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**Upcoming Events**

91st **Annual Brubaker Families of America Reunion**, Sunday Aug. 4, at the Church of the Apostles in Rohrerstown, Pa. Contact Jane Barge at handybird@verizon.net.

**Music in the Orchard** concludes its 2013 season on Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. with performances by celtic band Cormorant’s Fancy and singer/songwriter Wildad. Held at the 1719 Hans Herr House rain or shine.

The 102nd **Landis Family Reunion** will be held Sunday, Aug. 18, at the Reedy Pavilion, Lititz Springs Park, Lititz, Pa. For more information please call (717) 926-4829.

**Meet the Early Churches**, a lecture series produced in partnership with Garden Spot Village, continues Aug. 12, 19, and 26 with presentations on the Church of the Brethren, the United Brethren, and the Evangelical Association. Each lecture begins at 7 p.m. at Garden Spot Village Chapel, 433 South Kinzer Avenue, New Holland. There is no charge for admittance.

The **Historic Driving Tour**, September 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., starts at the 1719 Hans Herr House. Discover history in your own back yard. Drive, bike, or walk to sites in and around historic Lampeter, Pennsylvania. For a complete list of events, see LancasterRoots.org.

**The Casselman River Area Amish and Mennonite Historians’ Annual Historical Meeting**, will be held Sept. 20 and 21 at the Maple Glen Mennonite Church, 74 Maple Glen Drive, Grantsville, Md. For further information contact Alice Orendorf at absdefor@verizon.net.
Annual Storytelling Night Returns

Helena Neufeld, Intern

The art of storytelling is often forgotten in our increasingly rushed and impatient culture. However, early this autumn an audience will gather to witness not only a personal sharing of two lives, but a clear example of the impact story can have on those willing to take time to listen.

The Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society will be hosting its third annual Storytelling Night on September 23 at 7 p.m. with David Sauder and Carolyn Wenger as the speakers. The event, part of the Lancaster Roots program, is free of charge and will be held at Landisville Mennonite Church (3320 Bowman Road, Landisville, Pa.).

The storytelling series does not use a traditional, lecture-style format. Each speaker will tell seven brief stories, two to four minutes each. The speakers will alternate stories that stand alone with no segues between them. This allows those listening to the stories to draw on their experiences and memories to form unique, personal, and oftentimes surprising connections and discoveries of their own.

“The format of the evening demonstrates the power of story,” said Phyllis Pellman Good, who coordinates the event. “And the audience feels as though it’s had a visit with each of the individuals—personal and even intimate, because the storytellers become fairly vulnerable, and they show many sides of themselves. It’s a very different experience than listening to a sermon or a lecture.”

The stories themselves will not nec-

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Bookworm Frolic: More Than Just Another Book Sale

Over 1,700 boxes have been filled and sorted, waiting to be set on tables made of plywood and saw horses in preparation for the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society’s annual Bookworm Frolic. The Aug. 14-17 sale will also feature food and entertainment.

“We’re excited that we can offer these books for sale to the community and at the same time make it a community gathering,” said executive director Rolando Santiago. “We are happy to create an event where people can celebrate the joy of books and reading together.”

There is a wide variety of books for sale, from old hymnals to recent fiction. On the first day of the sale, books cost from one to three dollars, and prices decrease each following day.

Other items for sale include magazines, records, DVDs, CDs, and VHS tapes. All proceeds from the sale contribute to the Society’s general fund.

Since the sale first started, it has become a vital component of the Historical Society. “The Bookworm Frolic has been an important fundraiser for 34 years,” said the coordinator of the sale, David Sauder.

All days of the sale, the food tent will sell sandwiches, hot dogs, cold beverages and desserts including homemade ice cream. Chicken barbeque will be sold Friday from 11:30 to 6, or until it sells out.

Friday from 5 to 6, The Blossom Hill String Band, including librarian and archivist Steve Ness, will be performing live music during the sale. Ness describes the band as being “a bit folksy and blue-grassy with some gospel.”

There will also be “Family Entertainment with Uncle Yodie” from 10 to 12 on Saturday. As his storytelling clown character, Darrell Yoder will be performing for small groups.

The Historical Society’s bookstore will also be open, selling new and used books, folk art, games, music, and family genealogy charts. All items in the store will be at a 10% discount.

Guided tours of the museum exhibit “Decorated and Plain: An Amish and Mennonite Sampler” will be offered on Thursday at 2 p.m. and Friday at 10 a.m. Tours are available for the first fifteen people who register. Contact Dorothy Siegrist at 393-9745 to register for $5 (discounts for seniors and children).
Carolyn Wenger and David Sauder will offer tales during Annual Storytelling Night.

Storytelling (continued from p. 1) is essentially life-changing or dramatic moments of the speaker’s life. They are encouraged to share memories of their childhoods, their work, and their personal life – anything memorable and worth telling.

Some will be funny, some embarrassing, some pensive. The layering effect of story on story makes the evening a uniquely open and revealing experience.

David Sauder has served his church, the Old Order River Brethren, as deacon for twelve years, as minister for three years and now as bishop for twenty-two years. He and his wife Emma are the parents of three children and grandparents of eight. David has been involved in various businesses as owner, board member and consultant. Currently he does business advising for Anabaptist Financial.

