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Two LHS's (Mid Atlantic & Eastern PA) *Continue to Celebrate* **Henry Melchior Muhlenberg**

2011 Fall Program: **Trip to Trappe, Pennsylvania**

Date: **Saturday, October 22, 2011**

Continuing the year-long celebration of the 300th anniversary of the birth of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, the Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic will co-host a fall pilgrimage to Trappe, Pennsylvania. The trip is planned for Saturday, October 22, 2011. There, partici-

pants will see and hear more of the 45-year ministry of the Patriarch of the Lutheran Church in America, much of which radiated from this quaint Montgomery County village.

The program is for the full day and begins with **Registration** at 9:30 AM in the "New"

Augustus Church (built 1852), with coffee, etc. available. At 10:00 AM the program moves to the "Old" Church (1743) with **devotions**, then attention given to the features and history of this **oldest standing Lutheran Church in America**, including a

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Spring Program:

Peterson Speaks on Muhlenberg

By John Deeben

The Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic held its spring annual meeting on May 3, 2011 at Valentine Hall on the campus of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The keynote speaker of the morning was John Peterson, curator of the Lutheran Archives Center in Philadelphia, who offered some insightful observations about the important contributions of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg and his extended family to American history in a program enti-

tled "The Patriarch - And More." Presented as part of the year-long celebration of the 300th anniversary of Muhlenberg's birth, the following are some excerpted portions of Peterson's remarks:

"For those of us related and connected with Lutheranism in America, the name Muhlenberg has been a major factor in the Church's identity, due chiefly to the one whose 300th anniversary we will observe over the next

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Many additional Muhlenberg celebration events planned for 2011-2012
- Carpools a possibility for Pilgrimage to Trappe
- LHSMA membership categories simplified
- Article continues to explain details for gathering and organizing congregational archives
- 2011 St. Paul Biglerville Prize jointly awarded to three professors

President's Corner

October 7, 2011 marks the 300th anniversary of the birth of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg considered by many to be the Patriarch of Lutheranism in North America. Muhlenberg made significant contributions to Lutheranism during Colonial America and was one of the most influential German immigrants of that period. His legacy remains an important one for Lutherans and anyone interested in the Colonial period. Our Spring program focused on Muhlenberg and his family. I want to thank all those who were able to participate on that day and I hope you had an enjoyable experience. Our society will continue to highlight this important anniversary celebration throughout 2011. I encourage you to participate in the following Muhlenberg events sponsored by our society.

Pilgrimage to Trappe on October 22: This pilgrimage, in conjunction with the Lutheran Historical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania, will include visits to several important Muhlenberg sites in Eastern Pennsylvania.

"... [LTSP] has created a website regarding the Muhlenberg 300 celebration. It contains an introduction to Muhlenberg and his legacy as well as detailing the many events associated with the anniversary."

More detailed information is found in this newsletter.

Muhlenberg Journal Restoration Project:

Our society continues to collect donations towards this important restoration project. To date we have received over \$3500 towards a goal of \$6000 which will enable us to sponsor the restoration of one volume. If you would like to donate to this effort, send your check payable to the Lutheran

Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic with "Muhlenberg Journal project" in the memo line to Lee Knepp, Treasurer, PO Box 76, McClure, PA 17841.

Muhlenberg 300 Traveling Display: Our society, in conjunction with Gettysburg Seminary, is working to bring the **Muhlenberg 300 Traveling Display** to the campus of Gettysburg Seminary late in 2011 and early 2012. Stay tuned for more information. This exhibit is comprised of twenty illustrated panels, and was developed by The Francke Founda-

tions, Halle, Germany (www.francke-halle.de). The display

will be at the German American Heritage Museum in Washington D.C. from July 13–August 2 and at the Churchwide Assembly in Orlando, Florida from August 15–19.

