

# Boehm's Chapel Society

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## Inside

Don Walters passes



Don Walters, a former Chapel Society board member and re-enactor of historic characters, died in April. Page 3



American flags fly in the cemetery at Boehm's United Church where veterans from the Revolutionary War to the Gulf War are buried. A list of those veterans can be found on Pages 4-5.

## WEDDINGS RETURN TO BOEHM'S CHAPEL



As the first surge of the COVID-19 pandemic loosened its hold on the United States, two small weddings were held at the Chapel.

At left, Jennifer Ann Wiese and David R. Domitrovich pose outside the Chapel after their wedding May 8.

For details on this wedding and the second, please see Page 2.

Unfortunately, a new variant of COVID hit the nation soon after those weddings, forcing cancellation of the Apple Festival (see Page 8).

Visits by small groups are still welcome with restrictions in place.

## WEDDINGS

### Wiese-Domitrovich

Jennifer Wiese met David R. Domitrovich when they were in the fourth grade. Life took them in different directions until they met again in 2012.

They were married May 8 in Boehm's Chapel by Bishop Stephen Weaver, of the Lancaster Mennonite Conference.

It was the first wedding in the Chapel since before the COVID-19 pandemic turned our lives upside down.

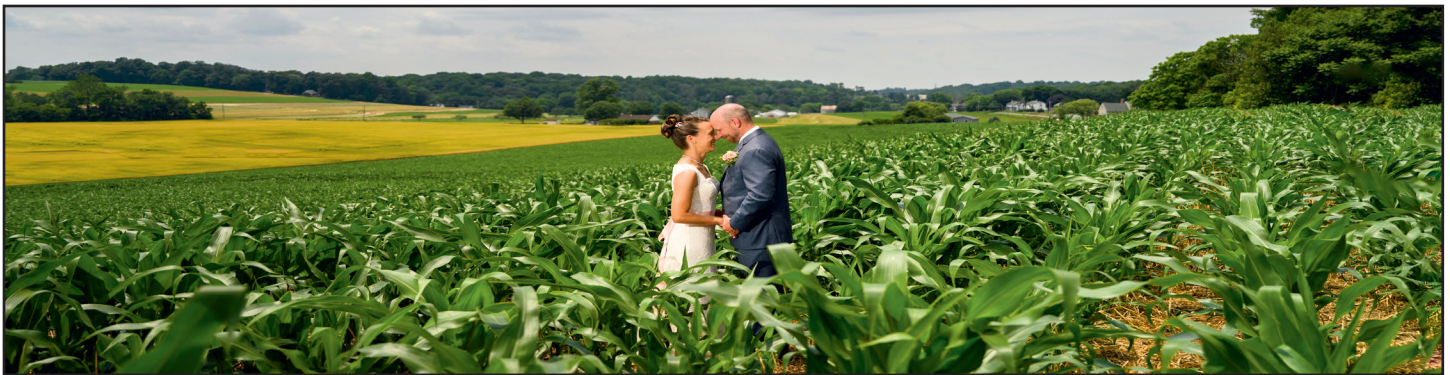
Jennifer is the lead veterinary technician at the Humane Veterinary Hospital Lancaster.



"I'm an Army brat so I'm from all over, but did more of my growing up outside of Harrisburg," Jennifer said. David is the chief mechan-

ical officer for the East Broad Top Railroad in Orbisonia, Pa.. He also grew up outside of Harrisburg. The couple lives in East

Hempfield Township. Jennifer said they chose the Chapel "mostly because of its age. We wanted something older and small."



### Taylor-Loose

Allison Taylor and Gregory Loose were married June 19 in the Chapel. The officiant was Chuck Brown.

Greg was born in Tennessee, but grew up in Mississippi.

Allison was born in Pennsylvania and was living in Delaware when they met.

The couple lives in Perkinston, Miss.

