

# YOUNG CENTER

## *News*

THE YOUNG CENTER FOR  
ANABAPTIST AND PIETIST STUDIES  
AT ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE



## Reception to celebrate completion of Bowers Interpretive Gallery

To celebrate the completion of the Bowers Interpretive Gallery, the Young Center and Phoenix Design, Inc., will host a reception on Wednesday, February 12, from 4 to 8 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public. Staff persons from the Young Center and Phoenix Design will be on hand to greet visitors and point out highlights of the installation. Please join us for this exciting time to view the exhibits in the Bowers Interpretive Gallery and talk with those involved in its creation.

The gallery will also be open for a reception on Thursday, February 13, from 4 to 7 p.m., prior to the evening lecture about Jemima Wilkinson by Candace Kintzer Perry. Young Center staff will be present during these hours to welcome visitors and explain features of the exhibits. We hope that you will join us for one or both of these evenings and celebrate this achievement in the expanded Young Center.

The Bowers Interpretive Gallery combines visual exhibits, objects, and sound to give a broad, general overview of Anabaptist and Pietist groups, their history, and their global expansion. Graphics and artifacts interpret the themes of peace and service that are central characteristics of these groups.

A series of panels portrays aspects of Amish life and statistics. An exhibit of objects related to the Church of the Brethren love feast shows the meaning of this ritual and adaptations that other groups made. Items of plain clothing demonstrate variations in how dress contributes to identity among plain Anabaptist and Pietist groups. Visitors can see the importance of the Bible and devotional literature in the rare book ex-



hibit and listen to examples of music from six different Anabaptist and Pietist groups. The objects in the gallery belong to the Young Center's special collections and have been donated by individuals and congregations through the years.

David K. Heltzel, principal of Phoenix Design Associates in York, and Dick Hoff, Phoenix's senior designer, designed and fabricated the exhibits. They drew on texts and photos prepared by the staff of the Young Center, especially by Jeff Bach, the director. Doug Heltzel of Artisan Building Services in York created the cabinetry and display hardware for the gallery. Other workers from Phoenix Design assisted with installation and lighting.

The Bowers Interpretive Gallery is made possible by many generous contributions and especially by a significant major gift given by Kenneth L. '59 H'99 Bowers and Rosalie E. '58 Bowers. These two Elizabethtown College alums have been generous supporters of the college and the Young Center over the years.

The gallery's regular hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except during college holidays. The gallery is designed to be self-directed, but Young Center staff members are glad to provide guidance through the exhibits if visitors wish. Please call ahead (717-361-1470) if you would like a guided tour.



## From the Director

The new semester and new year (and new decade!) bring adventures to the Young Center. Our biggest event is celebrating the completion of the Bowers Interpretive Gallery. We will hold a reception on two evenings: Wednesday, February 12 from 4 to 8, and Thursday, February 13, from 4 to 7. More details appear in the cover story of this newsletter.

Our evening programs also offer adventure. We open and close the semester with lectures about two strong women, presented by two talented women. On February 13 at 7 p.m., Candace Kinzer Perry will speak about Jemima Wilkinson, the Publick Universal Friend. The Friend had a unique understanding of gender and ministry. On April 23 at 7:30 p.m., Caitlin Rossiter will lecture about Ellen Cunningham, a Brethren missionary who was interned in a Japanese prisoner of war camp during WWII. Rossiter is a history and French major at Elizabethtown College and served an internship at LancasterHistory last summer.

Those who find adventure in foreign travel should consider taking a study tour to China that David Kenley and I will offer in May. We will visit cultural attractions in Beijing and Shanghai. The itinerary includes five days traveling to sites in Shanxi Province where Brethren missionaries worked.

A new year often brings time to reflect on past turning points. Last fall a long-time friend of the Young Center, Jobie Riley, died. He was a speech and debate professor at Elizabethtown College and a strong supporter of the Young Center. His presence will be missed, but also long remembered.

We start the year with gratitude for support and encouragement from friends, and look forward to making new friends. I hope to see you during this adventurous semester at the Young Center.

