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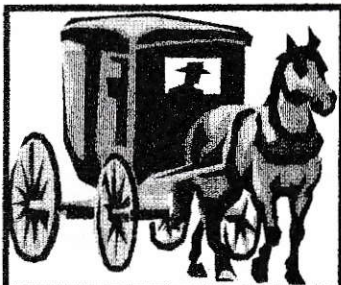
Faith and Hope By Norman Lyndaker

An acute "felt need" of the human heart and mind today is hope. If cumulative assessment of people's emotional state could be taken, I suspect, it would indicate people are now living with greater anxiety and stress, especially since September 11, 2001.

In times like these we need to covet—as did our persecuted ancestors—a vital faith and steadfast hope which resonates in our minds and hearts, individually and collectively. From a physical point of view, we say "where there is life there is hope," and from the spiritual perspective, "where there is hope there is life" -real, and purposeful living!

Living in hope for our ancestors grew out of a faith centered in

Jesus, "the sure and steadfast anchor of the soul." (Heb. 6:19) This foundational belief had major influence on who they were and what they did. They came to the New World in order to espouse the peaceful life of Jesus, as well as coming for economic reasons. In our mind's eye, we can see them carving out space in the dense forest for a cabin; up heaving stones making tillable land; women assisting in the strenuous work of clearing land—along with cooking, cleaning, sewing, birthing children and caring for them. When night came, the whole family retired, exhausted in body and hope in the heart. I believe it was this hope that enabled them to keep the vision before them for a better life in spite of the hardships and "unknowns" they encountered. Though we might speak (continued on page 2)



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A Tribute To Luella R. Moshier

December 12, 1913 – April 20, 2001

In grateful recognition of her life, love, and faithful service to others in the name of Christ, we especially recognize her 12 years of service on the Board of Directors of the Adirondack Mennonite Heritage Association and her commitment to its purpose as exemplary of that dedication to Christ.

- AMHA Board of Directors





Apple Fest 2001

By Ralph & LaVeda Taube

October 6, 2001 -The day started out with a light rain, windy and cool. We got a fire started in the big old kitchen stove and soon the kitchen was cozy and ready for Phyllis Lyndaker to make her delicious dinner rolls and half moon pies. Joyce Moshier made apple fritters, everyone seemed to enjoy them.

Ralph made apple cider and he

had lots of help from the little ones. Olivia Moshier helped to press the cider and she thought this was the BEST!

We served soup and hot dogs for lunch, fritters and half moon pies, cider and donuts.

In the afternoon the sun came out and the wind came up and Ralph thought it would be a good day to fly kites. What JOY! The children had so much fun!

We also sold fresh produce, baked goods, Amish cheese, apples, and cider.

It was a great day and we give thanks to the Lord! Thank you to everyone who came to spend the day with us. Already, we are making plans for Apple Fest 2002 -come and join us if you can. Remember! God is good, all the time!

Faith and Hope ... By Norman Lyndaker (continued from page 1)

well of them, they would be careful "not to think more highly of themselves than they ought to think." (Romans 12:3)

How might we experience a "hands on hope" that will aid us in coping with our situation today? Need we cry out for more faith as did Jesus' disciples only to learn they needed to exercise their "mustard seed size faith" which would be sufficient to uproot trees that obstructed their path? (Luke 17:5-6)

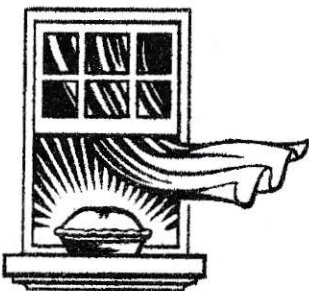
Jesus gave hope to the disciples and to our ancestors. He is our hope today!

JESUS...

"the sure and steadfast anchor of the soul."

-Hebrews 6:19

Rhubarb Custard Pie (Vera Lyndaker from Emma Lehman)



1 cup stewed rhubarb

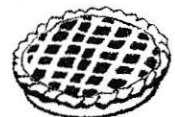
1 cup white sugar

1 1/2 T. flour

2 egg yolks

3/4 cup milk

Beat together and bake in a prepared crust at 350 degrees. When nearly baked, beat egg whites and add sugar. Pour onto pie and return to oven until evenly browned. If using a larger pan, increase measurements.



Parlor Chat with Bernice Zehr

Reminiscing...The John and Joseph Moser Story

On Sunday, July 8, 2001 we were hosted at the Lowville Mennonite Church by the grandchildren of Philip and Katie Moser to spend the evening reminiscing in their parlor.

Arlene Yousey took us back to the second generation when brothers, John & Joseph Moser departed Europe arriving in America in 1834. Events and dates are sketchy in regard to their parents and siblings. (For example –was their father named Nicholas or Christian?)

We shivered along with these two young men in their early 20's braving the northern cold in light denim and cotton clothing without the necessities of long underwear and wool that we are accustomed to. Their accommodation was a brush hut. A Farney family had graciously funded their tickets. For two years they worked in the woods and otherwise to repay their fare.

They sought America to escape the military draft that had already claimed the participation of one or two other brothers. With their diligence of work style they were able to earn money to pay for tickets for their parents and siblings. The Christmas of 1838 was a blessed event spent together in America in their simple log cabin. They could claim with the prophet Isaiah the Lord's promise "For I, the Lord your God, hold your

right hand; it is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'" (Isaiah 41:13)

The fifth generation grandchildren: Floyd Zehr, Ellen Yousey, Arlene Yousey, Nelson Moser, Gladys Nafziger, and Marvin Moser invited us back to their parlor in the homestead for an evening of memory. The now empty house took on a personality as they shared Grandpa and Grandma with us.



