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The relevance of Anabaptist history

By **Rolando Santiago, Director**

This past June, I helped to teach a Sunday school class at Neffsville Mennonite Church on John Driver's 2011 book, *Life Together in the Spirit: A Radical Spirituality for the Twenty-First Century*. Driver built a case for the relevance of Anabaptist history to the practice of Anabaptist spirituality. He made several points:

The Holy Spirit.

"[Anabaptists] insisted that the Holy Spirit's work in human hearts was crucial both for beginning and for sustaining a life of faith."

Driver says that we should be grateful to charismatic Christians for reawakening a rich Anabaptist tradition that puts into practice the gifts of the Spirit.

A community of discernment.

"[T]he early Anabaptists felt that the will of God could be discerned and the Scriptures interpreted ... within the community of disciples committed to knowing and following God's will in their life and mission...." The Anabaptist church gathers today to worship, to discern God's direction through Bible study, and to restore relationships with God and others.

Christ-centered life. "Anabaptist spirituality was a 'spirituality of

discipleship.' ... [T]hey assigned great importance to biblical teaching such as the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) and the Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:13-25)." Today we use the teachings of Jesus to guide our daily actions at home, school or work.



Commitment to justice and peace.

Driver quotes sixteenth-century Anabaptist leader Michael Sattler responding to the threat of Turkish invasion: "[W]ith fervent prayer [we] should implore God that He might be our defense and our resistance." Today, Jesus calls

us to love our enemies, seek justice, and build peace.

Missional vocation. "Anabaptists evangelized from the margins, witnessing to their faith "from below" by means of personal conversation, backed by the integrity of their life (and death!)." Today we celebrate Anabaptist churches of the global South that are growing because of their missionary zeal.

Anabaptist history provides signposts for a vigorous spirituality inspired by the Spirit, modeled after Jesus, exemplified in daily actions, discerned through community, built through right relationships, and witnessed to all.

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Bookworm Frolic to attract diverse crowd

By Justin King

Over 40,000 used books will be on sale as Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society hosts its 32nd annual Bookworm Frolic in Lancaster, August 15-17, from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM and August 18 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Book topics will range from history to hymnals, cookbooks to the classics, and textbooks to travel. Magazines and vinyl records will also be available, and new books inside the Historical Society bookstore will be discounted.

"There is a wide diversity of books, so it attracts a wide diversity of people," longtime volunteer Kenn LeFever said.

LeFever has seen changes since he started volunteering for the Bookworm Frolic thirty-two years ago. "We used to get straw bales and put boards together on top of the straw bales" to create makeshift tables, he said.

Today the sale uses tables with more than a 150 sheets of plywood on wooden sawhorses.

A Society intern calculated that if all the books stood cover to cover on one long shelf, they would stretch the length of twelve football fields.

Used books cost \$1.00 to \$3.00 on the first day of the sale, and prices drop further each day.

"The Bookworm Frolic represents a significant infusion of funds into the Society," said executive director Rolando Santiago, but more importantly, "it is a way to give back to the community,

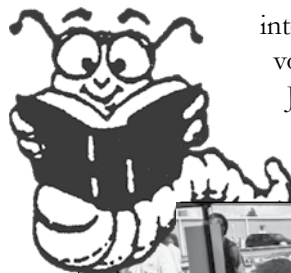
especially the reading community that appreciates printed books in today's technological age."

In addition to new and used books and music, the Historical Society also will sell hot dogs, sandwiches, baked goods and cold drinks.

A museum exhibit, "Decorated and Plain: a Mennonite and Amish Sampler," will also be open.

Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society is located at 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, near the Tanger Outlets on Lincoln Highway East. Parking is available.

Volunteers are still needed for the sale, especially for the energetic clean-up crew that takes down tables and loads unsold books into a trailer truck. To volunteer, contact Justin King at (717) 393-9745.



Longtime volunteer Sarah Miller served sandwiches, baked goods and drinks at last year's Bookworm Frolic, which raised over \$41,000 for LMHS.



Personal reflections from years of service

By Thomas Neufeld

Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society will present its second annual Storytelling Night this September, featuring Arli Klassen, former executive director of Mennonite Central Committee, and Richard Showalter, former president of Eastern Mennonite Missions.

The event will take place at Forest Hills Mennonite Church on Monday, September 10, at 7:00 PM.

Each speaker has been asked to tell seven stories that are two to four minutes long, which can range from the profound and significant to the funny or puzzling.

"This is not about sermonizing," said Phyllis Pellman Good, who is coordinating the event.

Showalter and Klassen were asked not to respond to each other's stories but simply to speak from the heart, letting audience members find their own connections and contrasts.

Klassen is currently serving as a transition consultant and executive policy advisor to MCC Canada and MCC U.S. Showalter is chair of the Mission Commission of Mennonite World Conference and plans to spend next year in Asia.

"A breadth of experience is a gift," Klassen said. "The thing to figure out is how to integrate all the different parts of one's life, all the different hats one wears."

Forest Hills Mennonite Church is located at 100 Quarry Road, Leola. Admission is free and parking is provided. Call (717) 393-9745 for more information.

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.