Jeff Bach  
Director

# Symposium on March 7 offers discussions about Pietism

The Young Center will hold a symposium on Pietism on Saturday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A pre-symposium discussion, “Conversations about Pietism and Old German Baptist Brethren Thought and Practice,” will take place on Friday, March 6, 7 to 9 p.m. Tony Walsh, the Young Center’s Kreider Fellow in 2018, will facilitate the discussion, assisted by Jeff Bach. Walsh will offer questions for attendees to discuss regarding their perceptions of Pietism and how it affects Old German Baptist Brethren. The discussion is free and open to the public, and it does not require reservations.

The Saturday symposium, “What is Pietism?,” will combine presentations and discussion around the questions of what Pietism is and its influences today. It too is open to the public. The \$15 charge covers the cost of lunch in the college dining hall, and registration is required.

German Pietism was one of the most significant movements in the history of Christianity. Beginning around 1675, German Pietists tried to revive Christian faith in war-torn Europe by helping people experience a “new birth” and working for the Kingdom of God on earth. Church Pietists tried to work within the state church by establishing various charitable and missionary institutions, such as the Canteen Bible Institute. Other Pietists separated from the state church and promoted a radical return to the church of the apostles. These radical Pietists sought to follow the teachings of Jesus and built voluntary societies. German immigrants brought Pietism to Pennsylvania in the eighteenth century and left a permanent mark on American Christianity.

In the opening talk, “Pious Longings: German Pietism and Modern Christianity,” Craig Atwood will look at what the various Pietists had in common and explore some of

the most important varieties of Pietism, including the Church of the Brethren. Atwood is Charles D. Couch Professor of Moravian Theology and Ministry at Moravian Theological Seminary and director of the Center for Moravian Studies in Bethlehem. He is the author of *The Theology of the Czech Brethren from Hus to Comenius* and *Community of the Cross: Moravian Piety in Colonial Bethlehem*.

Jeff Bach, director of the Young Center, will speak on Robert Friedmann’s view of Pietism. Bach will review some of the distortions of Pietism that Friedmann created by his selections of sources for defining Pietism. A review of Friedmann’s work is necessary because he set the terms for many discussions of Pietism and Anabaptism.

In the third presentation, “A Defining Moment: Pietism, ‘Heart Religion,’ and the Brethren in Christ,” Devin Manzullo-Thomas will discuss the Brethren in Christ (originally River Brethren), one of many communities influenced by Pietist revivals in the eighteenth century. Pietist convictions have remained important to the Brethren in Christ across their nearly 250-year history. How and why did the early Brethren embrace Pietism? How have the Brethren in Christ blended Pietist beliefs and practices with those from Anabaptism and the holiness tradition? How are Pietism and evangelicalism related in the Brethren in Christ Church?

Manzullo-Thomas is senior lecturer in the humanities at Messiah College, where he also serves as director of the E. Morris and Leone Sider Institute for Anabaptist, Pietist, and Wesleyan Studies.

After each presentation, the speaker will invite conversation from the audience members about their understandings and questions related to the talk. The goal for the symposium is to engage the insights of



Craig Atwood



Jeff Bach



D. Manzullo-Thomas

the audience and the presenters for greater understandings about Pietism.

Call 717-361-1470 or visit [www.etown.edu/pietism2020](http://www.etown.edu/pietism2020) for schedule details and to register for the symposium. The registration deadline is February 28.

# Heritage Festival

The Brethren Heritage Festival kicked off at noon on October 19, part of Elizabethtown College's Homecoming weekend. Visitors enjoyed music by country gospel group Days of Old in the Bucher Meetinghouse, snacks including ice cream churned by stationary bicycle, popcorn, and homemade bread with apple butter, and craft projects under the white tent, and a quilting demonstration in the Young Center lobby.



## Joe A. Springer named Durnbaugh Lecturer for 2020

MENNONITE HISTORICAL LIBRARY CURATOR TO BRING OLDEST SURVIVING COPY OF THE *AUSBUND*

The Young Center is pleased to announce that Joe A. Springer will present the Durnbaugh lecture and seminar on Thursday and Friday, March 26 and 27. The subject of the talks is early Anabaptist hymnals and hymnody.