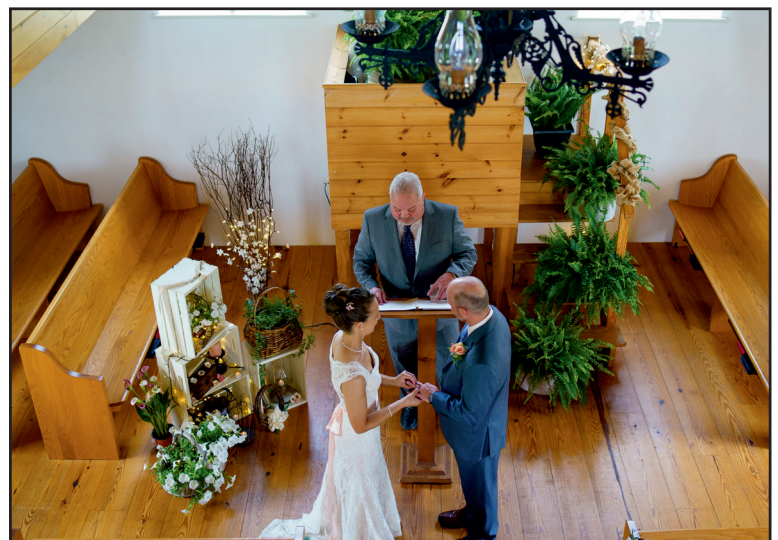
Greg's first wife was

killed in a car accident. He is the father of one daughter and four sons. Allison was single. Greg is an eye doctor, Allison is a nurse.

Above, Allison and Greg pose for photos after their wedding in the cornfield below the Chapel that was once owned by Martin Boehm.

It is now owned by Chapel board members Jeff and Sue Frey.

At right, Greg and Allison exchange their vows.



# OBITUARY

## Don Walters, 1937-2021

Donald L. Walters, 84, of Willow Valley Communities, Willow Street, Pa., a former member of the Boehm's Chapel Society board, died April 26. He was 84.

Dr. Walters could be counted on to attend Chapel Society events in period dress, especially wearing his historic hats that added color to those events.

Chapel Society board president Marv Adams often referred to him as "a man who was born to wear a top hat."

Dr. Walters also volunteered at Wheatland, the home of James Buchanan, Pennsylvania's only president, often portraying Buchanan. He also volunteered at Rock Ford, the historic home of Revolutionary War general Edward Hand (where Don wore a tricorn hat and played an aide to the general). He could be seen in costume leading tours of Lancaster for Historic Walking Tours.

Those on the Society board who worked with Dr. Walters, who went by Don, knew him as a soft-spoken man, who offered wise counsel to the board at a time when the Society built its auxiliary building, the Tying Shed, and took on other projects.

Don could be counted on to take his turns as a docent at the annual Apple Festival and on days when the Chapel was open for visits.

Besides his hats from history, Dr. Walters wore many other hats in his life.

He was born in 1937 in Indiana. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana University and a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Miami, Florida.

He joined Temple University in 1966 where



**Don. Walters is shown above in front of the Chapel in his top hat. In the inserts, Don is shown in his profile photo and in another period hat and costume for a Chapel event.**

he served as a professor of educational administration and held the Charles G. Erny professorship in education. His service included head of the department of educational administration and president of the university's Faculty Senate.

After his retirement from Temple, Dr. Walters lectured at the University of South Carolina-Beaufort and volunteered at the Coastal Discovery Museum, Hilton Head Island.

He served as a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Dr. Walters was a member of the United Methodist Church and attended West Willow United Methodist Church, not far from his Willow Valley home.

His memorial service was held at the West Willow church. The pastor of the

church, the Rev. Bob Garvey, conducted the service.

Rev. Garvey said, "By any standard,

Dr. Don Walters was an extraordinary man. Everybody who knew Dr. Walters ... knew him as kind, considerate, curious, humble. He was the type of person who you are blessed to call a friend."

Pastor Garvey went to say, "If you really love God, then you will love the masterpiece of his creation. People. And oh, my friends, how Don loved people. ... All the people I talked to about Don and all the comments I read about him — that was probably the most consistent — Don was a gentleman. Don was a gentle ... man. The way he interacted with others, the way he respected others, the way he just treated others.

"Don lived out his faith in a way that most only dream about. ... He saw a world of

beauty. He saw a world of grace. He saw a world of God's love. And he moved through out it in such a gentle and beautiful way.

"Today I give thanks to God for my friend Don Walters. And I pray to God that I would be more like him."

Many in the audience could be seen shaking their heads "yes" and smiling as the pastor eulogized Dr. Walters.

Pastor Garvey said that when he was assigned to West Willow, he was greeted by Dr. Walters, who made him feel welcome and helped alleviate the anxiety of a second-career pastor in his first assignment.

