DIARY OF MORAVIAN CONGREGATION OF NAZARETH 1830.

January

First week of month quite cold.

Jan. 9 - Heavy snow, followed by rain in night.

Jan. 31 - Br.Bahnsen preached for first time.

Baptism of Ann Sophia, d. of Charles and Josephine Am.More, and granddaughter of Br.and Sr.Schweishaup!, at latters' home.

Snow during night.

February

Feb. 2 - Only new trustee named, Br.Chr.Brunner, but 7 elected.

Sleighing, and much snow, until 26th of month.

Feb. 20 - Marriage of Simon Buss and Peggy Humel, from vicinity. Witnesses were Isaac Buss, George Humel, and Jacob Schnabel.


March

Mar. 7 - Thunder storm, with heavy rain.


Mar. 18 - More thunder storms, with showers.

Mar. 24 to 26 - Snow.

April

Apr. 2 - Rain.

Apr. 4 - Palm Sunday. Baptism of Caroline Maria, d. of Br.and Sr. Joseph Stotz, b. Mar. 30th.
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Confirmation of 4 boys and 5 girls: Charles Sievers, Charles Eckensperger, Franz Miksch, Jacob Seyfried, Emilie Bardill, Cecilie Clewell, Anna Clewell, Elfrieda Danke, Louise Seyfried.

Apr. 10 - Great Sabbath Lovefeast. 400 buns baked, only 360 used.

Apr. 11 - Rain in early morning, service in church.

Baptism of a little Miksch boy. (?)


Baptism, in home of Beck, Sen., James Henry, s. of Dan. Wilhelm, b. Mar. 10th. Sponsors were Br. and Sr. Hillman, and s. br., John Seibert.

Apr. 19 - Much smoke in mountains, from fires.


Apr. 29 - After some rains, and cool nights, much potato planting in gardens.

Apr. 30 - All trees in blossom. Some of grain has formed spikes.

May

Starts with rains.

May 3 - Single brethren and widowed sisters are busy, decorating church for single sisters festival.

May 4 - At 4 a.m., music. At 7, trombones.

Received into choir: the 4 girls, Charlotte Eckensperger, Caroline Schmidt, Henriette Beitel, and Louise Beitel.

400 buns baked and used.

In evening, music on Square, while sisters stroll in moonlight.

May 14 - Funeral of big boy, Ludwig Edward Miksch, dep. May 12th, aged 17 yr. less 4 days.

May 16 - Baptism of Lucinde Henriette, d. of Br. and Sr. Jacob Clewell, b. May 14th.

May 17 - To date, a number of thunder storms, with heavy showers.
June

A number of rainy days.

June 6 - Admitted to big girls choir: Lucinde Whitesell and Cecilie F. Brunner.

June 11 - Hall examinations.


June 27 - Br. Bahnsen preached.

July

July 3 - Celebration in Pleasure Garden.

July 4 - Baptism of Selinde Thersea, d. of Br. and Sr. Peter Kern, b. June 30th.


July 10 to 22nd - Extreme heat.

July 24 - The 5 theological students moved from the Hall, where they had stayed since Nov. 4, 1828, into their own house. They are Francis Fries, Wm. Lenert, Ambrosius Rondthaler, Julius Bechler, and Emanuel Rondthaler. The occasion was celebrated with a lovefeast, presided over by Br. Herman, and prepared by Sr. Herman. The Br. Hoeber and Rondthaler were guests, also Br. Chas. Blech, Professor of the Seminary.

Hot and sultry at end of month.
August

   Born June 4, 1760. His first wife a Borhek, his second, M. Brunner.
   Very warm for over two weeks.

Aug. 15 - Re-admitted to congregation, single brother, Timotheus Stotz, and
   the Lutheran Daniel Wilhelm with his wife, a former member

Aug. 17 - Funeral, at Dryland Church, of Peter Rice, dep. Aug. 16, an apprentice of Br. Peter Kern's.

Aug. 20 - S.P.G. Meeting.

   Very hot in past week.

Aug. 29 - Admitted to single brethrens choir: the 7 big boys, Wm. Lenert,
   Francis Fries, Ambrosius Rondthaler, August Miksch, Francis
   Oppelt, Sam. Staudt, and Louis Everit.
   Funeral of big girl, Friedrike Miksch, dep. Aug. 28th. Born
   May 10, 1814, age 16 yr. 3 mo. 9 da.

Aug. 30 - Thunder storm and heavy showers relieved heat.

September

Sept. 9 - Funeral of married sister, Peter Kern, dep. Sept. 7th.
   Born Nov. 10, 1794, in Old Nazareth.

Sept. 12 - Br. J. G. Kummer appointed a director.

Sept. 15 - Funeral of married sister, Susan Seyfried, dep. Sept. 15th.
   Marriage of single brother, Benjamin Clewell and single
   sister, Christine Auguste Rondthaler. They will live 1 ½
   miles from Nazareth.

Sept. 26 - Marriage of single brother, Georg Miksch and single sister,
   Susan Clewell.

Sept. 29 - Baptism of Carolina Sophia, d. of Br. and Sr. Chr. Hoeber, b. Sept. 24th.

Sept. 30 - Frost.
October

Oct. 4 - Heavy hoarfrost. Very dry for a week, then welcome rains.


Oct. 24 - Admitted to big boys choir: 3 little boys, Ruben Henry, Henry Seidel, and James Miksch.

Oct. 28 - New porch built.


November

Nov. 1 - Burial of John Paplowell, ward of township, b. in Bethlehem, but had led a vagrant life since boyhood.

Nov. 5 - Br. J. Gottlob and Sr. Sahara Kummer arrive from Lititz with 3 daughters, Caroline, Sophia, and Agnes. Nov. 7th, Br. K. made a director.

Nov. 9 - Marriage, at home of Br. C. H. Miller, of John Seibert and Christiane Kibler, former a member, but latter a servant girl from outside.

Nov. 10 - Baptism of Francis Nicolaus, s. of Br. and Sr. Joh. Seyfried, b. Nov. 6th.

Rain, and mild weather, prevalent.

Nov. 17 - Br. Bahnsen held song service.

Nov. 24 - Baptism of Lisette Margarethe Heller.

December


Dec. 8 - Rain and ice. Heavy snowfall on 9th.

Thunder storm the night preceding 15th, snow on 18th.

Dec. 10 - Br. Kummer read German litany. Dark and snowy all day.

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve lovefeast, 450 buns, 160 candles for children. Heavy rains that night. Severe thunder storm night of 30th. Lightning struck trees 4 times, four miles from here.

