Mandalele and Lancaster singer-songwriter Jessica Smucker on Saturday, June 23 from 6:00–7:30 PM.

On Saturday, July 14, the soulful duo Indian Summer Jars will appear with Fire in the Glen, an energetic trio performing traditional Irish tunes.

The season will conclude Saturday, July 28, with two acts new to the Herr House: folk-country songwriter Dave Lefever and traditional Appalachian-Mountain band Waitin’ on a Train.



Indian Summer Jars, Sarah Beth and Sarah King, will perform at the 1719 Hans Herr House on Saturday, July 14. “Music is one way to reach out to the wider Lancaster community,” said 1719 Herr House director, Becky Gochnauer. Music in the Orchard concerts are produced by Jason Mundok of Wood Stove House (www.woodstovehouse.com).

Upcoming Lancaster Roots events

Lancaster County cultural events organized by Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society (LMHS) and the 1719 Hans Herr House. All events meet at LMHS unless otherwise specified. For a complete list, go to www.LancasterRoots.org.

Friday, June 8, 6:30–8:30 PM

Rare and Used Book Auction **F**

Saturday, June 9, 8:30 AM–4:30 PM

Field Trip: Three Histories of Lancaster County Catch glimpses of the interactions among African, European and Native Americans in Lancaster County.

\$ R

Saturday, June 16, 8:00 AM–3:00 PM

Field Trip: Amish Businesses without Electricity Witness challenges and innovations of modern businesses within the Amish community. **\$ R**

Saturday, June 16, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Class: Blacksmithing Learn to use an anvil and coal-fed forge at the 1719 Hans Herr House. Reserve by calling (717) 464-4438. **\$**

Saturday, June 23, 6:00 PM

Music in the Orchard

Join folk trio Mandalele (with Frances Miller) and local singer-songwriter Jessica Smucker for an outdoor concert at the 1719 Hans Herr House. **\$**

Saturday, June 30, 7:45 AM–4:00 PM

Field Trip: Historic Religious Communities Experience the history



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- F** Free admission
- \$** Fee charged
- R** Advance reservations required. Use the form below or contact LMHS at (717) 393-9745.

of Lititz Moravian Church, Ephrata Cloisters and the Cloistered Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary. **\$ R**

Saturday, July 14, 8:00 AM–noon

Field Trip: 300th Anniversary of the Ferree-LeFevre Huguenot Settlement Follow in the footsteps of Lancaster County's second group of European settlers. **\$ R**

Saturday, July 14, 6:00 PM

Music in the Orchard

Picnic at the 1719 Hans Herr House with acoustic folk-rockers Indian Summer Jars and Irish band Fire in the Glen. **\$**

Saturday, July 28, 6:00 PM

Music in the Orchard

Country and folk musician Dave Lefever and bluegrass trio Waitin' on a Train entertain outside at the 1719 Hans Herr House. **\$**

Wednesday–Friday, August 15–17, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM and Saturday, August 18, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Bookworm Frolic Choose from more than forty thousand used books, records and magazines in an sprawling outdoor sale. Food, discounts on new books. **F**

Saturday, September 8, 5:00 PM

Community Hymn Sing Sing your favorite hymns in one of Lancaster's most picturesque settings: the 1719 Hans Herr House. **F**

Friday, September 14, 6:30–8:30 PM

Rare and Used Book Auction **F**

Community news

Ranck/Rank/Ronk/Runk family reunion—Saturday, July 21 at

Ranck's United Methodist Church, 700 Ranck Road, New Holland, Pa. Details at www.ranck.org.

Reservations required for meal. Call Martha Buckwalter (717) 354-5692.

Reunion of the Schürch Family Association of North America—

The biennial Schürch (Sherk, Shirk, etc.) family reunion and genealogical gathering will be held at the Niagara-on-the-Lake campus of Niagara College, Ontario, August 9-12. For details and registration package see www.schurch.ca, www.schurchfamilyassociation.net, e-mail schurchreunion@gmail.com or call Merideth at (519) 753-0554.

Juniata Mennonite Historical Society annual meeting—Saturday,

July 14, 9:00 AM at Cross Roads Mennonite Church, Richfield, Pa. "History of Cross Roads Mennonite Church" (Leann Lauver), "Life of Bishop W.W. Graybill" (grandson Clayton Graybill), "1870's Proposed Selinsgrove and North Branch Railroad in Juniata County" (Daniel Charlton), "Learning From the Past" (Paul Hess). Afternoon tour of local sites. Contact historycenter@embarqmail.com or (717) 694-3211.