Dr. Walters was married to the late Nina Cyhanenko. He is survived by a son, Mark, who lives in Maryland.

Following the memorial service, a military honors service was held outside the church. Interment was in Glenwood Memorial Garden in Broomall, Pa.

# Flags honor vets buried at Boehm's

Every year before Memorial Day, Dolores Myers, retired executive of the Boehm's Chapel Society, and her husband, Dennis, a veteran of the Vietnam War, place flags on the graves of military veterans in the Boehm's Cemetery and other area cemeteries.

Following are the names of veterans interred at Boehm's or who have stones in their honor there, as compiled by Dolores.

**Adams Marvin I., Sr.**, 1922-2001, U.S. Army Air Forces, WWII, corporal, 397th Fighter Squadron, 1942-1945.

**Ament, James L.**, 1928-1988, U.S. Army, Korean War, corporal 28th Division, served in Germany.

**Armstrong Leonard, R.**, 1921-1989, U.S. Navy, WWII, Seabees, 1944-1946.

**Baldwin, Charles**, 1846-1900, Civil War, Co. K 11th Maryland infantry.

**Barr, Robert L.**, 1946-1968, U.S. Marine Corps, Vietnam-era, corporal, served in Japan 1964-1967.

**Biechler, William M.**, 1927-1969, U.S. Coast Guard, WWII, 1944-1946.

**Bielmyer Henry A.**, 1929-2006, U.S. Navy Reserve, Korean War, served on battleship Missouri.

**Blank, George H.**, 1893-1946, U.S. Army, WWI, color sergeant, headquarters company, 107th Machine Gun Battalion.

**Bleacher, Grant F.**, 1928-2019, U.S. Army, no other information available.

**Booth, Daniel E.**, 1923-1987, U.S. Army, WWII, private first class, WWII, 1942-1945.

**Booth, Robert L.**, 1948-2018, U.S. Army 1966, staff sergeant, stock control specialist, headquarters, 1st Infantry Division. Served in Germany.

**Bortzfield, Walter H.**, 1916-1972, U.S. Army, WWII, infantry, earned Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster in Germany.

**Brandt, David L.**, 1919-2007, U.S. Army, WWII, corporal, Aleutian Islands, Alaska, 1941-1945.

**Breneman, Ira S.**, 1887-1969, WWI, 1918-1919, 808 Aero Rep Squad Corps.

**Brindle Howard**, 1900-1958, U.S. Navy, 1919-1920, apprentice seaman.

**Brooks, Albert R.**, 1907-1989, U.S. Army, WWII, 28th Division.

**Brooks, Henrietta B.**, 1922-2017 U.S. Army, WWII, postal clerk.



**Brooks, William H. Jr.**, 1924-1973, U.S. Army, WWII, Europe, 1943-1945.

**Brown, Clarence Ervin**, 1925-2011, U.S. Army Air Forces domestic service, WWII, 1944-1945.

**Charles, Harry L.**, 1879-1909, U.S. Army, 1903-1906 and 1909.

**Charles, John**, 1847-1921, Civil War, Company I, 20th Pennsylvania Cavalry.

**Charles, Joseph**, 1749-1828, arrived with Lafayette in Revolutionary War.

**Charles, Joseph**, 1834-1913, Civil War, Company K, 79th Pennsylvania Volunteers.

**Charles, Paul L.**, 1899-1971, U.S. Army, WWI, Battery F, field artillery private, 1918-1919.

**Clark, Ira M.**, 1894-1958, U.S. Army WWI, Engineers, private, 1918-1919.

**Clark, John B.**, 1899-1951, U.S. Army WWI, private, 71st Artillery 1918-1919.

**Coxey, Richard I.**, 1919-1998, U.S. Army, WWII, 1945-1946 and Korean War.

**Crouse, Frank L.**, 1921-2002, U.S. Navy, WWII, carpenter's mate second class, USS Collingsworth.

**Dagen, Chester L., Sr.**, 1895-1978 U.S. Navy, WWI, USS North Dakota.

**Dagen, Richard**, 1924-2014, U.S. Navy, WWII, machinist's mate third class.

**Dagen, William, L.**, 1889-1933 U.S. Army, WWI, sergeant, Company M, 316th Infantry 1917-1919.

**Daily, Jack L. Sr.**, 1925-1990, U.S. Navy, WWII, sergeant, Philippines, served

1943-1946.

