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BOEHM'S CHAPEL SOCIETY

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A double-header day for Boehm's heritage

Annual Celebration event will open with a program on the 300th anniversary of local settlement, followed by worship service led by Bishop Peggy Johnson.

The 29th Boehm Heritage Celebration Sunday will be held June 27.

In commemoration of the 300th anniversary celebration of the Pequea Settlement, the afternoon service will be comprised of two major parts with the public invited to all events.

The afternoon will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of Boehm's United Methodist Church with a presentation on "The 1710 Pequea Settlement: European Roots and Life in

America."

At about 3:30 p.m., the scene moves to the Old Chapel for the annual business meeting of the Boehm's Chapel Society.

Promptly at 4 p.m., the worship service will begin with Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Bishop Peggy A. Johnson as guest speaker.

■ "The 1710 Pequea Settlement," a DVD presentation compiled by local historian, the late Sam Wenger, begins with a

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OBITUARIES

Jane Schultz, a founder of Apple Festival

Jane M. Schultz, who along with Joan Betty, started the annual Boehm's Chapel Apple Festival, died Sunday, April 4 at her home.

She was 87 and lived at 1402 Hollywood Drive.

Jane and her late husband, Bill, were great supporters of the Chapel Society and the work to reconstruct the Chapel.

Jane and Bill were married 58 years before his death in 2007.

In 1993, Boehm's Chapel Society presented its Outstanding Christian Service Award to them during its 12th annual meeting.

At every Apple Festival, Jane and Bill would arrive early with the apple bread baked by members of the congregation at Grandview United Methodist Church.

The bread always went quickly and was usually the first food item to sell out.

Following is part of her

obituary that appeared in the Lancaster newspaper.

Born in Clarks Summit, Jane was the daughter of the late Harry G. and Erie Eber Murphy. Her survivors include: a son, Ned W. husband of Laura Schultz of Los Osos, Calif.; a daughter, Amy J. Schultz, wife of Robert Sherfy, of Lancaster; a daughter, Wendy S. wife of Alan Wubbels, of Williamsburg, Va., a son, Mark H. husband of Maureen Schultz, of West Deptford, N.J.; and a son, Bart R. Schultz, of Richmond, Va. She had 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren

Jane earned a bachelor's degree in journalism at the Pennsylvania State University in 1943, where she served as the first woman editor of The Daily Collegian. Following graduation, she worked as a reporter in Williamsport. She was hired to the staff of the public relations department at Keystone College in La Plume, where



she taught journalism courses. After marrying in 1948, she worked on the Centre Daily Times in State College and later, she and her husband edited the Wyoming County News in Tunkhannock. In 1951, they moved to Lancaster, where her husband joined the Lancaster

Newspapers and later became editor of the Intell.

Jane belonged to Grandview United Methodist Church where she served in many capacities. She and her husband edited the church newsletter for more than 20 years. She was active in the United Methodist Women, Grandview Singers, and the Ruth Circle.

She was active with the Blind Association, Hospice of Lancaster County, where she and her husband were honored as volunteers of the year, the Arch Street Center, HarbAdult, Lancaster County Council of Churches. Together, Jane and Bill Schultz helped to produce newsletters for many local non-profit organizations and for ten summers she and her husband co-hosted a course about newspapers in the Elderhostel program at Black Rock Retreat in Quarryville.

A memorial service was held at Grandview on April 17.

■ At its April meeting, The Chapel Society board voted to present \$5,000 to Grandview United Methodist Church in honor and memory of William and Jane Schultz.

Mary Alice Smith, Chapel supporter

Dr. Mary Alice Smith, 90, of Conestoga, a member and long-time supporter of the Chapel Society with her brother, Leo Smith, died March 7 at Hospice of Lancaster County.

Before her retirement in 1979 she was chair of the Department of Specialized Studies at Lock Haven University.

Her obituary in the Lancaster Newspapers included:

Mary Alice always wanted to be a teacher, dedicating her life to education and becoming a pioneer in Pennsylvania as a special education teacher.

In 1942, she received a bachelor's degree from Millersville University in elementary and early childhood education. Her first job was teaching first through eighth grade at Stone Hill Elementary, a one-room

school house.

During the rest of that decade, she also taught at Highville Elementary, Central Manor Elementary and Milton J. Brecht Elementary.

