

News from the Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society

FALL 2002 ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT ST. LUKE'S UCC, TRAPPE, PA

On October 12, 2002 the Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society held its Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Lutheran Historical Society at St. Luke's United Church of Christ at Trappe, Pennsylvania, which was celebrating its 260th Anniversary. It was the first such joint meeting of the two societies and attracted an attendance of about 175 persons.

Opening worship was led by the Rev. James N. Servey, interim pastor of St. Luke's UCC, and by

Dr. Herbert H. Michel, pastor of Old Augustus Lutheran Church. Following worship, there were two lectures concerning the relations of Reformed and Lutheran pastors and people in the 18th Century. The first was presented by Dr. John C. Shetler, Director of Muhlenberg House and Historian of St. Luke's UCC, on the subject, "The Ecumenical Acts of Boehm, Leydich and Muhlenberg in Trappe and the Perkiomen Valley." The second was delivered

by Dr. Charles Glatfelter, Professor of History Emeritus, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on the topic, "The Union Church: Yet Another Look." Dr. Shetler was introduced by the Rev. Martha Kriebel, pastor of Trinity Reformed UCC, Collegeville, PA, and a former colleague of Dr. Shetler on the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference Staff when he was the Conference Minister. Dr. Glatfelter was introduced by Dr. Walter (continued on p. 2)



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Next Annual Meeting To Be Held At Franklin And Marshall College

The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society will hold its next Annual Meeting at 9 a.m. on October 11, 2003, in Miller Lecture Hall (formerly Nevin

Chapel) at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The year 2003 marks the 150th Anniversary of the college as well as the 200th Anniversary of

the birth of John Williamson Nevin, who served as president of Marshall College, Mercersburg, PA, from 1841 to 1853, and then as president (continued on page 2)

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of Franklin & Marshall from 1866 to 1876. These two anniversaries will be honored by the presentation of two lectures, one concerning the history of the college by Dr. Sally Griffiths, historian, and the other on the early life, work and thought of John W. Nevin by Dr. John B. Payne, Diefenderfer Professor of Mercersburg Theology and Professor of Church History Emeritus at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Lunch will be served at the college and in the afternoon after the business meeting there will be a tour of some of the new facilities at the college and of Lancaster Theological Seminary across the street, where the ERHS Archives is housed.

Further details concerning this meeting will appear in the July Newsletter.

Fall Annual Meeting At St. Luke's UCC, Trappe, PA (continued from page 1)

Wagner, the President of the Lutheran Historical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania and a former student of Dr. Glatfelter at Gettysburg College. The two excellent papers were much appreciated by those in attendance. A summary of Dr. Shetler's lecture appears in this newsletter. A summary of the lecture by Dr. Glatfelter will appear in the July newsletter.

After lunch the two historical societies met in separate rooms for their business meetings. The ERHS business meeting is reported in the secretary's minutes included in this newsletter.

In the latter half of the afternoon members of both societies were invited to tour the Muhlenberg House and Old Augustus Lutheran Church. Tours of the Muhlenberg House were led by Dr. Shetler and his wife, Marie. The tour of Old Augustus Lutheran Church was conducted by the pastor, Dr. Herbert H. Michel. In each case the tour guides' lively presentations brought to life the religious history of this area in the 18th Century.

Once again this year the numbers attending the meeting were augmented by tour groups from North Carolina and Missouri. The North Carolina tour was led by the Rev. Larry Bolick, Ms. Ruth Parks and the Rev. Banks Shepherd.

The Missouri tour was led by Ms. Betty Tope and Ms. Lolly Wehrli. We hope the tradition of tour groups coming to our annual meeting from the South and Midwest will continue in the years ahead.

Ecumenical Acts of Boehm, Leydich and Muhlenberg At The Founding of The Nation: A Précis

By John C. Shetler

The year of 1742 was a year of blessing for the village of Providence or Trappe. From the day of its settlement in 1717 there were both Reformed and Lutheran families on the tracts which were part of the Penn grants. Beginning in 1720 John Philip Boehm passed through the village to Falkner Swamp about seven miles away, where he was schoolmaster. At the request of the Reformed people he gave the first German Reformed Communion there on October 15, 1725. Active in the same area an itinerant Lutheran pastor, Caspar Stoever, conducted Lutheran Services in Providence as early as 1729-30.

The Reformed people traveled to Falkner Swamp or Skippack where Boehm was the called pastor. The Lutheran members at New Hanover (another name for Falkner Swamp) and at Trappe during these years appealed to Germany for a regular pastor. The blessing of 1742 was in the fact that having visited and preached in Trappe, Boehm conducted the first communion of the Reformed Congregation in a barn (of John Herpel) on Sunday, November 5, 1742. As a result of the appeals to Germany Henry Melchior Muhlenberg arrived from Halle in Saxony in Philadelphia on November 25, 1742 and preached his first sermon in a barn of the senior deacon in Trappe on December 12, 1742.