Annual Hymn Sing at the Brick Church—September 16, 2:00 PM.

One mile west of Richfield, Pa., along Route 35. Singing from the 1902 *Church and Sunday School Hymnal*, including some German. Contact Betty Ann Landis, Juniata Mennonite Historical Center director: (717) 694-3211 or 444-3466.

Valentine Metzler descendants

275th Anniversary—June 14 & 15, 2013, Metzler Mennonite Church and Jacob Metzler homestead, Lancaster, Pa. Send genealogical information to cfmetzler@aol.com. For additional information or to assist, contact lemmetzler@verizon.net.

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Some recent library acquisitions (and a museum loan)

Religion

- Amish prayers.* Compiled by Beverly Lewis. Bethany House, 2011 (BV262.E62513 2011)
- Breeze, Cindy Massanari. *Dive: devotions for deeper living.* Herald Press, 2012 (BV4850 .B74 2012)
- Driedger, Leo. *At the forks: Mennonites in Winnipeg.* Pandora Press, 2010 (BX8118.7.W7 D75 2010)
- Klassen, Peter James. *A homeland for strangers: an introduction to Mennonites in Poland and Prussia.* Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies, 2011 (BX8119.P7 K53 2011)
- Pietersen, Lloyd. *Reading the Bible after Christendom.* Herald Press, 2012 (BS476 .P54 2012)
- Seasoned with peace. *Spring: practical help for becoming a biblical, prayerful, playful peacemaker.* Compiled by Susan Mark Landis, et al. Mennonite Press, 2011 (BT736.6 .S43 2011)
- Snyder, Eleanor. *Kids can get it right.* Faith & Life Resources, 2012 (BV1546 .K53 2012b)
- Suttle, Tim. *An evangelical social gospel? Finding God's story in the midst of extremes.* Cascade Books, 2011 (BT738 .S87 2011)

Biography/Genealogy

- Among the ashes: in the Stalinkova Kolkhoz (Kontinusfeld), 1930-1935.* Edited, translated, and commentary by Peter J. Rahn. Pandora Press, 2011 (BX8143.R34 A46 2011)
- Benner, Leanne. *Son of the wind.* [Biography of Dr. Rohrer Eshleman]. Leanne E. Benner, 2011 (BX8143.E84 B46 2011)
- Hurd, Barbara A. Breneman. *From there to here: a memoir in praise of his glory.* [Barbara A. Breneman Hurd?], 2007 (BX8143.H87 A3 2007)
- Kauffman, Donald D. *Kauffman chronicles: history of the Joseph Eli Kauffman family, including "Remembering Rosebud Stock Farm".* Donald D. Kauffman, 2010 (CS90.K21 2010)
- Stutzman, Daniel Taylor. *The Peter Stutzman family story.* Masthof Press, 2012 (CS71.S9379 2012)

- Wenger, Samuel Esbenshade. *Henry Godshall Sell and Viola Stauffer Tyson: ancestors and descendants report.* [Samuel E. Wenger?], 2002 (CS71.S467 2002)
- Wenger, Samuel Esbenshade. *Wenger family history and genealogical information: tracing Wenger roots in Europe and North America.* Samuel E. Wenger, 2006 (CS71.W474 2006)

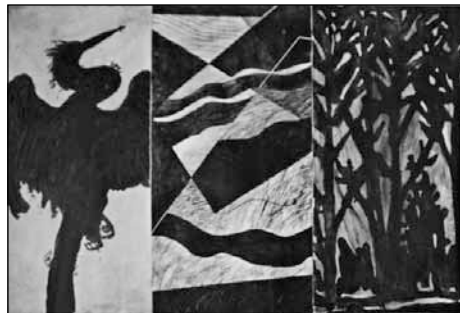
History

- Balhcke, Joachim. *Glaubensflüchtlinge: Ursachen, Formen und Auswirkungen frühneuzeitlicher Konfessionsmigration in Europa.* Lit, 2008 (BR1608.E85 B34 2008)
- Berns goldene Zeit: das 18. Jahrhundert neu entdeckt.* Herausgegeben von André Holenstein, et al. Stämpfli, 2008 (DQ419 .B47 2008)
- Ethno-confession in the Soviet state: Mennonites in Siberia, 1920-1989: annotated list of archival documents.* Compiled by A.I. Savin. Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies, 2008 (BX8119.R8 E8613 2008)

