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January 2020

Readings for January 2020

January 5
Second Sunday of Christmas
First Reading
Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm
Psalm 147:12-20
Second Reading
Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel
John 1:[1-9] 10-18

January 12
Baptism of Our Lord
First Reading
Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm
Psalm 29
Second Reading
Acts 10:34-43
Gospel
Matthew 3:13-17

January 19
Second Sunday after Epiphany
First Reading
Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm
Psalm 40:1-11
Second Reading
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Gospel
John 1:29-42

January 26
Third Sunday after Epiphany
First Reading
Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
Second Reading
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Gospel
Matthew 4:12-23

PASTOR'S PONDERABLES

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" *(Psalm 119:115)*

How can we begin a new year with clear 2020 vision? A children's book *When God Gave Us Words by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso* might give us a clue. When God decided it was a good idea to give words to human beings, the angels objected because they thought words should only belong to them.

When God said that people would make something beautiful with words, the angels objected again saying that human beings would only mess them up. God put the words in sacks that angels delivered to earth anyway. The angels complained that the sacks with long words would never be understood by the people. That 's why dictionaries were created. Some sacks had silly words. Other sacks had hard to spell words and so spelling lists were created. But, the angels did as God requested and waited with God for people to learn to use words. It didn't take long for people to tell lies, create curse words and begin to use words to gossip. God regretted the decision to give words to people and began to think the angels were right.

But then God heard a different sound. People began using words to sing lullabies and mix words with dance to write poems. People began to use words that made them laugh. Then they began to use words to tell mysteries. They used words to give thanks and to offer prayers. Then people combined words with imagination and told stories. The angels were enchanted with the stories and wanted to hear the ending to the stories and did not want to take back the words. And so, humanity was allowed to keep words for the sake of stories.

As we begin the year of 2020 vision, may we begin with life affirming words like:
I believe in you
It's okay to cry
No matter what you do, I love you.
No matter what mistakes you make, I will accept you.
No matter what you feel, I will not reject you.
I like you for what you are, not for what you do.
I love you for who you are, not for what you're feeling.
Let's talk to God about it - I know God cares.
Let me walk with you.
I trust you to do the right thing.

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You will get through this.
You are important.
You are incredibly special.
You were born with a purpose.

God is big enough to wrestle with and handle your hard questions.
I care about what you're facing.
How can I be of help to you?
I'm proud of you for doing that.
You did a great job.
You can do it.
Keep up the good work.
I'm so glad you were born.
I'm so glad you're a part of my life.

These words that focus primarily on intrinsic personal worth rather than performance is a partial list of speaking words of life from a book by *Sandra D. Wilson called Released From Shame.*
"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." *(John 1:1)*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Pastor Bonnie Oplinger

ALWAYS BEING MADE NEW was the five year campaign of the ELCA to grow ministries in our community, our church and our world. Here are the results of this five year endeavor:

281 new start congregations – a record growth.

1,300 seminary students received ELCA scholarships

189 Lutheran women around the world gained access to networking opportunities and academic scholarships and training.

953 ministries are working to end hunger in the United States.

453 Young Adults in Global Mission were or are serving in countries around the world.

100 disability ministries received grants for workshops, training opportunities, education and camps.

14 African countries gained access to malaria programs including volunteer training, prevention, supplies and medication.

135 long-term missions are working alongside our companions in more than 40 countries.

29 renewing congregations grants were distributed in synods across the ELCA.

11 new global ministry evangelism projects were initiated by companion churches in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and Latin America.

46 new or enhanced youth and young adult ministries received grants to grow existing programs or start new ones.