Clear by late afternoon, 31st. Usual services.
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January

Jan. 9 and 10 - Snow, after a cold clear spell.

Jan. 11 - Marriage of wid. br., Henry Albright with wid. sester, Catharina Louisa Beck, nee Clewell, at his home.

Jan. 15, 16 - Blizzard. Roads drifted shut.

Jan. 16 - Br. Bahnsen preached.

Jan. 24 - 3 below zero.


February

Feb. 1 - Marriage of s. br., Henry Blickensdorfer with s. sr., Elvina Lucinda Beitel.

A week of cold and snow, with sleighing.

Feb. 14 - Baptism, 4 miles from here, of Daniel, s. of Daniel Spengler and wife Maria, nee Jaeger.

Feb. 16 - Some rain.

Feb. 17 - Funeral of s. sr., Phillipine Eup, of Philadelphia, dep. Feb. 14th.

March

Much rain and mud, since the 6th.

Mar. 11 - Baptism of Priscilla Antoinette, d. of Br. and Sr. C. Moeller, b. Mar. 10th.


Mar. 18 - Funeral of married sr., Anna Barbara Bardill, dep. Mar. 16.

Maiden name Mettler, born July 15, 1756, in Staaffa, Canton Zurich, Switzerland.

Snowstorms continue for some days.

Mar. 27 - Palm Sunday.
March

In previous night, thunder storm, much rain.
Baptism of girl, Elisabeth Angelica McKinley.

Mar. 28 - Funeral of widow, Catharina Schneider, dep. Mar. 26th.
Rainy at end of month, with much wind.

April

Apr. 3 - Beautiful sunrise during early service.
Apr. 5 - Marriage of s. br., David Clewell and s.sr., Rebecca Miksch.

Apr. 6 - The astronomer, Dr. Denis, gave a lecture in the church.
During rest of month, occasional thunder storms, with rain.

May

May 8 - Admitted to single sisters choir: 6 girls, Annabella Beitel, Cecilia Haman, Aramind Brunner, Mariana Miksch, Anna Clewell, Elisabeth McKinley.
In afternoon, music in Pleasure Garden.

May 20 - Funeral of little boy, John Jacob Schmidt, dep. May 27, born Sept. 5, 1929.

June

June 5 - Admitted to big girls choir: 6 girls, Elisa Ricksecker, Mariett Beck, Elis. Miksch, Friedrika Staudt, Carolina Bardill, Mariette Seyfried.
June

June 10 - Marriage of Mr. Salomon Buss and Miss Marian Hartman.
   Live 1½ miles from here. Married at parsonage. Witnesses, Simon Buss and wife Rebecca.

June 17 - Hall examinations.

June 18 - Baptism of Sally Ann, d. of John Koenig, from vicinity.

June 23 - Sudden, heavy rains interrupt haying.

June 26 - Baptism of Benjamin Franklin, s. of Br. and Sr. Samuel Ricksecker, b. June 22nd. Dep. Nov. 11, 1834, buried Nov. 13, 1834.

July

July 5 - Brethren of Elders Conference attend funeral of Br. Jacob vanVleck in Bethlehem.

July 10 - Br. Dober arrived from Europe a few weeks ago, preached in morning.

July 18 - Baptism of Sophia Cathrina, d. of Br. and Sr. Jacob Mikesch, b. July 15th.

July 20 - Baptism, by Br. Rondthaler, of his grandchild, d. of Br. and Sr. Benjamin Clewell of Schoeneck.

July 27 - The married brother, Charles Molther, was drowned in the Delaware, near Sands, and buried at Schoeneck, July 28th. Br. Rondthaler had the service.

July 31 - Marriage of s. br., Georg Bauer and s. sr., Lisette Louisa Danke.

August

Many rains during month.

Aug. 23 - Admitted to single brethrens choir: Julius Bechler, Emanuel Rondthaler, Charles Eckensperger, Francis
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August

Aug. 28 - Miksch, Edmund Ricksecker, Joseph Seyfried.

September

Started with mist and rain.

Sept. 18 - Baptism of Jacob Franklin, s. of Br. and Sr. Daniel Wilhelm,
b. Sept. 14th.

Beautiful warm weather, with thunder storm and showers,
23rd and 25th.

October

Oct. 3 - Baptism, in home, Moore Township, of Chester Eben, s. of
Br. and Sr. Andrew Albrecht, b. Aug. 21st.

Oct. 4 - Thunder storm with rain; many rains until 16th.

Oct. 10 - Apples gathered in.

Baptism of Benjamin Henry, s. of Br. and Sr. Joseph Miller,

Oct. 23 - Admitted to large boys choir: John Sievers, Robert
v. Schweinitz, Comenius Rondhaler, Henry Busse, Franz
Moeller, Comenius Senseman, Louis Ricksecker, Frederick
Seidel.

Oct. 26 - Beautiful fallweather. Br. Dober held his first
song service.

Oct. 28 - First frost.

November

Nov. 10 - Hoarfrost.

Nov. 16 - Br. Charles Blech, who is helping in New York, here on visit,
conducts song service.

Hoarfrost next morning.

Nov. 22 - Severe thunder storm, followed by snow, last night,
and continued snow.
November


Nov. 25 - S. P. C. Meeting, postponed from August on account of sickness.


December

Snows continue, with occasional very stormy weather.

Dec. 16 - Baptism of Harriette Adelie, d. of Br. and Sr. Harry Clewell, b. Nov. 22nd. Act was performed at Br. Georg Ricksecker’s home, where parents are living for rent.

Dec. 17 - Blizzard.

Dec. 26 - No services. Many cases of influenza.

Dec. 30 - Baptism, at home, of Oliver Benjamin, s. of Br. and Sr. Henry Albright, b. Dec. 10th.

Usual services, Dec. 24th and 31st.
January

Thermometer varied from 10 below zero, to 50 above, during month.

Jan. 4 - Baptism, in vicinity, of Julian and Cathr. Anna, twin daughters of Charles Stucker, and Anna Maria, nee Keller, Sponsors were the grandparents, Adam and Barbara Stucker, and Nathan and Juliane Miksch.


Jan. 15 - Baptism of Maria Sybilla, d. of Br. and Sr. John Schmidt, b. Jan. 10th. Service at the home.

Jan. 22 - Br. G.W. Just, entered Directors Conference, and introduced to congregation.

February

Sleighbng, thaws, and raw weather, during month.


100 volleys shot by cannon. A 100-foot pole with flag erected beyond Market House. 100 lamps lit at Market House, and a big number, 100 put up. Hall, Sisters House, and Principal's House illuminated. Beautiful band music throughout day. At 2 o'clock, service in church, with address by Br. Herman on Prov. 10: 7. Many crowds in town - much confusion.

