

Emmaus Historical Society

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President's Message

Dear Members,

The Emmaus Historical Society is back in full swing again with special events for our members, "FUN" fundraisers and so much more planned for the rest of the year! We've had an amazing few months and so many exciting events which included our 30th anniversary celebration, a bus trip, our annual SUPER yard sale, our annual Member Appreciation picnic and a brand new FUN-draiser at Yergey Brewing! We also participated in the annual Passport to History weekend on July 23rd and 24th with activities and refreshments and historical tours that were enjoyed by the young and those who were just a "little" older.



Past Presidents and Past Board Members at the 30th! Left to right -Carl Wieder, Pat Zentner, Millidene Waterman, Shirley Polster, Ruth Kemmerer, Millie Gross, Bill Barto, Jeanne Harakal and Nancy Reimert

Little did I know when I started volunteering at the Emmaus Historical Society in 2008, doing just a small amount of data entry, what it would lead to! The Museum moved seven years later into the beautiful home we have today, our membership has almost doubled over the years, fundraising has grown by leaps and bounds to support our operating and Capital expenses and more and more people are finding their way to us to enjoy the museum and to donate family treasures for our displays. Along the way, we have also grown our community outreach programs with the Heritage Alliance and the Third Grade Emmaus history program as well as some Emmaus history programs held at the Emmaus Public Library, the Bucks County Civil War Library and Museum, Lincoln School, Luther Crest, the Rotary Club of Emmaus and the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit to name a few.



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We researched and told stories of past Emmaus residents and their families as we became aware of them and there are so many more stories to tell. We are featuring a couple more in this issue "from our readers" and would love to hear more. Hearing the stories of how the residents of Emmaus lived in the past gives us all more perspective of how far we have come and how fortunate we are that we are still able to hear these stories and our own history of our little town.



Treasures for sale as far as the eye can see!

We encourage everyone to share their stories so that younger generations will know our history. So many stories are lost but later found with just a little research too.



And I will always remember and recognize that we can't do all of this without all of the volunteers and supporters that pitch in to make each special event and each fundraiser a success, to help with maintaining the Museum, to help with the change of displays, to help with the collections receipt process and data entry, to help with manning the Museum on Saturdays and more for special events, to help with planning and executing our monthly programs, to help with baking for special events and programs, to help with

Nancy Reimert enjoying the appetizers!

paying for building repairs and restoration through donations, to contribute ideas, articles and stories for the quarterly newsletter, and to do whatever it takes to make the Emmaus Historical Society better and better every day! I am so grateful for all of the hard work and support of so many members!

Please come visit us. We are open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and with additional days or hours for special events. Museum entrance is free. So

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Love Feast- The Children's Love Feast of the 100 Years Ago Moravian congregation will be held on next Sunday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock. All the children and their parents as well as friends of the congregation are invited to attend. The Morning Call, Thursday, August 17, 1922

Celebrating our "FUN-draising"! Another Great Year for a Yard Sale! Thanks to All from the Yard Sale Committee – Andrew Kerstetter, Katrina Wieand and Pat Mabus Wow! We did it again! Another absolutely AMAZING Yard Sale! Due to the generosity of the many donors, shoppers and volunteers we netted \$4,133.65!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We had everything from an apple corer to a zipper...items big and small...from antique furniture to tatted doilies...we had it. And you either gave it or bought it! Whether it was one item, or one box, or one truck load (yes, we received multiple truckloads of donations) – it all added up to one INCREDIBLE Yard Sale!

So, this is how we get there....we start collecting for the following year in September. Items are stored in the basement of the Museum and Katrina and Pat start pricing and organizing. Furniture and bulky items are stored off site in one of our member's garages (at no cost to us). Volunteers donate their time and trucks to pick up and relocate these treasures. This goes on for 9 months...donations come in, get priced, organized and relocated as necessary...wash, rinse, repeat....you get the picture.