62 countries around the world, including the U.S. implemented programs supported by ELCA World Hunger.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Roger L. Kurtz

MUSIC FOR JANUARY 2020

January 5 (Second Sunday after Christmas)

Prelude: *Carol Prelude on "Greensleeves"* – Richard Purvis
Gathering Hymn # 292: *Love Has Come*
Hymn of the Day #295: *Of the Father's Love Begotten*
Music at the Offering: *On This Day Earth Shall Ring* – Gustav Holst
Communion Hymn #487: *What Feast of Love*
Sending Hymn #287: *Let All Together Praise Our God*
Postlude: *Two Chorale Preludes on "Lobt Gott, ihr Christen"*– Johann Gottfried Walther; Johann Sebastian Bach

January 12 (Baptism of Our Lord)

Prelude: *Chorale Prelude on "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern"* – Johann Pachelbel
Gathering Hymn #310: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*
Hymn of the Day #305: *When Jesus Came to Jordan*
Music at the Offering: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* – Leonhart Schroeter
Communion Hymn #800: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*
Sending Hymn #454: *Remember and Rejoice*
Postlude: *Chorale Prelude on "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern"* – Marcel Dupré

January 19 (Second Sunday after the Epiphany)

Prelude: *Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless* – Max Reger
Gathering Hymn: *When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known* (Tune: *Erhalt uns, Herr*)
Hymn of the Day #336: *Lamb of God*
Music at the Offering: *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God* – 16th-century German Chorale, arr. Carl Schalk
Communion Hymn #666: *What Wondrous Love Is This*
Sending Hymn #665: *Rise, Shine, You People!*
Postlude: *Fughetta on the Hymn of the Epiphany* – Alexandre Guilmant

January 26 (Third Sunday after the Epiphany)

Prelude: *O Christ, Our True and Only Light* – Anton Wilhelm Leupold
Gathering Hymn: *The People Who in Darkness Walked* (Tune: *Azmon*)
Hymn of the Day #815: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
Music at the Offering: *Jesus Calls Us* – Southern Folk Hymn, arr. K. Lee Scott
Communion Hymn #584: *The Son of God, Our Christ*
Sending Hymn #511: *Thy Strong Word*
Postlude: *Fugue in F Major* – Dietrich Buxtehude

january

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 No Choir Practice 	2	3 Youth Retreat at Camp Kirchenwald January 3-5	4
5 9:00am Holy Communion 10:30am Adult Forum ***Deadline for Committee summaries for the Annual Report***	6 	7 3:00pm Finance Committee Meeting 4:30pm ROCK Connection (Brenda Fetter & Brad Clubb)	8 7pm Choir Practice	9	10	11 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
12 9:00am Holy Communion 10:30am Adult Forum	13	14 4:30pm ROCK Connection (Joyce Burkholder)	15 7:00pm Choir Practice 	16	17 **Lititz-Warwick Community Chest Food Bank Donations for the month of January:** liquid dish soap, shampoo and conditioner, adult and child toothbrushes. Thank you!	18
19 9:00am Holy Communion 10:30am Adult Forum 1pm Cooperative Ministry Meeting, Swamp Lutheran Church	20 	21 4:30pm ROCK Connection (Ken & Janet Craley) 7:00pm Congregational Council Meeting	22 7:00pm Choir Practice	23	24	25
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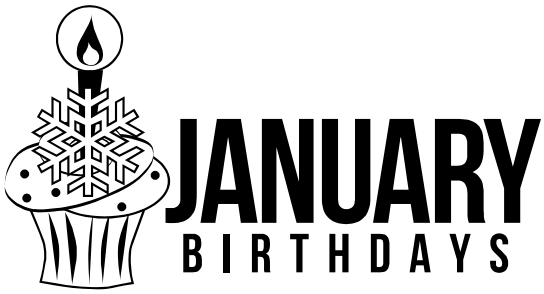
JANUARY CELEBRATIONS



January Birthdays

2 - Scott Kopp
5 - Janice Styer
6 - Kari Zimmerman
7 - Timothy Sweigart, Jr.
7 - Harry Scheid
14 - Eryn Murphy
14 - John David Wissler
22 - Allison Clubb
27 - Lisa Sweigart

January Wedding Anniversaries

Kenneth & Janet Craley celebrate 53 years on January 6th
Charles & Joy Ackley celebrate 60 years on January 30th

