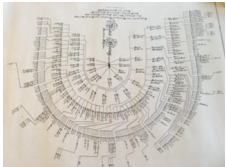




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Events
This Year



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August 23-25, 2024

Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge, KS

PROGRAM



From our 150th Chairperson

Joshua obeyed God when he was told to build monuments. And what was the reason for the monuments? The translation in The Message tells us “This was so that everybody on earth would recognize how strong GOD's rescuing hand is and so that you would hold GOD in solemn reverence always.

Joshua 4:24 (The Message)

For nearly 2 ½ years we have been thinking about how best to commemorate the 150th anniversary of our ancestors arrival in the United States. We have listened to lectures and watched historical movies and plays. We've watched plowing with horses and beating wheat with flails. We've appreciated the beauty of quilts and we've hunted through genealogy records. We've built a sculpture and sung hymns. The journey has been a joy. May it also be a remembrance of God's rescuing hand.



Danielle Goering



FIELDS OF HOPE symbolizes the breaking into the earth to plant the Turkey Red wheat brought to the new land, a piece of their past and hope for a future in the new community. The stalks of wheat stand as the center of the piece, symbolizing crops that have waved across the Kansas plains for many years. The dove with an olive branch perched atop the grasses, honors the commitment to work for peace and social justice begun by the ancestors and lived out today.

In 2023, the Moundridge Arts Council received a Masterworks McPherson County Foundation Grant for community beautification. The Council partnered with Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association to construct an art piece that would commemorate the sesquicentennial celebration of the Swiss Mennonite migration to Moundridge, Kansas. Ann Zerger and Chip Parker of Prairie Works Designs, Inc., and Swiss Volhynian Mennonite descendants, were commissioned to create the project. See the sculpture at Redbud and Christian Avenue at the north end of Moundridge.



The Moundridge Immigrant House Cultural Center & Museum

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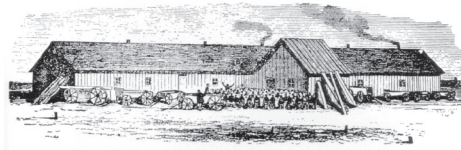
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HERITAGE

for Future Generations



Drawing depicting life in the Immigrant House



Drawing depicting the original Immigrant House



Artist conception of Immigrant House Cultural Center & Museum

Visit the booth in the Church commons area for more information on how you can help on this project.



Schweitzers and Friends Celebration

Friday, August 23, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Welcome—LaVern Stucky, President of Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association (SMCHA)

Mistress of Ceremonies Cindy Bartel

Keynote Address—"The Use of Memory" - Dr. Wynn Goering

Wynn Goering grew up on a farm that was literally in Moundridge. A graduate of Moundridge High School and Bethel College, he earned masters and doctoral degrees at the University of Chicago. Wynn farmed with his father and taught English at Chicago, McPherson, and Bethel before becoming Bethel's academic dean in 1991. He served twenty years at the University of New Mexico. Wynn currently serves as chair of Bethel College's Board of Directors. Wynn and his wife Ardie live in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and also manage the Pine Creek Farm in Marion County, Kansas.



Singing 150 Years of Schweitzer Mennonite Heritage

Dr. Austin McCabe Juhnke and Dr. William Eash, Accompanist Matthew Graber

This participatory musical event will highlight the ways song has shaped our senses of heritage and belonging in an American context. Austin McCabe Juhnke (Assistant Professor of Musicology, Ohio State University) will lead attendees through a music-historical journey centering on Schweitzers' American heritage as experienced in song.



William Eash (Professor Emeritus of Music, Bethel College) will lead hymn singing. A native of Ohio, Dr. Eash graduated with a music performance degree from Bluffton (Ohio) University, followed by vocal study at the Hochschule fur Musik und darstellende Kunst in Vienna, Austria. His interest in hymnology has led him to conduct hymn sings and hymn leading workshops in many other states.



Saturday, August 24, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

Welcome, Danielle Goering, chairperson of the 150th Celebration

8:00 a.m. (and 2nd showing at 12:30 p.m.)

“Schweitzers Talking” Readers Theater. A cross-generational dialogue based on (probably) true and (mostly) entertaining stories told by Schweitzers. Conceived and directed by John McCabe-Juhnke. Featuring the dramatic talents of Jerod Kaufman, John McCabe-Juhnke, Leann Toews, Julianna Schrag Kaufman, Aaron Tschetter, Karin Kaufman Wall.