Then the week before the Yard Sale, it is ALL hands on deck. While the Museum is closed, items are brought up from the basement for staging to the outside. Andrew co-ordinates volunteers and their trucks to collect tables and saw horses, which will be loaned to us for the Sale, as well as the furniture that has been stored off site. The day before the Sale; the tables are put out, the basement is completely emptied and many items are actually placed on the tables for the next day's Sale. We hire an EPD officer to patrol our property from 9PM Friday to 5AM Saturday when the team arrives to complete the final set up.

During the Sale, volunteers are assisting shoppers, negotiating deals and loading vehicles with purchases – all while enjoying the robust community spirit. Our Hospitality Committee nurtures us with a hearty breakfast and refreshing lunch – keeping us energized to get through the day. At 4PM we start packing up. All unsold items are moved to the garage. Monday at 9AM, the team returns with their pickup trucks, which are then loaded for donation to Goodwill. And we are finished... until September when we will start all over again...wash, rinse, repeat...

We will start collecting your treasures, for the June 3, 2023 Sale, in September, after Labor Day. Please keep in mind that we DO NOT take clothing and upholstered furniture. Unfortunately, **we can no longer accept electronics** (TVS, VCRs, computers, etc.) nor **baby items** (Hi-chairs, walkers, strollers, bouncey seats, etc.) as Goodwill does not accept them.

We thank the donors, shoppers and the Emmaus Historical Society Board of Directors, and the following group of



"Flamin-gals and Flamin-guys": Emmaus High School Interact Club, Emmaus Moravian Church, Altitude Marketing, Hendricks and Sons, Mayor Lee Ann Gilbert, Officer Brian Kline, Mike McManamon, Dan Hoffman, Mike Waddell, Nancy Matika, Dave Kerstetter, Robin Kerstetter, Martha Gerhart. Nancy Reimert, Ruth Kemmerer, Bill Lagler, Carol Lagler, Christopher Weiss, Robin Weiss, Loren Weiss, Jim Roth, Annette Roth, Bill Parsell, Mary Parsell, Meda Henry, Brian Shelly, Donna Marks, Christine Breslin, Carl Wieder, Nancy Wieder. This would not have happened without the entire flock! Sc

Our First but Not Last "FUN-draiser" at Yergey's!

Thank you to all who came out to join us on June 25th at our "matching tips" FUN-draiser at Yergey Brewing! A great time was had by all! Yergey matched the servers' tips

of \$1,161 and rounded up to a \$1200 donation to the Society!!!! The servers told us it was one of their best Saturdays - EVER! Huge thanks to Jim Yergey and his awesome staff! The Bodega Bistro food truck (yum yum) was sold out early, too! Thank you to the musicians of Woodside Avenue – including our own Mike Flynn – who donated their talent, time and tips (\$44)!! Additional thanks go to the Emmaus businesses listed below who donated items to our basket raffle. We gave away 13 amazing baskets - each valued at over \$50! Patrons simply had to answer an Emmaus trivia question - right



Volunteer Joanne Brader at the Basket Table

or wrong – and their ticket was entered into the drawings. Everyone – even out of towners – learned some fun Emmaus history! We are always so appreciative of the support we get from our members and the community.

This day was no exception! \$\$

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES FOR THEIR GENEROUS RAFFLE DONATIONS!

David's Italian MarketEmmausEmmaus Jewel ShopHandKhinder CreationsEmmaEmmaus Run InnKorpicSouth Mountain CycleLazy HousLaura's Frame ShopHouGrandPa Joe's Candy ShopConversLet's Play BooksEvans WeSweet MemoriesChestnurBuss PaintsMora1803 HouseDavEmmaus Farmers' MarketYergEmmaus Police Department

Emmaus Historical Society Handmade Mystic Emmaus Drug Store Korpics Upholstery Lazy House Consignments House Splendid Conversational Threads Evans Wealth Management Chestnut Street Seafood Moravian Church David's Electric Yergey Brewing epartment

A Celebration 100 Years in the Making!