Immediately the Reformed and Lutheran members were talking with each other about their pastors and their opportunities. In January Pastor Muhlenberg reports that Reformed men came to talk with him about the possibility of the two new congregations building a church together. After discussing the financial and legal responsibilities, it was decided to each proceed separately but harmoniously. Pastor Muhlenberg records, "There were two ways for us here to go along together, the way of equity and the way of love. If they claimed equity, they must also pay half the costs, or a third of the equity. Since they were few in number, they would not consent to this. So there was left the way of love. If they would help us as neighbors and lend a hand, we would put it all in the records and leave it for our descendents. If in the present generation they were to build a Reformed Church we would help them in return out of love. If their descendants would build a church and request aid of our descendents, they, too would doubtless help and assist them out of neighborly love. With that they were satisfied and we too."

In the first two months that Boehm and Muhlenberg ministered in Providence a wise and grace filled understanding developed between pastors and people. They spoke the same language, came to America for the similar reasons, were church people and not separatists. They both had to deal with independent interloping pastors and had to plant congregations among poor people on a new frontier.

Other important factors that enabled these two pastors and the church families to live together with meaning and trust may be seen in the organizing of the Reformed Coetus (Synod) and Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania. Under the leadership of Michael Schlatter and Philip Boehm the Coetus was organized in Philadelphia in 1747 with Lutheran representatives present. The following year the Lutheran Ministerium was organized under the leadership of Muhlenberg. Both continued their German confession statements. The Ministerium of course had Luther's Catechism. The Coetus adopted the Heidelberg Catechism, principally written by Zacharias Ursinus who was a student at Wittenberg under Philip Melanchthon. This delivered them from the charge of Zwinglianism and testified to the real presence of Christ in the sacrament of Holy Communion. After these events there were many signs in Providence, now called Trappe of good relations between Lutheran and Reformed pastors and members.

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The pastoral responsibilities of Boehm and Muhlenberg were similar. Both were involved in founding and visiting congregations in Berks, Lehigh, Lancaster, Bucks and Lebanon counties. This meant that frequently they were away from their parishes. On such occasions and when the snow was too deep, the streams too high and the mud too deep, one or the other was called to minister for the other's church services or funerals or weddings.

Sometime between January 1st and February 28, 1747 a Reformed neighbor came to Pastor Muhlenberg to make arrangements for his daughter to be married to a young Lutheran man. The Reformed's log church would not be finished until spring or early summer. Pastor Boehm lived at Whitten and could not be present. "On this occasion there was a mixed company present, chiefly of uninvited guests. The bride's parents placed me with our Lutheran and Reformed people in a room by ourselves and left the young people and others in an adjoining room. We sought edification among ourselves and also sang some hymns. The scoffers in the next room began to act like mad, disturbing me and giving no little offense to some of our young people. This grieved me and after admonishing them several times, I went home and others with me. After I had gone, the unruly people did not rest until they had seduced the young people into dancing. Some of the young people I had prepared for the Lord's Supper withdrew and would have nothing to do with the frivolity. The parents of the bridegroom apologized and said they had been unable to do anything to stop it because the shameless people, fearing neither God nor man, would pay no attention to them. They had not been invited."

Both pastors faced the problem of dealing with people who had no place for God or working for the good of the community. In many respects these two Lutheran and Reformed patriarchs were much alike in their approaches. However, the older Boehm looked at the young with a slightly different perspective. Muhlenberg records, "My neighbor, the old Reformed Pastor, Mr. Boehm tells his people 'one can not keep young people tied up in a sack, they must have their fun and dancing has its place too.' "

Pastor Boehm, when returning home from giving Communion in Egypt in Lehigh County, died in the home of his son Anthony in Hellertown on April 29, 1749. A young pastor whom he welcomed into the Coetus, John Philip Leydich, was elected as his successor when he had retired in 1748. Pastor Leydich's ministry extended 36 years, 1748-1784. This period included two wars--the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. During this period the Reformed and Lutheran people lived their lives together. They lived side by side. They married each other. They attended each other's churches. Pastor Muhlenberg speaks of his neighbors: the Ewalds, Petermans, Herpels (Reformed); the Millers, Diehls, Kressmans, Schracks, Marstellars (Lutherans). Some of these names appear in both congregations.

On September 19, 1777, the Continental Army crossed the Schuylkill River and on the 20th camped from Trappe to Evansburg. Pastor Leydich was to have had service in the Reformed Church that day but by a previous commitment he was absent. He had arranged that the Rev. Henry Ernst Muhlenberg, living in Trappe during the war, should conduct the Reformed Service which was the only one in the village on that historic day.

Father Muhlenberg received a letter from Pastor Leydich asking him to conduct services in the Reformed Church on August 9, 1778. The journal says "I preached on Matthew 7:13, 14: 'Enter ye into the straight gate, the broad road leads to destruction and the narrow way to life.' "

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, October 12, 2002

President John Payne called the ERHS Annual Meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. in Moyer Hall of St. Luke's Church.

The Rev. Lawrence Bolick opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the October 13, 2001 Annual Business Meeting were approved as printed in the January 2002 ERHS Newsletter.

