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# Boehm's Chapel Society

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## APPLE BUTTER IS ON!

Annual Apple Festival canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions, but product will be sold; bean soup, too.

The contents of a kettle boil as apple butter is prepared at a Chapel Apple Festival. Shown in the inset is Jim McCullough. You can find more photos on back page.



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The Boehm's Chapel Apple Festival, scheduled for Oct. 10, has been canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

But that doesn't mean that you will have to wait another year for the event's specialty, apple butter, made the old-fashioned way in copper kettles over wood fires.

The apple butter will be made Oct. 3 at the home of Sharon McCullough in Stras-

burg. Sharon's late husband, Jim McCullough, who died March 22 this year, was the originator of the festival's apple butter.

Jamie Fizer has followed in Jim's footsteps and will be in charge of the apple butter production.

Apple butter, at \$6 per pint, will be available for sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., starting Oct. 10 at Boehm's United Method-

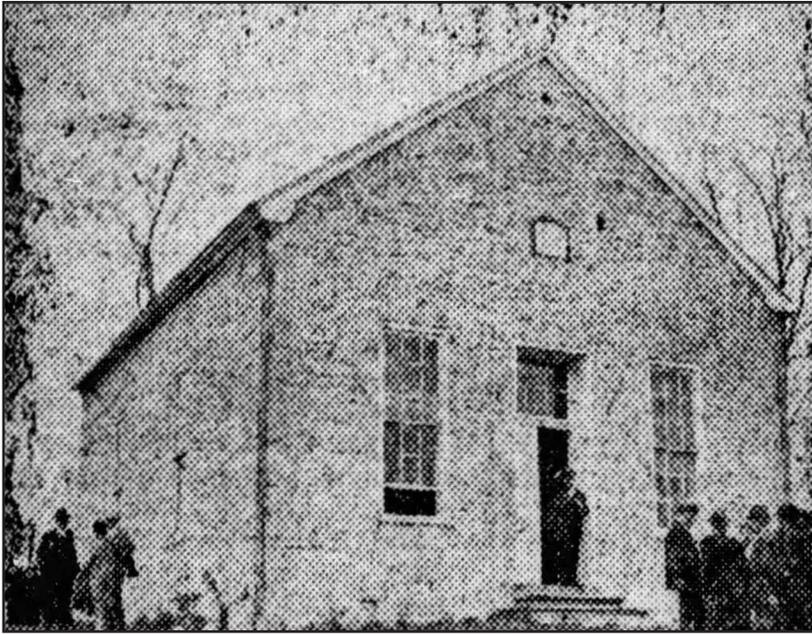
ist Church.

Another festival specialty, holiday bean soup, will also be sold at the church for \$8 a quart.

Pre-orders for apple butter and bean soup can be made, but not required, by emailing the church secretary at [secretary@boehmsumc.org](mailto:secretary@boehmsumc.org).

After Oct. 10, sales can be made by appointment by also emailing the church secretary.





This photo of the Chapel, date unknown, was used in a Lancaster newspaper ad in 1929.

## New look at old Chapel

The Chapel Society is always on the lookout for old photos of the Chapel.

Dolores Myers, retired executive director of the Society, found this one while doing research in the Lancaster newspapers online archives. She is researching the Boehm's Church cemetery.

The photo of the Chapel was part of a full-page advertisement in which a number of local churches ran a "Go To Church" campaign. The ad ran June 22, 1929, featuring old photos of local churches.

We don't know the date of the photo, but according to a caption, the pastor was the Rev. Delaplain Gollie, who preached in the Chapel and then at the "new" church when it opened in 1899.

Dolores believes that is Gollie on the front steps. He died in 1905. Rev. Gollie led the congregation from 1897-1901. In doing her research, Dolores came across the clippings you see on this page.

**TO HOLD SPECIAL SERVICES**  
The second annual enlargement day will be observed on next Sunday at Stehman's Memorial United Brethren church, Manor township. At this time money will be pledged for the expenses of the coming year. The principal object for which money will be needed is the parsonage which is in the course of erection beside the church.

A pilgrimage will be made by auto during the afternoon to Boehm's M. E. church, near Willow street, where brief services will be held at the grave of Rev. Boehm, one of the founders of the U. B. church. Rev. A. K. Wier, pastor of Salome U. B. church, Columbia, will be the speaker at this service and at the morning and evening services at the church.

**Boehm's Church Lawn.**  
Several trustees and the pastor of Boehm's M. E. Church met on the lawn on Wednesday and set out about thirty Norway maples, the gift of J. R. Caddy, of Willow Street. The work of arranging the trees and planting them occupied the whole day.

At right, a clipping from the Lancaster New Era in 1920 reports an upcoming revival at Boehm's Church. Curiously, the name of the Boehm's pastor is not mentioned. The pastor for 1920-1922 was Frederick M Clough.

Below left, Stehman U.B. Church plans a 1906 ceremony at the grave of Martin Boehm, one of the denomination's founders. Stehman would go on to become an E.U.B. church and in 1968 become United Methodist in another merger.

At bottom, a 1903 article tells of the planting of 30 trees at Boehm's.

## REVIVALS BEGUN 150 YEARS AGO

Boehm's Church Will Commemorate The Great Work Started In The Boehm Home.

SUNDAY MARKS THE OPENING

Large Crowds Are Anticipated, As Many People Owe Allegiance To The Church.