- Herr, Lois Kathryn. *Dear Coach: letters home from World War II.* L. K. Herr, 2009 (D811.A2 H47 2009)
- Union of Citizens of Dutch Lineage in Ukraine (1922-1927): Mennonite and Soviet documents.* John B. Toews, Paul Toews, editors. Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies, 2011 (BX8119.U45 U55 2011)

Miscellaneous

- The end of sacrifice: the capital punishment writings of John Howard Yoder.* Edited by John C. Nugent. Herald Press, 2011 (HV8694 .E53 2011)
- Hornberger, Patrick. *The Lancaster long rifle at the Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum.* Eastwind Pub., 2012 (TS533.3.P4 H67 2012)
- Lancaster city architecture by C. Emlen Urban.* Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County, 2010 (NA737.U73 L36 2010)
- Sanctuary, Anthony. *Rope, twine and net making.* Shire, 1996 (TS1785 .S26 1996)



Kay Hershberger and Brian Burnett of New York City generously donated the large color print, *Generations II*, now hanging near family history researchers in the LMHS library. The unique collagraph, executed in 1993, was the product of a one-time collaboration between Kay's father, Abner Hershberger, her great-uncle Ezra Herberger—both former Goshen College professors—and her cousin, Kevin Garber, a master printmaker. "When my Dad mentioned the idea of placing it at LMHS, . . . it felt like the perfect fit," Kay said. "[We] feel strongly that it should be located in an institution where it can be accessed by the public as opposed to hidden away in someone's living room."



John J. Snyder of Landisville, Pa., has loaned a 1768 walnut clothespress (*Kleiderschrank*) to the LMHS museum. It belonged to David (ca. 1727-1791) and Anna (Kauffman) Mumma of West Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, and their names are found in sulphur inlay at the top of the piece. This *Schrank* was designed to be transported in sections, and the assembled piece is held together with a system of wooden keys and locks.

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Thank you to Noah Stauffer for donating an old cook stove for use as a display piece in the Society's Book and Museum Store—and a special thanks to John Herr and Sarah Miller for polishing it up!



See inside for:

- **Schrank!**
- **Civil War novel**
- **Outdoor concert series**

Building community through memory

By **Rolando Santiago, Director**

I propose that memory offers the building blocks for growing our communities of faith.

Memory of our personhoods is about remembering that we are made in the image of God to serve in the world as disciples of Jesus. Our personal memories give us our sense of identity.

My own identity is shaped by the memory that my father first encountered Mennonites during World War II—Mennonites who went to Puerto Rico to serve as Civilian Public Service workers. My father's stories influence my commitment to peace today.

When we tell our stories to each other and listen respectfully to both struggles and joys, we experience healing and we then can help build the church.

Memory of the biblical story refers to how we use the Bible to discern together what kind of community God wants to build with us.

One of the goals in the Purposeful Plan of the Mennonite Church USA is to “develop a list of formative scripture texts with the challenge to families and congregations to memorize them together.”

Former Goshen College president Shirley Showalter has said that memorization is a lost art: “There’s a difference between being familiar with a

text and learning it by heart. When you learn by heart, the text reads you instead of you reading the text.”

What would it be like if we commit to memorize passages of scripture together and allow the scriptures to “read us?” Would such discernment launch entire congregations to engage the world even more effectively with the gospel of grace, justice, peace and salvation?

Community memory occurs when we understand that our faith communities exist over time, have an identity, are responsible for their past and are accountable to their future. Vanderbilt University professor William James Booth uses these notions to describe political communities but they apply nicely to faith communities as well.

Some Mennonite congregations in Lancaster have existed for nearly three hundred years while others for just ten years or less. Each congregation has a unique identity. Some congregations carry the memory of division but also the experience of good leadership. Faith communities are responsible for their past. Churches are also accountable to their future.

We strive to build healthy communities of faith. Healthy community memory reminds congregations that we are in a journey to help reconcile all people unto God and with each other.

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