President Payne expressed his pleasure with this first joint meeting of the two historical societies and with the excellent attendance increased by two bus tours, one from St. Louis and the other from North Carolina. Reports were presented by the president, the archivist Richard Berg, and the president of the Southern Chapter, Lawrence Bolick. James Mohr presented Lowell Zuck's Eden Archives report and Kenneth Zimmerman gave the treasurer's report. These reports are included in this newsletter.

The Rev. Martha Kriebel and the Rev. Timothy Dugan presented the Nominating Committee Report.

Executive Committee:

President: Dr. John B. Payne
Vice-President: Dr. Lowell H. Zuck
Secretary: The Rev. Mary E. Hutchens
Treasurer: Mr. Kenneth R. Zimmerman
Archivist: The Rev. Richard R. Berg

Directors at Large:

Mr. Dale Bennett	The Rev. Benjamin D. Motz
The Rev. Lawrence R. Bolick	The Rev. Ralph C. Quellhorst
The Rev. Linda Gruber	The Rev. Banks D. Shepherd
The Rev. Robert G. Hunsicker	The Rev. Mark P. Steiner
The Rev. James D. Mohr	

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the slate which was elected by acclamation.

The president presented the election policy which had been approved by the Board of Directors:

1. The term of officers shall be 5 years, renewable once.
2. The term of directors shall be 3 years, renewable twice.
3. The office of archivist is perpetual but is subject to election each year.
4. There shall be two vice presidents, one representing the Eden Archives and the other representing the Southern Conference Historical Society. The representative from the Eden Archives shall be nominated by the Eden Archives Committee and the representative of the Southern Conference Historical Society shall be nominated by that body. Both are to be elected at the ERHS Annual Meeting.

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A motion to adopt this policy was made and received a second. The discussion on the motion brought up the matters of membership requirements, of how the by-laws are related to the new policy, and of the need for the classes of nominees to be staggered. When the vote was taken, the proposal passed overwhelmingly. The president noted that the paper ballots received, though few in number, were likewise largely in favor of the new policy.

After further discussion concerning the issue of the relation of this policy to the by-laws, Linda Gruber proposed that this matter be studied. By consensus the members present responded favorably to this proposal. It was moved and seconded that the by-laws be distributed to the membership. It was moved and seconded that the current by-laws be placed on the ERHS web site and that the president appoint a sub committee to study the by-laws and report to the members at the 2003 Annual Meeting at Franklin & Marshall College.

The Rev. James Mohr offered the benediction and the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mary E. Hutchens, Secretary

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors, October 11, 2002

The board was convened at 3:30 p.m. at the Hampton Inn in Phoenixville, Pa. with an opening prayer by President Payne. Present were: Dale Bennett, Richard Berg, Lawrence Bolick, Linda Gruber, Robert Hunsicker, Mary Hutchens, John Payne, Banks Shepherd, Kenneth Zimmerman, and Lowell Zuck.

The minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting on October 13, 2001 in Salisbury, NC were received as printed in the January 2002 newsletter. The minutes of the April 5, 2002 Executive Committee meeting in Lancaster, PA were also received.

President's Report: He extended a welcome to all. He noted the arrival of the tour groups from North Carolina and St. Louis and a registration of nearly 170 members of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society and the Lutheran Historical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania. In addition to his written report, he announced that he will be attending a meeting of the UCC Historical Council next week. (He found himself unable to attend, but Vice-President Lowell Zuck did attend that meeting). He announced that the new UCC Archivist is Bridgette Kelly.

Archivist Report: He lifted up from his written report his attempt to obtain records of the National Missions Board of the E & R Church and the efforts of the staff to organize the collections to secure records of pastors and churches of E & R background. He pointed out the use of our collection by several scholars working on important projects. He noted the need for more

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volunteers for carrying out many tasks in the archives including the organizing of personal and denominational records. An important software tool for such a project has been purchased which he described in detail in his report.

Southern Chapter: Lawrence Bolick, president of the chapter, in his report noted that the Rev. Banks Shepherd "was recognized for his many years" as president of the chapter. He noted that there are two churches which are celebrating special anniversaries in 2002: Flint Hill UCC, Sophia, NC (75 years) and Pleasant Cross UCC, Asheboro (125 years); and in 2003, Peace UCC, Greensboro (100 years); Memorial UCC, Lexington (50 years); and New Friendship UCC (50 years). He reported that about 40 persons were traveling on the tour this year.

Eden Archives: Lowell Zuck reported that Webster University will be moving to a new facility which will allow Eden full use of the Luhr Library building. The archives will be moved to a new location in the building. The Deaconess Archives has been moved to the Luhr Library, adjacent to the Eden archives. Ms. Val Detjen continues as Assistant Archivist and Lowell Zuck as Senior Research Consultant. He noted with pleasure the tour group from Missouri which has come to the ERHS Annual Meeting for the second straight year.