January Anniversaries of Baptism

Cheri Kurtz - January 3, 1954
Lance Morgan - January 9, 2011
Patrick Morgan - January 9, 2011
Janet Craley - January 12, 1958
Brenda Fetter - January 30, 1949
Pastor Bonnie Oplinger - January 30, 1943

Best wishes to those celebrating in January. If your special day was missed, please contact Tracy in the church office - (717)626-8972

PRAYER CONCERNS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING: Charles Ackley, Nate Barnica, Lynn Beard, Tyler Cassel, Clint Clubb, Jacob Garman, Weston Nicholas Hertzler, Alma Hollingsworth, Joe Hoover, Lillian Logeman, Lucille Martin, Doug Michael, Ashley Miller, Florence Morgan, Norma Rhoads, Lisa Riley, Vince Slaymaker, Jean Summers, Charles & Mary Ann Sweigart, Reba Weit, Leonard Wise, Evelyn Wissler, Wyatt Wolfe, Craig Young, all Military Personnel, First Responders and all students and personnel of the Warwick School District.

JANUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Lector	Element Presenters	Ushers	Greeter	Acolyte
January 5th	Rene Amey	Brenda Fetter			Claude Grube, Andy Anderson & Ron Naudus		
January 12th	Chrystine Anderson & Florence Morgan	J.D. Wissler			Claude Grube, Andy Anderson & Ron Naudus		
January 19th	Joyce Burkholder	Zachary Fetter			Claude Grube, Andy Anderson & Ron Naudus		
January 26th	Mary Berkheimer	Dave Carson			Claude Grube, Andy Anderson & Ron Naudus		
February 2nd	Ken & Janet Craley	J.D. Wissler			Claude Grube, Andy Anderson & Ron Naudus		

Please see the bulletin board or call the church office (717.626.8972) to sign up

Lititz-Warwick Community Chest Food Bank

Donations for the month of **January: liquid dish soap (to do dishes in the sink) shampoo and conditioner (2 in 1 products are fine) toothbrushes - adult and child**.

Items can be placed in the collection box in the narthex.

THANK YOU!

LITITZ WARWICK COMMUNITY CHEST

Cooperative Ministry WORKSHOP

COOPERATIVE MINISTRY WORKSHOP will be held at Swamp Lutheran Church, 275 Swamp Church Road, Reinholds, PA on **Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 1pm**.

The presenters will be the Rev. Rob Blezard, the Rev. Robert Ierien and the Rev. Benjamin Siebert.

Invited guests include: Pastors, Congregational Council members and Co-op ministry Committee members. Please see Pastor Oplinger for more information about this workshop if you are interested in attending.

SAVE *The* DATE

The Annual Congregational meeting is
Sunday, February 2nd after worship.

Committee Reports are due to Tracy, in the church office (jerusaluth@windstream.net), **by January 5th.**

Blue Ridge

November 20, 2019

Dear Community Member,

We would like to give **a sincere thank you** for supporting our 10th year of collecting for the Keystone Military Families ***Stockings For Soldiers*** initiative.

It is with the generous support of community members like you that enabled our efforts as a collection site to succeed. This year, Blue Ridge Communications collected close to 5 tons of donations (including food, hygiene, and other requested items), 25,000 plus signed cards (including Christmas greetings and support for our military personnel), and $35,000 raised to help defray the cost of shipping.

As you already know, donations like yours mean so much to the deserving men and women stationed around the world who are unable to get home for the holidays and may not otherwise get to appreciate the Christmas season.

Thank you again for your generosity and compassion towards our men and women in uniform who are overseas.

Have a very Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,
Cindy Mellinger
Marketing/Community Relations Coordinator

THANK YOU

The Rev. Bonnie Oplinger,

Thinking of you this Thanksgiving and wanting you to know how grateful we are for your ministry, your time, your compassion, and support to all who have lost loved ones this year.

With deepest sincerity, it is a privilege to serve, support & encourage our community with you.