For the past several years, the Emmaus Historical Society and the Borough of Emmaus have partnered in celebrating our community centenarians. On June 26, we had the honor of participating in the family celebration of Angelo Bokeko's 100th birthday. Mayor Lee Ann Gilbert was present to honor Angelo with a Borough of Emmaus Proclamation. Pa State Representative Milou Mackenzie was also present with a Proclamation. The Emmaus Police Department as well as the Fire Department and First Responders also attended to honor this WWII veteran and long-time Emmaus resident. Family members present included his daughter, Carol Campbell and his nephew, Past Presdent Bill Barto. �s







The Emmaus Historical Society would like to thank the family of Dr. Harvey Tilghman Wickert, the Emmaus family doctor who practiced in the Borough from 1896 to 1938, for the beautiful family photo album with photos dating back to a baby picture of the doctor, tin types of the doctor and his wife, Ida Hillegas Wickert (married in 1880) as well as cabinet cards of his three daughters, Lillie, Florence and Viola. Dr. Wickert was born in 1855 and died in 1940. His office was located at 250 Main Street (now the Schantz Funeral Home) in Emmaus.

While in town, Dr. Wickert served one term on Borough council, and was elected burgess on two occasions, once in the 1900's and a second time in the 1930's. He donated the lighting and memorial fountain to Emaus WWI veterans when the Triangle was redone in 1923-1924. He also donated the military monument to the Emaus veterans of the Civil and Spanish American Wars and WWI on the Memorial Triangle in 1930.



Early Tin Types of Dr. and Mrs Wickert

Dr. Wickert's daughters would go on to marry some prominent businessmen in the Borough. Lillie married Robert Stoneback of Stoneback & Butz Insurance of Emaus. They were also very involved in the civic affairs of the Borough. Florence married R. Lorentz Miller and they ran the Emaus Telephone Company which had been actually founded by Dr. Wickert himself. Their daughter, Christine Miller, later was the President. Viola married Clarence Keck who was also involved with the Telephone Company as Treasurer, as well as with the Yeager Furniture Company of Allentown. Their daughter, Annetta Keck, would later marry Horace Schantz.



Lillie and Florence

Viola

We are so grateful that these treasures from the 1850s through the early 1900s of members of families important to the Emmaus businesses and community were saved, labeled and donated to us to treasure and share as well.



Dr. H.T. Wickert and Mrs. Ida Hillegass Wickert

Conducted Dahlia Show - Paul Winzer, the dahlia fancier of town, conducted a dahlia show at Slatington on Friday and Saturday. He reports that it was largely attended and that he received a large number of orders. The Morning Call, Wednesday, September 13, 1922

From our Readers – Correspondence Received on the May 2021 Newsletter Article, Two Iconic Businesses Celebrating 75 Years

324 Main Street - 122 Years Later A Note from Harriet Bachman White

As I was leafing through an old Emmaus Historical Society Newsletter from May of 2021, I noticed an article titled "Two Iconic Emmaus Stores Reach Milestone Anniversary". That's what gave me the idea to send this story of my grandfather, Dr. Charles A. Bachman, who started practicing dentistry in 1900 and opened his practice on the side of his home at 324 Main Street, just up the street from what is now the Emmaus Historical Society. He and my grandmother raised 5 children there and lived at 324 Main Street the rest of their lives.



Dr. Bachman was a member of the Emmaus Borough Council for 4 years and 2 years served as president. He was a charter member and director of the Emmaus Building and Loan Association, President for many years and Vice President later. He also served a term on the Emmaus school board, was a director of the First National Bank for many years and director in the Community Nurses Association for 3 years.

He was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Emmaus and a Life Member of the Emmaus Fire Company #1. When the anniversary of the Golden Jubilee of the Borough of Emmaus was observed in 1909, he was Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and a committee member when the Diamond Jubilee was celebrated in 1934. He was a trustee of Kutztown State College for 20 years and was the first president of the Mercantile Club of Emmaus.