Trip to Germany (Muhlenberg Plus Lutherland 2012) May 15 to May 28. Information can be found on this trip on page 11 of this newsletter or

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Welcome New Members

LHSMA welcomes the following new members since our Spring 2011 Newsletter:

Individual Members:

Lynn Askew - *Selinsgrove, PA*
Deborah Bernhisel - *Selinsgrove, PA*
Robert Hippert - *Kutztown, PA*
Sue E. Nace - *Red Lion, PA*
Miriam Nicholson - *Ellitsburg, PA*
Theodore Schneider - *Silver Spring, MD*
Tony J. Tanke - *Davis, CA*
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church - *Milton, PA*

Please notify us of any corrections to the list.

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2011 Annual Meeting Summary

By John Deeben

The annual meeting of the Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic was called to order by President Stephen Herr at 11:30 AM on May 3, 2011. The following is a summary of the proceedings:

The agenda as submitted was approved on motion of Jack White, seconded by Sue Hill. The minutes of the April 20, 2010 meeting were approved on motion of Jim Vigen, seconded by Annabelle Wenzke.

The Membership Committee is trying to find ways to make people more aware of the society. The number of membership categories has been reduced to two: Ordinary Membership at \$20 per year and Life Membership at \$250. Currently there are seventy paid members and an estimated twenty more in the "pipe-line."

Under officers' reports, President Steve Herr brought several items to the attention of the membership. He reported that the Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic, in conjunction with the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, committed \$6,000 to conserve and restore one volume of the Muhlenberg Journals. Over \$3,000 has been raised

form the society. There are now fifteen members of the Board of the LHSMA, many new to it, each assigned to a committee.

Treasurer Lee Knepp distributed information about the society's finances from January through April of 2011, indicating that the balance of funds is \$25,044, not including monies set aside for the Wentz and St. Paul Biglerville Prizes.



The program for October 2011 is a visit to Trappe, Pennsylvania planned by George Handley [please see separate newsletter article for more information].

The Youth History Program had no entries this year but will be offered again. Annabelle Wenzke suggested Biography be included as a possible topic. The Historic Site program was sketched. One entry awaits review. A Congregational Heritage Day will

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Fall Program Scheduled for October 22nd

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PowerPoint key-note presentation by The Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger (Director of the Krauth Memorial Library, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia) on Henry, his life and ministry. Significant gravestones in the extensive **adjoining cemetery** will be noted, as well as other outside features including recent repairs to the historic building. Lunch follows back in the fellowship hall of the "New" church.

Following lunch we will

"...The Registration Fee is \$40 per person, which includes all costs for the day's program in Trappe..."

break into small groups to explore additional treasures of colonial America. The Historical Society of Trappe owns and operates two nearby homes both of which have been restored and furnished to capture their 18th century setting. The **Muhlenberg House** is where Henry and his wife, Anna Maria, lived from 1776, that is, the last

ten years of his life. [A gift shop and bookstore is in an outbuilding of the Muhlenberg House site.] Nearby is the **Deweese Museum**, a restored tavern. Docents will share information and answer questions on significant features of both buildings. Then, weather permitting, we will move another block down Main Street and gather outside **"The Speaker's House"**, the home, store and office of Frederick, the Muhlenberg's second son who, after significant pastoral ministry, entered

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FALL PROGRAM ON HENRY MUHLENBERG

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politics and was the first Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. The house is in process of being restored. Findings of recent and ongoing archeological digs will also reveal fascinating information about life in 18th century Trappe.



The afternoon program concludes with a new exhibition of Muhlenberg memorabilia at the **Berman Museum** on the campus of **Ursinus College** in next door Collegeville. Included in the exhibit is the original Augustus Church communion set. A full, yes, and exciting, program is planned for all interested in early German Lutheran history in Pennsylvania.

Brief Historical Notes: 2011 is the 300th Anniversary year of the birth of Henry Melchior Muhlen-

berg, September 6, 1711. This summer and fall present a host of programs in celebration. *Thus, this "Pilgrimage."*

Henry's university education was in his native Germany and Gottingen and Halle, the center for Pietism (that is, the expression of faithfulness in Christian witness, both in heart and mind). It is known especially for its emphasis on Missionary and Social Ministry activity in the Lutheran Church.