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Children’s Activities 9-11:30, 1:30-3:00. Indoors and outdoors. Play and learn about the lives the Greats might have experienced. Rm 100. At 9:00 “One Old Cat”, a precursor to the game of base ball, on the lawn south of the church, thanks to Cory and Rex Harrison. All ages welcome.

9:00-10:00 - Seminars (choose one)

1 —Anabaptist Beginnings: Committed to Following Jesus—We must never forget that without the 16th-century Anabaptists there would be no Swiss Volhynian Mennonites. This seminar will focus on the Swiss Anabaptist leaders, their beliefs, their actions, and their persecution. —Dale Schrag

Sanctuary

2 —Travels to Ancestral Lands—Panelists will share their experiences traveling to places where our ancestors lived—maps and photos in Switzerland, Palatinate along the Rhine River, Montbeliard, Poland, Ukraine. Patricia Goering Smith, Eugene and Waneta Goering, Jerry Juhnke, Wayne Goering, Kathy Goering.

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3 —The Land We Came To - What could we learn if we studied the land and the peoples on the land we came to? How were Indigenous homelands stewarded for centuries before our people's arrival? What might their land management teach us about their values and lifestyles that might be useful to us today? - Rayleen Hinz--Penner

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***All parts of the Celebration are recorded and included on the www.swissmennonite.org website for us to enjoy in the future.**

***Photo-journalist Dan Kliewer** has photographed many events during the year and this Celebration. These and all seminars will be published later on swissmennonite.org for viewers and will serve as a summary archive.

***Immigrant Graves.** Gib Burgan has marked graves of the 1874 immigrants at cemeteries at Hopefield, Eden, First Mennonite of Christian, Kingman, Pretty Prairie, Burrton, Halstead, Burns, West Zion, Mound Township, Salem and Salem Zion in Freeman, South Dakota. Pick up a list of the immigrants and grave locations at the Welcome Table.

***Hopefield Church** will be open for tours or visitation Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Church members will be present to assist and answer questions. Cookies, bottled water, and lemonade will be available in the basement for visitors.

***A Collection of Stories: Preserving Our Mennonite Heritage,** stories edited by Brian Adams and his daughter Casey Adams, will be digitized and available to be viewed or downloaded on the website listed under “Presentations and Articles of Interest.”

***Vans** were provided by Gabe Goering of Midway Motors, McPherson, and Pine Village Retirement Community in Moundridge.

Thank you for donations given to meet Celebration expenses.

SMCHA Board: LaVerne Stucky, Ron Preheim, Frank Stucky, Nancy Stucky, Kathy Preheim, Rick Krehbiel, Eugene Goering, Keith Albrecht, Roy Kaufman, Carol Voran, Jenny Schrag, Jocelyn Graber Kasitz, Nan Bergen.

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Fran Stucky, Sami Doane, Jill Zerger, Glen Goering, Peter Graber, Nathan Graber, Kyle Neufeld, Ian Smith, Kylie Goering, Lynette Allen, Candy Unrau, Bev Hasan, Kristin Kaufman, Mary Kay Stucky, Mitch Kaufman, Rick Krehbiel.

- Ukraine: Professor Matt Cotton

- A Century of Mennonite Quilts:

Donna Zerger, Carla Shilts, Donna Stucky, Jay Goering, Linda Goering, Richard Zerger, Russ Stucky, Joe Zerger, Eric Schrag, Peter Preheim.

- Moundridge Arts Council Memorial Sculpture: Ann Zerger and Chip Parker and Berni Kaufman, Todd Vogts, Betsy Davis, Kendall Vogts, Aaron Begnoche. Information Tables:

-Welcome: Carol Voran, Nancy Stucky

-Books: Peter Preheim, Betty Nesbitt, Fred Goering, Bret Gillmore, Marcia Hiebert.

-Old Photographs: Don Kaufman and Larry Stucky,

-Turkey Red Wheat: Glen Ediger, Russ Stucky.

-Genealogy and History: Jerry Juhnke, Betty Graber Hartzler, Kathy Goering Reid, Perry Jantzen, Gabe Juhnke.

-Immigrant House/Cultural Center: Eugene Goering, Frank Stucky, Cindy Bartell, Marla Gillmore, James P. Stucky, Gib Burgan, Jerroll Goebel, Bill Zerger.

