

Heritage Center Foundation Newsletter

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*This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord,
and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.*

ISAIAH 54:17

A Collection of Church Pictures

A couple boxes of slides of Apostolic Christian churches were donated to the Heritage Center. Some of the pictures are of church buildings no longer worshiped in, and some are of current church buildings. The Heritage Center had the slides digitized to better share them with others. It is our wish that viewing these pictures will bring back memories of our beautiful heritage and the fellowship we share. You may view the slides at bit.ly/3bvYAZm



New *Songs for Youth* Hymnal

A small song collection called *Lieder für Kinder* (Songs for Children) was used as a source hymnal for the original *Neue Zionsharfe* (our *Zion's Harp*). In fact, this small collection of "children's songs" had been used by the Froehlich congregations even before the creation of the *Zion's Harp* (1853), at least as early as 1844. The 15 songs that were carried over from that small collection to our *Zion's Harp* are relatively musically simple, and the words are applicable even to very young children. This applicability is clear from the words of some of the songs ("Our parents he gives who provide in each day, and teachers to show us the heavenly way.") In some cases we can see traces of the original source hymnal in the song titles themselves (such as "Children's Supplication" or "Children's Praise").

Those 15 songs from the old *Lieder für Kinder* hymnal have been reassembled in a new collection called "Songs for Youth" so that our young people may again use them as they did in the first generation of our fellowship. A few other songs from other hymnals of our heritage (the *Hefi* and the *Alte Lieder*) are appended to the original "*Lieder für Kinder*" collection. The *Songs for Youth* hymnal will hopefully be available for use in 2022.

Translation Update on the Writings of

Bro. Samuel H. Froehlich

The book of Hebrews and the book of Acts are both in the proofreading stage.

The upfront cost of translation and publishing is very high, making donations essential and appreciated. Anyone interested in contributing towards making these writings available, please send your donations to The Heritage Center Foundation, c/o Fairview Haven, 605 N. Fourth St., Fairbury, IL 61739.

Questions regarding this or any Heritage Center project can be directed to (815) 692-6704 or heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com.

Stories of Faith and Courage Flashdrives

The mp3 audio version of all four volumes of *Stories of Faith and Courage* is now available on one flashdrive. The cost is \$20 and can be purchased by calling 309-249-6281, emailing heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com, or going to melttheheart.com.



Do you have . .

. . . a pamphlet entitled "From the Beginning to the Present as a Voice of Warning and Judgment" by John Kreinbill?

John Kreinbill was possibly the first convert in Illinois and later became a minister in the Peoria congregation. If you have a copy of this or can share information about it, please contact us at heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com or (309) 242-2257.

DID YOU KNOW?

*The Junction congregation met in homes for services from 1864 to 1892.
When they built their first church building, how many rooms did it have?*

It had only two rooms - the assembly room and a kitchen.

From the Historical Directory Junction Congregation Apostolic Christian Church 1864-2018

A Selection From History

The following words were spoken by Bro. Peter Bach from Forrest, IL, on April 28, 1946, after reading Colossians 3 (Bro. Peter Bach passed away 6 days later on May 4.):

...and as we go through this chapter, in so many ways we can seek the things that are above in our daily life, and we can also neglect and forget. In small matters, we find in one of our hymns, we should exercise ourselves in the small things - exercise ourselves, and finally we will become able also to fulfill or do the greater things or tasks.... Each member has something to do and as a brother once said, "That little that we can do will amount to much if all do that, and it will also harm much if that little that we neglect that we could do and do not do."

....

Loved ones, we are one body, members of one body, Christ is the head. And so let us try to do our part, and be it ever so small, let us not neglect to do that. And let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in songs and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with praise in your heart to the Lord. Can we do this? Indeed we can if we are striving to be of the Word. We can succeed, and I say again even though sometimes we do not succeed as we would wish to, it is a humbling to us and we put forth more effort to show ourselves as doers of the Word and whatever you do in word or deed, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him. Whatever we do to the honor of God, can we be to the honor of God? Indeed if we do it in a quiet peaceable way.

Zion's Harp History Project

The *Zion's Harp* is a treasured part of Apostolic Christian history. Over the past couple of years, a book has been assembled with the history of both the authors and composers of the hymns, as well as a general history of the hymnal. This history will hopefully be in print in 2022.

One of the most beloved hymns in the *Zion's Harp* is "The Lord Will Provide" written by John Newton, who also wrote "Amazing Grace." While most of the *Zion's Harp's* hymns were originally written in German, this hymn is unusual as it was originally written in English, translated into German, and then retranslated back into English when the hymnbook was converted to the English language. For an unknown reason two of Newton's verses were not included in the original *Zion's Harp*. They are:

The birds without barn Or storehouse are fed, From them let us learn To trust for our bread:
His saints, what is fitting, Shall ne'er be denied, So long as 'tis written, The Lord will provide.

When life sinks apace And death is in view, This word of his grace Shall comfort us through:
No fearing or doubting With Christ on our side, We hope to die shouting, The Lord will provide.

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Faithfulness in Small Things

Zion's Harp #179, verses 1 and 4

This is the test of true devotion to keep and hold fast to the Lord;
And evermore without omission in all things to obey His Word.
In small and unimportant matters, yet to be careful and sincere,
Not knowingly to faults consenting, however small they may appear.

For who would wholly be the Saviour's will follow Him in all things here,
Will shun the smallest sin and even the things that sinful do appear,
Will seek in all things Jesus' glory, will strive in all sincerity
To be conformed unto the image of Him whose servant he would be.