In the early 1740s, the officials in Halle received a request from three congregations in southeastern Pennsylvania [Zion, Philadelphia; New Hanover and New Providence (Trappe)] for the sending of an ordained pastor to serve them in America. Henry originally hoped to go to India; however, the Halle fathers thought he would be a good match for the need in the new world and a three year call was arranged. He arrived in the late fall of 1742, his ship landing not in

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President's Corner

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contact Jack White at jackmimi@hotmail.com.

Finally the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia has created a website regarding the Muhlenberg 300 celebration. It contains an introduction to Muhlenberg and his legacy as well as detailing the many events associated with the anniversary. You can find the webpage at <http://ltsp.edu/Muhlenberg300>.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank you all for your interest in and support of Lutheran history and heritage in the Mid-Atlantic region. We invite your continued financial support and your assistance in introducing the society to prospective members. May each of you have a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely in Christ,

Stephen Herr, President

July 6, 2011

Commemoration of Jan Hus, Martyr, 1415

Call for Church History Profiles

Church Archives



In the spirit of promoting and disseminating more information about our Lutheran heritage, the Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic would like to start a regular feature in the society's newsletter on historical profiles of ELCA Region 8 congregations. If your congregation is preparing or

has already published a church history, please consider submitting a brief historical sketch of 1000-1500 words to the LHSMA President, Stephen Herr (pastor@christgettysburg.org), or Vice President, John Deeben (jdeeben@aol.com).

All submissions will eventually be posted to the Society's web site at www.lhsmidatlantic.com. ■

The Work of a Congregational Archivist or Archives Committee - Part II

Submitted by John Deeben

Archival materials are those that hold historical and evidential value for the congregation. Usually these documents answer the “who,” “what,” “when,” “where,” and (if possible) the “why” of the history of a local parish. The official papers, correspondence, and other parish records created or received by the congregation and its officers and organizations belong to the congregation. All such material qualifies for archival preservation. Records should not be thought of as the property of the pastor or any other individual member who maintains or produces them. A policy to clarify the issue of ownership of congregational records should be developed by the congregation council.

To keep track of records transferred into archival custody, creating accession records is advised. An accession record maintains the provenance, by recording who produced the records, their inclusive dates, the amount of materials, date received and the person responsible for the transfer of materials to the archives.

If records are donated to the archives from private sources, a Deed of Gift should be created that assigns all copyrights, as well as literary and property rights in the materials, to the congregation. The form can be adapted to specific donor requests by adding or changing some sections. Both the donor and the congregation’s representative (the archivist or a church officer) should sign and date the agreement, with a copy of the signed agreement given to the donor. For smaller donations, such as a single photo or bulletin, a simple dated letter or acknowledgement and Thank You naming the item donated may suffice.

What Should be Preserved?

Records created and maintained today will become the historical records of tomorrow. These records may have administrative, fiscal, legal and evidential value. While some records retain these values, many do not. Generally, there are three categories of records that must, should or could be retained

by your archives:

A. Records and documents that **must** be preserved and filed systematically in the archives:

1. Copies of the articles of incorporation, all constitutions and all by-laws and amendments of such documents, of the congregation and its organizations. Note: Each version should be dated.
2. The list of charter members and all accessions, transfers and releases of members thereafter.
3. The parish registers recording the ministerial acts, especially for baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials, etc.
4. The minutes of the meetings of the congregation, congregation council, committees, and organizations.
5. A dated, annual list of all members of the congregation.
6. A dated, annual list of all the names of officers and members of boards and committees.
7. All official correspondence (i.e. concerning congregational, rather than personal, matters).
8. Copies of the reports of all the church's official committees, commissions, societies, and organizations.
9. Copies of all calls extended to rostered leaders and appointments to teachers and other church workers that are accepted by them. Calls and appointments that have been declined should not be preserved.
10. Records of any disciplinary actions.
11. Printed materials including the Sunday bulletins, congregational newsletters, letters to the council or general membership, orders of service, and programs for special events.
12. The records of parish, weekday, vacation

