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"Doings" of the Advent Historical Society

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A Message From our Board President

Dear Friends of the Advent Historical Society:

Pennsylvania is celebrating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution this year by dedicating fiberglass replicas of the Liberty Bell in all 67 counties. Four reproduction fiberglass bells, decorated by local artists, are located in Centre County at Eagle Iron Works and Curtin Village, Howard, Centre Furnace Mansion in State College, Bellefonte Historical Railroad Society, and Front Street in Phillipsburg. In keeping with Pennsylvania's statewide theme honoring the Liberty Bell, the Advent Historical Society is undertaking a project to clean, refurbish and remount its own historic cast iron bell.

The bell on display at the Advent Church and Cemetery was given by John T. and Wilma Burd Possinger in 1947. The unmarked cast iron bell with a 30-inch diameter was probably used by another local church before Mr. Possinger acquired it. We do not know when and where it was made or originally used. It was donated when the church added a bell tower in 1947 and hung there until the bell tower addition was removed during the renovation and restoration of the church in 1987. In 1990, the bell was remounted on a stone base beside the church where it continues to ring to announce programs, concerts, funerals and weddings.



Centre
GIVES

We are pleased to participate again this year in **Centre Gives**, a 36-hour online giving event sponsored by the Centre Foundation. It begins on **May 6, 2026, at 8:00 AM ET**, and concludes on **May 7, 2026, at 8:00 PM ET**.

While we welcome donations throughout the calendar year, when you donate during Centre Gives, every dollar you donate to the Advent Historical Society is extended through a pool of grants provided by the Centre and Hamer Foundations. Thank you in advance for your generous support of the work we do!

During the event, visit <http://centregives.org/organizations/257-advent-historical-society>. All major credit cards accepted. No cash or checks. Call-in pledges also accepted by phone at (814) 237-6229.

Barbara Franco
President

Music at the Advent: 2026 Events Schedule

Memorial Day Patriotic Hymn Sing

Monday, May 25, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Following the Memorial Day observances at the Advent Cemetery (from 9 to 10 a.m.), all are invited to join the singalong with our program of traditional music, including patriotic songs and hymns.

The museum and gallery will be open with refreshments of coffee, pies, and cookies provided by members and friends. If you would like to bring a baked good to share, please contact us at adventhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.



The Lockport Drifters

Saturday, July 11, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.



Our second event features The Lockport Drifters who play Bluegrass, Folk, and Old Timey favorites. The members include Dale Haines on guitar, Phil Ponish on Dobro, and Phil Reeder on string bass and harmonica. Add in some tight three-part harmonies and you have the recipe for a good time string band.

Plan to bring a picnic supper to enjoy after the concert and join us for watermelon, iced tea, and cookies as you visit the museum, gallery, and grounds.

The Little German Band

Sunday, October 4, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Based in State College, PA, The Little German Band has been performing traditional German music since 1961. Wearing traditional dirndls and lederhosen, the band promotes Pennsylvania's German cultural heritage with traditional marches, waltzes, and polkas, along with novelty tunes and American favorites.

Celebrate "Oktoberfest" by enjoying traditional German music, followed by cider and donuts.



News From Friends of the Egg Hill Church

The Advent Historical Society is working with the Friends of the Egg Hill Church in Potter Township to publicize our events at both of these historic churches listed on the National Register. Egg Hill will host a spring service on April 26th at 2 p.m. and a patriotic event on July 18th at 6 p.m.