My grandfather was an Elder for 26 years and a treasurer for 12 years in the Evangelical Reformed Church of Emmaus. When the new church was built in 1922, he was on the Building Committee and in 1923, a temporary trustee of the church school. He also served on church committees for fund-raising, building programs and dedication of the new church in 1924.

In 1959, Dr. Bachman was the oldest practicing dentist in Emmaus and one of the oldest in Lehigh County. That year, four years before his death, he was honored at a testimonial dinner where he received awards and plaudits from the Lehigh Valley Dental Association and the American Dental Association for his almost 60 years of service as a dentist in Emmaus. It's amazing how he was able to serve his community in so many ways.

But that's not the end to his story. It has been 59 years since his passing, yet a dental practice that he started in 1900 still remains there today, 122 years later. Since my grandfather's death, Dr. John Schevets, Dr. William Wertz, and Dr. Daniel Keating have occupied that same space with their practices at 324 Main Street, right off the Triangle in Emmaus. Poppop would have been so proud!

From our Readers – Correspondence Received on the February 2021 Newsletter Article, "Photographs and Memories"

A Note from Marilyn Harris

I enjoy each newsletter and especially the February 2021 issue's article on Photographs and Memories. I was born and lived the first 18 years of my life in Emmaus. Your article on photographs and memories sent me to my ancestry of my mother's family. Some years ago, a cousin and I explored the Ancestors of Benneville Fenstermaker Hertzog, our grandfather. We were able to trace to our 5th Great Grandparents in 1636.

My mother put names on many of the photographs I inherited when she died in 1988. I was fortunate to know all but one of my mother's eight siblings and their families since four of them lived on N. 5th Street and another on S. 2nd Street in Emmaus and others nearby.

The earliest photo I found in my mother's photos was of her grandparents, Levi Hertzog and Rebecca Fenstermacher. Fortunately, she had a note attached that read: "My grandparents". I showed this photograph to a museum curator who told me it was an image on glass, an ambrotype. The curator referred me to a gallery to have it preserved. The soiled areas remain and it is matted and framed in a shadow box with conservation glass to preserve it.



My mother had a picture of her mother and father, Benneville and Alice Agnes Brown Hertzog. They married on March 10, 1888. My grandmother lived with my mother and father when they married in 1933 until her death in 1951. I was born I in 1936 and have fond memories of her during my early years.

I never knew my grandfather, Benneville, who died before I was born. He was killed while he was "taking his usual after dinner walk along the tracks of the Reading Railroad, near Emaus". It was thought that he moved over to the east bound tracks to avoid the freight train headed westward and was not aware of the New York Flyer approaching. He worked at the Donaldson Iron Works practically daily and was considered to be in "excellent health and remarkable agilitr" at the age of 75 due to his dail



remarkable agility" at the age of 75 due to his daily walks.

My mother and father, Florence Hilda Hertzog and Roger Stanley Dickert were married on April 22, 1933. My parents bought the house at 424 N. Fifth Street in Emmaus when they married in 1933.



I attended Lincoln and Central Schools and graduated from Emmaus High School in 1954. My husband who died in 2014, my parents and grandparents and other relatives are buried on Northwood Cemetery. My extended family, remaining cousins and their families live in Emmaus, Macungie, Northampton and Mertztown so I continue to enjoy my visit to Emmaus where we meet at the Trivet or Superior Restaurant or one of their homes. Sch

Contributions to our Capital and General Funds

We acknowledge and offer our sincere thanks to everyone who has generously contributed to the Emmaus Historical Society during the period from April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022. Capital Fund contributions fund those major projects that are necessary to maintain and preserve our beautiful building and property, as well as our mortgage. Capital projects scheduled for 2022 are the addition of a shed on the property for equipment and décor storage replacing the garage storage, renovation of the interior of the garage for better artifact display visuals for the satellite museum and the replacement of a deteriorated section of sidewalk and steps to rear of museum. Contributions to our General Fund provide for the expenses related to running the Museum as well as funding programs, activities and this newsletter.