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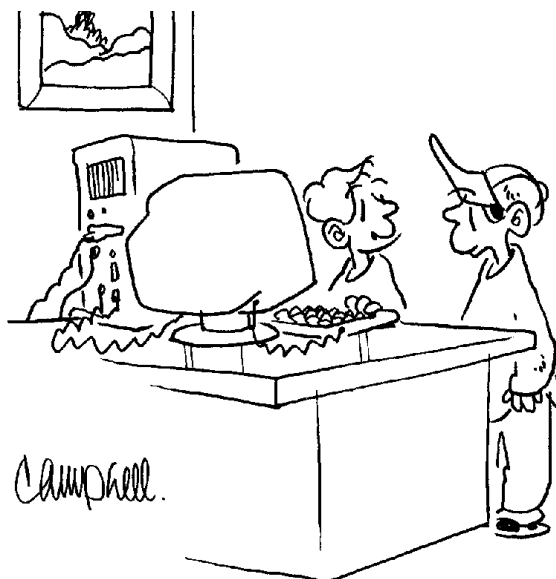
Archivist Work

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and Sunday schools.

13. The non-current treasurers' records, such as annual reports and audits.
14. Copies of the deeds and descriptions of the church properties, titles, leases, surveys, etc.
15. All contracts for the construction of congregational buildings and facilities, as well as contracts negotiated for special services. All plans, specifications, blueprints, and drawings should be included.
16. Mortgages should be retained even after they have been retired. It is advisable to use copies for mortgage-burning ceremonies.
17. Photographs or other graphic depictions of the congregation's building(s), pastors, organizations, activities, and events.
18. Other media items: sound or video recordings of worship services, special events, musical presentations, and activities.
19. Histories of the congregation.

B. Additional materials created by, for, or about the



"Let's type in some Old Testament verses and watch the spell-check go crazy."

congregation provide additional documentary evidence and **should** be preserved:

1. Source materials, such as original returns of surveys or questionnaires.
2. Statistical and comparative summaries on finance, attendance, and membership, particularly copies of reports submitted to the synod office or ELCA units and organizations.
3. Local newspaper articles or histories that include information on the congregation.
4. Synod minutes that include parochial reports of the congregation.
5. A chronological account of the major events and activities of a congregation.
6. Unpublished studies, theses or dissertations about the congregation by students or other researchers.

C. Supplemental information **could** be maintained, for reference purposes, if space permits:

1. Histories of: the ELCA and predecessor church bodies; related synods and their predecessors; neighboring congregations; and ELCA colleges, seminaries, and social service institutions closely associated with the congregation.
2. Biographical information gathered from various resources on persons from the congregation.
3. Museum pieces (such as carvings, stained-glass windows, old vestments, and altarware) also should be preserved, although congregations may need to be guided by considerations of space in deciding what objects are kept. Often if still usable, it is best to donate them to a congregation in need of them, although records of such gifts should be preserved.



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FALL PILGRIMAGE TO TRAPPE, PA

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Philadelphia, but in Charleston, SC. After visits to Lutherans there and in Georgia, he sailed north to this call.

He stayed 45 years and many were his contacts, not only in his parish, but in over 100 congregations, needing pastoral service and counsel, not just in Penn's Woods, but also in "adjacent states." His influence was broad and enduring as an early bishop, but familiarly referred to as "The Patriarch of the Lutheran Church in America." Concrete contributions included the formation of the first synod, The Ministerium of Pennsylvania, bringing pastors and congregational leaders together, establishing church order, as well as caring for a whole host of church issues and needs, not the least being the building of Augustus Church in 1743. Other early achievements included order in ordaining new pastors and a common liturgy for use in the growing Lutheran communities.

This venture in celebrating

this significant anniversary is a joint program of the Lutheran Historical Societies of both Eastern Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic.

Registration (and related matters):

A registration form is found on **Page 8** in

this newsletter and may be

duplicated for sharing with others interested in experiencing the Pilgrimage. Members of the two LHS's will, as usual, receive registration notices directly.

The **Registration Fee is \$40 per person**, which includes all costs for the day's program in Trappe: food, speakers, docents, meeting spaces with sexton services as well as expected contributions for the ongoing restoration projects. Note that there is a **registration deadline: October 8th**. This is set for two purposes: to plan for meals and movement

from site to site ... and to assist with inquiries by participants interested in car-pooling for travel to Trappe. If interested, check the registration form appropriately.