Thank you for the tears you dry, the long hours of listening, and the hope you bring. We recognize that you often give-up personal time in order to accommodate a family's preference and we are so grateful for your dedication.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

With love from
The Sipler's
Good Sipler Funeral & Cremation, Inc.
Reamstown

Dear Pastor Oplinger,

Many thanks to you and your entire Jerusalem Lutheran Church Family for your warm welcome and hospitality to the Millport Voting District.

We so appreciate the help of Ken and Janet Craley for set up and direction and Mr. Ravegum for clean up.

Your bake sale workers were unfailingly gracious to the voters and I know that their contributions will be worthwhile to your work. The baked oatmeal was a real treat for me at the end of a long day!

Please contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

We hope to work together again soon.

Blessings,

Patty Epps

Dear Rev. Bonnie Oplinger,

We enjoyed our lunch with you and Leonard appreciated your patience and your feedback. He was sorry he took you off your cookie mission and although this won't feed the entire congregation, it should help with cookies.

It was such a pleasure to meet you and we wish you all the best as you go forward in your ministry.

Brenda and Leonard Wise

Jerusalem Lutheran Church,

I wish to thank you for singing for me. I really appreciated it. I also want to thank you for the flower, cards and prayers.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

God bless you,

Audrey Ream

To members of Jerusalem Lutheran Church,

God bless you…

What a wonderful concert!
Thanks for the concerts and gifts to the community.

Anna Rose Schannauer

Pastor Oplinger and friends of Jerusalem Lutheran Church,

Thank you so very much for caroling. It was outstanding and so very appreciated and surprising.

May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In Christian love,

Lillian Logeman

HOME COMMUNION MEMBERS *A call, dropping a card, or a visit…*

Willis Beam
411 A East Main Street
Leola, PA 17540
(717) 203-4941
Birthday: October 7

Karen Carson
18 Pfautz Avenue
Lititz, PA 17543
Birthday: June 5

Mary Garber
ManorCare - Room 41B
100 Abbeyville Road
Lancaster, PA 17603
(717) 553-7293
Birthday: ***February 2***

Jacob Garman
United Zion Ret. Community
722 Furnace Hills Pike,
Room 130
Lititz, PA 17543
Birthday: April 1

Alma Hollingsworth
Room 602, Muhlenberg Lodge
300 St. Mark Drive
Lititz, PA 17543
Birthday: September 21

Lillian Logeman
Keystone Villa, Room 321
100 North State Street
Ephrata, PA 17522
Landline (717) 738-5821
Cell (717) 888-0371
Birthday: August 31

Audrey Ream
3852 Oregon Pike
Leola, PA 17540
Cell (717) 224-3227
Birthday: July 5

Reba Weit
PC Rm. 508, Muhlenberg Lodge
300 St. Mark Drive
Lititz, PA 17543
Birthday: August 10

Evelyn Wissler
321 Meadow Valley Road
Lititz, PA 17543
Birthday: April 14

Visit the Homebound

1. The damaged Portico spouting has been repaired. The cost was covered by the election board insurance carrier.
2. No claim had to be filed with our carrier. Installation of a new switch has solved the lower hallway ceiling lighting issue - thanks to Mel Ravegum.

You are invited

to a Planning Meeting for the next Lower Susquehanna Synod Disaster Response Network trip to **West Virginia**:

Thursday, January 26th at 2:00pm
at Luther Acres
Community Room
600 E. Main Street, Lititz

Disaster Relief

For more information, please contact
The Rev. Glenn A. Beard, Jr
(717) 471-1067
Email: gbeard@luthercare.org

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2019

"As followers of Jesus, we serve our neighbors locally and globally"

Present: Pastor Oplinger, Rene Amy, Chrystine Anderson, Joyce Burkholder, Brenda Fetter, Jim Martin, Mel Ravegum, Kathy Schreiber, Jean Slaymaker and J.D. Wissler.

Guests: Scott Kopp

Devotions were led by Pastor Oplinger.
Meeting led by Mel Ravegum, Council President.

