

# 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

## **Preserving Our *Zion's Harp* Heritage A New Item from Rejoice Distribution**

A project to produce a reference recording of all songs in the revised *Zion's Harp* hymnal has begun. This project was started in an effort to preserve and reinforce the musical part of our church heritage. These recordings will consist of 16 CD's, with 16 songs on each CD in numerical order (i.e. CD 1 has songs 1 through 16, CD 2 has songs 17 through 32, etc.)

The CD's also include a 24 page booklet that gives a detailed history of the *Zion's Harp* hymnal as well as detailed information on individual songs, authors, and composers. This historical information was researched from several sources, including information from A.C. Publications, a masters thesis written on the *Zion's Harp* in 1973, and several hymn websites, many of which reference *The Dictionary of Hymnology* by John Julian, originally written in German.

The project is using singers from as many Apostolic Christian Churches as possible. The project has also involved members of the *Zion's Harp* revision committee to ensure that the recordings reflect what the Committee had intended in revising the hymnal. The recordings try to follow the hymnal as closely as possible (e.g. tempo, holds, dynamics, key) for an accurate reference recording of the songs.

Other objectives of this project are to encourage Church unity by involving as many churches as possible and to teach the changes made in the

2000 revision of the *Zion's Harp* hymnal to the Apostolic Christian Church membership and friends. This project will include all of the hymns in the 2000 revision of the *Zion's Harp* Hymnal.

The first CD is now available from various Rejoice Distribution distributors and retailers. The price for each CD is \$15. To order CD's, please call 309-376-6001 or email [sales@rejoicedistribution.com](mailto:sales@rejoicedistribution.com). The project plans to produce a CD approximately every 6 months until all of the songs have been recorded.



**Another display case has been filled at the Heritage Center. We now have an "American" case and an "Eastern European" case. Come visit the Heritage Center to see these precious historical materials!**

## A New Digital Book

A book titled ***Meditations Upon the Past, Present, and Future*** written by **G. M. Mangold** is available by email or CD upon request. The subject of this book is a meditation on The Revelation of the Apostle John and was written in the 1800s in German. Ernest Graf Sr. of Akron, Ohio, translated the book into English in the 1900s. Both men were elders in the Apostolic Christian Church. This book was later published in the United States, and a number of copies were printed which are still circulating.

Recently this 300 page book was digitized and is available in Adobe PDF format. If you are interested in obtaining a digital copy of this book or would like to express your interest in this project continuing to the stage of actually reprinting the book, please contact:

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330-855-1570 or [info@samuefroehlich.org](mailto:info@samuefroehlich.org)

### Do you scrapbook?

A number of old church photos have been donated to the Heritage Center. We would like to display them in a scrapbook.

If you have experience with scrapbooking and would like to create this scrapbook, please contact Sally Fehr at [sfehr@fairviewhaven.org](mailto:sfehr@fairviewhaven.org) or call 815-848-3422.

### Update on *History of the Church* Text

The textbook for the Heritage of Faith church history course is progressing, but slower than anticipated. The goal for completion was August 2010 for the beginning of the school year, but the date has been moved back several months to November 2010. Meanwhile, the entire course is still available for computer reading or printing by purchasing a CD of Version 1.09 for \$25.00.

At a junior high/high school level, the course follows Christian history from the time of Christ to the present, with an emphasis on the Froehlich faith in the last two centuries.

Contact Heritage Press at [curricularesources@juno.com](mailto:curricularesources@juno.com) or phone 309-249-6281 for more information.

## Searching for Vintage *Zion's Harps*

The Heritage Center's *Zion's Harp* collection is missing the four oldest editions. We were recently asked if we had the 1853 – 1870 versions by a brother who is working on a new Ukrainian translation of the *Zion's Harp*. The current version in that language is in a dialect not used by many of the brethren, so this new translation could be a benefit to a number of our brethren in Eastern Europe. By donating or loaning these types of materials to the Heritage Center, you are not just allowing us to put them in a glass case for visitors to look at. They may actually be a true blessing to many brothers and sisters in Christ.