Contact names and information will be shared with the confirmation of your attendance to allow those interested to make needful arrangements.

Directions: The church address is 717 West Main Street, Trappe, PA 19426. This street has no state highway number, but is also known as Ridge Pike. Please Google "Augustus Lutheran Church" for directions from your residence or place of beginning travel. There is ample parking in the church parking areas. A shuttle to the museums is being arranged.

You may also check the LHSMA website for further information. ■

By George Handley



Celebrate Our Heritage

Meeting Summary

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be held in the fall of 2012.

Under New Business, the Nominating Committee reported that the Board had five open seats to fill with four members willing to run again. The ballot presented to the membership for consideration included current board members John Deeben, Lee Knepp, Peggy Brookshire, and George Mocko. Bri-

ant Bohleke was nominated to fill the fifth open seat. On motion of Fred Shilling, seconded by Howard Hinkeldey, the nominees were elected.

Jack White reviewed the upcoming tour of Luther History in Germany in May of 2012.

The meeting concluded with prayer and on a motion by Howard Hinkeldey and seconded by Annabelle Wenzke was adjourned. ■

The Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic
In tandem with the Lutheran Historical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania
In continuing celebration of the 2011 300th Anniversary of the birth of

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg

Invite you to attend on Saturday, October 22nd, a

PILGRIMAGE TO TRAPPE

The full day's program begins with registration at 9:30AM in the "New Church", with coffee and donuts available. After welcome, the morning program will shift to historic **Augustus Church**, the oldest original Lutheran Church building in America, built in 1743. We will begin with devotions, followed by a review of the plans for the day, a tour of the building and cemetery, followed by the keynote PowerPoint presentation by Dr. Karl Krueger on the background, life and ministry of the man called "The Patriarch of the Lutheran Church in America". Then, we walk back across the yard to return to the "New Church" (built, by the way, in the 1852) for lunch. [*Members of the LHSEP will hold a brief Annual Meeting in the Old Church before joining us all for lunch.*]

The afternoon program moves us all down East Main Street, where will split into groups of 20, where docents will share the treasures of the **Muhlenberg House**, the restored home where Henry lived the last ten years of his life, having served in ministry in Pennsylvania ("and Adjacent States") for 45 years and the **Deweese Tavern**, restored to its mid 18th century look. Not far down the street is the "**Speaker's House**," the latest project of the Historical Society of Trappe. It is being restored and is unfurnished at present. Here we will hear an update on the archeological digs surrounding the house as well as restoration plans. The afternoon concludes with car travel to nearby Ursinus College in next door Collegeville where a major display of Muhlenberg treasures will be on display in the **Berman Museum**.

The fee for this program is \$40.00, which includes all costs: docents, speakers, food, sexton, rentals and suggested contributions for the ongoing maintenance and restorations. A full and enlightening day is assured for all those interested in 18th century Lutheran Church history. ■

Registration for October 22nd "A Pilgrimage to Trappe"

Name(s): _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Fee enclosed: _____ [Check = LHS Mid-Atlantic]

Society Membership: ☐ LHS East Penn ☐ LHS Mid-Atlantic ☐ Neither or Other

YES / NO I am interested in receiving information on potential car-pooling

Mail: Lee Knepp, P.O. Box 76, McClure, PA 17841.

If questions of registrar: 570-765-2358 (cell)

John Peterson Speaks on Muhlenberg at Spring Program

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year.

"I would judge that today, most Lutheran pastors in America, and a number of lay people interested in history, know at least basically who Muhlenberg was. Many however may not know much more than that - church history is not the most popular subject in seminaries and colleges these days. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK AT IT in the coming generations, if the name Muhlenberg is to play any kind of

identity role for Lutherans in America in the future.

"Because Muhlenberg is a key person in the organization of Lutheranism in America, we should obviously know about his important work. But there is more to an individual than just vocational activity. People are a part of communities, congregations, states and nations - and certainly, families! It is well for us to at least catch a glimpse of the family in America that began with Muhlenberg - thus, we will consider THE

PATRIARCH - AND MORE - his family and descendants.

