

THE HOUSE OF YODER NEWSLETTER

MAY 2012

The 15th Annual Members Meeting

of The House of Yoder

Saturday, November, 5, 2011



Members and guests enjoying some refreshments and fellowship before the start of the Annual Meeting. Pictured left to right: Ray Yount, Marvin J. Yoder, Doris Ours, Daniel Yoder, Sr. Paul H. Yoder, and Lowell Bender.

The House of Yoder held their Annual Members
Meeting on Saturday, November 5, 2011. Thirteen
members and four guests were present. Refreshments
were provided by Ruth Yoder and Verna Bender.

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The Welcome was given by Doris Ours, President. Lowell Bender read from Psalm 90:12. Lowell also shared the poem "The Dash", written by Linda Ellison. Lowell and Verna sang the "Sheppard Medley" Our group sang: "When We Walk with the Lord" and also "Take Thou My Hand Oh Father." Kenneth Yoder led in prayer.



Verna and Lowell Bender

The Business Meeting was conducted, with reports from: Secretary, Mayla Yoder; Treasurer, Edgar Yoder; Library Reports, Ray Yount. Kenneth Yoder reported on the door from the Norman S. Yoder's home. The door was purchased from the Amish Benefit Auction. Kenneth and Harold McKenzie are planning a display for the door. Computer Web Site Report was given by Mark H. Yoder. Christmas In The Village dates were finalized, along with the arrangements that Dan Yoder will be in charge of handing out popcorn during the Christmas festivities.

The Board of Directors nominated Mark H. Yoder as Board Member for the term ending 2016. James L. Yoder (YR26119143a) of Grantsville, MD was our speaker. Jim is the son of the late Alvin H. and Martha (Maust) Yoder. Jim and his wife Edith (Miller) are the parents of three children; Debbie, Donna and David. They also have several grand children. Jim spoke on the topic of the persecutions of Christians from the time of Christ thru the 17th century.

"The first 330 plus years after Christ's ascension, Christians were martyred mostly because they worshiped one true God. By 324 A.D., Constantine, the Emperor of Rome, became a believer in Christianity and Christians were permitted to worship one single God rather than Roman deities. The "dark age" of the church began around 400 A.D. The Christians were again persecuted. Augustine, the Emperor of Rome, taught that infant baptism was necessary because of original sin. By 487 A.D., many Christians separated from the State Church.

By 600 A.D., the only Bible permitted by the Roman Church was the Latin Vulgate. Those in possession of another translation would be executed.

About 1160 A.D., Peter Waldo, a wealthy merchant from Lyons, France, decided to repent, amend his life and become more diligent in the fear of God than he had been. He helped the poor and taught the scriptures in the common French language. In 1179 Archbishop of Lyons ordered Waldo to stop preaching, but Waldo refused. At the council of Verona in 1184, Pope Lucius III excommunicated the "Walde's Followers".

About 1210, in the Castle of Menerve, 140 Albigenses were burnt alive in a large fire.

John Wycliffe (1330-1384) translated the Bible into English. In May 1382, John was declared a heretic and fled from England to Bohemia, where he promoted his doctrine, jointly with the Waldenses, who agreed with a lot of his teaching.



James L. Yoder (YR2611943a), speaking at The House of Yoder Annual Meeting, November 5, 2011

John Huss (1372-1415) was born in Bohemia and ordained a priest in 1401. Hiss was excommunicated in 1410 for teaching Wycliffe's Doctrine. He was burned at the stake in 1415.

Erasmus (1466?-1536). In 1516, Erasmus printed a new Greek and Latin Bible. This translation became the foundation of many future translations. After his death, many of his followers engaged in a bloody war against those who put their leader to death.

Martin Luther (1483-1546) was excommunicated from the Catholic Church and went into semi hiding at the Wartburg Castle. He translated the New Testament into German from the New Greek translation by Erasmus.

Ulrich Zwingli (1484-1531), was ordained a priest in 1506 and installed in Zurich, Switzerland in 1519. After becoming increasingly critical of the traditional practices of Roman Catholicism, he resigned as priest of the Roman Catholic Church in Nov. 1522 and rejected its authority over him. A council of 200, which was the governing body of the city of Zurich, immediately reinstated him in the same position, but under the Swiss authority. This marked the beginning of the Swiss Reformation and of the State Church.

