



# BOEHM'S CHAPEL SOCIETY

SPRING 2013 Newsletter .....13 West Boehms Road, Willow Street, Pa. 17584

## OUT OF THE PAST



On May 18, 1929, six men pose outside Boehm's Church either before or after the dedication of a stone for the Rev. Henry Boehm. From left, CBF (we only have his initials), Jones, Dunkle, Tomlinson, Haas and Downes.

## We're on a mission to collect old photos of Church and Chapel

Pastor Chris Eden and Dolores Myers, Chapel Society director, are in need of your assistance for a special photo project.

Please search your attics and closets, shoeboxes and scrapbooks for old photos relating to Boehm's Church or Chapel.

We are primarily looking for old black and white or se-

pia photos of one of the two Boehm structures, church or chapel, or the Boehm's tent/ cottage, (No. 2), at Rawlinsville Camp Meeting. Photos featuring people in the foreground will work best for the purposes of the project.

Original photos will be returned to owners after being reproduced. Please supply

names of people in the photos and approximate date, if available. If you are able to scan and forward photos as a jpeg, please send to boehm-schapel@gmail.com.

Photos of the above structures that don't have people on them, as well as other historical documents relating to Boehm's Chapel or Church, will also be happily

received. All original items will be returned, intact, to their owners.

**Please send photos to:  
Boehm's Chapel Society  
P.O. Box 272**

**Willow Street, PA 17584**  
Attention: Dolores Myers  
or phone 717-872-4133 with questions

## MAY 18, 2013 BALTIMORE BUS TRIP

### LEAVING FROM WILLOW STREET, PA

Boehm's Chapel Society will host a spring bus trip, May 18, 2013, to two historic churches in Baltimore, Maryland. The morning will consist of **guided tours of Old Otterbein, mother church of the United Brethren in Christ** and the oldest church edifice in continuous use in the city of Baltimore and **Lovely Lane Cathedral, mother church of American Methodism**. Lovely Lane Cathedral offers a unique painted domed ceiling depicting the heavens, as they appeared the day the church was dedicated, Nov. 6, 1887. **Lovely Lane museum** displays personal memorabilia concerning the founding and founders of American Methodism. **Free time for lunch and to explore the sights and ships of Inner Harbor in the afternoon.** The coach bus will depart from Boehm's UM Church in Willow Street at 7:30 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. Upon return, interested parties may remain to view the DVD, and tour historic Boehm's Chapel.

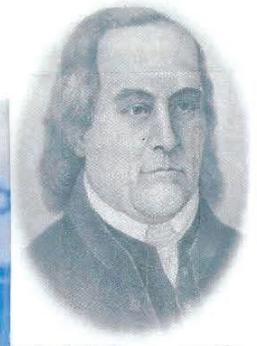
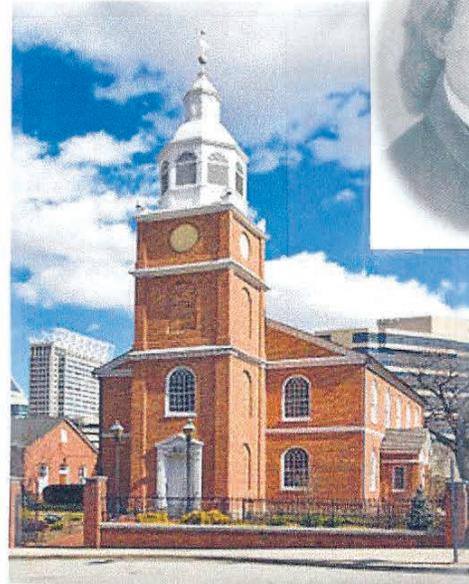
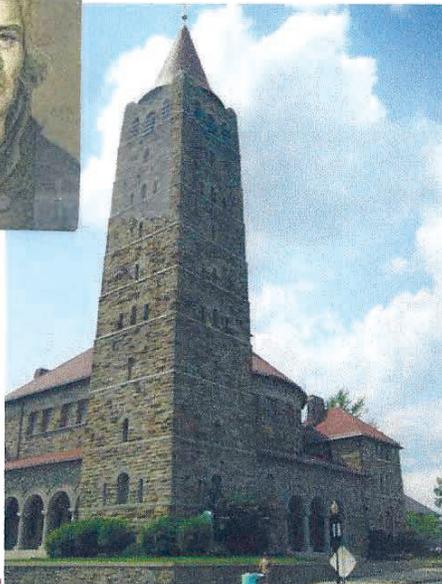
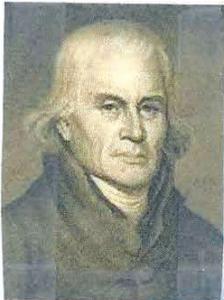
*Please be advised there is a short walk, of approximately two-three blocks, between Old Otterbein and Inner Harbor.*