After earning her Master's degree from Columbia University, she continued teaching at Brecht Elementary with the mildly mentally retarded. In 1953, she accepted a position as the Associate Professor of Education at Lock Haven University.

In 1958, Ms. Smith received her doctorate in education from the Penn State University in elementary education and psychology, becoming Dr. Mary Alice Smith.

Dr. Smith lived her life in the stone house her parents had built. It was across the street

from the general store her family had owned and operated for many years.

Although the store is gone, Dr. Smith believed in keeping the history of Conestoga Center alive. In 1990, she helped to create the Conestoga Area Historical Society by donating its first item, a Conestoga wagon that once welcomed people to her family's general store.

Dr. Smith was a lifelong member of Conestoga United Methodist Church, occasionally serving as guest pianist. On Feb. 29, 2000, Dr. Smith's birthday, Conestoga supervisors declared Mary Alice Smith Day.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Leo G. Smith.

While Dr. Smith does not



leave behind extensive family, she is survived by a legacy of students and colleagues that have been infused with her spirit and perseverance to learn and teach.

Funeral services were held March 10 at Conestoga United Methodist Church. Burial was in the adjoining church cemetery.

■ In her will, Dr. Smith left \$10,000 to The Boehm's Chapel Society.

This husband and wife stand out among early American Methodists

Located approximately 43 miles from downtown Baltimore in Carroll County, Md., the Strawbridge Shrine Association is striving to preserve the memory of Robert and Elizabeth Strawbridge, notable figures in early American Methodist history.

Robert Strawbridge was raised in rural northwestern Ireland in the mid 18th century. It was through the urging of his brother that Robert first heard the zealous preaching of a convert of Wesley. It was this event and his subsequent conviction that unlocked the floodgates within Strawbridge prompting him to go out to proclaim the Gospel.

Facing persecution by proclaiming the word in his predominantly Catholic hometown, Strawbridge felt the need to move away to establish fellowship with like-minded individuals. It was in the western coastal town of Sligo, Ireland where Strawbridge aligned with a group of Methodist converts.

It was during his early ministerial traveling that Strawbridge met and married Elizabeth Piper, a devoted Wesleyan. The couple eventually made their way to the shores of the New World, settling in Carroll County where Robert continued his evangelistic ministry.

When Robert was away spreading the word, Elizabeth came to rely on the help of neighbors to tend her fields and crops. One day in 1764 when neighbor, John Evans had come to aid Elizabeth Strawbridge with the plowing, she spoke to him about the needs of his soul. John Evans accepted Christ and Elizabeth Strawbridge is recognized as leading the first American to the Methodist faith.

In short order, Robert and Elizabeth Strawbridge had formed a Methodist class that met regularly in their home. Members of this first Methodist class in America were John



Shown is the Strawbridge homestead in Carroll County, Md., cared for by the Strawbridge Shrine Assn.

STRAWBRIDGE SHRINE HERITAGE DAYS

The third annual United Methodist Heritage Days will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 19 on the Strawbridge Shrine grounds at 2650 Strawbridge Lane, New Windsor, Md.

The day will celebrate the 250th anniversary of Robert and Elizabeth Strawbridge's arrival in America. Program includes musical groups: In Fellowship, contemporary Christian band, The Mount Zion Church Singers from Annapolis, Md., and

Evans, his wife Eleanor, John's nephew Job Evans and his wife, Nancy Murphy and Mrs. Hoy.

Strawbridge continued to form additional Methodist classes in neighboring homes, eventually feeling the need to erect a log meeting house.

Strawbridge's ministry led him throughout the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and into

The Senior Singers of Carroll County, an ecumenical choir of senior citizens, plus the Liturgical Dancers-Dancers of Praise and God's Girls. The speaker will be Jane Donovan, adjunct professor of religious studies at West Virginia University, editor of the Historians Digest, author of seven books and many articles about United Methodist history.

Bring a picnic lunch or purchase lunch on the grounds. from the Strawbridge United Methodist Church of New Windsor.

Tours of the various buildings will be available during the day.

Pennsylvania, Delaware, Georgetown, D.C., New Jersey and Virginia.

It is reported that in 1781 Robert Strawbridge traveled to Lancaster County to the home of Martin and Eve Boehm, who were known for opening their home to itinerant circuit riders.

Strawbridge is recognized as the founder of the first Soci-

ety of Methodists in America.