March

Mar. 4 - Frost in early morning - then thaw - muddy roads.


Mar. 10 - Garden work begins.
March

Mar. 12 - Severe thunder storm in early evening.

Mar. 15 - Marriage of German schoolmaster, Peter Kapell and Susanna Reb, of Plainfield Township.

Snows during middle part of month.

Mar. 15 - Baptism, in Plainfield Township, of Theodor Oliver, s. of storekeeper, Mr. David Knaus and wife Christina, nee Kleder.

Mar. 23 - Baptism of C.S. Haman, ?


Marriage

Mar. 29 - Marriage of Joseph Bauer, Lutheran, and Georgine Juliana Staudt, d. of Br. and Sr. Staudt.

April

Apr. 2 - Garden work.

Apr. 11 - Br. and Sr. Engelman move here. He is a doctor.

Apr. 14 - Thunder storm with showers.

Apr. 15 - Palm Sunday. Confirmation of Jacob Blickensdoerfer and the 5 girls, Lise Eckensperger, Auguste Busse, Caroline Gerlach, Antoinette Miksch, Cecile Brunner.

Apr. 17 - A new dial fastened on town clock, by Mr. Joseph Weiss, of Bethlehem. It cost $75.

Apr. 19 - Charles More, confirmed in Lutheran Church, admitted to congregation, also the recently Br. Peter and Sr. Henriette Engelman.

Apr. 22 - Glorious sunrise for early service.
April

Apr. 23 - A reformed minister from Switzerland spoke in evening.

May

May 6 - Received into single sisters choir: Elfriede Danke, Jo-
Hanne Staudt, Emilie Bardill, Cecile Clewell, Lydia
Whitesell, Eliza Osburn.

May 13 - Large crowds. Soldiers drill. Much confusion. Thunder
storm by evening.

May 13 - Lovefeast of Woman's Missionary Society.

May 21 - Hoarfrost in some localities.

May 25 - Funeral of big girl, Johanna Marie Shober, dep. May
23rd. Here on a visit from Salem. Ill 8 days.

May 27 - Br. Bahnsen preaches his first English sermon.

May 30 - Very cool, with rain. Hail 1/2 mile from here.

May 31 - Baptism of Edward Thomas, s. pf Br. and Sr. Charles
More, b. May 12th.

June

Very cool, hinders growth in gardens.

June 3 - Admitted to big girls choir: Emilia Beck, Marian
Suess, Lucinda Brunner, Matilda Whitesell.

June 6 - Baptism of Caroline Louise, d. of Br. and Sr. Peter
13, 1834, and buried Jan. 15, 1834.

June 8 - Hall examinations.

June 10 - Severe thunder storm with hail, wind, and much rain.

June 11 - Many excursions in various directions. Corner stone
of church in Plainfield.

Warm weather has begun.
June

June 16 - Haying at Sisters House.

June 18 - Fearful thunder storm in early morning, and another in afternoon. Temperature in afternoon, 90, dropping to 56 next day, then getting warmer again.

June 30 - Continued dry, warm weather - good hay crop.

July

July 1 - Baptism of Henry Abraham, s. of Br. and Sr. Georg Miksch, b. June 24th.

July 6 - Brethren of Provincial Elders Conference here. The 2 sons of Br. and Sr. Rondthalen, Ambrosius and Emanuel, having completed the theological course, are appointed teachers at the Hall.

July 7 - At this time, extreme heat during daytime, with cool nights.

July 15 - Br. Adam Haman, here on a visit, while on his way from Canada to Jamaica, preaches at morning service.

It was announced that Br. Jac. Levin Reichel has been appointed to take place of dep. Br. v. Albertini.

July 22 - Address by traveling preacher, Crosby, for benefit of Colonial Society Company. Offering taken at doors.

July 23 - Church Council meets to discuss water pipes.

July 29-30 - Heavy rains, with severe thunder storms.

August

Aug. 5 - Baptism of Francis David, s. of Br. and Sr. C. F. Busse, b. July 30th.

Aug. 10 - Funeral of Married brother, Sebastian Oppelt, dep.

August

Aug. 10 - Came to America 1799. Served as teacher at Nazareth Hall.
Married in Lititz (?). Served among Indians and in Emmaus.
1 daughter and 5 sons living. 1818 came to Nazareth, retired.
Was very helpful here with music and in business matters
concerning strangers. Age, 69 yr. 4 mo. 18 da.

Born Sept. 29, 1761, in Bethlehem. Married to Br. J. J. Schmick
Much rain, with some thunder storms.

Aug. 21 - S.P.G. Meeting.

September

Sept. 2 - Admitted to single brethrens choir: Jacob Haman and
Amos Miksch.

Baptism of William Edward, s. of Br. and Sr. David Michael.

Rain, with some thunder storms, 1st week.

Sept. 14 - Light hoarfrost.

Sept. 16 - Heavy thunder storm, with rain, followed by cloudy and
foggy weather.

Sept. 26 - Funeral of Matthias Cassler, b. Apr. 15, 1771, in Lititz.
Had left congregation, became married, and lived near
Schoeneck, but wished to be buried here. Was 61 years old.

October

Oct. 4 - Br. and Sr. Benjamin Clewell moved into town, into their
newly built home.

Oct. 6 - Funeral of widowed brother, Johannes Nicolaus Seyfried,
dep. Oct. 4th. Born in Alsace, at 15 came to America with his pa-
parents, to Bethlehem. Married 1780, and came to Nazar-
eth.
October

Oct. 6 - There were 10 children, 50 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren. He was widowed in 1830. Age not given.

Oct. 11 - Thunder storm with heavy rains.


Cool, and some rains, with frost on 27th.

Oct. 30 - Funeral of little Susan Diemer, here on a visit with Br. and Sr. Albrecht, aged 4 years.

November

Mostly rainy and cloudy during month, with cool weather at end.

Nov. 11 - Br. Jesse Vogler preached.


December

Dec. 2 - Baptism of Louise Mariette, d. of Br. and Sr. Jacob Beck, b. in November (?)..

Dec. 3 - First snow. - Dec. 5 Heavy frost. - Dec. 10 - Mild.

For 3 or 4 weeks, cases of scarlet fever among children. Many cases of sore throat and fever among adults.

Dec. 18 - Clear, after continued cloudy weather of month so far.

Dec. 19 - 1 inch of snow. Snow continues.

Dec. 25, - Baptism in vicinity, of Jacob, s. of Isaac Herzl and Anna, nee Georg. Born Dec. 23rd.

