

Emmaus Historical Society

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The Museum is reopening! Grand re-opening celebration August 14 & 15! Regular Museum hours resume August 21 and every Saturday thereafter!

President's Message

Dear Members,

In spite of the Museum being closed for more than 16 months, volunteers have been very busy behind the scenes. The Board members for the Emmaus Historical Society have met or communicated monthly via Zoom, email or in person to conduct all business while the Museum has been closed and programs have been cancelled. Capital projects of the Museum property have been ongoing. Meetings with yard sale donors and preparations for the Society's first yard sale since 2019 (which had two years of donations) were plentiful. Appointments with memorabilia donors and genealogy researchers were also ongoing. Decisions were made on when to remain closed and when to finally reopen. The safety of our volunteers, members and the public was always considered first and foremost as our priority.

One of our first steps toward normalizing operations occurred on June 5, 2021. The Society was able to participate in the Emmaus Community Yard Sale, with an amazing public response and an even more amazing volunteer staff to help with all the preparations it takes to set up with two years of donated goods for sale. It was a lively, busy outdoor event with everyone seeming to be in great spirits!

On Sunday, the 27th, a mini performance by the

Quarantettes Plus One was held on the front porch of the Museum for all those passing by or sitting to listen to a few songs. This was the third concert offered free to the public and the first one with the ability to sing without masks since the group was fully vaccinated. Sometimes music and the outdoors can bring calm, happy, soothing moments to relax and contemplate.



New Museum displays are ready for the reopening and our return to regular Saturday hours (10 to 4) beginning on August 14. Many different themes have been chosen so that we are able to exhibit never before seen items from our collection. We thank the Museum Committee who worked diligently and creatively to prepare the Museum for its reopening.

A few years ago, the Emmaus Historical Society joined Lehigh Valley Passport to History which is a partnership of historic sites and resources in and around Lehigh and Northampton counties. The group guides you to historical activities, events, tours and exhibitions. For the past two years, there has been a Passport to History Day or Weekend. This year, with the number of current partners, the event has expanded to a Passport to History month. There will be special activities at various sites during the weekends of August. The Emmaus Historical Society is participating on the weekend of August 14 and 15 with various activities as well. Some of the activities will be outdoors with others in the Museum. Full details are on the next page. We can't wait to be able to see our members and hope you will be able to join us in the celebrations.

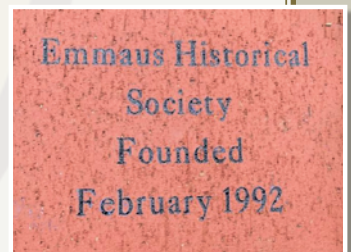
On September 15, the Society will be holding its first Member Appreciation Picnic since June 2019 at Emmaus Community Park in the Moser Pavilion. We look forward to seeing many of you there. Please see page 2 for all the details.

Additionally, the Emmaus Historical Society will be honoring our five past presidents in a brick laying ceremony at the Emmaus Remembrance Garden on September 26 at 1 p.m. Light refreshments will be served at the Museum after the event. Those being honored are Carol Schultz, John Corbett, Francis Hartman, Patricia David Zentner and William Barto.

We appreciate the continued support you are giving us with your donations to our collections, your yard sale donations, your monetary donations to our general operating and capital funds, and your membership.

When we reopen, we will continue setting up individual appointments for the genealogy library as well as for artifact and memorabilia donation drop offs for our collection. Please call us at (610) 966-6591 for appointments.

We look forward to seeing more of you very, very soon. ☺



Jeanne



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www.emmaushistoricalsociety.org

EMMAUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM GRAND RE-OPENING



SATURDAY, AUGUST 14 - 10AM TO 4PM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 - 10AM TO 2PM

After being closed for over 16 months due to Covid-19, we are pleased to invite you to the
Grand Re-Opening of the Emmaus Historical Society & Museum
as part of Lehigh Valley Passport to History Month

Passport to History Month is a celebration of local history, stories, and the community that bring Lehigh Valley history to life. Each weekend in August, participating historic and cultural sites will open their doors to the public with tours, activities, and programs for visitors of all ages.

We are proud to open our doors during this special celebration of history.