Capital Fund

Moravians - \$500.00 to \$999.00 John and Cynthia Zettlemoyer

Heritage - \$100.00 to \$249.00 Bert Nelson, Mary Ann Wotring, in memory of Howard Knauss Deischer and Mary Deischer

Historian - \$50.00 to \$99.00 Anonymous, James DalMaso, Emmaus Garden Club

Diamond Jubilee - \$5000 or more Charles H. Hoch Foundation

Heritage - \$100.00 to \$249.00 Harry and Millidine Waterman, Thomas and Jill Linette, Jerry Mohr, in memory of Lisa Mohr

General Fund

Historian - \$50.00 to \$99.00 Tilghman and Susan Fenstermaker, Lynn Faust, EHS Class of 1957

Friends – up to \$49.00 Elaine Ruch, Joseph Garrera, Jill

Youngken, John Jones, Thomas & Kimberly Ike, Billy and Suzanne Wagner, Susan Majka, Nicholas and Sandra Miklos, Debra Kahler, in memory of father, Charles Fritzinger

Membership

Our membership meetings and programs (will resume in September) are open to the public and held the third Wednesday of the month (except January, Lenten Wednesdays, June, July and August) at 7 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 5th and Chestnut Streets in Emmaus. Our members include individuals (local and from afar), as well as Emmaus-area businesses and organizations. We encourage members to help us "get a member" by spreading the word to friends and family.

Annual Membership

Individual	\$15.00
Family	\$25.00
Junior (Under 18 – No vote)	\$ 3.00
Business	\$40.00
Charitable Civic Org.	\$25.00



Life Membership

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Individual	\$200.00
Family	\$350.00
Business	\$300.00
Charitable Civic Org.	\$100.00

Welcome to our New Members - Thank you for Supporting Us!

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Daniel and Lisa Breitberg	Debra Kahler	Susan Majka
S. Ferne Druckenmiller	Mary Kirk	Susan Markowitz
Gary Gilbert	Willam Konek and Dianne Martin	Michael May
Diane Graham	Robert and Kathleen Lawrence	Richard and Ardythe Romig

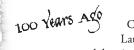
Deceased Members - We extend our condolences to the families of:

Sheila Minnich: February 1, 2022 Robert Sukol: February 11, 2022 Edward Messenger: March 10, 2022 Judith Hill: March 31, 2022

Kathleen Gardian: March 31, 2022 Faith Wagner: April 9, 2022 Agnes Paist: April 10, 2022 Ruth Snyder: April 19, 2022

Pearl Hinder: May 21, 2022 John Backenstoe: June 2, 2022 Leona Smith: June 9, 2022

Please call the office at 610-966-6591 if you are aware of any member to whom we should send a Get Well, Sympathy or Thinking of You Card.



To Poconos- Mr. and Mrs. George Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Laudenslager left yesterday noon to spend several days in a fishing trip in the Pocono Mountains. The Morning Call, Friday, September 22, 1922

100 Years Ago

Appraisal - The Emaus Horse Insurance and Detective Company will hold its annual appraisal day at the Central Hotel on Saturday, October 28th. The Morning Call, Monday, October 9, 1922

Oh What a Pienie!

Sharing a few of the happy memories we created on June 15th at our annual membership picnic. Being together for great food and conversation was much appreciated by all! And we enjoyed learning the stories behind some folks' great nicknames! Thank you to our Special Events and Hospitality Committees for all of their hard work in the planning, set-up, serving and take-down at the picnic and to Mike Flynn for providing us with the sound system and music. Also, a big thank you goes out to all of the members who cooked or baked and shared their culinary talents with everyone attending. A good time was had by all! Sp



Sandy and Al Farkas taking nickname notes!



Past President Pat Zenter and family



Mary Kirk, at 98, our oldest attendee!