Treasurer's Report: Kenneth Zimmerman presented his report of profit and loss and the balance sheet as of September 30, 2002. The report in this newsletter gives the financial picture as of December 31, 2002. Both reports indicate a drop in income mainly due to investments. In connection with this report the importance of raising awareness of the need and of funds was discussed.

The budget for the year 2003 was placed before the board by Kenneth Zimmermann. After his motion and its second by Robert Hunsicker, the Board voted to accept this budget.

John Payne presented the program for the Annual Meeting to take place the next day at St. Luke's UCC and announced the one for the October 11, 2003 meeting at Franklin & Marshall College. He noted that a very limited number of ballots dealing with the issue of term limits had been received.

It was announced that Sheldon Mackey was very ill and that he was undergoing surgery.

It was reported that Trinity Reformed UCC, Collegeville will serve dinner to the two tour groups on Saturday evening and that others wishing to share in the meal are invited.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Mary E. Hutchens, Secretary

Report of the President October 2002

After an excellent annual meeting last year at Catawba College, Salisbury and First Reformed United Church of Christ, Lexington, NC, we anticipate a splendid one this year at St. Luke's United Church of Christ, Trappe, Pennsylvania. We are very pleased to be taking part in St. Luke's 260th Anniversary Celebration and to be meeting for the first time with the Lutheran Historical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania as we share in a program of mutual interest to both societies, "Relations between Reformed and Lutheran Pastors and People in Eighteenth-Century Pennsylvania." For such a program we are fortunate to have two most knowledgeable presenters, Dr. John C. Shetler and Dr. Charles Glatfelter. At the annual business meeting the Society will be discussing and voting on the proposal to adopt term limits for officers and members of the Board of Directors.

Attendance will be expanded not only by members of the Lutheran Historical Society but also by two UCC bus tours which are coming once again to the meeting, one from North Carolina and the other from Missouri. The tour from North Carolina which is sponsored by the Southern Chapter of the Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society, is being led by the Rev. Lawrence Bolick, Ms. Ruth Parks and the Rev. and Mrs. Banks Shepherd. The leaders of the tour from Missouri are Ms. Lolly Wehrli and Ms. Betty Tope. We are delighted that they have planned these tours around the annual meeting of the ERHS and we hope that they continue to do so.

As you will have noticed, we adopted a new format for the summer newsletter made possible by the purchase of new software with the grant received last year from the Arcadia Foundation. We regret that the ballot concerning change in election policy was placed in the same space on the one side of the page as the luncheon reservation form on the other side of the page. We welcome suggestions for any items to be included in the newsletter.

The Archives continues to be frequented by persons conducting research--genealogical, academic and congregational. At least two young scholars examined materials for their doctoral dissertations this past summer, one of them for the second summer. In August I welcomed a group of Japanese students studying on a summer exchange program at Ursinus College. This has been an annual event for many years.

Nancy Rainey, the administrative assistant in the archives, and Dianne Russell, the research assistant, continue to provide excellent service to our patrons. The Rev. Mary Hutchens, secretary of the society, has been performing valuable service as a volunteer, sorting, discarding and filing church records. The number of research requests by mail has remained relatively the same this year as last, but the number by phone and by e-mail has decreased. In all, however, the e-mail requests exceed those by either mail or phone both of the last two years.

As the report of the treasurer indicates, the financial state of the Society has been affected by decreases in revenue from investments. The rate of return for both savings and securities is considerably lower this year. Of course, this is no surprise given the present state of the financial

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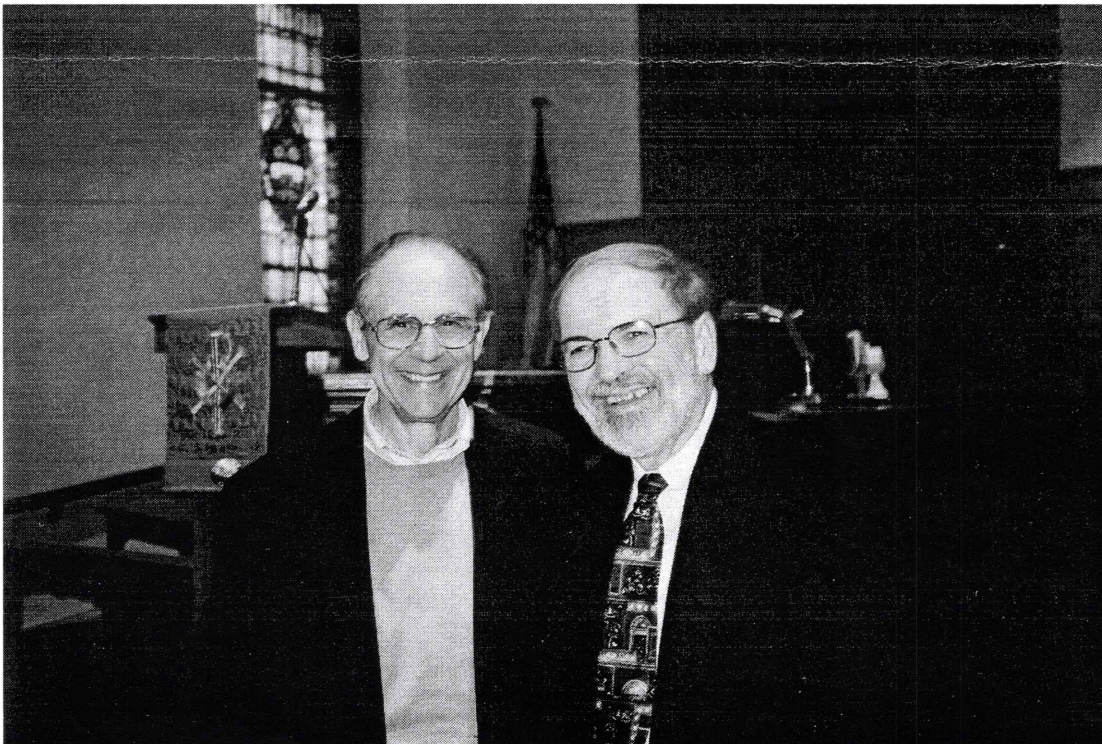
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markets. Unfortunately, the Society does not have a large nest egg and we operate on a rather tight budget. Thus, any loss of revenue of this magnitude rather adversely affects our financial position. We stand therefore in need of increased support. I would strongly urge the members to encourage more persons, congregations, associations and conferences to join the Society and to make gifts if they are able.