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January

Year starts with heavy fog on 1st, and snows and rains during month.

Jan. 13 - Baptism at home of Auguste Elisabeth, d. of Br. and Sr. Joseph Miksch.


Jan. 30 - Baptism of Phillip Sing, s. of Br. and Sr. Phillip Walter, b. Jan. 18th.

Month ends with rain, sleet, snow, and northeast storm.

February

Feb. 1 - Funeral of little girl, Marianne, dep. Jan. 30, daughter of the stranger, Aaron Kuechlein, living here, aged 2 yr. 1 mo. 6 da.

Feb. 8 - Baptism of Andrew Benjamin, s. of Br. and Sr. Charles Whitesell, b. Feb. 2. Father is a miller, living 4 miles from here.

Feb. 9 - Baptism of Caroline Sophia, d. of Br. and Sr. Jacob Clewell, b. Jan. 19th.

Peter Baptism, at home of Br. and Sr. Staudt, grandparents, of William Henry, s. of Joseph Bauer, whose wife is a member. Child was born Dec. 27, 1832.


Feb. 20 - Auction sale of the belongings of Wm. Schmick, who has failed in his business. His whole family have taken themselves to Lititz.
February

Roads have been very muddy for some time. Month ends with snow, and cold, cloudy weather.

March

Mar. 3 - 4 below zero. Wind is drifting the snow.

Baptism, in vicinity, of Anna Elisabeth, d. of Jacob Heller.

Good sleighing until 9th.

Mar. 17 - Baptism of Sabina Elisabeth, d. of Jacob Schall of Bushkill Township.

Mar. 21 - Baptism of Simon, s. of neighbor, Adam Hummel, b. Jan. 24th.


April

Apr. 1 - First potatoes planted.

Apr. 7 - Pleasant sunrise for early service.

Apr. 14 - Br. Herman Tietze preached for first time, in German.

Apr. 21 - Funeral of big girl, Augusta Sophia Busse, dep. Apr. 14, aged 16 yr. 3 mo. 4 da.

Apr. 27 to 30 - Smoke in mountains. Sun blood-red.

May

Very dry and hot. Smoke in mountains continues. A little rain on 4th.

May 5 - Single sisters festival. Names of new choir members not given.

May 7 - Marriage of s.sr., Charlotte Henriette Oppelt and Re-

May 8 - A few light showers,
May

May 10 to 15 - Almost continuous heavy, and welcome rains.

May 17 - Baptism of John, s. of neighbor, John Edelman, 3 miles from here.

May 25 - Soldiers had drills.

May 26 - Outside amusements here, and consecration of a church at Plainfield, kept many away from services.

May 30 - After much rainy weather, extensive garden work today.

June


June 2 - Admitted to large girls choir: 5 girls, Mathilde Kern, Olivia Mikesch, Sophia Beck, Araminta Clewell, Clarisse Kern.

June 5 - Funeral of wid. br., Christian Friede, Beitelges, dep.


June 14 - Hall examinations.


June 19 - Marriage of Friedrich Wunderling, and Sabina Billman. Witnesses, David Reich and wife.

July
July

Thunder storms, with heavy rains, 1st 2 weeks.

Extreme heat and severe thunder storms, during latter part of month.

August

Aug. 4 - Confirmation of the boy, Franz Louis Kampman.


Much rain, resulting in muddy roads for first part of month.

Aug. 18 - Marriage of Carl Hagenbacher and single Charlotte Thersea Eckensperger at her parents' home.

Aug. 21 - S.P.G. Meeting.


September


Sept. 7 - Rain, after continued drought.

Sept. 8 - Br. Joseph Berg preached for first time, in English.

Mostly rainy and cool, 1st 2 weeks.

September


Sept. 22 - Marriage of s. sr., Maria Cassler, with Carl Bauer, a neighbor. She was granted her request of continuing as a member.

Lovely weather until 29th.

Sept. 30 - Single sister, Caroline Schmidt, appointed teacher in girls school, succeeding s. sr., Elis Schmick, who resigned.

October

Oct. 3 - Hoarfrost.

Oct. 6 - Marriage of s. br., Jesse Vogler, and s. sr., Mariane Louise Miksch. They have received a call to New Fairfield, Canada, to work among the Indians. Sr. Vogler received into Acolithie Oct. 10th, and Br. Vogler ordained Oct. 13th by Bishop Anders. They left for Canada Oct. 16th.

Oct. 13 - Baptism of James, s., of Georg Jansen, of Bushkill Township.


Oct. 23 - After 3 days of copious rain, a heavy hoarfrost.

Oct. 27 - Baptism of Anna Paulina, d. of Br. and Sr. Herman, b. Oct. 14th. Dea. Aug. 7th, 1834, and was buried Aug. 9, 1834.

Oct. 30 - Snow during past night.

Oct. 31 - Br. and Sr. David Warner of Bethlehem, move into Br. Jacob Miksch’s house, and Br. Warner will carry on blacksmith’s trade there. Br. and Sr. Jacob Miksch on Oct. 28th, moved to farm from which Br. and Sr. Friedr. Miksch moved to Musquegum.
November
First part of month, Indian summer.

Nov. 13 - Many fiery sparks flying through air in early morning, causing some people to think that the stars were falling from the sky.

Nov. 17 - Baptism of Marian, d. of Charles Timbers and Margaret, nee Musselman, Oct. 19th. He is a mail driver.

Sponsors, Christine Musselman and Samine Schneider.

First snow this morning.

Nov. 24 - Funeral of married sister, Anna Christina Beck, dep. years

Nov. 20th. She was for many midwife in Nazareth.

Born Jan. 27, 1764, in Nazareth. Age, 63 yr.

Nov. 25, 26 - Snow, followed by rain, Nov. 28th to 30th.

December
Mostly cloudy, with snow or rain 1st week.

Dec. 4 - Baptism of Stephan Henry, at Schlabachs.

Dec. 14 - Baptism of Benjamin Franklin, s. of Salomon Schaefer and wife Adelaide, nee Giersch, b. Nov. 22nd. They are not members.

Dec. 15 - Marriage of a neighbor, David Wolbach with Anna Lehr.

Dec. 18 - Br. Berg holds his first song service.

Dec. 22 - Baptism of Ann Salome, d. of neighbor, Hinkel.


Dec. 24th and 31st, the usual services.

Much cloudy weather, with rain or snow, in last half of month.
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January


Born Feb. 9, 1756, in Oldmarnock, nearly 78 yr. old.

Jan. 30 - Trustees of last year re-elected.

February


Funeral Feb. 11th.

Month sunny and mild, with occasional fogs.