About 1521, at the time of Emperor Charles V, a decree was made that anyone who didn't believe in the Roman Church or harbored such people should be put to death.

Christmas In the Willage 2011

By the end of 1525, Zurich, Switzerland decreed that all those who where baptizing, were to be put to death by drowning and imprisonment for those who accepted baptism. By January 1527, Protestant Zurich would execute its heretic, Felix Mantz.

In the summer of 1526, Michael Sattler had joined the Swiss Brethren and by May 1527, he was burned alive. His wife Margaretha was drowned in the Neckar River.

Feb 25, 1536, Jacob Hutter was burned at the stake. His followers referred to themselves as Hutterian Brethren.

Menno Simons (1496-1561). Menno was ordained a Catholic priest. He later became an Anabaptist leader. The name Mennonite was first used in 1545. Menno was a hunted man with a price on his head. By 1574, there would be about 1500 Anabaptists martyred in Belgium and the Netherlands.

The Bern Mennonites remained in Switzerland in the late 17th century. The persecutions of 1671, 1691 and 1711 were particularly tragic. While the death penalty no longer applied, other measures were taken against them. Many were sent to the sea as galley slaves, imprisoned and branded on the forehead to identify them as undesirables. No one was allowed to give them room or board. Many emigrated to Southern Germany.

Ulrich Miller is believed to have started the Amish Church. In 1679, Christian Yoder permitted Ulrich Miller to preach on his farm. Jacob Amman later became the leader of this movement."

Much of the reference material was taken from the Martyr's Mirror by Thieleman J. van Braght and Mennonite Church History by J.S. Hartzler and Daniel Kauffman



Visitors to The House of Yoder, signing our guest book and waiting for some popcorn. Pictured above, from left: Cora Anna (Yoder) Yoder, Marvin J. Yoder, Dan Yoder, Sr.

Christmas In The Village was held again this year on Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3, 2011. Ann and Ralph Sebrell from Harrisonburg, VA were our gracious hosts for the winter festival. With the aroma of freshly popped-pop corn drifting throughout The House, visitors enjoyed listening to German Christmas singing and eating their pop corn. Ann Sebrell demonstrated how to make paper Christmas trees and ornaments.



Young and old alike gather around the table with our host, Ann Sebrell, as she demonstrates how to make Christmas trees cut from paper. As you can see, this is a <u>very</u> popular stop!

UPDATE TO NEWSLETTER MAY 2011

DAVID AND ALBERT HARVEY YODER (YR2618216)

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On page 6 of the May 2011 Newsletter, we could not document that Albert was David's son. After further research, we can now identify this Albert as being David's son, as we had speculated. According to the marriage license, he was born September 24, 1903 at Meyersdale, PA. He lists his mother as Fannie Hostetler, this was his step-mother. We still do not know who his birth mother was. He married Lelia Arlene Baughman daughter of Sylvester and Anna Belle Baughman on June 4,1927 at the Willard Reformed Church. The minister was George Albert Snyder. At the time of his marriage, Albert was living at 87 Middleberry Ave. Akron, OH. His occupation was truck driver. Albert and Lelia were divorced April 5, 1945. He was married the second time to Gladys E. Vincent on May 12, 1945. On the second marriage application, Albert began writing his name "Bert" instead of Albert. He listed his mother's first name as Effie Hostetler, instead of Fannie and his place of birth as Grantsville, MD, instead of Meyersdale, PA as listed on the first marriage license.

Albert and Lelia had three children: Russell Lee, Geraldine Edna and Paul Sylvester.

RUSSELL LEE YODER

According to the 1930 census, taken in April, Russell is listed as being eight months old. This would put his birthday around August 1929. An article appeared in "The Newark Advocate Newspaper" dated Saturday evening, November 27, 1948.

"Dies Under Truck, November 27 AP"

"Russell L. Yoder, 19 was crushed to death last night, when an automobile knocked him beneath the wheels of a gasoline tank truck."

He is buried in the Glenn Dale Cemetery, Akron

An obituary appeared for Russell in the May 2011 House of Yoder Newsletter.

GERALDINE EDNA YODER

1992 at Akron. OH, age 60. Buried at Hillside Memorial Park, Uniontown, Ohio. She married George Duane Ross, Sr. born June 18, 1930 died Jan 10. 1999, Akron OH, age 68. They had two children: George Ross, Jr., Uniontown, OH and Charles Ross, North Carolina.