Still A MYSTERY PHOTOS These photos from the late 1800s to the early 1900s are still a mystery. Do you recognize any of your ancestors?



formerly known as the "Cornwall Hotel." On this site will be

erected a modern and up to date hostelry. The Morning Call, Wednesday, October 25, 1922

Celebrating 30 Years!

On April 27th, the Emmaus Historical Society celebrated its 30th anniversary a couple of months late with 125 of its members at Emmaus Fire Company #2. Lots of great food, drinks and music were shared by all! An amazing slide show of Society photos which also included interviews with the Society's past presidents was created for the event by Board member Mike Flynn who also assisted with the sound system. It felt so good to be able to see so many of our members in person again after two plus long years of no in-person events or programs. A special thank you goes out to Andrew Kerstetter, Pat Mabus, Katrina Wieand, Al Wieand, Linda Waddell, Linda Boehmer, Nancy Matika, Joanne Brader, Robin Kerstetter and Mike and Laurie Flynn for all of their hard work to make this memorable anniversary event a success! Sp



Members Dustin and Andrea Grim with Sue and Thom Snyder



Members enjoying the slide show created for the event by Board Member Mike Flynn



Members Nancy Reimert, Dorothy McKeever, Carol and Thomas Gable and Millie Gross

EMMAUS Heritage Festival Saturday, September 17 - 11am to 3pm

Organized by the Emmaus Heritage Alliance on the grounds of the Emmaus Historical Society 218 Main Street, Emmaus, PA Same day and time as the Emmaus Farewell Summer Festival

Live Music • Crafts • Food Truck • Games Interactive Displays • Blacksmith Demo Wildlands Conservancy Show & Tell Pa Long Rifle Demo

Emmaus Historical Society October Program

"Funeval Nomes of Emmans"



October 19, 2022 - 7:00PM Program FREE to the public! Members and Non-members Welcome

St. John's Lutheran Church 501 Chestnut Street, Emmaus, PA Emmaus Historical Society September Program

"The Civcus is Coming to the Valley"

September 21, 2022 - 7:00PM Program FREE to the public! Members and Non-members Welcome

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November Program

"Movavians in Emmans: The First 100 Years, 1742-1842:" November 16, 2022 - 7:00PM Program FREE to the public! Members and Non-members Welcome

St. John's Lutheran Church 501 Chestnut Street, Emmaus, PA



Remember the Emmaus Historical Society when shopping on Amazon! While shopping from home, you have an opportunity to contribute to our fundraising efforts without spending additional money. We are participating with Amazon Smile. If you purchase anything on Amazon, you can sign in through smile.amazon.com and choose the Emmaus Historical Society as the non-profit organization you would like to support. In return, Amazon will contribute ½ percent of each purchase to the Emmaus Historical Society. Stay safe while supporting the Emmaus Historical Society!

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the Emmaus Historical Society is to collect, preserve and exhibit Emmaus artifacts, documents, histories, photographs and genealogy for displays and research and to offer educational

Executive Board

Directors

Solicitor/Parliamentarian - John Zettlemoyer, Esq.

Museum Hours

Open Saturdays from 10am to 4pm

Check our website, Facebook & Instagram for updates

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Linda Boehmer

Linda Waddell

Michael Henry

Gregory Owens

Michael Flynn

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President

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Vice President

Patricia Mabus

Debra Hoffman

Mary Parsell

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

programs and events throughout the year.

September 21st – Program - 7 p.m. St. John's Lutheran "The Circus is Coming to the Valley"

October 19th – Program - 7 p.m. St. John's Lutheran "Funeral Homes of Emmaus"

September 17th – Heritage Festival – 10 am to 4 pm

Emmaus Historical Society

- November 16th Program 7 p.m. St. John's Lutheran
- "Moravians in Emmaus: The First 100 Years, 1742 1842"
- November 22nd Bus Trip to American Music Theater
- "Home for the Holidays"
- December 14th Special Event 5:30 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Christmas Potluck Dinner and Entertainment