If you have any of the following editions and are willing to loan them to the Heritage Center, please contact Darcy Stoller at (309) 242-2257 or [heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com).

1. 1853-54 *Neue Zionsharfe*
2. 1864 *Neue Zionsharfe*.
3. 1869 *Neue Zionsharfe*.
4. 1879 *Neue Zionsharfe*.

## New Accounts of Faith and Courage

More personal faith experiences are continuously surfacing among the brotherhood, and two stories are now available to read at the Heritage Center Library. "God Provides for the Starving" by Erica Toth details her childhood experiences between the ages of three and six in the Rudolfsgnad concentration camp in Yugoslavia and how her family escaped. "A Great Reunion: The Story of the Fetzer Family" tells the incredible story of how Yugoslavian brothers found themselves on opposite sides of the conflict during World War II and how their family, which was scattered all over the world, eventually was reunited in the United States. Feel free to use the copy machine at the library and make yourself a copy of these stories.

## *Did you know. . .*

On October 22, 1869, Ernst Konrad Herbst bought 1311 *New Zion's Harps* (*Neue Zionsharfe*) for the Church on the Prairie (Roanoke). The receipt shows he paid \$124.40 or approximately 9.5 cents for each hymnbook.

## Historic Sermon Project Update

Many historic sermons of deceased ministers have been converted to digital format. Our team of programmers is making final adjustments to the software program that will allow our volunteers to quickly name and catalog the ID3 tags on the MP3 files. It is our hope that within the next 60 days, we will be ready to send several batches to volunteers for cleaning and formatting. More detailed instructions will be sent with the flash drives containing the sermons.

As our list is rather short, new volunteers would be greatly appreciated to help clean and format sermons. If you are interested in helping with this project, please e-mail [jstoller@fairpoint.net](mailto:jstoller@fairpoint.net). A computer with Windows operating system is all that is required.

*Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the way, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.*

*Jeremiah 6:16*

## Mailing List

If you know of someone who would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact Darcy Stoller at (309) 242-2257 or [heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com)

If you would be willing to receive the newsletter in color via **email**, please contact the above email address.

If you do not wish to receive future newsletters from the Heritage Center Foundation, you may remove your name by emailing or calling the phone number listed above.

## Can you tell us?

The HCF is seeking information about a booklet entitled *The Apostolic Christian Church of America Its Nature and Task* by Arthur Haab. It contains historical information as well as an explanation of some of our practices. If you can give us more information on when and why it was written, please call (309) 242-2257 or email [heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com).

## *A Selection from History*

The following words were spoken by Bro. Ernest Graf from Akron, OH, on **April 23, 1930**:

Oh, I believe if we all abide in the fear of God, if we all come unto the Lord with our needs, our wants, our trials, and our troubles, with that which worries us, that seem so dark when we look in the future – if we commend everything to the Lord in prayer, I believe the Lord will hear our prayers and will again give His Grace that this work which has begun shall not perish or cease, but that it will continue. Everyone of us should try to be more faithful, more obedient, and more in the fear of God, so that His Word may not only admonish us, but that His Word may also comfort us. Oh, the Word of the Lord is a consolation unto those that are obedient, to those that are faithful and true.

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“The Journey to Zion”  
*Zion’s Harp* #185, verses 2 and 8

We shall not be regretting  
We chose this pilgrim’s way;  
We know the One, so faithful,  
Who leads us day by day.  
Believe and serve ye Him,  
Each one his face directing,  
The narrow way selecting,  
Straight to Jerusalem!

And be the path quite narrow,  
So lonesome, steep, and bent,  
Though thorns be without number,  
And many crosses sent,  
Yet there is but one way!  
Let us but journey onward;  
Attend our Leader homeward,  
Through darkness unto day.

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