March

Mar. 2 - Baptism, at home, of Maria Christina, d. of Br. and Sr. Beck, b. Feb. 18th.

Baptism of Rudolf, son of neighbor, Chas. Stucker.

Snow with storm.

Mar. 6 to 15th. - Rain, spring weather, thunder storm with heavy showers, snowflakes, heavy snow.

Mar. 16 - Marriage of Henriette Cassler and Gilbert Vincent Fradnick, a cobbler journeyman, working at Sam Ricksecker's house. She desires to retain her membership, and intends to be more faithful to the church.

Mar. 19m - Br. Heinr. Kluge held his first song service.

Mar. 21 - Severe thunder storm, with much rain and wind during past night, raw and colder in day, and on 22nd.

Mar. 23 - Baptism of Augustus Alexander, s. of Br. and Sr. Henry Albright, b. Feb. 21st.

Confirmation of: Francis Moeller, Joseph Seyfried,
March

Baptism of colored girl, Margaret Isabella Frey, at home of Dr. Walter.

Mar. 25 - Snow, turning into rain.
Mar. 30 - Beautiful sunrise, with raw air, for sunrise service.

April

Apr. 1 - Snow, then rain.
Apr. 6 - Br. Henry Kluge, teacher at Hall, left for Muskingum, to assist Br. Samuel Huebner there with teaching.
Apr. 13 - Marriage of Sr. Morad and Johann Oesterreich, non-member.
Apr. 20 - Br. Wm. Lennert preached for first time.
Baptism of Charles Edward, s. of Br. and Sr. Kummer, b. Apr. 3rd.
Baptism of Stephen Albert, s. of Br. and Sr. Henry Clewell, b. Apr. 3rd.
Marriage of s. sr. Thomas Clewell and s. sr. Florentine Leibert.

Apr. 26 - Heavy frost during previous night causes severe damage to blossoms and leaves, and is followed by rain and snow.
Apr. 27 - Marriage of s. br. Johann Chr. Leibfried and s. sr. Harrietete Beitel.
Baptism of Mathilde Louise, d. of Br. and Sr. G. Miksch, b. Apr. 13th.

May

May 4 - Admitted to single sisters choir: Sophia Staudt, Lise
May

May 4 - Eckensperger, Caroline Gerlach, Antoinette Miksch.

May 5 - Funeral of married br., John Georg Ricksecker, dep. May 2nd. 
Born Dec. 14, 1782, Age 51 yr. 4 mo. 18 da.

May 8 - Severe thunder storm with showers and hail, much cooler.

May 11 - Baptism of Jacob Frederik, s. of Br., and Sr. Joseph Hillman, b. Apr. 20th. Buried Aug. 12, 1834.

May 14, 15 - Heavy frosts. All the plants killed, potatoes, beans, lettuce, and the leaves on the trees. Milder on 16th.

May 18 - WhitSunday. No services, on 18th, as adults do not come, and so set a bad example for the children.

No rain until the 24th, when there were refreshing thunder showers.

May 25 - Baptism of Edwin Fineour, s. of Br. and Sr. Moore, b. May 4th.
Baptism of Auguste Octavia, d. of Br. and Sr. G. Kern, b. Apr. 26th, at home.

Rainy and foggy, last part of month. Some of the frost-touched plants and trees recovered.

June

June 1 - Received into big girls choir: Ellen Henry, Friedricka Danke, Theresia Busse, and Elisa Beck.

June 6 - Church Council. Single br., Joseph Berg elected trustee in place of H. Kluge, who was requested to leave.
D. Warner elected as third water inspector.

It was decided to build a container for the fire hose.

June 13 - Hall exams.

June 22 - Baptism of Araminde Louise, d. of Br. and Sr. Moeller, 

June 27 - Funeral of married br., John Gottfried Clewell, dep. 
June

June 30 - Some hay brought in. Many thunder storms with rain, latter part of month.

July

July 2 - Several severe thunder storms, with rain and wind.

5th to 10th, hot and clear.

July 17 - Rains do much damage to standing shocks of grain.

July 20 - Announced that Br. Philip Heinz Goepp, up to present time, clerk in U.A.C., has been appointed as administrator for Bethlehem.

July 24 - Lightning struck 2 trees at Christianspring, and 5 trees near Moore Township Church.


August

Aug. 1 - Funeral of s. sr., Anna Bauer, dep. July 31st. Age, 87 yr. 7 mo. 27 da.


Aug. 3 - Br. Ambrosius Rondthaler held English childrens meeting for first time.

Aug. 10 - Br. and Sr. Herman, with 3 daughters make a trip to Salem, and visit there until their return, Sept. 24th.

Aug. 21 - S.P.C. Meeting, 53 members present.

Aug. 24 - Baptism of the little girl, much dust.
August

Aug. 24th - Baptism of Sophia Theresia, d. of neighbor, Chas. Bauer and wife, a member. He is Lutheran, but wishes to join. Child was born Aug. 7th.


September

Sept. 1 - Welcome rain, after dry spell and extreme heat since July 31st.

Sept. 7 - Br. Ambrosius Rondthaler preached for first time, English.

Sept. 13 - Potato harvest.

Sept. 13 - Church Council discussed the question of enlarging the town. Later, decides, some time, on new street, east side.

Sept. 16 - No cup of covenant.

Sept. 27 - Br. and Sr. Goepp, of Europe, arrived in Bethlehem.


October

Oct. 2 - Members of Elders Conference drove to Bethlehem to greet Br. and Sr. Goepp.

Oct. 5 - Br. Levin Reichel preached for first time, German.

Oct. 11, 12, 13 - Heavy frosts.

Oct. 19 - Admitted to big boys choir: Ruben Miksch, Andrew Kern,
October


Baptism of Edward Cornelius, s. of Br. and Sr. Joseph Beitel, b. Oct. 7th.

Baptism of Adeline Louise, at home of parents, the David Michaels, b. Oct. 9th.


Oct. 26 - Marriage, at Br. Jacob Beck's home, of one of his hired men, Johan Michael Dernbach, a Catholic, and the s. sr., Paulina Miksch. At her request she remains a member of congregation.

November

Nov. 2 - Snow. Baptism of Elmira Augusta, d. of Br. and Sr. Benjamin Clewell, b. Oct. 12th, at parents' home.

Lovely weather until Nov. 11th.

Nov. 17 - Br. Rondthaler and son Comenius travel to Hopedale in the Beechwoods, 44 miles away, at request of P.E.C. Roads rough and icy. Arrived there 13th. On 14th, he confirmed 4 boys, served communion to 30 persons, and baptized one child. Returned here on 20th.