Worship Planners: Gail Graber, Derek King

Book of Mennonite Stories: Brian Adams, Casey Adams

Immigrant Cemetery Markers: Gib Burgan, Wanda Knight, Sandy Arnold

Children Activities: Laurie Schrag, Dave

and Katie Stucky, Bruce and Pat Stucky, Larry & Carol Temple, Kyle Schrag, Gentry Regier, Vance & Candy Unrau, Anna Bertholf, Jennifer Suarez, Natalie Henning, Michelle & Lucas Hiebert, Cory Harrison, Rex Harrison,

Tours of SMCHA Properties: LaVerne

Stucky, Frank Stucky, Keith Albrecht

Tours of Hopefield Church: Larry D.

Goering

Housing arrangements: Peter Preheim, E Fred Goering

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Eden Audio Visual Coordinator: Kyle Neufeld, Ian Smith, Jacob Stucky, Rene Kaufman

Gardeners and Decorators: Fred and Polly Schrag

Self-guided Tour of the Trail of Swiss Volhynians from Halstead to the Immigrant House in 1874: Brian Stucky

Legal Consultant: Dave Stucky

Memorabilia Table Managers and MCC

Relief Sale Souvenir Table: Kathy Goering, Lisa Goering, Barbara Stucky,

Marla Gillmore, Bobbi Schrag, Candy

Unrau, Vance Unrau, Jerri Kaufman,

Robin Schrag, Wanda Knight, Marcia

Goering, Jocelyn Kasitz, Jerry Kasitz,

Marlene Unruh, Keith Schrag, Connie

Schrag, Nan Bergen, Gin Niehage,

Jenny Schrag, Dave and Marge Goering

And to those good and generous people whose names are omitted, know that your donated time, materials, and encouragement have been so much appreciated. Thank you. Thank you.



Break 10:00-10:30

10:30-11:30—Seminars (choose one)

4—**The European Experience: United or Divided?**

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This seminar will focus less on specifics and more on broad themes. It will be highly interpretive, and will solicit audience response and participation.—Dale Schrag

5—**From Anabaptist to Alleles: Tracing Mennonite Genetic Heritage.**

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Unlock the remarkable tapestry of your Mennonite ancestry! Go on a journey, utilizing genetic research to trace your family's lineage and uncover the unique genetic threads with an emphasis on benign and malignant conditions that have shaped the Mennonite heritage over generations. —Jeremy Schrag

6 —**Schweitzer Influence on the World.**

A look at the many ways Schweitzers have influenced organizations, communities, and people. How people can affect change in Missions/ Ministries, Education, Health care and the US Military. — Jeff Koller

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11:30-1:30 Lunch can be purchased from Food Trucks. Vans will shuttle to Hopefield and SMCHA properties 11-1:30. Tours of historic Hopefield Church 9:30-2:00. Commentaries on Properties 11:00-1:00.

1:30-2:30 Seminars (choose one)

7—**Fractured Community in America.** This seminar will examine and interpret what may well have been the single most defining event in the Swiss Volhynian community in Kansas, the Hopefield/Eden split. Were the seeds of division sown in Europe or in America or both? - Dale Schrag

Sanctuary

8—**The Lone Tree Story.** A legacy of faith through disappointment, despair, disease, death, and determination. —Shawn Giesel

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9— **Looking to the Future.** Perspectives shared by those who like to look ahead,.—Josue Coy Dick, Peter Buller, Kaytlen Keough

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3:00 **Mass Choir rehearsal** in the Eden sanctuary. Pick up music from director Bo Howard. Sing in the Sunday morning community service with brass accompaniment.

3:00-5:00 **Turkey Red Hard Winter**

Wheat Threshing and Milling demonstrations at the field west of the Moundridge Museum. A McCormick-Deering threshing machine powered by an antique tractor will thresh the bundles that were bound and shocked on June 1.



An 1874 Grist Mill will be used to mill the wheat providing a unique opportunity to have Turkey Red wheat flour available for purchase.

These events will start with the Vintage Farm Equipment Display at 9:00 a.m. and continue through the day. See some of the great machines of the past — tractors, trucks, combines...

Limited bleacher seating will be available and concessions from Gospel Mennonites to help you enjoy these unique pioneer events (advisable to wear a hat and bring a water bottle and a picnic chair). K3Creamery will be there with homemade ice cream.