Next year's meeting will take place at Franklin & Marshall College, which will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 2003. That year is also the 200th birthday of John Williamson Nevin, who was the first president of this society and the second president of Franklin & Marshall College (1866-1876). To honor these two anniversaries there will be two lectures, one by Dr. Sally Griffiths, who is writing a history of the college, and the other by your president, who is conducting research for a theological biography of John W. Nevin.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Payne, President



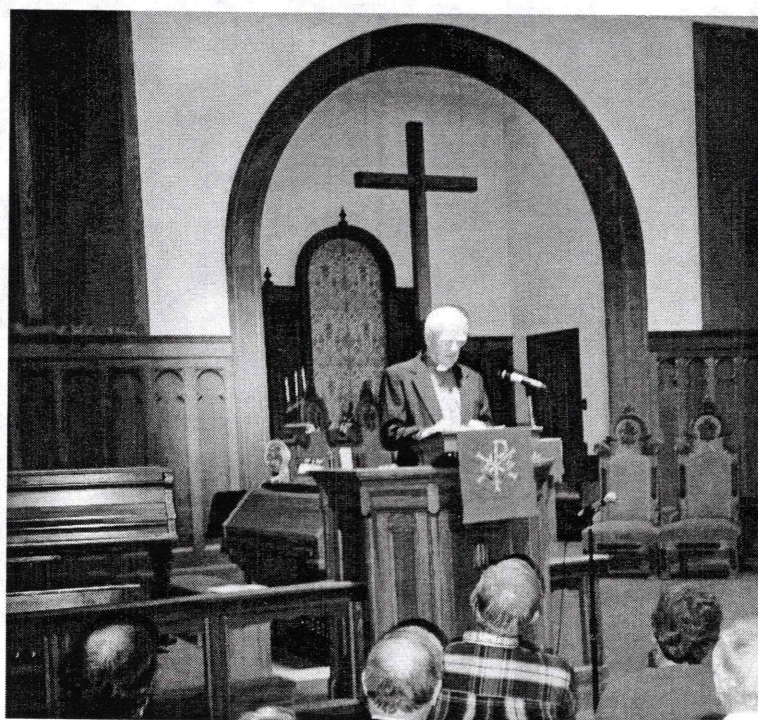
Dr. Walter Wagner (left), President of the Lutheran Historical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania and Dr. John Payne (right), President of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society.

Ecumenical Acts of Boehm, Leydich and Muhlenberg (cont. from p. 4)

Not all the assistance was given to the Reformed people. The good relations between the Lutherans and Reformed brought them together at the most difficult times of life. General Peter and his wife, Anna Barbara Meyer lost their little son when they were in Trappe. Father Muhlenberg was so distraught he thought he could not conduct the service alone. Reformed Pastor Leydich stood at the open grave with the family and committed the soul to Christ and the body to the Augustus earth.

"On Friday, January 23, 1784, in the downpour of heavy rain, I had to bury a deceased Reformed widow in the Reformed church yard, and I preached a funeral sermon in her church on Eccles. 41:2 'O death, acceptable is thy sentence.' Her name was Agnes, she was born in Flomborn in the Palatinate on December 25, 1693. She was married to Ludwig Ewald (founding deacon of St. Luke's Church) on February 14, 1718. In 1733 they came to this country and settled here in Providence, rearing eight children, of whom one son and one daughter are living. Her age was 91 years, one month less several days." Their daughter Anna Maria Ewald, a Reformed, married Andrew Miller, a Lutheran. Andrew Miller was a bellows maker who supplied iron furnaces during the Revolution. Their home then is what is now owned by St. Luke's Reformed Church, United Church of Christ and leased to the Historical Society of Trappe.