"Most people interested in American history know something about at least three other Muhlenbergs besides Henry Melchior - these three are his sons: THE GENERAL (Revolutionary War General John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg); THE SPEAKER (Frederick Augustus Conrad Muhlenberg, the first Speaker of the United States House of Representatives under the Constitution);

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Archivist Work

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Cooperation With Others

Because a congregation is related to the rest of the ELCA, as well as to its community in which it is located, working with others is an important element of any archival program. It is a means by which to obtain assistance and information, and make the story of your congregation known to others.

Congregational archivists should report significant historical events to the synod archivist or other appropriate synod staff and deposit copies of certain materials with the synod archivist. Among the items to be deposited in the synod archives are:

1. Histories of the congregation, or copies of manuscript histories, if available.
2. Special orders of service prepared for ordinations, installations, groundbreakings, dedications, re-dedications, and anniversaries.
3. Special bulletins or newsletters. (Synod archives cannot maintain sets of Sunday bulletins.)

4. Biographical material pertaining to pastors, teachers, church officers, or prominent lay persons.
5. Local or regional Lutheran periodicals and serials.
6. Photographs of churches, schools, pastors, teachers, and staff members, identified with names and dates.
7. Positive copies of microfilmed records of congregations.

The ELCA Archives in Chicago collects congregational histories, special bulletins, biographical information, photographs, positive reference copies of congregational records on microfilm and for storage, and original camera negatives. Other items are accepted on a selective basis.

Your local and state historical or genealogical societies are interested in obtaining printed congregational histories and transcriptions or positive copies on microfilm of congregational records. Pastors may desire to keep personal copies of some of the materials described above. They should be allowed to do so, provided original copies are retained in church files. ■

John Peterson on Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg

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and THE BOTANIST (The Reverend Dr. G. Henry E. Muhlenberg, sometimes referred to as "Muhlenberg Junior"). All three were pastors for varying lengths of time. But the fact that they are generally more well known for their other endeavors points to an important observation on the Muhlenbergs - generation after generation, they are found in a wide variety of vocational roles, making generally positive and at times distinctive contributions to the development and on-going life of America.

"The Muhlenberg family genealogists give credit where credit is due. The family tradition in America, they say, began in - 1710! That was the year the Weiser family came to America from Germany. Anna Maria Weiser, daughter of Conrad Weiser, was Muhlenberg's wife. Henry Melchior of course showed up a little later, in 1742. Henry and Anna Maria were married in 1745.

"The family has become very extensive over the generations. Anna and Henry Melchior had eleven children! Four did not survive childhood.

The remaining seven however all married and had anywhere from four to nine children each! One listing puts the actual number of grandchildren at just over 50! Many, however, died in childhood

or relatively early in life. In a letter written to an old friend in Germany in 1785, two years before he died, Henry Melchior states that he has a total of 29 living grandchildren. Obviously, the probability of a rapidly expanding family tradition is evident.

"We can mention a few family members in the succeeding generations who are noted in the historical annals. In the line following G. Henry E., the botanist,

there is Dr. H.A.P. Muhlenberg, who after several years as a pastor, entered political life, was a member of Congress, and was

Minister to Austria several years under President Van Buren. He was married twice - to two sisters - daughters of Pennsylvania Governor Joseph H. Hiester.

"Another son, F.A. Muhlenberg, was a long time physician in Lancaster.

His son, Dr. Frederick A. Muhlenberg, occupied professorships in classics in several universities and colleges, and when the Ministerium of Pennsylvania took over what became Muhlenberg College in 1867, he was its first President.

"We note one more of particular interest. William Augustus Muhlenberg (1796-1877) was not a Lutheran, but rather a well-

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A **FRIENDLY REMINDER** to Society members:
If you haven't already submitted your 2011 dues, please do so very soon.

\$20/calendar year: Please mail to...

Lee Knepp, Treasurer,
PO Box 76
McClure, PA 17841.



