



Mennonite Heritage Center

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The Mennonite Heritage Center serves as a resource for congregations connected to Anabaptist communities in Eastern Pennsylvania. We welcome visitors Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with special hours available by appointment. We are especially glad to receive church groups, youth groups, and membership/baptismal classes. Special hours are available by request. The Heritage Center can provide pulpit supply, Sunday School programs, and special presentations.

At our museum and library along Rt. 113 in Harleysville, the Mennonite Heritage Center hosted twenty-eight educational programs, workshops, hymn sings, and events on topics of Mennonite and local historical interest. Highlights include a book discussion with Karl Landis on *Inside Mennonite Life and Thought*, a discussion of women in service facilitated by Anne Yoder, and a digital genealogy workshop with Darvin Martin. For a full listing of upcoming events at the Mennonite Heritage Center, visit our website: mhcp.org.

Three exhibits have been on display at the Mennonite Heritage Center in 2026. “A Coat of Many Colors: 500 Years of Anabaptist Faith and Practice” celebrates the essential convictions of the Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition and the ways they have been lived out historically, locally, and globally. “Peace and Plenty: Life in the Perkiomen Valley” was a local history exhibit that explores the broader context shaping the communities that form what is now Mosaic Mennonite Conference, which closed this summer. This fall we will debut “Conscience in Crossfire: Living in a Revolutionary Era” which will explore the life of Mennonites and neighbors before, during, and after the American revolution.

The John L. Ruth Historical Library located in the Mennonite Heritage Center is an excellent resource for researchers and pastors, with a fine collection of Anabaptist materials. The archival collection contains over five hundred linear feet of documents related to Mosaic, Franconia, and Eastern District Mennonite conferences and associated congregations, in addition to digital records, personal papers, and rare books.

Since the last Mosaic Mennonite Conference assembly, the Mennonite Heritage Center has acquired several notable artifacts and collections. We especially received several notable pieces of artwork, including three pieces of fraktur by schoolmaster Samuel Gottschall — who later helped establish Souderton Mennonite Church — as well as two fine art portraits of bishop Abraham and Elizabeth Alderfer Hunsicker — Abraham played a major role in forming what became the Eastern District Conference. We have also gained important documentation of Franconia Mennonite Conference’s turn towards mission, including records of the Rocky Ridge and Haycock Mennonite missions, as well as photographs of the Mennonite Mission and Summer Bible School in Conshohocken. The Mennonite Heritage Center is always interested in furthering our collection of congregational records, including reports, minutes, and other materials representing the congregation — connect with us for more details.

Only by your generous support is the Mennonite Heritage Center able to educate, inspire, and witness to the church and community by collecting, preserving, and sharing Anabaptist-Mennonite stories.