**Devine, Thomas E.**, 1929-2020, U.S. Army.

**Dombach, Bruce**, 1951-2020, Air National Guard, 1969-1975.

**Dombach, Martin B.**, 1924-1976, U.S. Army, WWII, 1945-1946.

**Dorwart, Donald H.**, 1920-1987, U.S. Army Air Forces, WWII, European Theater, 6th Airdrome Squadron,

**Doulin, Isaac**, 1847-1923, U.S. Army Civil War, (soldier for one day, underaged) Company D 83rd Pennsylvania Volunteers

**Dudyak, Peter I.**, 1922-1992, U.S. Army, WWII, 1943-1945.

**Eshleman Clair J.**, 1930-1999, U.S. Navy, 1952-1955.

**Everhart, Carl K.**, 1938-2000, U.S.

Army, 1956-1959.

**Fasnacht, William H.**, 1908-1979, private, U.S. Army, WWII, 1941-1945.

**Flowers Chester G.**, 1930-1983 U.S. Army, Korean War, 1952.

**Fulton, Almon**, 1840-1915, Civil War, Company E, 8th Pennsylvania Cavalry for three years and reenlisted in the 195th.

**Gatchell, Jacob C.**, 1835-1907, Civil War, 53rd Pennsylvania Volunteers, assistant surgeon.

**Gebhart, David C. Sr.**, 1926-2006 U.S. Army, WWII infantry, 1944-1946.

**Geltz, John L.**, 1925-1984, U.S. Marine Corps, WWII, private first class, South Pacific, 1942-1945.

**Goss, Owen D.**, 1925-2007, U.S. Army 1945-1947, WWII, 1945-1947.

**Graham, David F.**, 1919-1972, U.S. Army Air Forces, WWII, African Theater.

**Graham, Richard L.**, 1934-2004, U.S. Marine Corps, 1954-1958, corporal.

**Graver, Robert H.**, 1921-2005, U.S. Army, WWII, private first class, 1942-1945.

**Groff, Herbert J.**, 1917-1944, U.S. Army Air Forces, WWII, 1st lieutenant, 142nd, 68th Squadron, declared missing at Manila in the Philippines.

**Groff, John W.**, 1915-2010, U.S. Marine Corps, WWII, 1945-1946.

**Hackman, Daniel H.**, 1923-1984, U.S. Army, WWII, 1943-1945.

**Hackman, Glenn K.**, 1938-2018, U.S. Marine Corps, 1956-1958, and Marine Corps Reserves.

**Hackman, Ira L. Jr.**, 1928-1995, U.S. Army, Korean War, headquarter company, 76th Tank Battalion.

**Hackman, Maris R.**, 1931-1999, U.S. Air Force, Korean War, staff sergeant.

**Hackman, Raymond G.**, 1935-1997, U.S. Army, 1955-1957.

**Hall, Cecil O.**, 1921-2002, U.S. Army WWII, Philippines.

**Hammond Robby (Butch) L.**, 1941-2019, U.S. Navy.

**Harry William F.**, 1823-1898 Company. F, 203rd Pennsylvania Volunteers, Civil War.

**Hart, John R.**, 1927-2002, U.S. Army, WWII, Germany.

**Hassell, Maurice F.**, 1929-1970, U.S. Army, Korean War, corporal, 1950-1952 Kore.

**Hean, Clarence R.**, 1924-1987 U.S. Army, WWII, private first class, infantry, Europe, 1943-1946.

**Herr, John M. Jr.**, 1926-2001, U.S. Army, WWII, military police.

**Hess, Mervin H.**, 1930-1996, U.S. Army, Korean War.

**Hicks, Richard J.**, 1837-1899, Company B, 99th Pennsylvania Volunteers, Civil War (at Gettysburg).

**Hornberger, Lester J.**, 1919-1996, U.S. Army, WWII, 1944-1946.

**Kauffman, C. Russell**, 1921-2014, U.S. Army, WWII, sergeant T/4, 544 Amphibious Engineers, 2nd Battalion South Pacific.