Recognition:

1. All who helped with Trunk or Treat night.
2. Jim Martin, Junior Gabers & Mel Ravegum for installing a new frame to display the church banners.
3. Jim Martin for putting the Trunk or Treat banner and the Free Concert banner on the frame.
4. Thank you to the following: Chrystine Anderson, Joyce Burkholder, Janet Craley, Brenda Fetter, Deb Carson, Lois Mearig and Janice Styer for baking items for the election day bake sale and Pastor Oplinger for also supplying bake sale items.
5. Thank you to those who helped staff the election day bake sale which included Janet Craley, Joyce Burkholder, Brenda Fetter, Pastor Oplinger, Mel Ravegum and Jean Slaymaker.
6. Thank you to all who helped set up and dismantle the election day equipment.
7. Thank you to Jim & Lucille Martin for organizing the Homecoming Luncheon and all who helped with the luncheon.
8. Thank you to all who helped with the Homecoming worship service and thank you for all the beautiful music.
9. Thank you to Kathy Schreiber for leading the adult forum class on Saving the Creation.
10. Thank you to Roger Kurtz for the wonderful concert with Silver, Wood and Ivory and thank you to all who helped with the concert.
11. Thank you to Ellen Brown who gave a presentation of Five Wishes during the adult forum on November 17th.
12. Thank you to all who helped with Bingo at Luther Acres on November 18th.
13. Thank you to the Finance Committee for all their work with the proposed 2020 Budget.

Reports

Pastor's Report: A written Pastor's Report was distributed to council members and was approved as written.

1. Experience of being a polling place for Lancaster County Board of Elections. Discussion took place. Portico spouting and roof were damaged on November 6, 2019 when Penske truck picked up voting machines. Janet Craley is in contact with Lancaster County Board of Elections insurance carrier and our insurance carrier. She has been given permission to proceed with obtaining an estimate for the repair.
2. Use of green hymnals to ROCK for making angels. Discussion took place. No decision made at this time.
3. Challenges with a few pre-teens in ROCK. Meeting with Jerusalem Lutheran and Millport Mennonite has taken place to address problems and new expectations have been developed.
4. Protocol for maximum capacity and overflow in the nave. Janet Craley will discuss these items with the Rothsville Fire Company.

Secretary's Report: J.D. Wissler made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as written and Jim Martin seconded. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: J.D. Wissler made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Jean Slaymaker seconded and the motion was approved.

Old Business:

1. Stained-glass window repair bids – J.D. Wissler reported the stained-glass window committee will meet in one week. Cost for the repairs will come from the Carpenter Fund and a special fund.
2. At the last meeting Larrie Miller asked about giving more money to the Cemetery Board. Scott Kopp from Finance Committee made a motion to give 10% of $9,000.00 from the Carpenter Fund. Rene Amey seconded and the motion was approved.
3. Council members - still looking for candidates.

New Business: Scott Kopp reviewed the 2020 budget with council members. Discussion took place and revised with the following:

1. Under line 31, sandwiches for area police, Jean Slaymaker made a motion to increase the amount to $200.00 and Rene Amey seconded. The motion was approved.
2. Under line 101, Jean Slaymaker made a motion to increase the Director of Music/Organist salary 2% for 2020. Rene Amey seconded. The motion was approved.
3. Under line 103, J.D. Wissler made a motion to keep the Office Administrator's salary the same and Jim Martin seconded. The motion was approved.
4. Under line 105, Jean Slaymaker made a motion to increase the salary of the sexton 2%. Brenda Fetter seconded and the motion was approved.
5. Under line 90, J.D. Wissler made a motion to increase the Pastor's salary 3% for 2020. Jim Martin seconded and the motion was approved.
6. Brenda Fetter made a motion to accept the 2020 revised Budget and J.D. Wissler seconded. The motion was approved.

Pastor Oplinger mentioned the need for a male and female voting member for Synod Convention in June. Kathy Schreiber voiced herself as a possibility.

Committee Reports

Sunday School: No report.

Worship and Music: Planned Advent and Christmas services.

Cemetery: No report.