The Strawbridge Shrine, comprised of the Strawbridge farmhouse, John Evans' house, a replica of the log meeting house and additional outbuildings, is on 32 acres of the original Strawbridge farmland. Statues of Robert and Elizabeth Strawbridge were erected in 2004 and 2007.

It is necessary to contact Strawbridge curator, Laura Apostol, when you are planning a tour to the shrine. She can be reached by phone at 410-635-2600, e-mail her at faithinpsalm2@hotmail.com or write to her at:

Laura Apostol, Curator
2650 Strawbridge Lane
New Windsor, MD 21776

You can visit their website, www.strawbridgeshrine.org, for photos, upcoming events and many additional facts about the life and ministry of Robert and Elizabeth Strawbridge. A link to the Strawbridge Shrine can also be found on the Boehm's Chapel website.

125 years at Rawlinsville Camp

Boehm's congregation was worshiping in The Chapel in 1885 when the camp put up its first tent, starting a southern Lancaster County tradition.

The year 1885 was a monumental one.

On Feb. 21, President Chester A. Arthur dedicated the Washington Monument. On April 30, the New York State Legislature signed a bill establishing the Niagara Falls State Park. And in June 1885, Bartholdi's modern colossal, "Liberty Enlightening the World" arrived and was being erected—becoming the Statue of Liberty—in the New York Harbor.

In September 1885, the origins of Rawlinsville Camp Meeting were established at a Quarterly Conference held in the Clearfield Methodist Episcopal Church.

From its onset, Rawlinsville Camp has had a monumental impact on the lives of those who gather for spiritual revival under the canopy of trees in southern Lancaster County.

The Rev. William T. Swindells, D.D., presiding elder of the South District, Philadelphia Conference, is credited with the idea to establish a camp meeting in a location convenient to churches in southern Lancaster County.

With the consent of representatives of the Mount Nebo, Boehm's, Quarryville and Fulton circuits, six acres of ground were purchased. Today the campground covers 60 acres.

In 1885, the congregation at Boehm's was still worshiping in the Chapel. The "new" church did not open until 1899.

It is believed that a one-day camp meeting was held in the grove that first year. In 1886, 19 tents were erected and camp was held for seven days under the spiritual direction of Rev. Swindells.

In a article dated September 25, 1886, The Columbia Spy reported, "There were 2,000 vehicles and 8,000 people at the Rawlinsville campmeeting on last Sunday. The converts numbered 51 in every 160."

Notations in an early weekly column "Observed and Noted,"



This is an early photo of campers and their tents at Rawlinsville Camp Meeting.

by Robert B. Risk, mention large numbers of people making their way to Rawlinsville for Sunday camp meeting services. Risk noted seeing every means of transportation, including dogcarts, sulkies, and oxen yoked to hay wagons as well as crowds traveling by horseback and on foot.

Initially, each of the 14 individual churches comprising the four local circuits provided a general tent for use of their members. In the formative years, tents were rented from the Landisville Camp Meeting, which had been established in 1870 to serve Methodists in Lancaster, Dauphin and Lebanon counties. In 1887, 35 tents were erected at Rawlinsville and in 1888, the number rose to 85.

Rev. Swindells made the following comment in his report to the Philadelphia Annual Conference in 1888.

"1888 The Rawlinsville Camp Meeting on Mount Nebo Circuit, Lancaster County,

commencing August 30th and including seven days, was the occasion for a remarkable outpouring of the people. The displays of the Divine Presence were frequent and notable and many people were saved."

Information taken from a postcard gives insight to early camp meeting life in 1889. It reads:

*Rawlinsville Campmeeting
August 28 to September 5,
1889*

Rev. T.B. Neely, D.D.-

Preacher in Charge

Tent Rates for the term

10 x 12, Good Board Floors

-\$4.25

12 x 16, " " " -\$5.50

14 x 20, " " " -\$7.50

*Order for tents must be in
the hands of the Tent Commit-
tee prior to Aug. 14, without fail.*

*BOARD AND MEALS
Breakfast or supper, each*

\$.25

Dinner \$.40

Lodging, per night \$.25

*Board, per week \$5.00
Board & Lodging, per week
\$6.50*

*Access: The nearest Rail-
road Stations are as follows:
C. & P. D. R.R., McCall's Ferry,
five miles; P.B.R.R., Fulton
House-7 miles, Quarryville
R.R., New Providence, five
miles.*

*Lancaster & Rawlinsville
Daily Stage brings passengers
within one mile of the grove. A
stage will run from Rawlins-
ville to the grove.*