Featuring:

Self-Guided Museum Tour + Children's Scavenger Hunt

**Walking Tour of God's Acre Cemetery - Saturday, 10am

**Main Street Historical Walking Tour - Sunday, 12:00pm

New Displays: Jefferson School Memorabilia, Toys and Dolls, 75th Anniversary of Businesses, Funeral Homes, Kitchen and Apron Display, Emmaus Board of Health, Healthcare, Emmaus Ambulance, Textiles including Silk Mills, Yarns, Threads and Doilies, Personal Grooming and George Family Displays

Refreshments & Free Admission

****Please call 610-966-6591 to register for walking tours.**

The Emmaus Historical Society
Invites You To Our Annual
Member Appreciation



September 15, 2021
3:00pm - Appetizers
4:00pm - Dinner

100 Years Ago

Picnic - The Emaus Tennis Association will hold a picnic on the church lot at Fifth and Chestnut Streets, on Saturday evening. The general public is invited. The Emaus Band has been engaged to furnish the music. The Morning Call, Tuesday, June 7, 1921..

Emmaus Community Park - Moser Pavilion

Entrees and drinks are supplied by the Society.

Members are asked to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert. Non-member guests are welcome and asked to contribute \$15.00 for Individuals or \$25 for Family, which pays 2021 membership dues.

Please call the office at 610-966-6591 to tell us you are attending (and how many), and what you will bring.

Portraits of Longevity – Celebrating Emmaus Centenarians

By Teri Sorg-McManamon

For the past several years, the Emmaus Historical Society and the Borough of Emmaus have partnered in celebrating our community centenarians. Some have lived in Emmaus their entire lives, many came back to work in the Borough after military service, and others originally moved here to raise a family. Whatever the reason, they are here and part of the fabric of this special town. Since we started visiting our beloved centenarians, we've met M. Minerva (Minnie) Fries, Joseph Zeller, John "Jack" Baker, Elisabeth Gehring, Harold Eyer, Elsa Vilafane, Doris Hausman, Agnes Troxell Paist, Maria B. Schmid and Nina Swindells. Although a few are not with us any longer, their words of wisdom live on.



John "Jack" Baker

Historical Society President Jeanne

Harakal shared, "In their stories, we found common themes that shed light on their secrets to living a long life. Family. Faith. Love. Career. Luck." Minnie Fries summed it up by telling us "work hard and be nice."

Excerpted from the official Emmaus Borough Proclamation Mayor Gilbert recites to the celebrant: "In celebration of a milestone 100th birthday - as a tribute to a useful life and right living, and above all, to your love of Emmaus - we honor you. During this very special banner birthday, we take time to recognize and show gratitude to you for your contributions and invaluable experiences. We benefit from your knowledge in service, government, faith and family. We ask every citizen of Emmaus of all ages to take full advantage of this opportunity and thank those, like you, who are now numbered among our elders. May we all remember in our daily lives that each of us will be among this special group some day and that we all share in designing a better future for our community."

What is the secret to longevity? Says Mayor Lee Ann Gilbert, "I enjoyed listening to the stories of their lives,

how difficult things were back then, but at the same time how close family relationships were. I would often think how different my life would have been had I been born 100 years ago. Times have changed from a more simple lifestyle to a very busy, tech savvy style, which I still get lost in." Certainly, medical advances and lifestyle improvements play a major role in living longer but a common theme among our centenarians is having friends and family.



Mayor Joseph Zeller

The Historical Society is deeply grateful to those who notify us when someone with Emmaus roots is celebrating



Elisabeth Gehring

100+ birthdays. If their enthusiasm and vitality are any indication of what's to come, living 100 years will be a fact for many more people, and as joyful as these centenarians show it to be.

If you know someone 100+ years old who lives in Emmaus or has an Emmaus connection and would like the Emmaus Historical Society and the Borough of Emmaus to recognize them, please contact us at emmauhist@ptd.net. ☞



M. Minerva "Minnie" Fries



Nina Swindells

100 Years Ago

Not a Candidate for the Postmastership - Contrary to report, Walter Wieand, who was his father's assistant when the late Uriah H. Wieand was our postmaster, is not a candidate for the post. Mr. Wieand was prevailed upon to enter the field, but to the overtures made by his friends he said that one experience in a lifetime was sufficient. The Morning Call, Thursday, September 15, 1921.