**Remember
Your Dues**

Submitted by Barbara Luebke

Mark your Calendars!!

Lutheran Historical Societies planning. . . 2012 Trip to Germany

by John Deeben

The Lutheran Historical Societies of the Mid-Atlantic and of Eastern Pennsylvania invite members to consider a trip to Germany:

Tentatively scheduled for May 15–28, 2012

(Please note the revision in dates from the last newsletter. The change was made to facilitate room accommodations at several key Muhlenberg sites). The venture will focus on locations important to both Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg and Martin Luther, including Eisenach and Wartburg Castle, Einbeck (Muhlenberg's birthplace), Erfurt, Marburg, Groshennersdorf, Herrenhut, and Worms.

Organized by Christian Tours Europe, in partnership with the ELCA Wittenberg Center and the Francke Foundation in Halle, the trip will be led by LHSMA board member Dr. Andrew J. White, Hagan Professor *emeritus* at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.



A prospectus for the trip, as well as information regarding the cost for the group airfare, is now available. To obtain further information or field questions about the trip, please contact:

Jack White
717-261-5724
jackmimi@hotmail.com.

Peterson on Muhlenberg

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known Episcopal clergyman, who had a significant impact in church music and literature, social ministry and history. He wrote a number of hymns that were quite popular in the 19th and early 20th centuries, although they have mostly disappeared today. He founded a hospital (Saint Lukes) and a social ministry organization (Saint Johnland) in the New York City area, and was the rector of the Church of the Holy Communion in New York. He counseled and taught many Episcopal seminary students the art of pastoral care, and encouraged them to be sensitive to the practical and pastoral needs of all manner and conditions of people. Thanks to him, hundreds of Episcopal clergy - and not a few bishops - knew the name Muhlenberg. And they also learned that Dr. Muhlenberg's great grandfather was the Lutheran

patriarch in America!

"William Augustus Muhlenberg was a grandson of Speaker Frederick. Political discussions were heated in Pennsylvania in the 1790s due to the controversy over what historians know as the "Jay Treaty" with Britain. At this time, the Speaker's oldest son, Henry William, was dating, and later married Mary Sheafe, daughter of Philadelphia merchant William Sheafe. Mr. Sheafe was very much in favor of the Jay Treaty and the House of Representatives had to vote the funding to put it into effect. Mr. Sheafe told Speaker Muhlenberg: "If you do not give (the Jay Treaty funding bill) your vote, your Henry shall NOT have my Polly!!" However, the needed bill passed, the Speaker supported it, Henry married Polly, and William Augustus Muhlenberg was their first son. As he later liked to summarize

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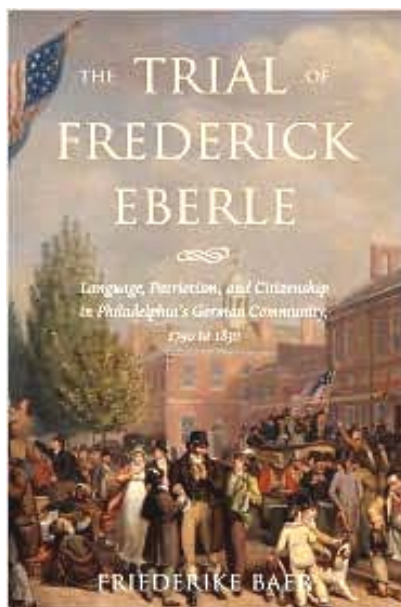
Society Announces 2011 Biglerville Prize Winners