*A stage will also be run from
New Providence by Harry
Edwards, at the following
rates: One passenger- \$1.00,
two passengers- \$1.25, three
passengers- \$1.50, four to six
passengers at 40 cents each.*

SUNDAY

*No luxuries will be sold on
the Sabbath. Only necessary
food for man and beast can be
procured on that day.*

*Rev. F.G. Coxson, Mt. Nebo,
PA, President of Association*

Rev. C.B. Johnston, Quarryville, PA, Secretary of Association

On the opposite side of the postcard is listed the program

DAILY PROGRAMME
 6:00 A.M. Rising Bell
 6:30 A.M. Family Worship
 7:00 A.M. Breakfast Bell
 8:30 A.M. Prayer & Experience Meeting
 10:00 A.M. Preaching
 12:00 Noon Dinner Bell
 1:00 P.M. Private Devotion with closed tents
 1:30 P.M. Children's Meeting
 1:30 P.M. Young People's Conference
 3:00 P.M. Preaching
 5:00 P.M. Supper Bell
 6:30 P.M. Young People's Work Meeting
 7:30 P.M. Preaching
 10:00 P.M. Closing Bell
 10:30 P.M. Retiring Bell

RULES DO NOT

*Walk about within the circle during preaching service
 Converse within the circle during preaching service
 Smoke within the circle at any time
 Hitch Horses upon that part of the ground set apart for tenting purposes, but upon the other side of the run*

In 1889 the horse-tying grounds were illuminated by a huge bonfire atop a 6-8 foot high pier. Coal oil torches were used to light the grounds. It was also in 1889 that a much-needed spring was dug for use of the campers.

Recorded in the minutes of the 103rd Session of the Philadelphia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, March 12, 1890 is the following statement about Rawlinsville Camp Meeting.

"The camp meeting in Rawlinsville was considered to be the greatest in its history. It was estimated that were not many less than 100 conversions."

"This Camp Meeting has made a decided impression in that community and its influence is felt for many miles."

The Methodist Church has

always been associated with singing. At the 1892 session of camp meeting, William J. Kirkpatrick of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia was present to lead the music portion of the services.

Throughout the days of camp meeting, Kirkpatrick observed a soloist, whose help he had enlisted, leave immediately after fulfilling his required musical duties without ever staying to hear the preacher. Kirkpatrick feared the young musician did not really know Christ.

While praying that the young man would receive the conviction of the Holy Spirit a song began to take shape in Kirkpatrick's mind. Kirkpatrick composed both the music and lyrics, (based on the story of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15), and asked the soloist to sing the hymn the following evening.

"I've wandered far away from God, Now I'm coming home"

"I need His cleansing blood, I know, Now I'm coming home."
 The young man moved by the lyrics of the song remained in his seat until the conclusion of the evening service. When the preacher extended the altar call, the soloist went to the front and accepted Christ.

Kirkpatrick generally composed music for lyrics written by others. One of Kirkpatrick's best-known tunes is "He HIDETH My Soul," with words written by Fanny Crosby. "Lord, I'm Come Home" is a rare example of Kirkpatrick being inspired to pen both music and lyrics.

Rawlinsville Camp Meeting continued to expand to meet the spiritual needs of southern Lancaster County while strongly adhering to the foundations on which it was established.

An article in The Inquirer dated August 22, 1896 states:

"Camp Now in Progress-History of the Association ITS RAPID GROWTH IN TEN YEARS.

"The eleventh annual Rawlinsville camp meeting is now in full blast, with 168 tents on the grounds. Rev. J.T. Satchell of Duke Street M.E. church, Lancaster, is spiritual director of the meeting and will be assisted by a number of able

CAMP SCHEDULE

This year's camp sessions runs July 26-Aug. 1.

Evangelist Rich Stevenson will preach July 26-Aug. 1, followed by the Rev. Jim Ehrman, Aug 2-8. Bible teachers will be Rev. Sigman, July 27-Aug. 1 and Glenn Spann, Aug. 2-8.

Services under the direction of Wesley United Methodist Church will be held June 8 through July 18, (with the exception of July 4th, the holiday, and July 11, a concert by the The Naval Academy Band).

The Spiritual Life Rally Sunday, July 24 will be led by Bishop Mike Sigman.

The potpie supper will be held by the Ladies Auxiliary July 17.