Wednesday-

Friday, August 15-17, 9 AM-7 PM, and Saturday, August 18, 9 AM-4 PM

Bookworm Frolic

Choose from more than 40,000 used books, records and magazines in a sprawling outdoor sale. Food, discounts on new books. **F**

Saturday, September 8, 5 PM

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

Monday, September 10, 7 PM

Storytelling Night Step inside the life stories of Arli Klassen, former executive director of Mennonite Central Committee, and Richard Showalter, former president of Eastern Mennonite Missions. Forest Hills Mennonite Church. **F**

Friday, September 14, 6:30-8:30 PM

Auction of Rare and Used Books **F**

Saturday, September 15, 10 AM-3 PM

Historic Driving Tour Drive, bike or walk to sites in and around Lancaster County's first permanent European settlement. Tours start at the 1719 Hans Herr House. Go to hansherr.org or call (717) 464-4438 for information. **\$**



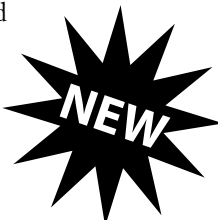
KEY TO SYMBOLS

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

Friday, September 21, 7:45 AM-6 PM

Field Trip: Philadelphia Jewish History

Visit the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at Philadelphia's Franklin Institute, eat a kosher lunch, then visit the American Jewish History Museum and Mikveh Israel Synagogue. **\$ R**

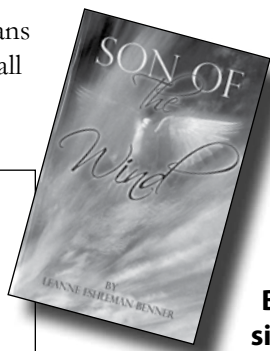


Saturday, October 6, 10 AM-3 PM

Snitz Fest Celebrate autumn at Lancaster County's popular festival of Pennsylvania German food, crafts and farm life. 1719 Hans Herr House. **\$**

Saturday, October 13, 9 AM-2 PM

Auction of Rare and Used Books A special auction of the Dr. Robert Hess collection at Fivepointville Fire Hall, 1087 Dry Tavern Road, Denver, Pa. **Note the new place, date & time!** **F**



Leanne Benner's new biography, *Son of the Wind*, is about the life of her father, Dr. D. Rohrer Eshleman. Both will speak and sign copies at two upcoming receptions:

- **Friday, August 24, 3 PM, at Westview Community Room, Landis Homes, Lititz, Pa.**
- **Saturday, August 25, 2:30 PM, at Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, Lancaster, Pa.**

Community news

90th Annual Brubaker Families of America Reunion—Sunday, August 5, 11:00 AM, Church of the Apostles, Rohrerstown, Pa. Speaker: heirloom furniture maker Jay Brubaker. Boxed lunch by reservation only. E-mail Jane Brubaker Barge at handybird@verizon.net, call 717-393-4639, or check www.Brubakerfamilies.org.

Biennial Schürch (Sherk, Shirk, etc.) Family Reunion—August 9-12 at Niagara College, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada. For details and registration package, go to www.schurchfamilyassociation.net, e-mail schurchreunion@gmail.com or call Merideth at (519) 753-0554.

90th Annual Wenger Reunion—August 17-19 at Big Spring Farm, New Holland, Pa.; Blue Ball Church of the Brethren, Blue Ball, Pa.; Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland; and Wenger Meetinghouse, Jonestown, Pa. Call Jay V. Wenger at (717) 859-2396 after 6:00 PM.

Brick Church Hymn Sing—September 16, 2:00 PM. One mile west of Richfield, on Pa. Route 35. Singing from 1902 *Church and Sunday School Hymnal*, including German. Contact Betty Ann Landis, Juniata Mennonite Historical Center director, at (717) 694-3211 or (717) 444-3466.

Yoder National Reunion—October 25-28 in Newton, North Carolina. Celebrating the newly discovered link between Conrad and Melchior Yoder family lines. Speakers include University of Pennsylvania professor emeritus Dr. Don Yoder and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Edwin M. Yoder. Contact Rachael Hahn Kennedy at rkennedy@rbh.com.

Valentine Metzler descendants 275th Anniversary—June 14 and 15, 2013, in Lancaster, Pa. Send genealogical information to cfmetzler@aol.com. For information or to assist with this event, contact lemmetzler@verizon.net.

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Interns worth their weight in books

Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society is benefiting from the hard work of two college interns this summer.

Justin King (above, left) is coordinating volunteers for the Bookworm Frolic in August and compiling a catalog for the Dr. Robert Hess book auction in October. Thomas Neufeld (right) is focused on raising money through online book auctions.

Both students write press releases, update Web pages and contribute articles to *The Mirror*, including two stories in this issue.

“The variety of history-related challenges and projects and the staff at LMHS have combined to create a summer job that I thoroughly enjoy,” King said.

King carries majors in history, social sciences and secondary education and minors in political studies and coaching at Eastern Mennonite University. He looks forward to graduating after a student teaching practicum this fall.

This is Neufeld’s third summer at the Historical Society. He will be a senior at Gettysburg College where he holds double majors in English and film studies—“a foolproof combination for financial success,” he joked. He will spend a semester in England this fall.

High school or college students interested in gaining work experience with Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society during the summer or school year should contact Rolando Santiago: director@lmhs.org.