Nov. 30 - Eclipse of sun from 1 to 3 in afternoon, causing much excitement.

December

Dec. 1 - Funeral of s. sr., Elisabeth Schaefer, dep. Nov. 28th.

She was in her 83rd year, born Jan. 28, 1752.

Dec. 4 - Funeral of s. br., Friedrich Jacob Schmidt, dep. Dec. 1st, aged 76 yr. 3 mo. 25 da. Cook in brethren's house.

Born Aug. 6, 1753, in Bethlehem.
December

Dec. 8 - Hurricane-like storm.

Dec. 14 - " " " all day.

Baptism of Theodor Octave, s. of Gilbert Fradnick, b. Dec. 2nd.

Dec. 15 - Zero weather.


Dec. 22 - Baptism of Susanne, d. of Dan Eritt, living 2 miles from here.


Marriage of neighbor, Charles Hahn and the single Sarah Werner, at request of girl's father.

Dec. 29 - Blizzard.

Dec. 24th and 31st, usual services.
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January

Jan. 1 to 10 - Temperature varies from zero to 18 below zero, lowest in many years. Fine sleighing since Dec. 29th.


Jan. 21 - Baptism of Daniel Michel, s. of Daniel Kreidler, journeyman working in smithy of Leibfried.

Marriage, at parsonage, of Joseph Hagenbuch and Lydia Hahn. No evening, on account of rain.
Rainy nights to end of month, with hurricane-like storm early on 31st.

February

During this month, thermometer varied from 4 below zero to 48 above.

Feb. 1 - Br. Ambrosius Rondthaler held funeral at Dryland Church, his first service for Lutherans, Br. Wm. Lennert went along.


Feb. 13 - Baptism, at 10 in evening, in parents' home, 1½ miles from here, of sick child, John Peter, s. of Simon Koehler and wife Eva, nee Wagner. Grandparents, Peter and Magd. Koehler, sponsors.
February

Feb. 22 - Baptism of John Jacob, s. of Br. and Sr. John Oesterreich, b. Jan. 29th.

Some rain and snow during past days.

March


Mar. 7 - Violent snow storm. Variable weather follows. Thunder storm, Mar. 22nd. Then snow,

Mar. 23 - Marriage of Anton Freiland and Julie Engel, at parsonage.

Mar. 26 - Spring-like.

Mar. 27 - Funeral of wid. sr., Anna Marie Danke, nee Clewell, dep. Mar. 24th, aged 82 yr. 9 mo. Born June 24, 1752. Marriage of s. br., Christian August Miksch and s. sr., Marian Walter.

Mar. 29 - Baptism of Andrew Francois, s. of Br. and Sr. Joseph Stotz, b. Mar. 23rd.

Marriage of wid. br., Daniel Steinhauer and s. sr., Maria Sessing, at Br. Herman's home. He has taught at Hall for several years, and she came from Neuwied last year and served as teacher in Bethlehem.

Cold and stormy last part of month.

April

Apr. 1 - Mild Peas planted.

Apr. 5 - Baptism of Louise Emilie, d. of Br. Charles Whitesell, b. Feb. 23rd. Mother is not a member.

Baptism of Jacob Henry, s. of John Schmidt, wife Lydia, nee Whitesell,
April

Apr. 5 - a member. Born Mar. 2nd.

Apr. 7 - Marriage of s. br., Francis Adolph Oppelt and s. sr., Louisa Friedrica Beitel.


Apr. 14, Frost. Apr. 16, Snow all forenoon.

Apr. 17 - Continued frost, snow, cold wind.


Apr. 19 - Easter. Sunrise.

Apr. 20 - Members away at court, or at auctions, or visiting friends.

No services.

Apr. 23 - Rain, sleet, snow, very unpleasant, stormy weather all day.


May

May 1 - Potatoes planted in back of Hall.

May 3 - Received into single sisters choir: Cecilia Brunner, Marian Miller, Juliana Christ, Louise Whitesell.

May 9 - Brn. Goep and Rondthaler drove to Beechwoods, to buy a lot from the brethren for the site of the future pastor’s home, and returned May 12th.

May 10 - Baptism of Sylvester Arminius, s. of Br. and Sr. Thomas Clewell, b. Apr. 13th.
May

May 18 - Fruit trees in full bloom for a week.

June

June 5 - Cloud-like down pour.

June 7 - Admitted to big girls choir: (? ) Hümmer, Sophia Herman, Louise Beck.

June 12 - Hall Exams.

June 14 - Baptism, in Old Nazareth, of Jacob Reinhold, of a German named Heinr. Graemer and his wife Rosina, nee Bauer. Born May 9, 1835.

June 16 - Church Council decides to whitewash and paint auditorium of church.

June 22 - Hoarfrosts and frosts in neighboring localities.

June 29 - Br. Rondthaler in Bethlehem with his son Ambrosius, who has received call to Gnadenhuetten on the Muskingum, as assistant to Br. Samuel Huebner. Was received into Acoluthia. Left for the state of Ohio on June 30th.

July

July 4 - Very quiet all day. A number of people in Easton at celebration. In evening, music here in streets, shooting, and firing of rockets on hill.

July 6 - Baptism, in parsonage, of Marian, d., of neighbor, Johannes Haas and wife Elisabeth, nee Wagner. Born Mar. 27, 1835.

July 7 - Church Council elected 3 deputies to Provincial Synod, John S. Haman, Chr. D. Busse, and Chr. R. Hoeber, but as Br. Haman did not accept, only two will be sent.

July 8 - Church Council elects Br. Herm. Tietze as trustee to succeed Br. Joseph Berg, who has left Nazareth.

July 10 - Showers interrupted grain harvest.
July

July 10 - Baptism of Thomas Hall's, of Charles Schneider and wife Elisabeth, nee Bruch, neighbors, born June 5, 1835.
   Sponsors were Adam Wilhelm and wife, Susanna.

July 19 - Sultry and hot. Br. Samuel Reinke, here on visit from Graceham, preached.

July 20 to 31st. Provincial Synod in Bethlehem. Sultry and hot for a week.

July 26 - Brn. Andreas Benade and Peter Volle, here on visit, preached.

August

Aug. 2 - Br. Samuel Huebner preached.

Aug. 9 - Br. Lambert, of Schoeneck, will have a furlough, and Br. Dober, of New York, will be his successor.

Aug. 16 - Br. Julius Bechler preached here for first time.
   Baptism of John Levin's, of Br. and Sr. Joseph Hillman, b.