Hours for takeouts are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., while dinner will be served in the dinning room between 3-7 p.m.

ministers from Philadelphia, Reading, Lancaster and other places."

The article continues on to mention that in the first decade of camp history, a large preacher's stand, a boarding house with second floor sleeping quarters and an attached large annex, a restaurant and a pavilion had been erected on the campgrounds. By 1896 water was carried through the grounds from the spring by iron pipes. The horse pound was fitted with two large watering troughs supplied by a small stream. The article reports the association had also purchased 113 new tents, all of which were 12-by-16 except 10 that were 10-by-12 feet and that all debts contracted from time to time have been promptly paid.

Slowly, minor adaptations were made. Automobiles replaced horse-drawn transportation and trolley service.

Drivers were charged a quarter to park in the old horse grounds. Electricity was introduced, replacing oil and kerosene lamps. The length of camp meeting sessions was increased to 14 days.

Later, a Ladies' Auxiliary was formed to aid with both spiritual and physical rebuilding of the camp meeting. Well-known is its annual potpie sup-

per that began as a fundraiser in 1957 or 1958 to aid with the building of new cottages.

In 1957, cottages began to replace the old tents. Cookman Dunkle, of Bethesda United Methodist Church, is thought to have been the last person to occupy a tent during the 1965 session. Present day cottages number 147 with a 10-15 year waiting list.

A survey taken a few years ago found that about 50 percent of cottage holders were connected with The United Methodist Church. In 1965 approval was given for travel campers.

The person with the longest current attendance at Rawlinsville Camp Meeting is Wayne Winters. He has been attending RCM for 91 years, being brought there as a baby. Several present day cottage holders are able to trace their family attendance back to the opening years of the camp.

The 125th session of Rawlinsville Camp meeting will begin on July 26 and run through Aug. 8.

Co-spiritual directors will be The Rev. Mike Sigman, president of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Myerstown, and a bishop emeritus of the Evangelical Congregational Church, and Rev. Mark Brooks.

Rev. Sigman commented:

"In the course of 125 years, Rawlinsville Camp Meeting has changed to meet the needs of people."

"We've expanded our children's and youth programs. We've added a dynamic pre-school ministry and launched a ministry to young adults. A worship band and team have replaced the traditional brass even as we retained the age-old gospel songs, blending them with 21st century music. Concerts, comedians, carnivals, and late-night softball have been added to the list of 'new traditions.'

"Yet, in the midst of all of these changes, one aspect of Rawlinsville remains unchanged from 1886. The Gospel of Jesus Christ continues to be preached and taught in the power of the Holy Spirit and people of all ages continue to respond to His gift of salvation and holy living."

Heritage: Sunday features two events

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glimpse into the Swiss and German roots of many local Anabaptist families. Narrated by Mr. Wenger and accompanied by classical and period music, the photo tour explores their voyage to America and settlement in Lancaster County.

Families with familiar names like Herr, Mylin, Kendifig, Miller, Bowman, Funk, Gochenauer, as well as many others will be discussed.

Mr. Wenger was scheduled to attend the presentation, but died May 8 while he and his wife were driving in Northumberland County.

Strasburg, West Lampeter and Pequea Township are included in the presentation.

Mr. Wenger had done extensive European research on the local Pequea Settlement families.

Genealogical information and photographs from his European visits are also included.

Mr. Wenger authored several guidebooks covering the early settlements of Lancaster County as well as guidebooks to Anabaptist and Reformed sites in Switzerland.

In addition he published a book on his Landis ancestry, titled "A Combined Landis/Landes Genealogy Report of the Descendants of Hans Landis and Katharina Schinz."

Mr. Wenger's books will be available for purchase in the fellowship hall entry following the services.

The slide presentation will run slightly less than 60 minutes.

■ Elected bishop of The United Methodist Church in July 2008, Bishop Johnson leads nearly 1,000 churches in an area comprised of the Eastern Pennsylvania and Peninsula-Delaware Conferences.

Bishop Johnson grew up in the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Baltimore, Md. After receiving a degree in music education at Lebanon Valley College she taught elementary vocal music in Baltimore County Public Schools for two years. It was during this time she felt a call to ministry, specifically with disabled



The Son-Boehms, a trio comprised of Boehms UM Church members — from left, Sharon McCullough, Brenda McDonald and Kathleen Lesher, — will perform "Find us Faithful" at the Heritage worship.

and deaf persons. After leaving teaching she pursued a Master of Divinity degree at Asbury Theological Seminary where she met her husband, Pastor Michael C. Johnson.