The days of the Lutheran and Reformed pastors and people who lived in Providence at the founding of the nation were filled with examples of strong faith in Christ, ecumenical acts of grace and patriotic deeds that reveal here a community of persons who were baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They planted and developed strong churches and firmly participated in establishing a new nation with the highest principles of any nation thus far established.



Dr. John C. Shetler delivers this lecture at the Fall 2002 Annual Meeting in Trappe, PA.

Report from the Archivist Richard Berg

If archives remain in boxes, never seeing the light of day, the question could be asked, "Why keep all of this material?" One purpose of an archives repository is to collect and preserve material but an even more important purpose is making the material available to researchers--to have the archives used. The Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society takes these purposes seriously as we actively collect, preserve, and make available the records of the Reformed and E & R churches, their leaders, clergy and missionaries.

In the area of collecting, we continue to seek the records of closed churches, which are important sources of genealogical and historical information. In addition we pursue records related to the various judicatories of both the Reformed and E & R churches which document the history of those bodies and their witness in the world, likewise we seek the papers of individual leaders, clergy and missionaries of both denominations to document the life, work, influence, dedication, and faith of these "saints" of the church. We are attempting to locate and obtain the records of the Board of Ministerial Relief of the E & R Church, particularly the listing of annuitants. These records, except for some minutes, are not currently in the ERHS.

Preserving records includes organizing them, housing them in proper archival folders and boxes, and making any necessary repairs. Unfortunately, with our limited part-time staff, we are unable to complete as much of this work as we would like. However, thanks to some loyal volunteers, particularly Mary Hutchens and George Parrish, progress is being made. Without volunteers we would not be able to prepare the collections for use by the public. Colin Williams, historian for First Reformed, Lancaster, has also been a good friend to ERHS, donating an 11-volume set of the church's records which he transcribed from originals, along with other material. More volunteers are needed, particularly as we hope to begin a joint project with the Philip Schaff Library of Lancaster Theological Seminary to sell duplicated donated books through the Internet.

With the society's presence on the Web, many other Web sites have created links to the ERHS. Many more inquiries are coming by email than by phone, mail or personal visits. Dianne Russell continues to provide most of the genealogical research and probably knows the collection better than the rest of us. Without a large book budget, we are unable to purchase as much as would be helpful. This presents you an opportunity to make contributions (in addition to memberships) to help purchase books in honor or memory of a loved one, to celebrate a church's anniversary, or to honor a pastor.

A step in automating the organization of our collections and memberships began with the purchase of the museum and archival software "Past Perfect," which enables us to enter records for all archival collections, objects and photographs which will then be searchable by name, subject, and keyword. In addition, the software contains a membership component to record donations and renewals. Nancy Rainey, office manager, is able to keep more accurate membership records as well as the ability to sort and print active member mailing labels. In addition to membership, Nancy also handles all accessions. Hopefully you have noticed the change in the appearance of the Newsletter which Nancy has also worked on using a new software program, Microsoft Publisher. This give us the ability to use pictures and graphics to improve the page layout and look of the Newsletter.

In addition to overseeing the work of Nancy and Dianne, I have arranged some collections, presented workshops at North Penn Association of Penn Southeast Conference, the Family History Conference in Lancaster, and the annual meeting of Penn Central Conference. I do not get to as many churches as I would like due to time constraints and my work at Lancaster Theological Seminary, however, if your church needs help with their records or your Association would like a workshop on local church records, please contact me at 717-290-8704 or by e-mail at Rberg@lts.org.

ERHS Southern Chapter Annual Meeting Will Be April 5, 2003 in Greensboro, NC

The Southern Chapter of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting on April 5, 2003 at Peace United Church of Christ, 2714 Market Street, Greensboro, NC. The meeting will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Peace UCC.

Registration will take place at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and last until 12 noon. To preregister please call Peace UCC at (336-299-8553) by March 31, 2003, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and ask for Sherry.

Southern Chapter Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society Report

The Southern Chapter of the Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society met on Saturday, April 20, 2002 at First Reformed United Church of Christ, High Point, NC. A program on the history and ministry of First Reformed UCC was presented by the pastor, the Rev. Don Stevenson. First Reformed Church was organized as a mission church in High Point on March 24, 1901, with 19 charter members. The organizing pastor was the Rev. Jacob C. Leonard of Lexington. Construction on the sanctuary began on May 31, 1901, and the first service was held on August 18, 1901, with 19 charter members. Of particular interest was the recent organization on the West End Ministry and West End Ministry Association supported by English Road Baptist Church, First Reformed UCC and Rankin Memorial United Methodist Church. First Church houses the Thrift Center and rents a portion of their building to a newly organized Episcopal Church. After lunch the society members had a tour of the Thrift Center and were able to make purchases. During the business meeting Rev. Banks Shepherd was recognized for his many years as President of the Society.