**Keller, David F.**, 1925-1964, U.S. Army, WWII, Company S, 1st Paratroop Battalion, 1943-1946

**Keller, Lloyd T.**, 1927-1999, U.S. Navy, WWII, Seabees.

**Keller, Paul B.**, 1928-1986, U.S. Air Force, Korean War.

**Keller, Ralph E.**, 1932-1982, U.S. Army, Korean War.

**Kneisley Ronald L.**, 1943-2014, U.S. Army Engineers.

**Knight, Marion N.**, 1893-1960, National Guard, WWI, 1918.

**Kolb, Robert J.**, 1917-1988, U.S. Army, WWII, European theater, prisoner of war.

**Kolb, Robert J Jr.**, 1939-2018, U.S. Army.

**Kolessar, Ivan (Russ)**, 1930-1968, U.S. Army, Korean Conflict corporal, Korea.

**Kreider Ira W.**, 1897-1991, U.S. Marine Corps, WWI, League Island Naval Shipyards, Philadelphia. Pa.

**Kreider, Robert W.**, 1925-1978, U.S. Navy, WWII.

**Kurkis, John**, 1921-2013, U.S. Navy, WWII, aviator, lieutenant

**Lawrence, Frank A., Rev.**, 1910-2002, Royal Canadian Air Force, WWII,



An American flag flies on the grave of C. Russell Kauffman, a World War II veteran of the South Pacific, and his wife, Evelyn. Both were longtime members of Boehm's United Methodist Church.

chaplain.

**Lefley David C.**, 1967-1994, U.S. Army, Persian Gulf War, U.S. Army Rangers.

**McCord, Lindley H.**, 1925-2019, U.S. Army, 1948.

**McCullough, James R.**, 1948-2020. U.S. Army, 1967-1970, Army Intelligence staff sergeant in Virginia and Korea.

**McCullough, Maris R.**, 1926-2017, U.S. Army, WWII, 314th Infantry, 79th Division, prisoner of war.

**McGowan, Martin V.B.**, 1836-1886, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, Civil War

**Mentzer, Harry E.**, 1923-1987, U.S. Marine Corps, WWII, 1942-1946.

**Miller George J. Sr.**, 1921-1984, U.S. Army, WWII, medical corps.

**Miller, James E.**, 1951-1970, U.S. Marine Corps, Vietnam, 1st Marine Division (died in action).

**Miller, Penrose H.**, 1922-1988, U.S. Army, WWII, 78th Division.

**Mowery, Walter E.**, 1926-2017, U.S. Navy, WWII.

**Mylin, John C.**, IV, 1938-2009, U.S. Army, 1958-1961.

**Mylin, Warren H.**, 1920-2000, U.S. Navy, invasions of Sicily and southern France.

**Mylin, Willis K.**, 1924-1986, U.S. Navy, WWII, 1943-1946.

**Neff, David L.**, 1954-2003, U.S. Army, Vietnam, Specialist 5.

**Neff, Harry D.**, 1933-2018, U.S. Army, 1953-1957.

**Nicholson, Rev. Robert Early**, 1926-2016, U.S. Navy, WWII 1944-1946, Oakland Air Stations.

**Ressler, Nelson H.**, 1926-1987, Merchant Marine, WWII.

**Rhineer, Paul M. Jr.**, 1933-2012,

U.S. Air Force, Korean War.

**Rhinier, Lloyd G.**, 1891-1962, U.S. Army, WWI, 316th Infantry, 1917-1919

**Schnerr, Howard J.**, 1918-1997, U.S. Army, WWII, North Africa, Italy.

**Sebastian, Charles S.**, 1929-2005, U.S. Navy, 1946-1949, USS Plorian and Nereus.

**Shay, Sandra L.**, 1936-2020, U.S. Air Force, entered service in 1957.

**Sherrard, Hugh W.**, 1919-2008, U.S. Army, WWII

**Sherrard, Joseph H.**, 1877-1934, U.S. Army, Spanish-American War.

**Sherrard, Robert S.**, 1921-2014, U.S. Army, WWII, 11th Airborne Division, Okinawa; Japan post-war; also Korean

War.

**Sherrard, Joseph H. IV**, 1916-2000, U.S. Army, WWII, colonel, interred Arlington Cemetery WWII, 136th Infantry, 33rd Division, South Pacific. A stone in Boehm's cemetery honors him.

