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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

Froehlich's Meditations on the Epistle to the Hebrews Now Available

This new Heritage Press book contains Samuel Froehlich's helpful considerations of Biblical texts, which he generally wrote down after holding meditations in church gatherings. Since these were recorded in his diaries, some of his notes about the people and events at those gatherings are included. The translation is highly readable and includes meditations on Hebrews 11-13 which were omitted from the version previously published in English.

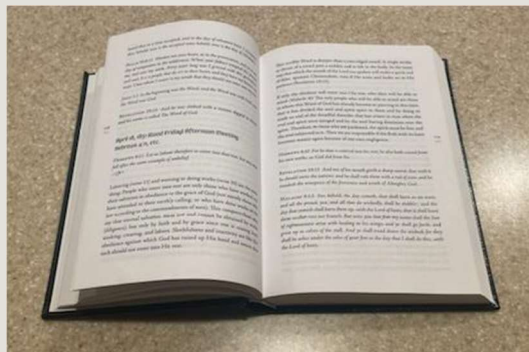
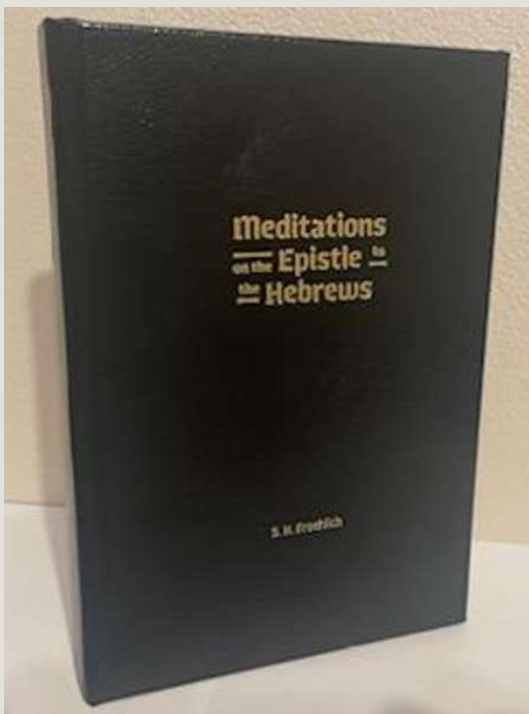
An excerpt on Hebrews 13:20, previously untranslated:

"It is necessary that the power of Christ's resurrection be transferred, in baptism, to those who believe, for the resurrected Shepherd brings the sheep forth with Him. But the nominal Christians fall short in this. They do not believe that they are dead in sin, so that they can be quickened together with Christ, as a result of His resurrection from the dead."

Hebrews is now available for \$15 and can be ordered directly from the Heritage Center (contact information above), or through Melt the Heart (melttheheart.com) or by calling or texting 309-249-6281.

A note on the new translations from the Heritage Center

The Heritage Center generally translates and publishes heritage writings in two categories: (1) writings that were previously unpublished or untranslated (for example, a collection of Froehlich letters and a collection of meditations from Froehlich's co-laborers which are both currently in progress); and (2) writings that have been previously translated but were unnecessarily difficult to read and in some cases (like Hebrews) were incomplete. The new translations start with the original German language writings and are intended to be readable but still just as literal and faithful to the original.



Your Family Histories Requested

The Heritage Center continues to collect histories of families associated with the Froehlich fellowships. Of special interest are accounts related to how the families became associated with the fellowship, as well as their involvement and work in the church. We are interested in anything from formally written histories to loose documents, pictures or personal memories. If there is anything you can share with us, please contact the Heritage Center (heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com or call/text 309-249-6281).

Access Our “Forever” Account

We are collecting photographs and other records in an account that will be at least partly accessible to those with the link.

As an example, to access our archive of church building pictures, go to one of the following addresses:

tinyurl.com/HCForever

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Previous assembly houses used by the congregations at Princeville (top) and Roanoke (bottom)

Preserving Sermon Recordings - Help Needed

We were saddened at the loss of Bro. Larry Bachman in July of this year. Bro. Larry made the time to preserve and index many sermon recordings that would otherwise be lost or inaccessible. Many of us have benefitted from his work and many more will continue to be encouraged by these recordings in the future.

Although Bro. Larry had a special talent for this work, there are tasks involved in audio preservation that you could likely do if you can make the time and follow some basic instructions.

If you would be willing to put time and effort toward preserving and indexing audio from records, wire, tapes or other outdated formats, please contact the Heritage Center (heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com or call/text 309-261-8284).

DID YOU KNOW?

We say that a convert is “proven” and “taken up”, both unusual terms in the English language.

“Proving” came from the German *Prüfung*, which commonly refers to an examination. The verb is *prüfen*, to test or examine. *Prüfen* is used in Romans 12:2 where it is also translated “prove”.

“Taking up” came from the German *aufnehmen*, which figuratively means to “take up” but has the more literal interpretation “to receive”. The noun is *Aufnahme* - reception, admission, acceptance. *Aufnehmen* is used in Acts 18:27 where it is translated “receive.”

Combining both terms, the word *Aufnahmeprüfung* is also commonly used to refer to an entrance examination in an academic or vocational setting.

In Froehlich’s diary entries, we can see that he used both terms - *Prüfung* and *Aufnahme* - to describe proving and taking up converts in the congregations as early as the 1830s. These terms have remained common among the congregations of the Froehlich fellowships since that time.

A Selection from History

*In years past the Silver Lining included occasional entries titled **Know Each Other Better** based on an interview with one of the older members in each congregation. Below is one of those entries from Bluffton, February 1962:*



Sister Elise (Meiss) Isch was born on April 18, 1873, in Vollerdingen, Alsace-Lorraine, France. Her parents were John and Margaret Roehn Meiss. Her mother passed away when she was two years old. Her father's second marriage was to Caroline Bucher. She had four sisters and six half-brothers, two of whom, Brother Gust Meiss of Hoopeston, Illinois, and Brother Ezra Meiss of La Crosse, Indiana, are still living.

They came to this country in May 1885, sailing from the French port of Le Havre on *The Normandy* and settling in Gridley, Illinois.

On March 7, 1897, she married Ernest Isch. They moved to Bluffton in 1906. His death occurred on January 5, 1920. There are nine surviving children, all members of the Bluffton Church, living in this vicinity: Brothers Joe, Elmer, and Harold; and Sisters Sophia (Bud) Gerber, Ella (John) Yergler, Bertha (Elmer) Moser, Dorothy (John) Frank, Amelia (Jim) Baine, and Clara Isch.

There are 22 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Thirteen of the grandchildren are converted.

Although she has been in poor health for a number of years, she attended church services until December 18, 1960, and has been in the faith for over 70 years. She resides in Bluffton with her daughters Amelia and Clara.”



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Before the Meeting

Zion's Harp No. 214, verses 2 and 3
Song Text (all verses) by Samuel Froehlich

They above are ever singing	See them, who their harps suspending
Anthems God hath taught to them,	On the weeping willow tree,
And He faileth not in teaching	Lacking zeal, Thy pardon spurning,
Us to sing and praise His name.	They could not rejoice in Thee.
He hath now our hearts inspired	But we are in Thee confiding,
With a true and fervent love;	Freed from Babylon and sin;
Gifted us with voice and talents,	Even tho' our life they threaten,
Thus to praise His name above.	Thou, O Lord, wilt help us win!