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Churches of Snyderstown and Pine Grove (Turbotville and McEwensville)

The two towns had 3 churches built about the same year. In Turbotville, a Union Church was built in 1819. It was a log structure just east of the Union Cemetery, It was dedicated as St. Jacobs Union Church, named after Jacob Sechler who donated the ground.

In 1853, it was decided to build a new Union Church for the Lutherans and Reforms to worship in. The Church was almost completed when it burnt down. The old Log Union Church also burnt down the same time.

Rev. S. R. Boyer, who preached at the Union Church from 1845 to 1856, was afraid that another Union Church would meet the same fate. He and a few of his followers broke away, and built Zion Lutheran Church on Paradise Street in 1856.

A number of the Reformed Congregation left and built their own church near the place where the new Union had been. The remaining Lutherans and Reforms rebuilt what was left of the burned structure and dedicated it on April 30, 1857, as St. James Union Church.

The first Baptists built a church on Broadway Street in 1868.

In McEwensville, a Union Church was built in 1810. It was called the "Church in the Pines." It was located at the south end of town where all the roads come together.

The next congregation was the Reformed. In 1842 they united with the Lutherans and built a church on Church Street. In 1874 the Reforms built their own church on the corner of Main Street and Potash Road – it is now the United Church of Christ.

The Warrior Run Presbyterian congregation had a disagreement over burial grounds and who was going to be minister when Rev. John Bryson retired. About half of the congregation went to McEwensville and built the Bethal Church on Church Street in 1842. The Rev. J. P. Hudson (Rev. Bryson's Son-In-Law) was now their minister. It was located across Church Street from the Montgomery House Library.

The spring of 1842, the Baptists built a brick church on Main Street. It is now an empty lot about ¾ down Main Street heading south on the east side.

The Methodist congregation built a frame building on the east side of Main Street in 1867. The church was later acquired by the McEwensville Borough and is now the Community Hall.

So, the small town of McEwensville had a total of six churches over the years, and Turbotville had five.

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Cake and Pie Pans for Sale

The Society is selling cake and pie pans with the Warrior Run Church on the lids. If you would like to purchase them, please contact Sue Whitmoyer.

Prices are as follows:

9 x 13 Non-stick pan & cranberry lid	\$40.00
9 x 9 Traditional pan & green lid	\$32.00
9" Pie pan & blue lid	\$30.00

Sue Whitmoyer **570-538-1833**

The first order will be placed on June 15, 2019.



Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society 2019 Raise the Region

The Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society would like to thank all the donors who were there to help our society during the Raise the Region event. In addition to all the donations we were lucky to also receive a prize of \$1,000 taking us to a total of \$1,893.37.

Thanks again for your support.

Cathy Metzger, Treasurer

Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society Donations Spring 2019

First Presbyterian Church
McEwensville Garden Club
Wennawoods Publishing
Drake Owen

Newsletter Articles

Please email articles to be included in the newsletter to kyhouser@windstream.net. You can simply write the report in the email or copy and paste from another document. The best format is a Word document or an Open Office document. PDF files cannot be used in the producing of the newsletter.. If you have a photo you want to share, you can send that to me, as well. Thank you for all the information you send making our newsletter very interesting and informative.

Karen Y. Houser



Happenings at the Warrior Run Church

Friday April 26, 2019, was United Way's Day of Action. We were sent 8 people from Geisinger to help clean up the Warrior Run Church. Although it rained all day, our help washed windows and dusted and cleaned the interior of the church. We appreciate United Way and the people from Geisinger who donated time and work to our Society. Thank you.

Wednesday May 8, 2019, a group of thirteen Warrior Run Middle School students called "Karing Kids" and their advisor, Mrs. Leanne Judson, came early morning to the Warrior Run Church grounds and picked up sticks and debris, as well as, planted day lilies around trees on the grounds. These kids are wonderful and we look forward to them

The Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society Presents

The 39th Annual

Strawberry Festival



Sunday, June 9, 2019

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



At

The Historic Warrior Run Church

Join us for a family event featuring homemade food including hamburgers, hot dogs, our legendary ham barbeque, as well as, our homemade ice cream and strawberry desserts (made from local berries).

We will have a great display of antique cars from chapters of the AACA and, as always, there will be tours of the historic church and cemetery.