PAUL SYLVESTER YODER

Born April 27, 1936 died October 11, 1992 age 56 at Nassau, NY. July 18, 1964, he married Barbara Jean Ross. Divorced March 12, 1981. They had two children, Russell and Christine, who live in North

ALBERT'S OBITURAY

Obitmary for Bert Ft. Yoder than appeared on page 15 of the Tuesday, July 21, 1964 Akrow Boucon Journal

BERT H. YODER

Bert H. Yoder, 59, of 839 In man st. a machine operator for the Guran Construction

Co., died Monday in Akron City Hospital after a threemonth Illness.

Mr. Yoder was a native of Pennsylvania and an Akron resident 30 years.

He leaves his wife, Gladys; a daughter, Mrs. James W. Tatton of Tailmadge; a son, Paul of Akron, and two grandchildren.

Dr. H. D. Rose will conduct services Thursday at 1:30 p. m. in the Eckard-Baldwin Funeral Home where friends may call Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

We can not find documentation for any children being born to Albert and Gladys. The above obituary lists a daughter, Mrs. James W. Tatton of Tallmadge. We can document that she is Gladys's daughter from a former marriage. We think that Paul listed in the obituary was probably Albert's son. George Ross, Geraldine was born October 29, 1931, died May 22, Jr., Geraldine's son, said that they lost contact with Albert after the divorce, and this may be why the names of the other children are not listed in the obituary.

UPDATE TO NEWSLETTER JULY 2009

Christian J. Yoder (YR261184) "YANKEE CRIST"

How Christian got his nick name- "Yankee Crist".

This is the account remembered by Daniel M. Miller, as told to him by his father, Floyd J. Miller, when he (Floyd) was still living at home with his father, Jonas B. Miller, "Each year the farmers would form a group to help each other with the thrashing of oats, wheat and barley. The thrashing machine owner would set a schedule, indicating the order in which he would arrive at each farm. Daniel could not remember the name of the owner of the thrashing machine. The crew was thrashing at the Jonas B. Miller farm, when they stopped for lunch. They were sitting around the table, eating, when a phone call came from Christian Yoder, a busy neighbor, who had an apple orchard and also hatched baby chicks with his incubators. Mr. Yoder asked to talk to the owner of the thrashing machine, wanting to change the thrashing schedule to have the crew arrive at his farm next, instead of when he was scheduled. The owner of the machine stated that he needed to stay on schedule. then went back to the table to finish his meal. In a short time, he again got a phone call from Crist, wanting to change the schedule. The owner again told Crist that he was not changing the schedule, and again returned to the table and his meal. Soon again, Crist called the third time. The owner, with a big sigh, goes to the phone and with some emphasis says: "Hello Yankee". To this day, Christian Yoder is referred to as "Yankee Crist" to help distinguish him from all of the other Christian Yoder's."

CORRECTION TO OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER NORMAN, S. YODER (YR2611915)

Page 2, second paragraph reads: "his teacher would have been his step-brother, Norman Maust." It should read: "his teacher would have been his halfbrother, Daniel Maust"

CORRECTION TO MAY 2011 NEWSLETTER DAVID H. YODER (YR261821)

Page 6, under the headline of Addie Yoder it states that "Addie was married to Jonas Petersheim in 1924." According to the book <u>Descendents of Georg Petersheim</u>, printed in 1979 Addie married Jacob J. Petersheim. It does not give the date of the marriage. Her birth date is given as October 2, 1901, dying December 31, 1925. Some people thought that Addie was only married approximately 1 year before her death, making her marriage date close to 1924.

CORRECTION TO MAY 2011 NEWSLETTER ABSALOM YODER(YR26182)

Page 8 second column Absalom's obituary states "at the residence of C.L. Peachy" is should read "at the residence of C.K. Peachy."

An addition: Absalom is buried at the Locust Grove Mennonite Church, plot D-05. Bellville, Mifflin County, PA.



Grave stone of Absalom Yoder. (YR26182)

[&]quot;ABSALOM YODER Died Sept 14th, 1893 Aged 64y 7m 9d."