5:00 –6:30—**Ethnic Supper**, cafeteria style, catered by Bread Basket, Newton, at Eden Church by reservation. Menu: Ham, sausage, verenika (no kraut beroggi), ham gravy, fried potatoes, green beans, kraut, zweibach with butter and apple butter, cherry moos, tea and coffee. And bohne beroggi!

7:00 **Menno Night Live: Schweitzers and Friends Edition**

At Eden Mennonite Church Sanctuary.



Thank you to all the participants in the 150th Celebration Events

Celebration Chairpersons: Danielle and Wayne Goering

Treasurer: Rick Krehbiel

Publicity: Kathy Goering

SMCHA Liaison: Eugene Goering

Logo: Shelby Graber

Videographer: Dan Kliever

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Wynn Goering
M.C. Cindy Bartel

Sunday Speaker: Dr. Nathan Stucky

Music: Dr. Austin McCabe Juhnke, Dr. William Eash, Brass players: Jerry Toews, Aaron Ratzlaff, Kyle Unruh, Fred Bohnenblust, Eric Goering; Choir Director: Bonita Howard, Accompanists: Matthew Graber, Robin Schrag

Readers Theater: John McCabe Juhnke, Jerod Kaufman, Leann Toews, Julianna Schrag Kaufman, Aaron Tschetter, Karin Kaufman Wall
Menno Night Live: MC Jeffrey Graber -Six Swiss Sisters (Kristin Kaufman and Michelle Olson; Addie Regier Kaufman and Erin Graber; Jill Siebert and Megan Siebert);

-Chris Shaw, organist;

-Flannelbacks (Tim Regier, Bradan Unruh, Matt Graber);

-September River (Doug Krehbiel, Jude Krehbiel, Stefanie Giffin).

Seminars: - Dale Schrag, Raylene Hinz -Penner, Patricia Goering Smith, Jeremy Schrag, Jeff Koller, Shawn Geisel, Josue Coy Dick, Peter Buller, Kaytlen Keough.

Seminar attendants: Keith and Connie Schrag, Wayne Goering, Ian Smith, Jake Stucky

Agriculture Events, May Day, Black Kettle: Glen Goering, Darrell Schrag, Keith Goering, Eugene Goering, Nathan Graber, Russ Stucky, Wes Krehbiel, Vaughn Unruh, Russ Mann, Ryan Goering.

Facilities: Keith Albrecht, Lance Loganbill, Kevin Goering
Food Services: JoLene Kaufman, Wanda Knight, Esther Schrag, Shayna Smith, Marla Gillmore, Connie Kaufman, Kristin Kaufman, Gospel Mennonite Youth, Bread Basket, Ma-Ma C's Meat and Sweet Pies and Louie Qs food trucks

Supper helpers: Byron and Janet Ediger, Gin Niehage, Leslie Seifert, Kathy Goering, Nikki Unruh

Events administrator: Connie Schrag
- Zwingli movie arrangements (Steve Kaufman, James Allen, Randy Stucky);
- Genealogy Seminar: Jerry Juhnke
- A Goodly Heritage historical musical drama: Jenny Schrag (writer/director), Bo Howard (music director); Dawn Abrahams, Brenda Dalke, Joseph Schrag, Peter Buller, Corbin Unruh, Leann Toews, Jeff Koller, Bev Baumgartner, Karen Andres, Derek King, Kathy Preheim, Daniel Graber, Sarah King, Gary Howard, Greg Stucky, Steve Kaufman, Piper Doane, Elise Neufeld, Debi Lichti, Becky King, Berni Kaufman, Gail Graber, Larry Temple, Candy Unrau, Bret Gillmore, Linda Goering, Laurie Schrag, Vance Unrau, Lisa Goering, Cindy Bartell, Galen Waltner, Kathy Waltner, Carol Temple, Jerri Kaufman, Rashell Chastain, Carol Zerger, Gin Niehage,



You are welcome to visit the Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association properties located near Hopefield Church.

The first church, Hopefield (Hoffnungsfeld) was built in 1882.



West of the church is the Monument built in 1973 that stands on the site of the immigrant house. The globe represents the world and the cross reminds us that Christianity is worldwide. Seven pillars hold plaques that tell the immigrant story in

a direct and clear way.

The 1943 Marker was erected on the SW corner of the Church Quarter. Family names of the original immigrants appear on the back of the Marker. On the front is an inscription expressing gratitude to the Lord and to the U.S. for accepting them.



The Pioneer Cemetery is located east of the Hopefield Church, gravesite of many of the early pioneers. See names in the Directory Building.