by John Deeben

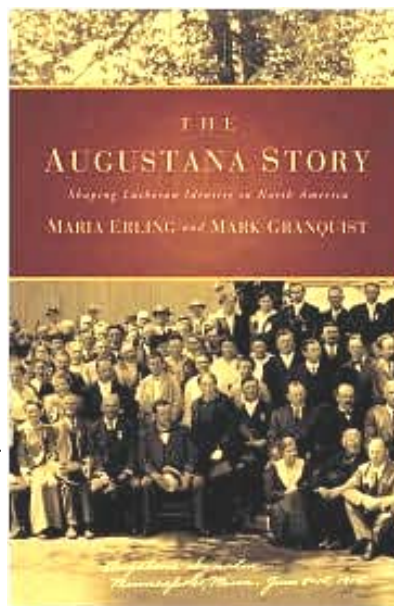
At the LHSMA Annual Spring meeting on May 3, 2011, President Steve Herr announced the winners of the 2011 St. Paul, Biglerville Prize for outstanding contributions of mature scholarship in American Lutheranism. The prize was awarded jointly to **Friederike Baer**, Assistant Professor of History at Penn State University, Abington; **Maria Erling**, Professor of Modern Church History and Global Missions at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg; and **Mark Granquist**, Associate Professor of Church History at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Baer was honored for her book *The Trial of Frederick Eberle: Language, Patriotism and Citizenship in Philadelphia's German Community, 1790-1830* (New York University Press, 2008), an examination in microcosm of one Lutheran congregation's struggle to define its own identity within the new American nation. In 1816, the state of Pennsylvania tried a group of German Americans on charges of conspiracy and rioting for attempting to physically pre-

vent the introduction of the English language into the liturgy at Philadelphia's St. Michael and Zion Lutheran Church, at that time the largest German congregation in North America. In selecting this work, the prize committee indicated, "Baer wrote an excellent and original history of a church in crisis focusing not merely on what happened but investigating the motives and intentions of the key players, both lay and clergy. She contextualized the story showing how the mem-



text."



Erling and Granquist were also honored for co-authoring *The Augustana Story: Shaping Lutheran Identity in North America* (Fortress Press, 2008), a broader exploration of a major Lutheran tradition in North America that also reflected the larger social fabric, culture, and history of the United States, Sweden, and Canada. Founded in 1860 mainly by Swedish immigrants, the Augustana Lutheran Church merged in 1962 with other bodies to become the Lutheran Church in America (LCA), one of the predecessors of the current ELCA. According to the prize committee, the book, "traces the roots, and then sheds clarity on a recent period in our church's history which many of us lived through, and often found heady and confusing, presenting the story in a new and exciting way by utilizing Swedish archival material to shed light on the largest organization ever founded by Swedish Americans."

The St. Paul, Biglerville Prize was established in 1990 by St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bigler-

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Mary Elizabeth Markley

First woman on the national staff of a Lutheran denomination. Mary Markley, daughter of the Reverend A. B. Markley, was born in Millerstown, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Ursinus College (1902) and received a master's degree in English from Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia, before becoming supervisor of the Service House for the National Commission for Soldier's and Sailors' Welfare (1918-1919). Markley became secretary for the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in 1919 and served until 1946. Her responsibilities included visitation to colleges and seminaries and recruiting missionaries for overseas work. She was a board member of the Lutheran Nurses Guild, the Women's Missionary Society, the Lutheran Student Association, and the National Christian Council. Her efforts opened doors for other women to enter professional church work. ■



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God knows all about you."

Biglerville Prize

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ville, Pennsylvania, in honor of a former pastor, the late Frederick K. Weiser. Throughout his career, Weiser made significant contributions to the study of Pennsylvania Germans and Lutheran history. The award is offered every two-to-three years and is administered by LHSMA. A list of past prize winners is available on the society's web site at www.lhsmidatlantic.com. Nominations are now being considered for the 2013 prize. Anyone wishing to suggest a recent publication of mature scholarship for consideration may contact the society at 61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, PA 17325. ■



Peterson on Muhlenberg

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the situation: "The vote went the right way, peace was restored, and HERE I AM!!"

"And so it is - that Muhlenberg - and the Muhlenbergs—in their various forms and under many names, have made their impact very widely across the country. May it continue so to be. And we will continue to honor and to learn of the key role

of the Lutheran Patriarch - both in the life of the church, and in the founding, with Anna Maria, of distinctive family tradition in America."

As part of his presentation, Peterson also featured a "show and tell" of the first five restored volumes of the Muhlenberg journals. The Lutheran Archives Center is currently undertaking a project to conserve the entire set of Muhlenberg's private journals. ■

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