    July 30th.
   Baptism of Sophia Rebecca, b. July 30, 1835, d. of Joseph Bauer and wife, Juliane, nee Staudt, a member, who is d. of Br. and Sr. Peter Staudt. Service was at latter's home. The young people live 6 miles from here. Sponsors were: David Michael, Cathrina Hoeck, Johanna and Sophia Staudt, members.

Aug. 21 - S.P.G. Meeting.


Aug. 30 - Received into single brethrens choir: James Henry Miksch.

September

September

Sept. 1 - Then, baptism of Sarah, d. of Simon Buss and wife Rebecca, nee Humel, born Mar. 8, 1835.

Sept. 4 - Baptism of Anna Sophia, Aug. 9, 1835, d. of Michael Dernbach and wife Pauline, nee Miksch, in home of Br. Jacob Beck, where young man works in brewery. She is daughter of Br. and Sr. P. Miksch. Sponsors were Br. and Sr. Jacob Beck, Johanna Louisa Miksch and Harriet Cecilie Beck.

Sept. 17 - Potato harvest.

Sept. 25 - Hoarfrost.

October


Oct. 3 - 50th anniversary of Nazareth Hall. Congregation participated in big lovefeast, and other services.

In evening, illuminations in church and in Pleasure Garden. Music. Big pyramid at Square.

Oct. 12 - Br. and Sr. Lambert receive call to Hebron.

Oct. 16 and 17 - Comet which appears every 76 years, visible in the northwest.

Oct. 23 - Emilius, son of Dr. Walter, fell from tree on hill behind cemetery, broke both legs, and was carried home on a bedstead. Departed Oct. 25, aged 9 years, 11 months, 5 days, and was buried Oct. 28th. Born Nov. 19, 1825, Jacob.

Oct. 25 - Baptism in parsonage, of Leonhard, son of neighbor, Georg Scheibelein and wife Barbara, b. July 22, 1835. Sponsors were Leonhard Abelshausen and wife Cathrina.

Baptism in home of Br. Schweishaupt, of Aaron, b. May 15, 1835, son of Br. and Sr. Charles Moore, son-in-law, and Daughter of Schweishaupts.


November

Nov. 1 and 2 - Frosts, then warm weather.

Nov. 12 - So fall-like, that everybody hurried to store vegetables from gardens in cellars, for fear of frost and snow.

Nov. 22 - Snow and rain.

Baptism in Elphstata, of Adelaide Sophia, d. of Br. and Sr. Vognitz, members in Schoeneck.

Snow, frost, ice, sleighing.

December

Dec. 2 - Elders and trustees, at a meeting, vote to accept Mr. Wm. Craig as host of Nazareth Hotel.

Dec. 6 - Baptism of Auguste Pauline, d. of Br. and Sr. Jacob Beck, at home.


Very stormy, wintry weather throughout month.

December

Dec. 20 - Received into big boys choir, two 14-year-old boys, whose names are not given. From Salem, probably at Hall.


Dec. 25 and 26 - Heavy rains during night.

Dec. 27 - Baptism of little girl, Eleonora, b. Aug. 4, 1834, daughter of Michael Messinger and wife Elisabeth, nee Renner, living in Jersey.

Dec. 30 - Baptism of Mary Louise, at home, d. of Br. and Sr. J. Beitel, born Dec. 24th.

Services for 24th and 31st held as usual.
January


Jan. 7 - Announced that Br. and Sr. John G. Kummer have received call as principal and house mother to Bethlehem's boarding school for girls. He has been over 5 years in Nazareth as director of the congregation.

Jan. 10 to 11th - A continued snow storm. Snow 2 to 3 feet deep on level. Everybody shoveling paths and roads. Tops of trees broken off by storm.

Jan. 13 - Funeral, on our cemetery, of widow of Matthias Cassler. Lived beyond Schoeneck, was Reformed, but wants to be buried here, on cemetery where her husband lies. Was taken from her home and interred immediately, on account of deep snow. Then there was a service at the church.

Jan. 17 - Baptism of Theophilus Walter, s. of Br. and Sr. August Miksch, b. Jan. 8th.

Br. Chas. Kluge, principal of boarding school at Lititz, received call to Nazareth as director of congregation, but did not come until Oct. 11, 1836.


Jan. 23 to 27th, thermometer, 0, 28th, 6 under 0, 29th, 7 under 0.


February

February


2nd to 8th, thermometer ranged from 8 to 2 below 0.

Feb. 7 - Baptism of Margarethe Henriette, d. of unmarried Elisabeth Nagel. The father, Billy Ronny, has run away.

Continued snowfall on Feb. 8th.


It was announced that Br. Brickenstein will act as director here until Br. Kluge arrives.

Feb. 16 - Single brother, Ambrosius Rongthaler, who arrived here for a visit Jan. 29th, returned to his work at Sharon, Ohio.

Feb. 17 to 19 - More snow. Thermometer drops to 4 under 0.

Deep snow and sleighing all month, although thermometer sometimes rose to 50 above 0. Also a scarcity of fuel, because snow hindered the hauling of wood.

March

Mar. 1 - Rain, sleet, ice, bad traveling. By 3rd, thaw.

Mar. 3 - Baptism of Eleonora Wilhelmina, d. of neighbor J.P. Beistel, and wife Christina, nee Nolf, b. Feb. 25th.

Mar. 6 - Br. Anders here to say farewell, before he and his wife go to Europe to Synod.

Mar. 14 - Br. and Sr. Kummer leave for Bethlehem school.

Mar. 15 - Br. and Sr. Brickenstein arrive from Emmaus.


Mar. 18 - Funeral of s. sr., Rosina Clewell, d. Mar. 16th, aged 76 yr., 5 mo., 17 da.
March
Mar. 27 - Palm Sunday.
Mar. 30 - Confirmation of the boy, Ruben Henry.

April
Apr. 3 - No sunrise for early service on cemetery, too early. Clock was not right, due to careless tending. Bad walking.
Marriage at home of parents, of Maria Elisabeth Eckensperger and a Catholic, Heinrich Schmidt. He was born at Zweybrueck, Dec. 17, 1805.
Apr. 8 - Today the top of the linden tree in front of the parsonage, and other trees which were damaged by the heavy snows of Jan. 10th and 11th, were trimmed down almost to their trunks.
Apr. 9 - After some cold weather, today, thunder storm with heavy showers, after which it became cold again.
Apr. 17 - Br. Brickenstein prays litany for first time.
Baptism at parsonage of Levin Benjamin, s. of Maria, née Cassler, a member. Born Feb. 25th. Sponsors were Br. and Sr. Heinr. Beitel, Br. and Sr. Gotthold Michel, and a single Benj. Bauer.
Baptism at Meyers' home of d., Araminde Pauline, b. Apr. 10th.
Apr. 22 - Hurricane-like storm during past night.
Apr. 25 - Apple trees pruned.
Apr. 26 - Thermometer suddenly rises to 80. Much garden work to 28th. Thunder storm and showers early on 29th, then mostly clear and pleasant.

