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Tent Revivals in Lititz

By Charlene Van Brookhoven

The Lititz Community Tabernacle was established in 1942 as a fellowship of believers.

The small membership participated in missionary work in India, Africa and throughout other areas of the world through World Wide Missions of Marion, Indiana. It also presented a radio broadcast Sunday mornings between 8-8:30 a.m. on an Ephrata station. The church held extensive evangelistic revivals from time to time securing speakers of note to do the preaching. The preacher received a free-will offering as payment.



Because of the size of the building, a tent was installed to accommodate overflow determined by the popularity of the guest preacher and musical group. These services took place on warm Saturday evenings. Music was included to exemplify the preaching of the words of God. Religious tracts were handed out before and after the service which encouraged people to attend upcoming revivals.

These tent revivals at this location were popular in the 1940's into the 1980's. The congregation started to dwindle as members found other sources of worship. The Lititz Community Tabernacle no longer exists, and the church building was demolished to make room for a larger parking lot for the ambulance association.

WEST LINCOLN AVENUE NON-DENOMINATIONAL TENT REVIVALS

In a field on the south side of West Lincoln Avenue, tent revivals were held on Saturday nights during summer months in the 1930's into the mid 1940's. The field was approximately where Johnson and Johnson is now located. These services were apparently very emotional for the attendees. Lititz kids would sneak

Above: The Lititz Community Tabernacle church. Story continued on page 5 inside...

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Historical Happenings

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We had a very special guest recently! Holly Hoffman, a contestant on Survivor: Nicaragua in 2010, took a tour of our 1792 Johannes Mueller House while making an appearance in the area this week.

During her time on Survivor, Hoffman ended up being the last woman standing before getting voted off.

These days, Hoffman is a nationally-known motivational speaker and author. Here she is with foundation board member and guide Bob Turgyan.



Thanks for visiting, Holly!



VOLUNTEER AT THE MUSEUM!

Love Lititz? We are currently seeking volunteers for our upcoming season! A variety of shifts are available. For only 6-15 hours per week you can help keep Lititz one of the coolest small towns in America! Become a Lititz Museum volunteer. Give us a call at 717-627-4636!

We open for the season Friday, May 4th!

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Our 56th Annual Antiques Show is June 29—30!

It's approaching that time of year again—our annual antiques show!

The county's oldest show, and the only one of it's kind left in the county, we are planning a full weekend of great dealers. And of course, make sure to get there early and take advantage of all of the goodies that will be available at our bake sale. Additionally, we also plan to have a food truck on hand as well as a vegetarian option.

The show this year will once again be held at the Warwick Middle School, and is always full of vitality as shoppers from all over line up ahead of time, waiting to be first in line to get the best pick.



As in the past, admission will be charged at the door. It all benefits our 1792 Johannes Mueller House, the only home of its kind in Lititz. Visit us on Facebook or our website to learn about our upcoming show. We hope to see you there!

We Open For the Season May 4th!

It's hard to believe, but we open for the season in less than two months!

During the time that is left, we are very busy cleaning our buildings, preparing new exhibits, re-stocking our gift shop, and so much more. Guided tours will begin shortly after we open, and remember, as a member in good standing, you and members of your party receive free admission. What's more, you also receive a 10% discount in our gift shop. Come visit us in May and see what's new.

Finally, don't forget about our very popular Annual Plant Exchange, which will take place on Sunday May 6th at 1:30 p.m. Visit our website or Facebook page for more details.

2017 was a record breaking season for us, as we welcomed over 7,300 guests from 48 U.S. states and 44 countries. Will 2018 top that? We are ready to see!

The Lititz Historical Foundation opens for the season on Friday May 4th. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call us at 717-627-4636 to learn what is new for this year!

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Introducing two new staff members!

We are growing! We are very excited to introduce you to two new staff members here at the Lititz Historical Foundation.

Molly Buckwalter

(Events Coordinator)

In this role, Molly will coordinate weddings, events, and group tours for the Lititz Historical Foundation. Born and raised in Lititz, Molly has a real passion for her community. Graduating from Kutztown University with a B. A. in German studies: Communication and Culture, she also has a certificate in event planning, and is excited to bring her vast experience and knowledge to this position.

Max Heider

(Museum Coordinator)

In this role, Max will oversee tours and our tour guides and volunteers. He will also process, file, and safely store all incoming material donations to our collections. A Lancaster County native, Max attended Susquehanna University where he earned his B.A. in anthropology. Having experience in several local museums, he has vast knowledge in the preserving, handling, and cataloging of photographs and historical objects of many kinds. He also has experience in collections, exhibition development, and assets management.

We are very excited to welcome both Molly and Max. Next time you're visiting, be sure to stop in and say hello to them!



Molly Buckwalter



Max Heider

Tent Revivals Con't:

around the outside of the tents to hear the clapping of hands, talking in "foreign" language and loud shouts of AMEN.

Apparently the commotion became too much for the town folks. The area was being considered for residential and several businesses were being constructed. The tent services came to an end. Occasionally tent revivals appeared on the east end of town along Lititz Run before Clay Road.

DEFINITION OF A TENT REVIVAL

A gathering of Christian worshipers in a tent erected specifically for revival meetings, healing crusades and church rallies. The tent revival is the development of old camp meetings in which religious people gathered to hear a preacher.

MT. GRETN TABERNACLE is a perfect example of "old time tent meetings."

10 GLORIOUS DAYS OF INDOOR CAMP-METING

AT LITITZ COMMUNITY TABERNACLE

"The Tabernacle of the Old-Time Religion Broadcast"

Friday, November 4th, through the 13th

Nov. 4-5-6—Convention of Lebanon Valley Holiness Ass'n.

Nov. 7-13th—Rev. (Mrs.) W. E. Honeycutt of Reading, Pa.

Assisted by the Three Honeycutt Children.

Songs — Musical Numbers — Messages

Services: Daily — 7:30 P.M.

Sundays — 10:45 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

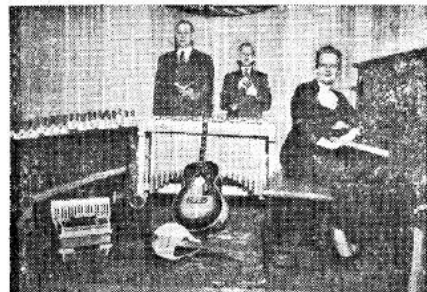
Tune in WLBR - Lebanon, each Saturday, 5:45 to 6:00 P.M.
for Gospel Broadcast.

Rev. A. Walters, Pastor

JOIN THE CRUSADE FOR SOULS

at Lititz Community Tabernacle
Lititz Springs Avenue, near Cedar St.

OCTOBER 20th to 31st (Inclusive)



Hear Evangelist and Mrs. A. A. Passmore and Son
Daily — 7:30 P.M. — Sundays 10:45 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

**"Like the Old-Time Methodists,
in Singing and Preaching."**

Do not neglect the fundamental need of the
fundamentalists; which is heart purity.

"Blessed are the pure in heart (and life)
for they shall see God."

REV. A. WALTERS, Pastor

Shown on this page are various newspaper ads from the 1940's and 50s involving the Lititz Community tabernacle.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Shown here is the building that used to occupy the space that is currently the site of the Lititz Post Office on Main street in downtown Lititz.

Sadly, the building has been razed. But during the time this building existed, it served many purposes over the years including the home to a seamstress.



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