Recent Acquisitions

Jefferson School Treasures

By Andrew Kerstetter

Recently, 34 original vintage photographs were discovered in the office of the current Jefferson Elementary School by Interim Principal Michele James. During a clean out of old papers and files, she found large photos mounted on cardboard of various 1920s and 1930s staff, athletic teams and clubs and interior views from Emaus High School, which was then housed in the Jefferson School building on North Street. Recognizing their nostalgic value, Ms. James contacted the Emmaus Historical Society and subsequently donated them to the collection. Below are a few of these photographs, while some others will be on display when the Museum reopens on August 14. A big thank you goes out to Ms. James and the East Penn School District Community Liaison for thinking of the Emmaus Historical Society as the repository and caretaker for these photos. ☞



Late 1920's Emaus High Staff Group Photo



Boys Basketball Team Photo - circa 1931-1932



Girls Basketball Team Photo - 1930



EHS Auditorium photo of Broadcast of Herbert Hoover Inauguration, March 4, 1929

The First Inauguration to be Broadcast Throughout the Country

100 Years Ago

Injured - William Schaup, first baseman of the Emaus baseball team, badly injured his thumb when in the act of playing ball on Monday evening. The member is badly bruised, and will keep "Hocky" out of the game, it is feared for the remainder of the season. The Morning Call, Saturday, August 13, 1921.

Held Concert - A Victrola concert was held in the Jefferson School building on Thursday evening, under the auspices of H. M. Walbert. All the latest records were played. The concert was well attended. The Morning Call, Saturday, September 3, 1921.

Junior Class - The Junior Class of the Emaus High School will hold a Hallowe'en social in the Jefferson school building, on Thursday evening, October 27th, in the Jefferson school building [sic]. This will be a masquerade affair and the public is cordially invited to attend. The Morning Call, Monday, October 24, 1921.

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, 2021 through June 30, 2021. 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 planned for 2021 include electrical wiring on the third floor, front façade painting of the upper porch area, and additional pre-payment of the 30-year mortgage. 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

The Triangle \$1000.00 - \$4999.00

Fred and Elizabeth Masenheimer in memory of Richard Gaal

Founders - \$250.00 to \$499.00

Norman Miller in memory of Christine E. (Iobst)
Miller, Emmaus High School, Class of 1948

Heritage - \$100.00 to \$249.00

Emmaus Lions Club, Emaus Fire Company #1,
Bert Nelson, Emmaus Lioness Lions Club

Historian - \$50.00 to \$99.00

James DalMaso

General Fund

Diamond Jubilee - \$5000.00 or more

The Emmaus Historical Society and its Board of Directors would like to gratefully acknowledge the *Charles H. Hoch Foundation* for its donation to the General Fund with the specified purpose of funding operating expenses for archival supplies and large document framing as well as expenses related to our community outreach and education programs.

Heritage - \$100.00 to \$249.00

John and Lois Kummery, James and Annette Roth,
Harry and Millidine Waterman, Marguerite Meitzler,
Richard and Vicenzia Brown, Keith Knauss and
Paula Auburn in memory of Jack Knauss

Historian - \$50.00 to \$99.00

Larry L. Findlay, Betty Wetherhold, Barbara, Mueller, Dylan
Romig, Barbara Dohner, Tom and Michelle Capehart,
James Gulla, Jamie and Kathy Fox, Walter and Ruth
Dex, Tara Broczkowski in memory of Jack Knauss

Friends – up to \$49.00

Thomas and Kimberly Ike, Paul Schmier, Michael Szep,
Gale Miller, Marie Kloiber, John and Carolyn Jones, Lillian
Shields, Patricia Mohr, Lexa Shallcross, Gregory and Jacqueline
Owens, John and Donna Mabus, Richard and Beverly Ryan,
Carl and Margaret Uehlinger, Richard D. Krauss, Paula
Lotte, Ronald and Carol Saint Sing, Barbara Iobst, Dean
Romig, Andrew Kerstetter in memory of Jack Knauss

Membership

We will resume meetings and programs when the church opens the parish hall to us. Our membership meetings and programs 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 & Chestnut Streets in Emmaus. This year's Annual Membership Picnic will be held on September 15 at Emmaus Community Park, where guests are welcome to become members with payment of membership dues. Our members include individuals (local and from afar), as well as Emmaus-area businesses and organizations.

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

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

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

Robert and Patricia Bieber
Jeffrey and Debbie Davey
Mary George

Stanley Holmes
Steven Johnson
Kathie Lou Moser

Robert Parker
Daniel and Jamie Shombert
Tracey Steirer

Michael Szep
Jeremy and Naomi Winch

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

Richard Schantz: April 6, 2020
Richard Boyer: October 30, 2020
Rev. George Spieker: April 10, 2021

Craig Bartholomew: April 19, 2021
Raven Mill: May 23, 2021
Ferne Kushner: May 26, 2021

Jean Gilbert: May 30, 2021
Jack Knauss: June 5, 2021

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.