Early in her ministry, Bishop Johnson served a four-point country charge in Frederick, Md., as campus minister for Gallaudet University, (a leader in higher education for deaf persons in Washington, D.C.), and as a co-pastor, with her husband, of Lansdowne United Methodist Church in Baltimore, Md.

In 1988 she was appointed to pastor the historic Christ UMC of the Deaf in Baltimore where she served for 20 years. She earned her Doctor of Ministry degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in 1993.

■ The Foresingers, under the direction of Glenn Lehman, will provide music for the worship portion of the program.

The Foresingers is an ensemble of musicians who

love Mennonite history. The group, which was formed in 1992, stemmed from the desire of Mr. Lehman to understand the type of music sung by his ancestors.

Hymns are chosen from the first two Mennonite hymnals produced in America. One was published in 1803 in Philadelphia/Franconia, the other in 1804 in Lancaster.

The ensemble sings a verse in German and then the same verse in English. The group performs in-unison chant-like hymns and also sings in a harmonized style.

Since its inception in 1992 the Foresingers have performed at historic events, museums and folk festivals in several states and Canada.

In addition they have had two TV appearances in "Jerusalem: the City Touched by God" and "Destination America," both PBS films.

Mr. Lehman grew up at Stumptown Mennonite Church

HERITAGE SUNDAY SCHEDULE

2:30 p.m. -- "The 1710 Pequea Settlement: European Roots and Life in America," DVD presentation in the sanctuary of Boehm's United Methodist Church.

3:30 p.m. -- Annual business meeting of the Boehm's Chapel Society in the Old Chapel.

4 p.m. -- Worship led by Eastern Pa. Conference Bishop Peggy A. Johnson in the Old Chapel.

5 p.m. -- Approximately, a light supper will be served in the fellowship hall of the main church.

in Bird-in Hand, where he sang in quartets and choirs plus led singing at a young age.

He is the organist at Neffsville Mennonite Church and is the executive director of harmonies, a music ministry relating to media and historical research and the promotion of hymn singing.

■ Lawrence Beam of the Canadian Beams will be attending Heritage Sunday and will have a nominal number of copies of "Beam Branches" for sale in the fellowship hall entry way following the services.

■ In addition, The Son-Boehms, a trio comprised of Boehms Church members — Kathleen Lesher, Sharon McCullough and Brenda McDonald — will provide a musical selection titled "Find us Faithful."

■ A light supper will be provided in the Boehm's Church Fellowship Hall following the worship service.

All events are free of charge and open to the public.

All Boehm descendants are asked to please register with Jim Galloway, Boehm historian and honorary lifetime director of Boehm's Chapel Society, prior to the start of the services. Jim will be set up in the small tent outside the chapel.

A love offering will be collected to help with the expense of the meal.

A big thank you to our members

The board of Boehms Chapel Society extends a thank you to our faithful members who offered financial support during 2009-2010.

In spite of the unstable economy the Chapel Society achieved an approximate 10 percent increase in membership renewals and donations.

In addition to helping aid

the preservation of historic Boehm's Chapel, membership dues are used to spread the teachings.

In 2009 the society made donations to several organizations that offer a diversity of programs which reach the saved and unsaved of the community.

