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# “Doings” of the Advent Historical Society

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The Advent Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation [EIN 84-2266811] qualified to receive tax-deductible gifts to support the work of the Society.

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## A Message From Our Board President

Dear Friends of the Advent Historical Society:

Thank you to all who helped us celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Marsh Creek Advent Church! The special program on September 14th featured 19th-century letters read by Ken Hassinger, Albert Ogden III, and Meaghan Schadle. Susan Bender, soprano, Richard Sleigh, harmonica, and Jeff Watson, music director, provided musical accompaniment. Following the program, we shared lunch and fellowship under the tents.

Special guests included elected officials, State Representative Paul Takac and State Senator Cris Dush who presented a Senate Resolution congratulating the Advent Historical Society. We were also joined by members of Messiah’s Baptist Church in Kylertown and Pastor Fisher from Brookside Wesleyan Church in Bush Hollow.



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## A Message From Our Board President, cont'd.

Other anniversary projects continue to provide additional ways to share the history of Boggs Township families and the Advent Church. An illustrated booklet on the history of the church is now available. Among the early family names commemorated are Baney, Confer, Fetzer, Johnson, McKinley, McMullen, and Watson.

Additionally, our website has been redesigned with additional historical information thanks to partial funding from Happy Valley Adventure Bureau. Stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for a video of the anniversary program for those who were not able to attend the event in person.

Thank you for your continued support to help preserve this important history for future generations. Best wishes for the holiday season, and we look forward to seeing you at next year's programs.

Barbara Franco  
President



## Music at the Advent 2024



This year's Music at the Advent season featured two concerts in addition to our 175th anniversary celebration: a Memorial Day Hymn sing on May 27, and our summer event, The Grass is Blue: A Country Gospel Celebration, which took place on July 21 and featured well-known Centre County group The Parlor Pickers followed by a time of fellowship and refreshing watermelon!



## Storm News from 1924 and 2024

Emma Watson reported in her diary for June 25, 1924 that "rain in p.m. blew Lee's barn down," describing a tornado that took the upper part of Lee Johnson's log barn. Exactly 100 years later, *The Centre Daily Times* described the June 25, 2024 storm near Milesburg that leveled trees and power lines as a microburst with 100 mph winds. The storm destroyed the barn on Johnson Hill Road that was built in 1924 to replace the earlier log barn. The nearby Advent Church survived both storms unharmed.

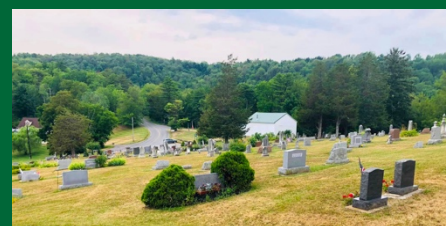


## Call for Civil War Veteran Photographs

The Advent Historical Society has compiled a list of Civil War veterans buried in the Advent Cemetery. If you know of family photographs or other information about local Civil War veterans associated with the cemetery, please contact history committee member Jerry Hedges via the Advent Historical Society email address, [AdventHistoricalSociety@gmail.com](mailto:AdventHistoricalSociety@gmail.com).

## In Memoriam

Lois Miller, aged 92, a former Board member of the Advent Historical Society, died earlier this year and was buried in the Advent Cemetery. The widow of Robert Miller, who served on the Cemetery Committee, Lois was actively involved with the yard sales that funded the work of the Advent Historical Society for many years.



Enclosed with this Newsletter is the opportunity to contribute to the Society's work of preservation and local history as well as an opportunity to request our 175th anniversary booklet. As a registered 403(c) nonprofit organization, your contributions are tax deductible. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Advent Historical Society!