People previously flattened to words on a page now brimmed with character and personality. Along with horses, cows, pigs, and chickens, sheep graced the farm providing wool and mutton. Grandma avidly gardened, spun wool & knitted much needed clothing items for the family. Although small framed "her busy fingers" added much to the

household. She spoke German but with the advent of the grandchildren, English as a second language was introduced. Much was caught as the grandchildren shared German with us.

Grandpa Philip, a larger framed man, farmed successfully and spoke German and English. He was active in the church and local community. His long beard endeared him with the title of Santa Claus by the neighbor children. In 1925 his petition for electricity was granted, thus being the first in the community to do so. A plot of land bordering the farm was donated as the church cemetery and he dug many grave plots after that. The white horse "Babe" hauled many cans of milk to the station. In 1935 at age 72 a Dodge truck was purchased for \$535 with doors that opened from the front to the back. He never drove a vehicle passing the baton privilege to his sons.

All too soon it was time to say goodbye to three generations of continuous Moser farming spanning 134 years from 1948 to 1982. We cheered with them as memory culminated with Katie and Philip's fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration remembered by many of their 37 grandchildren. We celebrated also as we were invited to the basement for that spring hospitality of sugar on snow.



Zwanzigstein Fest 2001

By Carolyn Henry

As we celebrated our Mennonite Heritage at the Z-Fest on July 7, with the theme "Work With Thine Own Hands," we give out praise to God for a wonderful day in so many ways.

Approximately 500 people came and enjoyed the sunny day, the good food, music, demonstrations, hands-on activities, displays, stories, house tours, craft & bake sales, the sand box, horse driven wagon rides and more.

Someone saw their neighbor just sitting on the front porch. It was a day to listen, relax and enjoy.

A person I met last year at the Z-Fest came back this year and gave me a local artifact. She wanted AMHA to have it. It was a cloth bag with the name Virkler and Castorland imprinted on it. How generous of her and how appreciative I was. Later I saw her and her friend just sitting on the grainary steps and enjoying their time at the Home-

stead.

It was nice to see Assemblyman Nortz and his grandson at the Z-Fest. His teenage grandson enjoyed making homemade ice cream.

This was our 11th Zwanzigstein Festival. Many of you have helped eleven years! No matter how many years you have helped, we thank you very, very, much. We need each one of you. We'll see you again next year!



Menno Trivia

Submitted By: Bernadine Schwarzentruher

1. What does the term "Anabaptist" mean?
 - A. a person who opposes infant baptism
 - B. a person baptized as an infant who is rebaptized as an adult believer
 - C. a member of the Amish, Mennonite, Hutterite, Church of the Brethren or Quaker church
2. Name the Anabaptist upon who the movie "The Radicals" and the book Pilgrim Aflame was based.

3. Name 3 men who baptized each other in January 1525, thus beginning the Anabaptist movement.
 - 1 _____
 - 2 _____
 - 3 _____
4. Match these Anabaptist leaders with what they are noted for:
 1. Jacob Amman
 2. George Blaurock
 3. Michael Sattler
 4. Hans Denck
 5. Menno Simons
 - A. Schleitheim Confession author
 - B. Founder of Amish Church
 - C. Former Dutch priest
 - D. Rebaptized as an adult in 1525
 - E. His motto: "No man can truly follow Christ except one who follows him in life."

Where did this take place? _____

*Answers
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Summer Help

Submitted By: Carolyn Henry

Troy Moser started our summer off by mowing the lawn during May, June and part of July. It always looked so nice.

We were happy to have the Shekinah Youth Group spend part of their Saturday in June weeding, trimming, and really sprucing up the place. How nice it looked when they left. We thank Dan and Mary Pierce and the young people.

Just before the Zwanzigstein Festival the Naumburg Youth Group housecleaned much of the house, milk house, and garage. What a big help this was. We thank Eva and Mervin Moser and the youth group who helped

us.

During July and August Cassandra Zehr spent Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the Homestead. Her first duty along with Troy was to help me prepare for Z-Fest. I could not have done it without them.



For the remainder of the summer Cassandra's duties varied. She entertained a few guests. She recorded the donations of artifact's and archives. The house was kept spotless. Every time I went up it looked so nice. She mowed the

lawn and many hours were spent with a brush and a pail of paint. She painted all of the display cases. What an improvement. The porch floor was given another coat. Her big paint project was the end side of the house. It meant scraping first and setting up a staging. Norm Lyndaker assisted and instructed. She was a great worker. Whatever job we asked her to do, she did it. Thank you Cassandra! She also hosted the Croghan Youth Group for their Bible Study.

The Board certainly appreciated each one that helped at the Homestead this summer. What a difference it made.

Thank You



Pork Cake

Lena Lyndaker from Aunt Katie Widrick

Chop together 1 lb. each of fat salt pork and raisins. Pour over these 1 pint of boiling water. Add 2 cups sugar, 1 cup molasses, and 2 eggs well beaten.

Mix thoroughly, then sift in nearly 5 cups flour, 2 tsp. Cinnamon, 1 tsp. Cloves, 1 tsp. Mace, 1 tsp. Baking Soda.

Beat thoroughly and bake in 2 tins lined with buttered paper about 1 hour. A slow oven is needed.

Barn Fund Update:

The Barn Fund has reached \$5075.20.
We appreciate your support.
Donations are still being accepted.

WISH LIST: Folding Chairs or Chairs That Stack

Menno Trivia Answers:

1. B. A person who has been rebaptized as an adult.
2. Michael Sattler
3. Conrad Grebel, Felix Manz, George Blaurock
Zurich, Switzerland
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