Elected as officers for 2002 through 2003 were the following: President, Rev. Larry Bolick; Vice-President, Ms. Ruth Parks; Secretary, Rev. Harold Hoste; Treasurer, Mrs. Eulene Shepherd; and Librarian, Rev. Nelson Weller. (All these officers except for the treasurer and librarian will serve two-year terms.) This begins a rotation of officers so that officers can only serve three terms.

The annual Fall bus Trip was October 7-14 to attend the annual ERHS meeting at St. Luke's UCC at Trappe, PA. There were stops along the way at Lake Prince UCC Retirement Home, Suffolk, VA; First UCC, Hampton, VA; Yorktown Victory Center; Eastern Shore; Natural Wildlife Refuge Center; Ocean City, Maryland; New Castle, Delaware; Wilmington, Delaware; Valley Forge National Historical Park; Ursinus College; Trinity UCC, Collegeville; Emmanuel (Baust) UCC, Westminster, Maryland, then back home to North Carolina. Serving as host and hostesses for the trip were: Rev. Larry Bolick, Ms. Ruth Parks, Rev. and Mrs. Banks Shepherd and Rev. and Mrs. Harold Holste. There were approximately 40 persons who traveled this year.

The society recognized two UCC churches, which are celebrating special anniversaries in 2002. They are Flint Hill UCC, Sophia, North Carolina on their 75th Anniversary and Pleasant Cross UCC, Asheboro, North Carolina on their 125th Anniversary. These churches were recognized at the Western North Carolina Association Meeting on October 15, 2002 at Mt. Hope UCC, Whitsett. Churches celebrating special anniversaries in 2003 are: Peace UCC, Greensboro, 100th; Memorial UCC, Lexington, 50th; and New Friendship UCC, Lexington, 50th.

Southern Chapter Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society Report (cont. from p. 11)

The annual meeting of the Southern Chapter will be on April 5, 2003 at Peace United Church of Christ, Greensboro to help celebrate their 100th Anniversary.

Annual membership dues in the Southern Chapter of ERHS for individuals is \$10 and for churches and institutions is \$50. Lifetime membership for an individual is \$150 and a lifetime membership for churches is \$500. Send to: Southern Chapter ERHS, P.O. Box 294, Faith, NC 28041.

Submitted by Rev. Lawrence R. Bolick, President of Southern Chapter
 Rev. Banks Shepherd, Past President

Eden Archives Report

The work of the Eden Archives continues in the midst of radical renewal efforts throughout the campus, including a new central quadrangle with a continuous fountain display.

The front entrance to the Luhr Library has been opened toward Lockwood Ave. and we await relocation of the Archives near that entrance in the center of the Library building.

Ms. Val Detjen continues as Assistant Archivist and Lowell Zuck as Senior Research Consultant. Since the Deaconess Archives have been moved from the former hospital building to a room adjacent to the Archives in the Library building at Eden, we look forward to additional service to a nearby Evangelical church and charitable agencies in the future.

At present our facilities are overcrowded, and we are looking forward to the time at the end of this school year when the completion of the beautiful new Emerson Library of Webster University very near us will require the removal of Webster materials to their new Library and completion of occupation of the Luhr Library by Eden Seminary.

While Eden looks forward to more room and better use of the whole Luhr Library by the Eden community, Laura Rein, the present Eden-Webster Librarian, will continue as the new Webster Librarian, and we are pleased that she and her husband are active UCC church members. Cooperation between Eden and Webster in library facilities remains excellent.

The Eden Archives continues to be supervised by a Board/Seminary related Archives committee chaired by Ms. Dee Mehl, and enjoys also a UCC MO Conference Heritage committee chaired by the Rev. Dr. Robert Baur. In the latter connection, we are pleased to have present a bus full of local people visiting Eastern PA for a second year Fall heritage Tour led by Ms. Lolly Wehrli, Ms. Betty Tope and others.

In addition to caring for reception of new Archives acquisitions, the staff of the Archives answers many requests and receives many visitors (including a visiting German Westphalia church choir in the near future). Especially via the Internet we continue to be amazed from what distances inquiries come to us.

Thus the Eden Archives is attempting to be of service to the former Evangelical Synod, the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, the United Church of Christ. And all others who find our services useful.

Respectfully submitted, Lowell H. Zuck

Myron E. Wolf In Memoriam

Myron E. Wolf, long-time treasurer of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society and business manager and vice president of business at Lancaster Theological Seminary, died on Friday, January 31, 2003. He served as treasurer of the Historical Society from 1975 through 1998, providing 24 years of outstanding, faithful service. He was business manager at the Seminary from 1965 to 1987, serving ably and loyally under five presidents.

He also served the church in several different capacities. He was a life member of St. Luke's United Church of Christ, Lancaster, where he held positions as deacon, church school superintendent and elder. For four years he was treasurer and chairman of the nominating committee for Lancaster Association of the United Church of Christ. He was a delegate to the Seventh General Synod and served on the budget committee of the Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ.

He was also a member of several community organizations, including Lancaster Rotary, in which he served as president in 1970. He represented the Rotary International District 739 as district governor's zone representative from 1974 to 1975 and served as district secretary-treasurer from 1981 to 1982.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Arlene Schmid Wolf, and two brothers.