Springer has served as curator of the Mennonite Historical Library at Goshen (IN) College since 1986. He holds a BA in history from Goshen College and an MA/MLS in history and library science from Catholic University of America. Springer enjoys studying the bibliographic evolution of specific works as well as interconnections among different works. In his work as curator, Springer regularly fields questions related to printing history, hymnody, and genealogy.

Springer will bring with him the only surviving copy of the 1564 edition of the *Ausbund*, which is in the Mennonite Historical Library. The *Ausbund* is a collection of hymns, most of which were written by Anabaptists in the sixteenth century. The original fifty-one hymns

were written by Anabaptists in prison in Passau, Germany, from 1535 to 1540 and printed in 1564. The Amish still use this hymnal in their Sunday morning worship services, making it the oldest Protestant hymnal in continuous use.

A larger edition of the *Ausbund* with a total of 130 hymns came out in 1583. Eventually, the American editions, still containing the German texts, contained 140 hymns. Christopher Saur, the colonial printer in Germantown, printed the first American edition of the *Ausbund* in 1742. The book remains in print in order to supply the congregations that still use it.

The 1564 *Ausbund* will be on display in the lobby of the Young Center on Thursday, March 26, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; on Friday, March 27, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and on Saturday, March 28, 8:30 a.m. to noon. It will also be displayed at the Young Center banquet and Durnbaugh lecture in the Susquehanna Room on Thursday evening.

The Durnbaugh lecture series was established in 1993 to commemorate the scholarship of Don and Hedda Durnbaugh. It brings a noted scholar of Anabaptist or Pietist studies to campus annually.



Cover of the 1564 Ausbund

## Research into Amish voting practices

Senior Scholar Steve Nolt and Kyle Kopko, associate professor of political science, received a 2019-2020 faculty research grant from the Elizabethtown College Dean's Office to continue their research into Amish political participation and civic engagement. This work was prompted by the efforts of Amish PAC, a non-Amish entity that seeks to mobilize Amish voters.

Nolt and Kopko have been conducting interviews with Amish and non-Amish people about the history of Amish civic engagement.

They began in several areas of Pennsylvania and plan to expand to other states with significant Amish populations. Another aspect of the research is calculation of Amish voter registration and voter participation in various settlements, which they have been doing with the help of student assistant Joey Nelson. And recently, the two Elizabethtown College professors and two colleagues at Franklin and Marshall College have submitted an article to a political science journal on the relative impact of Amish PAC advertising.

## Study tour to China set for May



Jeff Bach, director of the Young Center, and David Kenley, professor of history, will lead a study tour to China May 11-26, 2020. The tour is open to non-students as well as to Elizabethtown College students. Bach and

Kenley have led several previous tours to China, and Kenley, who is fluent in Mandarin Chinese, has traveled extensively in China. Chinese guides will travel with the group.

The tour will show a wide cross section of Chinese culture and modern life. The itinerary includes visits to Chinese cultural sites, such as Beijing, its Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square, and the city of Xi'an and the Terracotta Warriors.

The group will also visit sites of Brethren mission activity in Shanxi Province, including the Brethren hospital in Pingding, the mission house in Shouyang, rural preaching

*Above: With assistance from a Chinese artist, tour group members practice calligraphy at the You ai Hospital in Pingding during the 2018 trip. Right: The 2018 group gathers at the gate of the Chang Family Mansion.*

points, and the remaining church building in Zuoquan (formerly Liao Chou).

Tour participants will do service work in a private hospital in Pingding and will stay overnight in the ancient walled city of Pingyao (a UNESCO cultural heritage site). The tour ends in Shanghai with visits to the International Bund and the Jade Buddha Temple.