Can you imagine my surprise, while reading our copy of the August/September, 2011 issue of Farm and Ranch Living, I saw the above picture, and realized that The House of Yoder had the same quite rare, probably because of its kind of "mystery tool" that was pictured. As I read the caption that accompanied the picture, I realized that the picture was indeed that of the "mystery tool" at The House of ented on May 27, 1884. it is 17" Yoder. The photo was sent to the magazine by Ann and Ralph Sebrell, Harrisonburg, VA. Ann and Ralph are members of The House of Yoder, and are active with our hosting program. You would have seen Ann's picture on page three of this issue.

While hosting at The House of Yoder, Ann and Ralph were asked what the tool was. No one was really sure, and that's what prompted Ann and Ralph to send in the photo.

The "mystery tool" has a patent date of May 27, 1884. After narrowing down the possibilities of what the tool actually was, Ann

and Ralph found that it was called a "Hand Plunger Washer" Pat. 1884. "This is a hand clothes washer. It was used like a plunger to agitate the water. This type is size, its over twice a s big as the more common plunger washers. It must have been quite heavy and hard to use. This model was patlong and 9" wide.

Replies came from: California, Nebraska, Harrisonburg, VA, Washington, New York, Colorado, Wisconsin and North Dakota.

Now for an update on this "mystery tool":

In the April/May issue of Farm and Ranch Living:

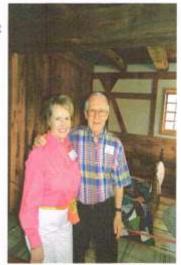
"Mystery Solved"

"The first reply to our question about our mystery tool arrived before we had even seen the August/ September issue. As he opened the envelope, my husband Ralph,

wondered why somebody from North Dakota was sending us a letter

Since then, about three dozen people have written to us, and replies continue to trickle in. Almost everyone agrees that the tool is a clothes stomper (or clothes plunger or clothes dasher), used for agitating especially dirty work clothes in a wash tub of soapy water. Several people told us they had helped their mothers use similar tools on wash day."

Thanks for publishing our photos, and thanks to everyone who wrote and helped us solve the mystery!"



Ann and Ralph Sebrell, Harrisonburg, VA. Hosts at The House of Yoder

Many thanks to Ann and Ralph for their interest in learning about The House of Yoder. Our hosts are so very important to The House of Yoder.

YODER LOSES TO THE LAW OF PHYICS



78 Year old Kenneth Yoder(YR261191434), former House of Yoder Board Member, shows off the cast on his broken ankle.

Kenneth, declaring that he was mowing the yard, while some of his children think he was trying to immolate his son Dirk and grandson Trent, both who do dirt bike racing. Or maybe he was being lazy by trying to mow with the riding lawn mower, where he should have been doing trim work by hand. Either way, Yoder found out that the law of physics still work.

While trying to mow a steep bank, Kenneth would take a "run" for the bank, then let the mower coast backwards, repeating this process until completing the job. On one of these "runs", Kenneth sank into a small hole with the front tire, and when the back tire sank into the same hole, with Kenneth a rather portly sized gentleman, the weight of the tractor shifted causing the front of the tractor to come back over the top of Kenneth. Things happened so quickly that Kenneth thinks that the tractor landed on

top of him. The first thing that he remembers was
that he was laying with his foot and ankle pinned underneath of the tractor. Ruth, his wife, had been
working in another part of the yard, and hearing the
tractor stop, came to investigate. At the same time
the US post man was delivering the mail and saw
Ruth running through the yard to Kenneth. Both
tried to help Kenneth to his feet, but Kenneth said he
used his other good foot to push the tractor off of the
foot that was pinned. After a visit to the emergency
room, the only thing broken was his ankle.

Kenneth is recuperating and expects to have the cast off in the near future.

HOUSE OF YODER HOSTING PROGRAM

The House of Yoder will open for the summer/fall season on May 29, 2012. A few weeks have been booked by various hosts. There are a number of weeks still remaining to filled. If you are interested in hosting at The House, whether it be for a day, a few days, a week or two, please contact me. We had a few new hosts last year, so, please if you have never been a host before, don't think you are not able to be a host. There are information packets you can use to get yourself acquainted with The House, and the Board of Directors will be more than happy to help you out. For more information, contact Mayla H. Yoder at 814-267-3383 or Doris Ours, at 304-726-4321.



AMISH BENEFIT AUCTION Saturday, June 9, 2012 680 Springs Road SPRINGS, PA 15562 814-662-2054

(On Route 669 Between Salisbury, PA and Grantsville, MD.)

Breakfast is served starting at 7:00 am Auction begins at 8:30am.