He will be remembered by the officers and members of the society who knew him not only as an able treasurer but also as a gracious human being.

Sheldon E. Mackey In Memoriam

The Reverend Dr. Sheldon E. Mackey, an outstanding leader in the former Evangelical & Reformed Church and the United Church of Christ, died on Friday, November 22, 2002.

He served from 1953 to 1956 as assistant to Dr. James E. Wagner, President of the Evangelical & Reformed Church and then as the Secretary of the Evangelical & Reformed Church (1956), before becoming co-Secretary of the United Church of Christ from 1957 to 1961. He was the first Executive Secretary of the former Stewardship Council of the United Church of Christ from 1961 to 1979.

In his earlier career he was a local pastor first at St. John's Evangelical & Reformed Church, Orwigsburg, PA (1939-1944), then at Second Evangelical and Reformed Church, Reading, PA (1944-1950), and at First Evangelical & Reformed Church, Sunbury, PA (1950-1954).

He served on the Boards of Directors of Ursinus College, Lancaster Theological Seminary and the Mercersburg Society.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Springer Mackey, four sons, a daughter, a stepdaughter, the Rev. Linda Springer Gruber, who is a member of the ERHS Board of Directors, nine grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

A celebrative memorial service honoring Dr. Mackey's life was held Sunday, December 8, at First United Church of Christ, Reading, PA.

EVANGELICAL REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROFIT/LOSS 2002

Ordinary Income

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL-UCC		\$	2,906.00	
CONFERENCES				
Penn Central	\$	550.00		
Penn West	\$	99.00	\$	649.00
ASSOCIATIONS				
Hudson Mohawk	\$	50.00		
Lancaster	\$	1,600.00		
Susquehanna	\$	50.00	\$	1,700.00
MEMBERSHIPS			\$	3,590.25
HISTORICAL COUNCIL CAMPAIGN			\$	1,613.50
INTEREST-SAVINGS/TEMP INVEST			\$	1,214.42
VISITOR FEES			\$	345.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME			\$	2,363.83
GIFTS/CONTRIBUTIONS				
Church of the Apostles - Lancaster	\$	500.00		
St. John's - Phoenixville	\$	500.00		
Mary & John Sneff	\$	500.00		
Emanuel Reformed	\$	450.00		
Faith UCC - Lancaster	\$	280.00		
David Nussman	\$	200.00		
St. Andrew UCC - Lancaster	\$	150.00		
C. Richard Beam	\$	100.00		
Dale & Lucille Bennett	\$	100.00		
J. R. Siphron	\$	100.00		
Elvin Groff	\$	50.00		
John Payne	\$	50.00		
Mrs. Horace Sills	\$	50.00		
Roger & Frances Wentz	\$	50.00		
Others (less than \$50)	\$	35.00	\$	3,115.00
DIVIDENDS-SECURITIES			\$	5,560.47
RESEARCH SERVICES			\$	888.80
PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES			\$	210.11
MEMORIALS			\$	225.00
BOOK SALES			\$	87.00
Total Ordinary Income			\$	24,468.38

EVANGELICAL REFORMED HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROFIT/LOSS 2002

Expense

SUPPLIES		\$	919.87
PRINTING		\$	1,448.69
BOOK PURCHASES		\$	287.24
POSTAGE		\$	1,224.90
TELEPHONE		\$	862.91
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE		\$	1,447.50
MEETINGS & TRAVEL		\$	2,524.66
INSURANCE		\$	1,270.00
PAYROLL			
FICA employer tax	\$	1,262.82	
Gross wages	\$	15,268.00	
Medicare	\$	295.34	
Other	\$	5,100.00	
		\$	21,926.16

Total Expense

\$ 31,911.93

Net Ordinary Income

\$ (7,443.55)

ARCADIA FOUNDATION-withdrawals

\$ (6,257.12)

Profit/Loss

\$ (13,700.67)

BALANCE SHEET 12/31/2002

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

CHECKING/SAVINGS

Petty Cash	\$40.00
Farmers First Bank	\$2,503.65
Salomon Smith Barney	\$34,843.00
Prudential Money Market	\$0.12

\$37,386.77

SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS

Northwest Savings Bank - CD	\$5,645.14
Farmers First Bank - CD	\$8,000.00

\$13,645.14

LONG TERM INVESTMENTS

Vanguard Wellington Fund	\$1,008.00
United Church Foundation	\$55,000.00
Zweig Trust Fund	\$15,000.00
High Income Opportunities Fund	\$34,240.63

\$105,248.63

MARKET VALUE

\$3,094.56
\$59,894.90
\$9,410.96
\$24,042.95

\$96,443.37

Total Long Term Investments

TOTAL ASSETS

\$156,280.54

LIABILITIES

EQUITY

Opening Bal Equity	\$102,836.96
Retained Earnings	\$67,085.14
Net Income	(\$13,641.56)
Total Equity	\$156,280.54

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

\$156,280.54

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