The cost for students is \$1,750, thanks to support from a Mellon grant to Elizabethtown College. The cost for non-students is \$2,600. The tour includes meals, all lodging, and all ground transportation and entrance fees. Airfare is not included. For more information or to register, please contact Jeff Bach at [bachj@etown.edu](mailto:bachj@etown.edu) or 717-361-1467, or David Kenley at [kenleyd@etown.edu](mailto:kenleyd@etown.edu).



## Church of the Brethren plans forum

Church of the Brethren Annual Conference moderator Paul Munday is sponsoring "Moderator's Forum: Historical Themes Impacting Today's Church" on Saturday, April 18, from 1 to 9 p.m., at the Young Center. The cost is \$30 and registration is required.

The event features a panel of Brethren historians including Carol Scheppard and Stephen Longenecker of Bridgewater College; William Kostlevy, director of the Brethren Historical Library and Archives in Elgin, Illinois; Dale Stoffer, emeritus professor from Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, Ohio; and Jeff Bach, director of the Young Center. The speakers will address various topics in the history of the Church of the Brethren that have bearing on differenc-

es in the denomination today. Munday will moderate the discussions and comment.

The registration fee includes dinner in the college dining hall, after which the forum concludes with a worship service in Gibble Auditorium at 7 p.m. Dennis Webb, pastor at the Naperville Church of the Brethren since 2002, is the guest preacher. He is currently a member of the Standing Committee of the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference.

For information about registering for the forum or registering to access the livestream, please visit [tinyurl.com/modforum2020](http://tinyurl.com/modforum2020). For a paper registration form, please e-mail Rachel Kelley at [kelleyrachelj@gmail.com](mailto:kelleyrachelj@gmail.com). (The Young Center is not handling registration.)

## Student essay competitions

The Young Center announces two essay contests with cash prizes for students who are currently enrolled at Elizabethtown College.

The Carl W. Ziegler Award is a prize of \$250 for outstanding student research paper on a topic related to Anabaptist or Pietist Studies. The essay may address a historical topic or a contemporary topic and may incorporate a perspective from another discipline (e.g., the Amish and health care). Submissions should be 12 to 25 pages long, double-spaced with 1-inch margins. Students may rework a research paper they have written for a class in the recent past. Evaluation criteria include scholarship and content, research methodology, and writing and construction of the paper. Submit papers to Young Center director Jeff Bach ([bachj@etown.edu](mailto:bachj@etown.edu)) by February 28.

The M. R. Zigler Peace Essay competition is for student essays on a meaningful topic related to a peaceful world order. Essays should be 8 to 10 pages long, double-spaced with 1-inch margins. Students may submit essays from courses they are currently taking or have recently completed. The papers will be evaluated on their relevance to peacemaking and on the quality of the writing. Submit essays to Young Center director Jeff Bach ([bachj@etown.edu](mailto:bachj@etown.edu)) by February 28. First place prize is \$500; second place is \$200; honorable mention is \$100.

The winners of both contests will be announced at the Young Center banquet on March 26.

The Carl W. Ziegler contest was established in honor of Carl W. Ziegler, a longtime professor of religion at Elizabethtown College and active leader in the Church of the Brethren in the Atlantic Northeast District.

The M. R. Zigler Peace Essay competition was established in 1985 to honor M. R. Zigler, a life-long peace activist in the Church of the Brethren and founder of On Earth Peace, a program promoting peace education and activism.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## RECEPTION

Wednesday, February 12, 4 to 8 p.m.

Young Center

All are welcome to join the Young Center and Phoenix Design in celebrating the completion of the Bowers Interpretive Gallery. An additional reception will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on February 13, prior to the lecture by Candace Kintzer Perry.

## LECTURE

“She do preach up terror alarmingly”:  
The Publick Universal Friend,  
Jemima Wilkinson

CANDACE KINTZER PERRY

Thursday, February 13, 7 p.m.

Bucher Meetinghouse



Jemima Wilkinson, also known as the “Publick Universal Friend,” was a Quaker-born woman whose fiery preaching amassed a following from New England to Pennsylvania in the late eighteenth century. Candace Kintzer Perry, curator of collections at the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center, discusses the Friend’s curious blend of Quakerism and Methodism and her unconventional lifestyle.