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\$55. Boehm's Chapel Society members; \$65. nonmembers

**Registration deadline is April 14, 2013**

Reservations cannot be confirmed until payment is received. The canceled check will serve as your receipt. **Questions: contact Dolores at 717-872-4133 or [boehmschapel@gmail.com](mailto:boehmschapel@gmail.com).** We reserve the right to cancel the trip if minimum enrollment is not achieved.





# Updating BÖHM DNA

Trying to discover the roots of the family in Europe.

Additional testing on the Böhm Y-DNA will soon be under way to determine which path the "Genetic Line" followed downstream from the proto-Celtic peoples of Alpine Europe:

The Frisian population of Northwest Europe or the Celtic population of the Alpine region.

Previously tested markers for Böhm males claiming descent from either Jacob Böhm, Lancaster County, immigrant, or Samuel Böhm, of Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, reveal they both belong to haplogroup R1b1a2a1a1. Additional testing on specific SNPs, which are unique mutations found in the DNA of an individual or haplogroup, will aid in determining the migratory path taken by early

ancestors of the Böhm family.

Böhm DNA samples currently available test positive for SNP P310. From here the two paths diverge, making additional testing necessary.

The ultimate goal is to match the Y-DNA ancestry of the Böhm descendants to the known genealogical paper trail. Test results and an updated explanation will be published in a future issue of the Boehm Chapel Society newsletter.

Boehm's Chapel Society expresses our appreciation to Darwin Martin of Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society for his interpretation of the Böhm Y-DNA project and guidance in suggesting specific SNP testing. ■

## Church rekindles Staten Island connection after the devastation of Hurricane Sandy

Following the havoc caused by Hurricane Sandy, Boehm's UMC partnered with Covenant UMC, Lancaster, in a "Stuff the Bus" campaign to provide relief items for devastated Staten Island residents.

Staten Island is home to relatives of Alex Cuebas, of Covenant UMC. Tragically, a relative of Alex perished in the freezing cold of the nighttime hours due to the lack of electricity following the hurricane. Alex realized assistance needed to reach Staten Island quickly in order to prevent further tragedies. He contacted Staten Island Assemblyman Mike Cusick and was advised of needed items.

Following an initial trip by Alex to Staten Island, in a rented U-Haul trailer filled with items donated by Covenant UMC, he received a phone call asking if they could do it again. Pastor Chris of Boehm's UMC was contacted and made aware of the urgent need and the joint "Stuff the Bus" campaign was under way.

(Prior to assuming the pastorate at Boehm's, Pastor Chris Eden served Covenant UMC as director of family ministries.)

When the project began, the hope was to fill one school bus



with much-needed supplies ranging from shovels and work gloves to blankets, toiletries, infant formula and diapers.

The need was passed throughout the community via websites, Facebook, word-of-mouth and a large sign positioned at Route 272, within sight of Boehm's Church.

The outpouring was tre-

mendous. In six days, enough supplies were donated to fill not one but two school buses. Donations came from church members and residents throughout the area, some donations arriving by horse and buggy from Boehm's nearby Amish neighbors. Shultz Transportation Co. of Willow Street generously donated the buses.

Boehm's United Methodist Church has a direct connection to Staten Island via native son Rev. Henry Boehm. Henry Boehm was assigned to the Staten Island area in 1835.

He and his wife Sarah Hill Boehm, are buried at Woodrow United Methodist Church, Staten Island, N.Y. Their son, Henry Martin Boehm, became an educator near Richmond, Staten Island and eventually became the Rich-

mond County school commissioner overseeing 24 schools. The house in which he taught was relocated to "Historic Richmond Town," a recreated historic village open to tourists on Staten Island.