Memorial: No report.

Finance: See Treasurer's Report and proposed 2020 Budget.

Property: No report.

Service:

Joyce Burkholder reported:

1. Will be getting gift certificates for two families for Christmas.
2. Will provide gift bags for ROCK individuals.
3. December 8th decorating the church for Christmas and Christmas Caroling.

Stewardship: No report.

Reminder dates:

- November 24th at 7pm Thanksgiving Service
- December 8th Congregational Meeting (includes voting for council members and approving the 2020 Budget), hanging the greens, Christmas Caroling

Next Meeting: December 17, 2019

Announcements/Correspondence:

1. A thank you was received from Scott Kopp for cards and phone calls following recent surgery.
2. A thank you was received from Pastor Thomas McKee for the $200.00 gift for the St. Barnabas Center for ministry.

Adjournment: Brenda Fetter made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Rene Amey seconded. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Fetter, Council Secretary

EXPLORING THE CEMETERY

by Denise Witwer Lahr

The Rabbit Hill School

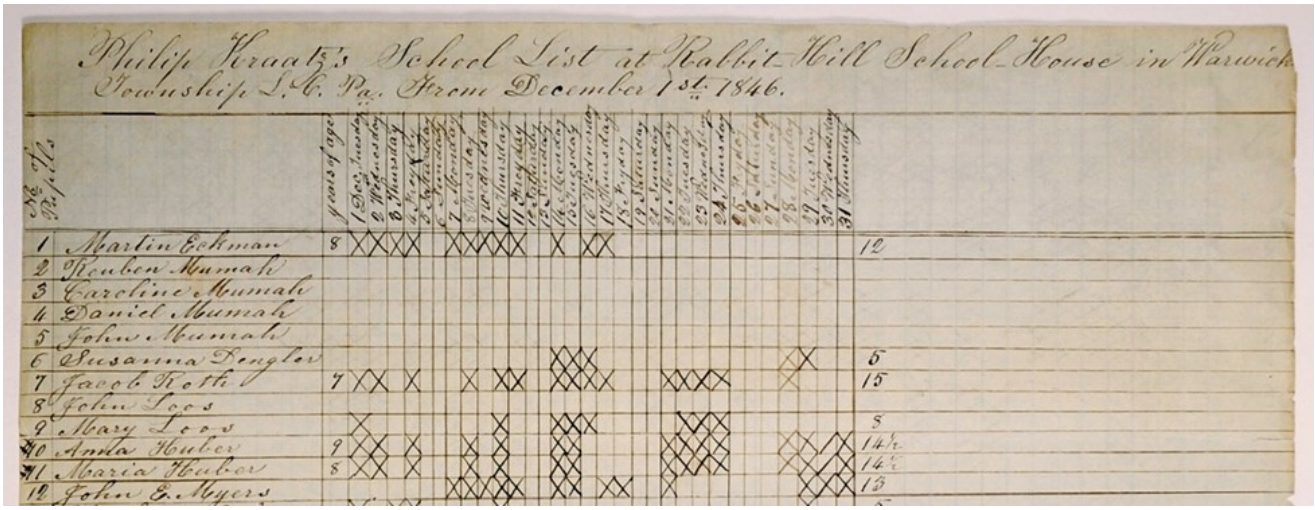
Long before the school building on Church Street existed and even before the Rothsville and Upper Rothsville schools shown on the 1864 Lancaster County Atlas existed, there was the Rabbit Hill School. Its exact location is unknown, but it has been described as being about 1/8 mile north of Main Street along what is now Picnic Woods Road between the picnic woods and the small Oberholtzer cemetery.

This school was in operation by 1845 and gone by 1864. Its founding coincides roughly with the advancement of public education in Pennsylvania, a very interesting story. The Pennsylvania constitution of 1790 stated that the legislature should establish schools throughout the state "as soon as conveniently may be." "Soon" took a long time, and the dominant mode of education was the church-operated private school with tuition paid by parents.