Mystery Photos



We have not received any info on mystery photos in our May 2021 newsletter.

These are **STILL A MYSTERY!** *Scratch your heads and help!*



We did receive info on this mystery photo featured in *The East Penn Press*.



This photo was identified by Albert Wieand as the Emaus Borough Garages located at 212 S. Second Street. They remain today.

100 Years Ago

Notice- The water committee of town council kindly requests that the citizens conserve water as much as possible. It is noted that since the excessive heat that sprinklers, etc., are being used in great numbers, which tends to greatly reduce the water supply. *The Morning Call*, Friday, June 24, 1921.

NEW MYSTERY PHOTOS

Can you help us with these photos?

If you know anything about these photographs, please contact us at emmaushist@ptd.net or at (610) 966-6591.



WOW!



What a yard sale we had! Over \$4,900 in sales!



We had more than 43 tables of treasures. Boxes of bags and baskets. Tons of tins. Mountains of soft goods. Yards of furniture, collectibles, books and records. Lots of lights. Fathoms of frames. You get it...we had it all! And lots of IT!



We thank the Society's members and the community for their generous donations of goods. And thank you to all the shoppers for their purchases, many making additional monetary donations. All proceeds go to the Society's general operating fund. Unsold items were donated to local charities. It takes a huge flock of "flamin-gals and flamin-guys" to make an event like this possible. Some gave muscle. Some fed us. Some lent us tables and tarps. Some gave us their talents and time. We thank each and every volunteer from the bottom of our hearts to the tips of our pink flamingo feathers. We could not have done



it without the following: Katrina Wieand – Co-chairman, each member of the Emmaus Historical Society's Board of Directors, Bill and Carolyn Lagler, Steve Gould, Jim Roth, Dave and Robin Kerstetter, Nancy Matika, Joann Brader, Brian and Renee Shelly, Martha "Mousey" Gerhart, Carl Wieder, Nancy Reimert, Meda Henry, Andy Harakal, Bob Boehmer, Mike Waddell, Laurie Flynn, Christine Breslin, Al and Sandy Farkas, Ruth Kemmerer, the Emmaus Moravian Church, Altitudes Marketing, Mayor Lee Ann Gilbert, Borough Manager Shane Pepe, Officer Brian Kline.

We will start accepting donations for the Spring 2022 yard sale in September of this year. Please call the office at 610.966.6591 to schedule drop off.

Bus Trip

Thursday, November 18, 2021



All proceeds benefit the Emmaus Historical Society Capital Campaign

What: Emmaus Historical Society Bus Trip to American Music Theater, Lancaster, PA - "2021 Christmas Show: Winter Wonderland" - When the holidays arrive, the familiar sounds of the season are always at American Music Theatre. American Music Theatre's 2021 Christmas Show: Winter Wonderland will recapture the Christmas spirit! This highly anticipated and critically acclaimed live music production will ignite your spirit and set your heart aglow! Once you step through our doors, you'll gaze upon the magical sights and sounds of the season and be transported to a wonderland of music and enchantment – from a Bavarian mountain village to the festive, holiday excitement at the North Pole. Our extraordinary costumes, gorgeous gowns, and stunning sets will make you feel like you're really there. And ... you may even catch a glimpse of Old Saint Nick himself!

When: Thursday, November 18, 2021

Details: Meet at 10:00am at Weis Market parking lot, 1220 Chestnut Street, Emmaus - Bus departs promptly at 10:15am. Lunch prior to the 3:00pm show is at Bird in Hand Restaurant.

Tickets: \$100.00 per person Includes: bus transportation, lunch, show and gratuities.

Members and non-members welcome! For Tickets Call Nancy Matika, 610-967-5715 - Deadline to Order: October 7, 2021



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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Museum Hours

Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
or by appointment or Special Event times

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 programs and events throughout the year.



Mark Your Calendars!

August 14th - 15th – Passport to History Weekend at the Museum

August 21st – and every Saturday thereafter the Museum resumes regular Saturday hours of 10AM – 4PM

September 15th – Annual Member Appreciation Picnic

September 26th – Emmaus Remembrance Garden –
Past Presidents’ Brick Installation Ceremony

November 18th – 2021 American Music Theater Christmas Show-
Winter Wonderland



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