**Shimer, Edward S.**, 1929-2004, U.S. Marine Corps, Korean War.

**Sigman, Daniel M.**, 1840-1921, Company D, 99th Pennsylvania Volunteer, Civil War, at Gettysburg.

**Smith, James W.**, 1915-1995, U.S. Navy WWII.

**Spence, John**, 1756-1832, Lancaster 9th Battalion, Revolutionary War.

**Staats, Luther W.**, 1930-2010, U.S. Air Force, Korean War, private first class.

**Stauffer, Paul H.**, 1909-1969, U.S. Army, WWII, 1942. (No stone.)

**Stetler, Marriot B.**, 1908-1988, U.S. Army, 1936-1937.

**Tshudy, Elwood J.**, 1915-1982, U.S. Army Air Forces, WWII.

**VanCleve, Raymond L.**, 1922-2012, U.S. Army, WWII, medic, Pacific Theater.

**Wenger, Boyd R. Jr.**, 1923-2015, U.S. Army, WWII, Philippines and Asian campaign ribbons

**Wike, William G.**, 1951-1980, U.S. Coast Guard, Vietnam, 1971-1975.

**Williams, Florence E.**, 1919-2014, U.S. Army, WWII, Army Nurse Corps, 1943-46.

**Wilson, Robert B.**, 1921-2005, U.S. Army, WWII, corporal, Signal Corps.

**Wise, Frank Earl**, 1924-2017, U.S. Navy, WWII, USAT Excelsior, Normandy invasion and Liberty ships.

**Wolf, Albert B.**, 1943-2018, U.S. Army, Vietnam, 1967-1969.

**Yeagley, Robert C.**, 1920-2005, U.S. Army, WWII.

# Chapel needs an 'Extra Give'

By JoAnne Foss

Secretary

Boehm's Chapel Society

Save the date of Friday, Nov. 19, 2021, 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 to financially support nonprofit organizations.

This year is the third time the Boehm's Chapel Society is participating in the program.

We were able to benefit from this opportunity to raise funds (\$4,275) to support our work and raise community awareness of Boehm's Chapel.

Even though the COVID pandemic has prevented us from having our regular programs such as Heritage Sunday and the Apple Festival, there are still ongoing financial needs.

This year we are giving donors a chance to give toward expenses if they so desire.

Part of our task of preserving the historic and spiritual legacies of Boehm's Chapel involves the maintenance of both the Chapel and Tying Shed. Average utility bills of about \$150 still arrive monthly as we must maintain cooling in the summer to prevent mildew and heating in the winter to protect pipes from freezing.

We are seeking \$50 donations to be put toward the care of our fledgling Mama Beam apple trees.

The big ticket item this year is replacing the shutters on the Chapel. To maintain the histor-

*Open house is highlight; suggestions for sponsors*

ical integrity of the building, the shutters are custom made. Replacement cost is \$500 per shutter.

These shutters are made of Spanish cedar and are covered with three coats of paint. All joints are sealed. The last shutters were made of pine and did not hold up well.

Anyone donating the \$500 price of a shutter will be listed as a Benefactor-Life member and will receive the newsletter and be able to vote at annual meetings without paying yearly dues.

Those who are already on that list will be moved up to Patron-Life.

Already on top list? We will send you a gift pack for your \$500 donation for a shutter.

As we look forward to next year, and we hope, the resumption of regular programs, a donation of \$150 will sponsor a music program and \$200 will provide an honorarium for a speaker.

Any amount you are able to donate will be appreciated. The amounts cited are to give you an idea what our financial obligations are and how we might use your donations.

Donors will be able to donate at the Extraordinary Give's website ([extragive.org](http://extragive.org)) Nov. 19 from 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. There is a minimum donation of \$10 per



**Don Hess, top, refinishes hardware for shutters; lower left, he hangs new shutters. Middle, right, donors can help maintain Mama Beam apple trees. A circuit rider will conduct tours.**

organization. You can also connect with Extraordinary Give by logging onto our website at [boehmschapel.org](http://boehmschapel.org).

Last year we had an evening open house at the Chapel and Tying Shed, featuring candlelight tours, a campfire and hot cider and pastries.

This year we are extending

the hours from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. We are also adding a visit from a "circuit rider" who will tell about his experiences and the significance Martin Boehm's farm and later the Chapel had in circuit rider history.