The one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of permanent evangelistic preaching in Lancaster county by Rev. Martin Boehm, who, after being expelled from the church to which he belonged, and in which he had been a preacher, opened his own residence to the public and he'd revival meetings in the year 1770, will be suitably celebrated by an evangelistic campaign in Boehm's Methodist church. The meetings will begin on Sunday at 9:15, with all officers, teachers and pupils in attendance, and room for others with a cordial welcome for everybody.

At 10:15 the pastor will preach on "The Outlook." In the afternoon members of the church will do calling in the interest of the campaign, and in the evening at 7:30 the praise and song service will begin, led by the very efficient choir. The pastor will preach upon an evangelistic theme. This year, for the greater part, the church will do its own evangelistic work under the leadership of the pastor, who, where he has labored before coming to the Philadelphia Conference, has been known for some time as a successful pastor-evangelist.

Meetings will be held every evening except Saturday, opening at 7:30. For the convenience of persons having no conveyance a truck made over for the occasion will be run to the church, passing through West Willow and Willow Street. A fare of five cents will be charged on regular trips. Other trips will be made when necessary. People from Lancaster on the Strasburg car leaving Penn Square at 7 o'clock can get the bus at Hildebrand's Hotel.

On account of the fact that Boehm's church, true to its traditions, has been known as a revival church, also on account of the fact that many people owe much to the real life, or to the memory of Boehm's, it is expected that numerous persons will attend from time to time during this, the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary campaign. There are no special nights to be announced, but every night will be a special night. Ministers expecting to attend are requested to notify the pastor of their coming, and others are requested to do so.

# Please help! Chapel Society in Extraordinary Give

## JoAnne Foss

Secretary

Boehm's Chapel Society

Save the date – Friday, Nov. 20, 2020 – for The Extraordinary Give, Lancaster County's largest day of giving.

This is a 24-hour event every November where people across our community join together to financially support nonprofit organizations. Last year was the Boehm's Chapel Society's first time participat-

ing in the program.

We were able to benefit from this opportunity to raise funds to support our work and raise community awareness of Boehm's Chapel.

Every dollar donated to the local organizations will be "stretched" by a pool of funds provided by the Lancaster Foundation. The pool will depend on the aggregate total of all the monies raised. If an organization collects 1 percent of the total donations,

it will receive 1 percent of the "stretch" pool.

Donors will be able to donate at the Extraordinary Give's website ([extragive.org](http://extragive.org)) anytime Nov. 20 from 12 a.m. to 11:59:59 p.m. There is a minimum donation of \$10 per organization and, of course, there is no limit on a maximum donation! You can also connect with Extradordinary by logging onto our website at [boehmschapel.org](http://boehmschapel.org).

Last year Boehm's Chapel

joined with other United Methodist organizations at a celebration hosted by First United Methodist Church in Lancaster. COVID-19 will prevent that this year. There is a possibility of some virtual activities. Any virtual opportunities will be noted on our website and Facebook page.

Please follow us for future opportunities and please consider us as one of your Extraordinary Give donations. We really appreciate your support.

## Mama Beam tree is fruitful

A few years ago, six apple trees were planted next to the Tying Shed, the auxiliary building for the Chapel.

One brought forth an apple this summer.

The trees and their fruit (more to come in the future, we hope) are named for Mama Beam, who grew them in the Beam orchard north of Quarryville, Pennsylvania, in an area known as Camargo.

Mama Beam was Barbara Herr Nissley Beam. She was the wife of Abraham Beam, brother of Martin Boehm.

In the late 1700s, the Beams grafted two varieties of apple trees to produce what became known as the Mama Beam apple, also called the Belmont.

A son, Jacob, took the tree to Ohio and Virginia where he planted large orchards.

Here and most other places, the variety disappeared from orchards over time.



Photo by Doris Moore

To make a long story short, Dolores Myers, then executive director of the Society, spent seven years tracking down the tree.

She relied on the extensive research done by Jim and Dorothy Galloway. Jim was a direct Boehm's descendant

Dolores found what she was looking for in the state of Washington.

She eventually got 10 scions (a dedicated shoot or twig) in 2014, which Rich Graham, a nursery owner who attended Boehm's Church in his youth, shepherded until they were ready to plant.

Five of the trees survive.

Dolores has heard from another Beam descendant, David Wold, of Connecticut, who also planted the Mama Beam trees.

He planted trees about two years before ours. He had four apples this year, but squirrels ran off with three.

Unfortunately, a deer, the resident groundhog, or another creature, recently picked our only apple.

## Have you mailed in membership check?

At right, please see the Boehm's Chapel Society renewal card for the membership period covering June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021.

Membership envelopes were sent out with the spring-summer edition of the newsletter.

You can cut out the form at right and mail it to us with a check, or simply send us a check with a note.

Please be sure we have your mailing address and email address.

Membership dues help support Chapel programs and preservation and aid with the cost of the newsletter.

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\*Plaque is pictured on memorabilia page

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Apple butter will be made at the home of Sharon McCullough, wife of the late Jim McCullough, in Strasburg. She can be seen in the inset at right. It has been the routine to have some apple butter made the week before, so that pints are available when the Apple Festival opens. One year, Amish, who had been at a nearby auction, stopped by to observe. Above, Jamie Fizer explains the McCullough process, developed by Jim, to an audience. Boehm's Church member Dick Karr is at right in the top photo.