## DISCUSSION

Conversations about Pietism and Old German  
Baptist Brethren Thought and Practice

Friday, March 6, 7 p.m.

Bucher Meetinghouse

Tony Walsh, the Young Center’s 2018 Kreider Fellow, facilitates this interactive discussion about perceptions of Pietism and how Pietism affects Old German Baptist Brethren.

## SYMPOSIUM

What is Pietism?

Saturday, March 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bucher Meetinghouse

Craig Atwood, Jeff Bach, and Devin Manzullo-Thomas provide input for this look at Pietism and its influences today. See page 2 for presentation descriptions and visit [www.ETOWN.EDU/pietism2020](http://www.ETOWN.EDU/pietism2020) for schedule and registration information. Deadline to register is February 28.

## LECTURE

The Nicholas Stoltzfus Family and  
Homestead

NIC STOLTZFUS

Thursday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.

Bucher Meetinghouse



Today, Stoltzfus is the most common last name among Lancaster County Old Order Amish, all descended from one immigrant family. Find out more about immigrant Nicholas Stoltzfus and his homestead in Reading in this talk by tenth-generation descendant Nic Stoltzfus, who is the current caretaker of the homestead.

## YOUNG CENTER BANQUET

Thursday, March 26, 6 p.m. (Reception at 5:30)

Susquehanna Room, Myer Hall

The annual dinner gives friends of the Young Center an opportunity to socialize and learn about the Center’s activities and programs. Cost for the banquet is \$23; reservations are required by March 13. Call the Young Center at (717) 361-1470 or register online via the events page of the Young Center website.

## DURNBAUGH LECTURE

“That I may sing a song”:  
Early Anabaptist Hymnals

JOE A. SPRINGER

Thursday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.

Susquehanna Room, Myer Hall



Joe A. Springer shares recent scholarship on the earliest hymnals published by German-speaking Anabaptists in the 16th century, devoting particular attention to the 1564 *Etliche schöne Christliche Geseng*, the first known edition of the Ausbund hymnal still in use among Old Order Amish today. Springer has served as curator of the Mennonite Historical Library at Goshen (IN) College since 1986.

## DURNBAUGH SEMINAR

Early Anabaptist Hymnody: What Do We Want  
to Learn?

Friday, March 27, 10 a.m. to noon

Bucher Meetinghouse

Joe Springer provides input and invites discussion of aspects of Anabaptist hymnody that merit further exploration. Can we better determine who used which texts or melodies and how? How did hymns spread geographically and across language groups? What musicological resources provide new documentation or insight?

## LECTURE

Compassion in the Face of Internment:  
The Story of the Cunninghams

CAITLIN ROSSITER

Thursday, April 23, 7:30 p.m.

Bucher Meetinghouse



Caitlin Rossiter discusses the acquisition, rehousing, research, and digitization of the Cunningham Papers, a collection of letters, documents, and photographs that tell the story of Lloyd and Ellen Cunningham, Brethren missionaries imprisoned by the Japanese Imperial Army from 1941 to 1945. Rossiter, an Elizabethtown College senior, is studying history and French with a minor in religious studies. She is also pursuing a certificate in Public Heritage Studies.



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## China missionary materials donated to the Young Center

Fred Wampler, son of Dr. Fred and Rebecca Skeggs Wampler, has donated materials from his parents' time in China as Brethren missionaries. The Wampplers served in Shanxi Province from 1913 to 1926. Dr. Fred Wampler founded the Brethren hospital in Pingding and trained Chinese doctors and nurses. He was honored by the governor of Shanxi Province for his work in fighting the pneumonic plague epidemic that struck the region from 1918 to 1919.

Fred donated several glass photographic slides of his father's medical work in China as well as numerous textiles created by Chinese women as part of a home work project sponsored by the missionaries. Also included in the donation are photos and correspondence. The items, which will be housed in the Hess Archives and Special Collections, are valuable resources for understanding the work of the Brethren mission in China.



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