Catlin Cemetery. The children who died in Kansas when our ancestors journeyed from Russia to the Moundridge area in 1874 are memorialized in stone at the Catlin Cemetery, rural Peabody.



Menno Night Live: Schweitzers and Friends Edition

September River. September River consists of Doug and Jude Krehbiel and daughter Stefanie (Krehbiel) Giffin. Their musical styles incorporate elements of bluegrass, gospel, blues, acoustic rock, Irish, and folk. Hear generous helpings of three-part harmonies and a smorgasbord of accompanying instruments such as guitar, banjo, mandolin, bass, dulcimer, penny whistle and percussion.



Six Swiss Sisters. The Six Swiss Sisters will be making their debut at the Schweitzers and Friends Celebration. This a cappella ensemble is made up of three sister pairs, all with Swiss Mennonite descent. Kristin Kaufman, Michelle Olson, Addie Regier Kauffman, Erin Graber, Jill Siebert, Megan Siebert.

Flannelbacks. The Flannelbacks are a bluegrass and folk band. The group recreates favorite tunes and performs original songs. With a mix of guitars, banjos, mandolin, upright bass, harmonica, and harmony voice, the Flannelbacks appeal to old and young alike. Tim Regier, Braden Unruh, Matt Graber.



Christopher Shaw. The program will showcase Eden Mennonite's Martin Ott pipe organ and highlight the deep connection of hymnody in the Schweitzer community. Chorale preludes by three German composers: Johann Sebastian Bach, Johannes Brahms, and Sigfrid Karg-Elbert will be featured. Then hymn settings by J. Harold Moyer (North Newton) and Emma Lou Diemer (Kansas City). The program will close with singing of the Hymn Grosser Gott.





Sunday, August 25, 2024 9:30 a.m.

Community Worship Service at Eden Mennonite Church.

All are invited to worship together at Eden Mennonite Church. Bonita Howard will direct a Mass Choir. Jerry Toews will lead the brass choir of Aaron Ratzlaff and Kyle Unruh (trumpets), Fred Bohnenblust and Eric Goering (trombones).



Dr. Nathan Stucky will bring the message. Nathan Stucky serves as Director of the Farminary Project at Princeton Theological Seminary. He grew up on a farm in Kansas where his love for Christian faith and agriculture first took root.

After earning a BA in Music from Bethel College (KS), Stucky worked in ecumenical youth ministry, and farming in Kansas. He earned an MDiv and a PhD (Practical Theology, Christian Education and Formation) from Princeton Theological Seminary. His scholarship explores questions of land, ecology, theology, agriculture, justice, joy, and Sabbath as they relate to theological education. He is the author of Wrestling with Rest: Inviting Youth to Discover the Gift of Sabbath.

Stucky was ordained in the Mennonite Church (USA), He lives in Princeton, New Jersey, with his spouse, Janel, and three children.

After a short break, adults are welcome to stay for a Q & A session with Dr. Nathan Stucky and Eden Pastor Derek King in the sanctuary .

You are blessed by the faithfulness of your forefathers. Learn from them! And God will bless your descendants for your faithfulness.



INTEREST TABLES

Welcome Table.

- Programs. Name Tags.
- Check in to pay for your ethnic meal if reserved.
- Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association brochures and sign up email address to receive news in *Schweitzer Salt* newsletter.
- Immigrant Graves Brochures.
- Self-guided Tour Halstead to Immigrant House instructions.
- Be a supporter. Give a donation to help cover celebration costs.

Memorabilia. Choose a memory of the celebration from *Schweitzers and Friends* Tee-shirts, mugs, travel cups, jars of wheat.

Book table. Lots of Mennonite history books and books by Swiss Volhynian authors. Annotated bibliography of favorite books. Brian Adams and Casey Adams’ collection of Swiss Volhynian Stories.

Immigrant House/Cultural Center. The Planning Group has drawings and ideas for a “home” for our artifacts. Check it out.

Turkey Red Wheat Display. Learn about the history and economic impact of wheat in Kansas and U.S.

Genealogy and History Project. For those with Swiss Volhynian Ancestors, Jerry Juhnke and G&H Genealogists can create various family tree reports that can be sent to your personal email address and printed on your home printer.

Old Photos. In Room 151, Don Kaufman and Larry Stucky have collected old photographs for you to enjoy and identify. Locate initial land purchases of early immigrants on Gib Burgan’s map at the door.