Visitors are also welcome to come to the Chapel to pray or sit in silence. We are asking guests to wear face masks while they are inside the buildings.



## Welcome mat is out

The COVID pandemic has cut into activities at Boehm's Chapel. But with vaccinations now available, small groups are again calling for visits.

The latest visit was from a group from the Swartz Creek United Methodist Church, Swartz Creek, Michigan.

About 50 members were touring the county and its religious landmarks that included Long's Barn, Asbury Chapel and Otterbein United Methodist Church.

A retired pastor, the Rev. J.D. Landis, who grew up in Smoketown, Lancaster County, led the tour.

Above, Swartz Creek members enter the Chapel. In inset photo, some of the group walk the path to the Chapel. In the background is the Tying Shed.

Many in the group wandered into the cemetery before getting to the Chapel, checking out some of the unique stones there.

Previously, below, a men's

group from St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Mount Joy, visited. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Helen Adams, vice president of the Chapel Society Board. Retired Society executive director Dolores Myers spoke to the group.

A confirmation class from Lititz United Methodist Church will visit Nov. 20.

Groups can contact Society president Marv Adams at 717-368-3461 for visits. COVID restrictions apply.



## Society board members

Following are the officers, ex-officio members and directors for the Boehm's Chapel Society for 2021-2022:

**President**

Marv Adams

**Vice president**

Rev. Helen Adams

**Treasurer**

Doris Moore

**Recording secretary**

JoAnne Foss

**Executive director**

Post is vacant

**Pastor of Boehm's**

**United Methodist Church:**

Rev. Joan Trout

**Representatives/trustees**

**of Boehm's UMC:**

Dave Ressler

Pam Dombach

**District superintendent**

Rev. Bumkoo Chung

**Directors**

Marv Adams

Rev. Helen Adams

Donald A. Dale

Rev. Joe DiPaolo

Jeff Frey

Sue Frey

Lynn McCord

Elizabeth Mills

Pamela Martin

Sharon McCullough

Doris Moore

Matt Mylin

Elaine Neff

Rev. Dennis Snovel

Rev. William Spiegelhalter

Wes Swanson

## On email list?

If you haven't received email blasts from the Society, please send your email address to boehmschapel@gmail.com or text Marv Adams at 717-368-3461.

Our website is:  
[www.boehmschapel.org](http://www.boehmschapel.org)

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*Boehm's Chapel Society newsletter*

# Society adopts mission, vision statements

At its Aug. 19 meeting, the board of the Boehm's Chapel Society adopted a mission statement and a vision statement.

The Mission of Boehm's Chapel Society:

*Honoring Jesus by continuing the spiritual legacy of Boehm's Chapel.*

Boehm's Chapel Society's Vision:

*To preserve and promote the historic and spiritual legacies of Boehm's Chapel and Tying Shed to inspire all generations to live passionately for God.*

The next move for the board will be to

adopt a strategic plan.

The original mission of the first board of the Chapel Society was to reconstruct the Chapel. That was done in time for the rededication of the Chapel in 1991.

The second generation of boards maintained the Chapel and built the auxiliary building, the Tying Shed, which was dedicated in 2016.

Those boards also saw the posthumous reinstatement of Martin Boehm as a bishop emeritus in the Mennonite Church in 2016 at the 225th anniversary of the

Chapel.

For this generation of board members, the question is how to move the Chapel and the Society forward, while continuing to maintain the two buildings.

Despite its rich history, the Chapel is not necessarily well known, even to United Methodist churches. The Chapel is off the beaten path.

New members have been added to the board's corps of veterans and we look forward to productive meetings in the coming months.

## History lessons

Was the Tying Shed so named because wedding parties get ready there?

No, it was built to look like, and named for, the shed where horses were tied in days before cars took over the roads.



That shed sat behind the Chapel as seen in this photo.

It stood until as late at

1906.

The photo shows the "new" Boehm's Church after it opened in 1899.

## Canceled

Because of the surge in COVID-19 cases locally and nationally, the Boehm's Chapel Society canceled its traditional Apple Festival for the second straight year.

In the past, the popular event has been held on the Saturday of Columbus Day weekend. Also canceled was the annual meeting, which had been moved from June to coincide with the Festival.

A decision has not been made on the vesper service held in the past in early December.