

HERITAGE CENTER FOUNDATION

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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

New Display Cases

The Heritage Center Foundation would like to humbly thank the generous donors who helped make it possible to purchase a set of glass display cases. Many old, fragile books and materials can now be viewed by visitors to the Heritage Center. Included in this case are eight *Zion's Harps* in order of publication; *Zion's Harps* and Bibles from Europe, including one with a cover made from bone and a first edition Hungarian *Zion's Harp* published in 1866; a metal printing plate; a notebook with a handwritten German translation of Samuel Froehlich's writings; and vintage veils from Croghan-Naumburg, the first Apostolic Christian Church in America.



HERITAGE OF FAITH CHURCH HISTORY COURSE

Now available from the Heritage Center Foundation is a great tool for those interested in learning about the development of the Apostolic Christian Church from its inception. Written at a junior high/high school level, this 45 lesson course gives an overview of Christian history from the time of Christ to the present, with an emphasis on Apostolic Christian Church history. Each of the ten units is complete with Objectives, Lesson Plans, Quizzes, Teaching Helps, Vocabulary, Maps, and Time Lines. It is intended for private school and home school use, but is also suitable for a variety of settings. Developed by a team of Apostolic Christian brethren including educators and historians, the course is continually being improved. The course is available in electronic format and is mailed out on a CD. Request the current Version 1.08 by emailing curricularesources@juno.com or calling 309-249-6281. Minimal materials are required; price is \$25.00.

Unit 1	The Early Church of the Apostles
Unit 2	The Church in the Middle Ages and Reformation
Unit 3	The Anabaptist Movement
Unit 4	Froehlich and the Founding of the Apostolic Christian Church
Unit 5	How the Apostolic Christian Faith Spread into Eastern Europe
Unit 6	The Beginning of the Apostolic Christian Church in America
Unit 7	The Expansion of the Apostolic Christian Church Across America
Unit 8	Local Apostolic Christian Church History
Unit 9	How the Bible Came to Us
Unit 10	Sacred Hymnology

Do you have...

Local Church History

Does your congregation have any materials detailing your local church history? This might be in the form of printed booklets, old photographs/postcards, dedication services, dinner lists, etc. If you would be willing to donate a copy of your church history to the Heritage Center, please contact Sally Fehr at sfehr@fairviewhaven.org or (815) 692-3407 (home) or (815) 692-2572 (work).

The Heritage Center has a copy of the Eureka dedication service and books from Bluffton, Lester, and Princeville.



Postcard from 1920's of "German Apostolic Christian Church, Morton, IL"

The Heritage Center has almost completed our collection of **Apostolic Christian Churches and Ministers** books. The editions we need yet are **1950** and **1956**.

If you have either of these editions that you are willing to donate, please contact Darcy Stoller at drstoller@juno.com or (309) 242-2257

Historic Sermon Project Update

REQUEST FOR RECORDS AND REEL TO REEL SERMONS

The Heritage Center continues to collect sermons of deceased ministers in both printed and audio formats. Audio sermons recorded onto records and magnetic tape media continue to deteriorate every day. The Heritage Center hopes to better preserve these old sermons by converting them to a digital format. Once in a digital format, the audio can then be formatted to improve the sound quality and reduce or eliminate the background noise. The Center would like the opportunity to borrow any records or reel to reel sermon tapes that you may be able to find. Arrangements can be made to pick up the records or reels, which will be returned with a digital copy.

Please contact Sally Fehr at (815) 692-3407 or e-mail jstoller@fairpoint.net

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Peoria church has graciously agreed to allow the Heritage Center to copy the church's vast collection of sermon cassette tapes. This collection includes sermons from many different congregations and includes several thousand tapes. Volunteers are needed to play these sermons into a computer so they can be digitized and formatted. No technical computer experience is required, but a computer with a USB or "line in" port would be helpful. The Heritage Center will be able to supply the software, connecting cable, and tape player. A tape player with an "auto reverse" feature works best as the player can record and switch sides automatically without the need for the operator to be present.

Helping to record these sermons could be a good wintertime project for Brothers, Sisters, and friends of all ages, while helping to preserve our precious heritage. Training and set up will be provided.

Individuals with computer experience are also needed to help clean and track the sermon files once they have been recorded. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Sally Fehr at (815) 692-3407 or e-mail jstoller@fairpoint.net

Did you know. . .

From the start of the Apostolic Christian Church in America in 1847 to the most recent ordinations in September 2008, there have been 222 elders ordained in the United States and Japan. The first three elders in America were Bros. Benedict Weyeneth, Joseph Virkler, and Joseph Bella.

(Taken from *Ministers Apostolic Christian Church 1847 to 2002* by Kenneth W. Manz.)

A selection from history

The following words were spoken at the Eureka church dedication service by Bro. David Mangold on
July 28, 1957:

It seems like that servant of God, who wrote that song, [Psalm 62], felt or imagined that he had much opposition, that he was being assailed, but he spoke the wonderful words which God gave him - "I shall not be greatly moved." And when every member of the church, when every child of God will stand on their feet and realize that he should not be greatly moved; that we should abide; we should remain in that precious faith unto which we've been called; and as the brother also mentioned, when changing times are mentioned to us we should very carefully consider what we'd do to meet those changing times. It is true the times do bring problems, and we believers also have to reckon with that fact; but as the brother mentioned; as the word of God told us, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever." And in this present time, where so many are crying, "Here is Christ, and there is Christ," we can only repeat and say, "As ye have found the Lord, and where you have found Him, there remain." That is the teaching of God's word.

Mailing List

If you know of someone who would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact:

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If you would be willing to receive the newsletter in color via **email**, please contact the above email address. This would help reduce some of the production costs for our non-profit organization.

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605 N. Fourth Street,
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1884 German script Heft book preserved at the Heritage Center

“Labor On”
Zion’s Harp #20, verses 1 and 7

Labor on! Labor on!
Zion, shine Thou forth in light!
As a city on a mountain,
In thy first love still abide,
Seeking for the living fountain.
Zion, passing thru the narrow gate,
Do not wait; Do not wait.

Hold thou fast! Hold thou fast!
Persevere now as of old;
Lukewarm let not Jesus find thee;
On, behold the crown of gold;
On, forget what is behind thee.
Zion, in thy struggle to the last,
Hold thou fast! Hold thou fast!

Where is the Heritage Center?

The HCF is located in the basement of Fairview Haven Nursing Home (Fairview Suites) at 605 N. Fourth St. in Fairbury. Enter in the north doors facing the church, take the elevator to the basement, and it is three doors down on the right.

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