Carolyn Wenger is the archivist and museum curator at Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. She directed the Society from 1976 to 2001 and edited its respected quarterly magazine, Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage, for thirty years. She is the author, editor, or translator of dozens of books and articles, including Hannes Eby Death and Burial Record, released by LMHS last year.

Civil War & Lancaster County Mennonites

Daniel K. Ness, Tour Leader

A house with a secret room, a Union Army uniform worn by a young man killed in battle, the headquarters of a politician who was a friend of the Mennonites, young men who defied their parents by going off to war, a Confederate sword.

The war between the governments and armies of the states north of the Mason & Dixon Line, the Union, and the states south of the line, the Confederacy, never crossed into Lancaster County. Mennonites and other people of the county did not have the misfortune of seeing their buildings destroyed, their fields ravaged, their horses stolen, their way of life seriously disrupted for many years.

Field Trip Returning by Popular Demand: Uncovering the Underground Railroad

Did you miss this summer’s field trip featuring Lancaster’s involvement in the underground railroad? If so, there is another chance to uncover the underground railroad this fall.

On Sept. 7, Norma Grace and Ronald Strawbridge will lead an excursion across Lancaster County, stopping to bring sites to life with lectures and interpretation. Stops will include the Drumore Quaker Meeting House and Christiana’s Underground Railroad Visitors Center.

Capping the tour will be a “soul food” meal and dramatic presentation of “From the Slave House to the White House” telling the story of Sojourner Truth.

The Tour begins promptly at 8 a.m., departing from the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society headquarters, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, PA 17602, returning at 4:30. Cost is $90 for Society members and $100 for nonmembers. Two meals are included.

Staffing Changes and Volunteer News

New staff. In April and May, two persons joined the staff. Richard Groff, an experienced retired controller, is serving two days a week as bookkeeper. Joel Nozfizer, an April 2013 Eastern Mennonite University graduate in history and former editor of the student weekly newspaper, The Weather Vane, is full-time communications director. He has extensive marketing duties, and is responsible for editing the quarterly magazine, Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage, and the bimonthly newsletter The Mirror.

Summer interns. Helena Neufeld, from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, is serving a ten week summer internship assisting with the Bookworm Frolic and online book and nonbook sales promotion. Isabelle Taubitz, an exchange student from Germany, is doing a brief internship, helping to launch a new blog with historical journal entries (check it out at http://www.lmhs.org/Blog).

Volunteers Needed

● The Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society is looking for volunteers to help out with a variety of jobs at the annual Bookworm Frolic book sale from Aug. 14-17. Contact Helena Neufeld at hneufeld@lmhs.org for more information.
● The Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society is looking for a volunteer to assist in appraising and listing used books online. Must be available at least one day a week and should be comfortable using a computer and scanner. Contact Dorothy Siegrist at dsiegrist@lmhs.org.
The Growing Anabaptist Web

Rolando Santiago, Director

Anabaptist communities around the world are numerous and diverse. These communities form a web of relationships with each other. Some relationships are strong, others are weak, and others do not yet exist. Common faith principles are the thread that nurtures relationships across growing Anabaptist communities.

In The Human Web: A Bird’s Eye View of World History (2003), John R. McNeill and William H. McNeil, son and father who are well-regarded historians, propose that “webs of influence linking human beings in relationships are central to human development.”

Locally, plain Amish and Mennonite communities relate with modern Mennonite groups through economic exchanges in places such as farmers markets, grocery stores and restaurants. Activities like the “Music in Worship” event sponsored last year by Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society and the Swiss Pioneer Preservation Associates, remind these groups of the web of faith that unifies them.

In the United States, members of congregations from historic Anabaptist churches such as Mennonite Church USA, U.S. Conference of Mennonite Brethren, Brethren in Christ Church in the U.S. and Conservative Mennonite Conference coexist in common geographical regions but may not know each other well. Projects of service, learning, disaster relief, and health services help these different Anabaptists rediscover the nurturing strands of mutual belief.

Across the world, Anabaptist churches were created through twelfth-century mission efforts, historic migrations of ethnic communities (e.g., Swiss-German, Russian), and recent migrations of global south people integrating into Anabaptist churches in the global north. These disparate Anabaptist communities are learning about each other through gatherings organized by Mennonite World Conference, programs created by international Anabaptist service and mission agencies, publications of the Global Mennonite History Series, and projects of the Institute for Global Anabaptist Studies.

This growing web of global Anabaptist interactions at the local, national, and international levels will strengthen over the years. There are signs that the Anabaptist web will expand even further by drawing together non-Anabaptist mainline and evangelical Christian churches with traditional Anabaptist communities on the basis of a faith centered on Christ and his teachings on community, discipleship and peace. These are exciting times!

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Ein Diener Register, Lancaster County and daughter settlements in P-A, NY, MD, VA, KY, Ind., Ill. and Wisc. Available from B.S. Lapp, 2012 (BX8107.D54 2012)


Biography/Genealogy


History


300 years in Paradise, 1712-2012, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Paradise Township 300th Anniversary Committee, 2012 (F159.P3733 T47 2012)

Miscellaneous


Serving the Lord: the 60th anniversary. Taiwan: Mennonite Christian Hospital, 2008. 3 v. (RA990.T284 S47 2008)