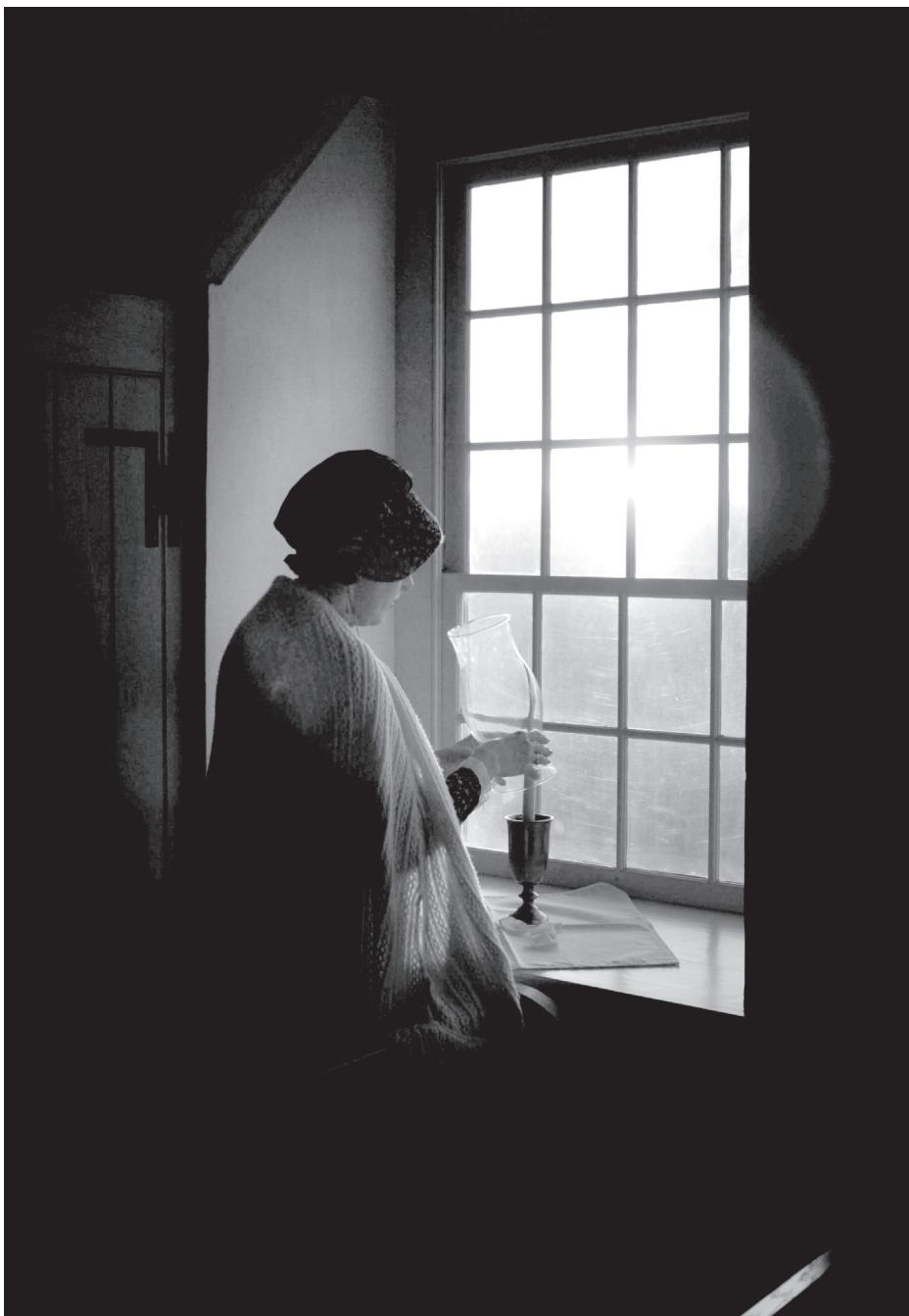
Among those organiza-

tions are Rawlinsville Camp Meeting in southern Lancaster County and Lumina in Lancaster city. The society also sponsored the Wesley Colloquium held at Evangelical Theological Seminary in Myerstown.

Please complete your name, address and choice of membership category on

the renewal card contained within this issue and return in the pre-addressed envelope. The new membership year will run from June 2010 through May 31, 2011.

Note that checks from Canada must indicate U.S. funds or the bank will return the check. A money order in U.S. funds is acceptable.



Docents are needed for tours of the Chapel

For the young and young at heart: Boehms Chapel Society extends an invitation for you to serve as a volunteer docent for tourist season 2010. Serving as a chapel docent requires a minimal amount of time.

Saturday visiting hours are noon-2 p.m. and Sundays, noon - 1 p.m.

Boehms Chapel will be open weekends beginning June 5 and ending Aug. 29.

A script with suggested narration is available for those interested in learning information about the early life of Martin Boehm, his family and their connection with Boehms Chapel.

New docents who are more comfortable showing the 26-minute video of Boehm family history and reconstruction of the chapel may use that means of conveying information to visitors.

This is an excellent way to share the story of Martin Boehm his personal relationship with Christ and the salvation story with friends and visitors.

You can volunteer for even one day, it will be greatly appreciated; two or three will be even better. Please feel free to call Chapel Society Executive Director Dolores Myers at 872-4133 if you are interested in meeting for a training session.

At left, Chapel Society member and former executive director Janice Sherick lights lamps in the Chapel.

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