This auction helps defray medical expenses of the local Amish community.



Quilts like those pictured above will be auctioned off.

THE HOUSE OF YODER WEB SITE

Good news! The House of Yoder web site:
www.houseofyoder.org is up and running!!! A very
sincere THANK YOU goes to Miss Stephanie Lambert, of Berlin, PA. Stephanie is the 25 year old
daughter of Gloria and the late James Lambert.
Stephanie is currently attending Frostburg State College, (Frostburg, MD) studying for her master's degree in computer science. The web site wanted to
use a new format. Before any changes could be
made, the entire website had to be taken down, and
started over. We appreciate Stephanie's help so
much. We hope you check out our web site. If you
have any comments or suggestions, please feel free
to contact us.



Miss Stephanie Lambert, of Berlin, PA. She helped with The House of Yoder web site.



The House of Yoder and the south entrance

Spring Clean-Up Day at The House of Yoder

Board members arrived with their buckets and soap, wash rags and brooms, ready to clean up The House of Yoder for the summer season. This winter, The House was "home" to a flying squirrel. So, needless to say, there was a big mess to clean up. The squirrel has been removed, and "relocated" to a new abode.



Pictured above is Doris Ours and Lowell Bender, President and Vice President, respectively, of the Board of Directors of The House of Yoder. They are trimming a tree that stands in front of The House.



Pictured above are Harvey L. Yoder, also a member of the Board of Directors. Harvey traveled from Mifflin County- "The Big Valley" to help with the cleaning endeavor. Frederick Tillery is cleaning the fireplace andirons. Frederick is from Goshen, IN and is our host until the end of June.



Mark Yoder, raking leaves.



Some of the pretty flowers in front of The House.

THE HOUSE OF YODER

NEEDS

YOUR

HELP!!!

Construction on The House of Yoder was begun with the ground breaking on October 21, 1995

The building phase took years to complete. Now the maintenance phase begins, and The House is faced with a LARGE reconstruction problem! The wood shingles on the roof need to be replaced! What was believed to be a cedar shake roof, was actually Northern fur shakes, typically used for decorating the eaves of a house. The Northern fur has deteriorated from the pine needles and dampness. In some places, the shake is actually rotted away.

The House of Yoder Board of Directors was faced with a dilemma: replace the roof while maintaining the natural, authentic look of real cedar shakes, or use another material that would alter the appearance of The House. Quotes were received for real cedar shakes, polymer-composite synthetic cedar shakes, steel and asphalt. We also understood that endurance and low life cycle cost are the keys to sustainable design. Roofs needing frequent maintenance and replacement after only 15-20 years consume valuable energy and create financial strain. We also had to keep in mind, that any replacement would be done with donated money.

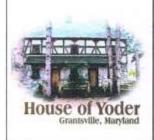
With prayer and discussion, The House of Yoder Board of Directors has decided to use *DaVinci Roofscapes*. DaVinci Roofscapes has created a line of polymer-composite synthetic shakes tiles that offer all of the natural, rustic beauty of a real cedar shingle – but with out any of the natural drawbacks of real wood.

Through a state-of-the art polymer chemistry, DaVinci has developed a shake shingle that offers a durability never before seen in a wood shingle. The appearance of these shingles is that of a sophisticated, natural product.

Each DaVince composite roof shingle is lightweight, impervious to freeze/thaw cycles, impact resistant, maintenance free, color fade resistant, Class A fire rated (with specified underlayment's), UL 3318 Class 4 impact rated, and wind resistant to 110 mph. The tiles also reflect sunlight, and heat away from your home. Plus, the product is backed by a 50year limited product.

The House of Yoder Board of Directors realize that The House is a treasure that needs to be protected and preserved. The amount of the new shingles, removal of existing shingles comes to a total of \$24,125.00 The House of Yoder Board of Directors decided to have Barry Knotts, of Knotts Construction, Ridgley, WV, do the shingle replacement. Mr. Knotts was the lowest bidder. He is also donating \$1,000.00 to The House of Yoder.

The House has been truly blessed with a generous contribution towards the installation of the new shingles. More funds are needed to complete the job. The House of Yoder will welcome any donation. Any donation is tax deductible and will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be sent to Edgar R. Yoder, Treasurer, 497 Hemlock Drive, Grantsville, MD 21536 or Mayla H. Yoder, 2274 Salco Road, Berlin, PA 15530



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