By 1802 Pennsylvania law provided for children of poor families to be educated at public expense. But there was a catch. In order to receive this aid, the parents had to be declared paupers. Since such a declaration led to prison or the poorhouse, few families were willing to take advantage of the law in order to educate their children. In 1809 Pennsylvania required tax assessors to enumerate all the poor children in their township, and these lists are fascinating.

Finally, in 1834, a Free School Law was passed that required the establishment of tuition-free schools supported through taxation and managed by a school board. Yes, that's where our current school boards devolve from. The transition to free public education was not smooth, however. Many fought the law, arguing that education was still the province of the church. Church school doors were barred; the struggle went on.

The Rabbit Hill School was one of these early Free School institutions. It served a mainly farm population during a time before there wasn't much in the way of a town. By the Civil War, most of the population was at least literate, and the result is a flow of correspondence between soldiers and the home front that is both heartwarming and a challenge to decipher since spelling was atrocious.



Philip Kraatz's School List at Rabbit Hill School House in Warwick Township L. C. Pa. From December 1st. 1846.

No. Scholars	Names	years of age	1 Dec. Tuesday	2 Wednesday	3 Thursday	4 Friday	7 Monday	8 Tuesday	9 Wednesday	10 Thursday	11 Friday	14 Monday	15 Tuesday	16 Wednesday	17 Thursday	18 Friday	21 Monday	22 Tuesday	23 Wednesday	24 Thursday	25 Friday	28 Monday	29 Tuesday	30 Wednesday	31 Thursday	
1	Martin Eckman	8	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X													12
2	Reuben Mumah																								
3	Caroline Mumah																								
4	Daniel Mumah																								
5	John Mumah																								
6	Susanna Dengler										X	X										X			5
7	Jacob Roth	7	X	X		X	X	X			X	X	X				X	X	X						15
8	John Loos																								
9	Mary Loos			X			X				X	X					X	X							5
10	Anna Huber	9	X	X			X	X			X	X					X	X				X	X		14½
11	Maria Huber	8	X	X			X	X			X	X					X	X				X	X		14½
12	John E. Myers																								13

So why am I telling you all this? Because I recently found an attendance ledger from the Rabbit Hill School for August 31 to December 31, 1846, among the treasures in the Landis Valley Farm Museum archives. Who knew that we'd ever be able to learn the school attendance records of some of the people buried in the cemetery? The teacher was Philip Kraatz. The oldest pupil was 15; the youngest, 5. Students came and went throughout that session, but the average daily attendance was probably about 30.

Jacob R. Landis (1836-1908) and Henry Landis (1834-1904) were students at the school. They were sons of Jacob and Anna (Risser) Landis. The Landis parents both died in 1877 and were buried in the old Geyer graveyard on Rothsville Station Road, which has been destroyed and the gravestones lost. The two boys would have walked from the Rothsville Station area over to the schoolhouse when they joined the class on December 7, 1846. They missed only two days.

(By the way, Christmas fell on a Friday and was a one-day holiday in 1846, with almost full attendance the day before.)

Jacob married Susanna Geyer, daughter of Col. George Geyer. Jacob was a farmer near Rothsville Station whose obituary states that he served several terms as a supervisor for the eastern end of Warwick Township. Like so many, he died of tuberculosis.

One of Jacob's sons, Jacob G. Landis, shares an impressive monument with his parents that is directly behind the church along the parking lot.

Another son, Ira G. Landis and his wife, Margaret Boyer, are buried behind the old cemetery. Several of Ira's children also rest here, including Luella Landis Thompson, Carrie Landis Wertz, and Robert William Landis.

Student Henry Landis became a butcher and drover and married Harriet Habecker. Henry's son, Wayne, was the operator of the White Swan for a time and founder of the Rothsville racetrack. Wayne's daughter Isabell married Walter Ehrhart, and three of Isabell and Walter's children are also buried in the cemetery, including G. Landis Ehrhart, Gladys Ehrhart Weachter, Richard Ehrhart and Robert Ehrhart.

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Congregation, *Ministers*