PS 55 Staten Island, or Henry M. Boehm School, is named in his honor.

## LESSONS AND CAROLS BRING 'EM IN



Sunday, Dec 2, was a warm, partly sunny day, and that brought out a good audience to participate in the annual Boehm's Chapel Society's "Lessons and Carols." Chapel officials and members of the clergy read Scripture between performances by the string quartet "Serenade" and singing by the congregation.

At right, Dorothy Garboczi, a member of the Chapel board, read from the Bible.

Most people made it to the service in cars, but the Frey family arrived by Gator.

The Freys, Jeff and Sue and children Ross and Clara, own and farm the Martin Boehm farm that sits below the Chapel.



# 100 YEARS AGO AT BOEHM'S

FROM THE METHODIST  
TIMES FEB. 14, 1913  
WEST DISTRICT

Historic Old Boehm's Church, founded in 1791, is blessed with a deep spiritual tone. The spirit of the fathers still prevails. Conversions, a growing spiritual interest and temporal advancements are the pleasing features of this church. The pastor is A.W. Kauffman.

FROM THE CHRISTIAN  
ADVOCATE MAY 29, 1913:

Boehm's Is One of the Old-

est Churches In the Conference, having been founded in 1791 by Martin Boehm, a colaborer of Francis Asbury. Its best days are not in "the good old times," but in the present and future.

A.W. Kauffman is the pastor and by means of class meetings, cottage prayer meetings, together with the regular services of the church, the whole region has been stirred. The Sunday school has been reorganized, a missionary society formed and an increased attendance and interest are observed.

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

Support the preservation and future ministry of Boehms Chapel: <b>BECOME A MEMBER TODAY</b>	
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Please return to:  
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Willow Street, PA 17584

Please remember to return your membership form for 2012-2013.

Membership dues support chapel preservation and programs, aid with newsletter costs and allow us to help support local evangelical outreaches at Rawlinsville Camp Meeting, LUMINA, Homes of Hope and the Evangelical Seminary in Myerstown.



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# RCM prayer meeting set for Chapel

Yes, it's only late winter but there have been plenty of things stirring at, and around, Rawlinsville Camp Meeting.

For the third year, we will be meeting once a month and later, before camp, to pray for the success of this year's camp meeting, the 128th session.

If you have not attended one of the prayer meetings in the past you have missed out on a great blessing.

All meeting times are 7 p.m.

Following is the schedule:

- Sunday, March 24 — Bethesda UMC
  - Sunday, April 28 — Pleasant Grove
  - Sunday, May 19 — Historic Boehm's Chapel
  - Sunday, June 23 — RCM
- The following sessions will be held Monday evenings at RCM:
- July 10, 17 and 24.



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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Following is the report from Chapel Society Executive Director Dolores Myers given in January.

### MEMBERSHIP:

Current membership 152. We received nine new memberships since November, largely due to Dorothy Garboczi's membership gifts to her family members. Society directors need to determine they are not

in arrears with their current membership dues.

### NEWSLETTERS, PUBLICITY, ETC.

The Winter 2012 newsletter was the largest issue to date. Received many compliments on the use and number of photos, many of which were supplied by Pastor Chris Eden.

Ideas for/or directors having interest in submitting articles for the newsletter are always welcome. Thank you to Jim Jolly for the article that was included in the most recent issue.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tony Blair of Evangelical Theological Seminary will be

guest speaker for Heritage Sunday 2013.

I also hope to expand on the pre-service gathering with activities for Boehm descendants. Special music is still needed. I will be happy to take ideas.

We have query out for a special speaker from Landis Valley for a September event.

Advent music is set for 2013. Kudos to Joanne Swords-Wang for going above and beyond to obtain permission to write the music for a Michael W. Smith song I had suggested.

Five weddings on calendar for 2013.

### FLOWER MINISTRY:

Fourteen arrangements sent

since our last meeting on Nov. 19.

### ONGOING PROJECTS:

Continuing work as usual on many current projects including cemetery project, compiling list of all directors since origin of society, etc.

I've begun compiling information and gathering photos of former pastors of Boehm's UMC. If any directors have photos of former pastors or know other churches that may have photos, please let me know.

The year 2016 will be the 225th anniversary of Boehm's. We need to begin planning ahead if there is any desire to compile a church history or other type of special publication. ■