We will have a Chinese Auction in addition to the Historic Society memorabilia and books for sale.

Be sure to join in the hymn sing with Randy Watts at 1:30 p.m. in the church and hear the beautiful music from the pump organ.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Anyone wishing to help at the Strawberry Festival should contact Jane Koch at:
(570) 538-1756



Kevin Mertz/The Standard-Journal
Karen Houser, left, representing the First Presbyterian Church of Watsonstown, presented a check for \$268 to the Warrior Run-Fort Freeland Heritage Society during the society's annual banquet. Heritage society board member **Jane Koch** accepted the check. The funds came from an offering collected during the church's annual Easter service, held at the Historic Warrior Run Church.



Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage SocietyBoard Meetings - 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
June 10	Board Meeting	7:00 p. m.	WR Church
July 8	Board Meeting	7:00 p. m.	WR Church
August 12	Board Meeting	7:00 p. m.	WR Church
September 9	Board Meeting	7:00 p. m.	Hower Slore House
October 14	Board Meeting	7:00 p. m.	HS Faculty Lounge
November 11	Board Meeting	7:00 p. m.	HS Faculty Lounge
December 9	Board Meeting	7:00 p. m.	HS Faculty Lounge

Calendar of Events - 2019

June 9	Strawberry Festival (second Sun. in June)	11:00 a. m.	WR Church
August 11	Annual Picnic (second Sun. in August)	4:00 p.m.	WR Church
October 5 - 6	Heritage Days (first weekend in Oct., Board meeting not to immediately follow)		Hower Slore Grounds
November 11	Membership Meeting Election/Regular Board Mtg.	7:00 p. m.	HS Library
December 14	Candlelite Service (second Sat. in Dec.)	7:00 p. m.	WR Church



Warrior Run Fort Freeland Heritage Society

Board of Directors

(Terms run from January 1 to December 31)

2017 - 2019

Leon Hagenbuch
Jane Koch
Bradd Mertz
Doug Ertel
Sue Whitmoyer

2018 - 2020

Traci Pawling
Ruth Webb
Scott Pawling
Cathy Metzger
Landon Koch
Wayne Greiner

(Student Members)

Maris Kilgus / Ethan Whitmoyer

2019-2021

Steve Moser
Melissa Kilgus
Peggy Gelnett
Randy Watts
Al Reeves

Officers

President - Jane Koch (570-538-1756)

Vice President - Leon Hagenbuch (570-490-8279)

Secretary - Melissa Kilgus (570- 538-5593)

Treasurer - Cathy Metzger (570-713-4816)

Assistant Treasurer - Al Reeves (570-538-1928)

Membership (appointed) - Cathy Metzger (570-713-4816)

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Nominating Committee - Randy Watts, Steve Moser (570-437-4048)

Historian - Vacant

Newsletter - Karen Houser (570-538-2557)

Committee Leadership

Church -Jane Koch, Landon Koch, Doug Ertel (570-538-1756)

Church Grounds - Mark Keithan (570-538-5610)

Weddings - Traci Pawling (570-490-9895)

Strawberry Festival - Wayne Greiner (570-604-7451)

Heritage Days - Betsy Watts, Jane Koch

Candlelight Service - Al Reeves

House/Property - Leon Hagenbuch, Steve Moser, Rich Nornhold

Honorary Board Members

Janet Hause *

Jane Shuman *

Betty Miller *

Virginia Hartman *

Donna Meyer

Ruth Moser *

Preston Webb *

Mike Slease *

Hall Williams *

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Rich Nornhold

Al Reeves

* denotes deceased member

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Bringing our history to life....

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Here

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KEEP your membership current

****Note your membership status on the mailing label ****

Membership is key to our group's mission. It's an important step towards funding our projects and goals. Your membership allows you to receive four annual newsletters which inform you of the calendar of events, our organization's achievements and ways to become an active member.

Please register me/us as:

- ☐ LIFE MEMBER (\$200 per person in one payment)
☐ CONTRIBUTING MEMBER (\$20.00 per adult person per year)
☐ STUDENT MEMBER (\$1.00 per year – having student status)
☐ SUSTAINING MEMBER (\$50.00 or more per year as a special support member)

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

To update your WR/FFHS membership status, please mail this form with the proper amount to:

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