May
May 8 - Received into single sisters choir: 6 girls, Friedricke
May


Beautiful music in Pleasure Garden after evening service.

May 15 - Eclipse of sun.


May 18 - Much noise in town, on account of soldiers' drilling.

May 19 - Marriage at parsonage, of John Constantin and Clementine Opp, from Doylestown.

Marriage, in church, of s. br., Charles Peter of Ohio and s. sr., Johanna Hedwig Staudt. It was the first wedding according to new regulations set up by the conference. The questions usually asked at engagement ceremony, now were asked at wedding ceremony. No bell had been rung, and only the invited guests were present.

May 23 - Baptism at parsonage, of John Jacob, s. of Peter Britt and wife Catharina, née Beck. Sponsors, Jacob Brown and wife Elisabeth.

After a very dry spell, on 24th, heavy rains.

May 27 - Baptism of Jacob Theodor, s. of Br. and Sr. Henry Albright, b. May 3rd.

Baptism of Emilius Franklin, s. of Br. and Sr. Gilbert Vincent Fradenick, b. May 20th.

June


The boy Andrew G. Kern, who had been visiting, came back with them.
June 5 - Br. Emanuel Rondthaler preached for first time, in English. Admitted to big girls choir: Angelica Louise Miksch, and Mariette Elise Staudt. 

Marriage, at parsonage, of William Walton and Mary Kunkel, living 3 miles from here. Witnesses, Jacob Scholl, Stephen Raeder, Catharina Raeder, and Henry Scholl. Marriage of Mr. David Reich and widow, Catharina Franz, living at Christianspring.

June 9 - Long, wet spell since May 24th caused many garden things to start spoiling, now, first clear, bright day.

June 16 - Baptism of Mathilda Anna Bella, d. of our innkeeper, Mr. Wm. Craig and wife Rebecca, born Mar. 2, 1836. Sponsors, Br. and Sr. Haman, and single Anna Bella Beitel.

June 25 - Cool and rainy all past week. Fires in stoves felt comfortable.


July

Thunder storms from 1st to 5th.

July 17 - Baptism of Maria Louisa, d. of Br. and Sr. Leibfried, b. July 7th.

July 18 - Harvest not abundant.

August

Aug. 7 - Br. Hauser, of Hope, Indiana, came to collect money for his work.

Aug. 21 - Baptism of Maria, d. of a German, Philip Weirauch and wife Maria Catharine, nee Bush. Born Sept. 7, 1835.

Aug. 22 - S.P.G. Meeting.

Aug. 24 - Funeral of s. sr. Catharina Scherer, dep. Aug. 23rd.
August


September

Sept. 4 - Baptism, in German, of Christian Friedrich, s. of Br. and Sr. John Oesterreich, b. Aug. 26th.


Sept. 11 - Marriage of Jacob Hahn and July Miller.

Sept. 13 - Gov. Joseph Rittner breakfasted at our hotel, and visited the Hall. He was welcomed by Br. Rondthaler. Music in his honor.

Sept. 16 - In afternoon, examinations at Infants School, of which Sr. Busse has charge. 35 children present.

Sept. 21 - Potato harvest.

October

Oct. 6 - Marriage of s. br. Ferdinand Grunewald and s. sr. Emilie Bardill.

Oct. 7 - Br. Ambrosius Rondthaler, who has been at Gnadenhuetten, Ohio, 1 year, went to Belvidere, N.J. as teacher in Rev. Candee's language school. The congregation at Sharon wanted him as their regular pastor, but Provincial Synod considered him too young to be ordained, only 22, and he therefore decided to leave to leave Ohio, as there he often was asked to perform rites for
October

Oct. 7 - which he was not eligible, on account of not being ordained.

Oct. 12 - Snow, past night. Many crops not yet in.
Baptism of Emilius Robert, s. of Br. and Sr. Walter, b. Sept. 15th, at home.

A part of parsonage roof recovered (house No. 40).


Oct. 30 - Br. and Sr. Herman called to Bethlehem.

November

Nov. 2 - Baptism, at home, of Louisa Cornelia, d. of Br. and Sr. Tom Clewell, b. Oct. 6th.

Nov. 6 - Marriage of Friedrich Christian Ecksperger, non-member, and s. sr., Caroline Schneider.

Nov. 12 - Thunder storm during night.

Nov. 13 - Br. Brickenstein received call as director to Bethlehem.
Br. Eugen Fruauff received call here, in Br. Brickenstein's place.

Nov. 20 - Ordination, in Bethlehem, of Br. Wm. Henry vanVleck as bishop, by Bishop Andreas Benade.

Nov. 27 - Advent. Br. and Sr. Chas. vanVleck of York, called here to take place of Br. and Sr. Herman.
December

Dec. 4 - Baptism, in old Nazareth, of son of Heinrich Whitesell.
Baptism, 2 miles from Nazareth, of Adelheide Mathilde,
d. of Br. and Sr. Carl Marzabacher, b. Nov. 7, 1836.

Dec. 6 - Marriage of s.br., William Lov. Lennert and s.sr., M.
Caroline Schmidt, who have been called to serve at York,
Pa. Received into Aclouthie Dec. 12th, and left Nazareth
Dec. 13th.

Dec. 11 - Br. Jacob Zorn, on visit here, preached.

Dec. 16 and 17 - First snows, followed in next week, by heavy rains.

Dec. 23 - Br. and Sr. Chas. Anton vanVleck arrive from York with 3
daughters, Louisa, Lisette, and Adelaid. He will become pastor
and principal in Br. Herman's place.

Heavy snow in following night.


Baptism of Jacob Louis, s. of Br. and Sr. Jacob Clewell, b. Dec.
21st.

Baptism of Rebecca, d. of Br. and Sr. Charles Moore, b. Oct. 30th.
At Grandparents Schweishaupt's home. Parents live between 3
and 4 miles from Nazareth.

Br. and Sr. Anton vanVleck introduced to new offices.

Dec. 28 - Baptism in parsonage, of Sarah Elise Christine, d. of Br. and

Dec. 29 - Baptism at home, of William Henry, s. of Br. and Sr. Joseph
Stotz, b. Nov. 23rd.

Dec. 30 - At 2 conference members held a welcome and farewell love-
feast in honor of van Vlecks, Hermans, and Brickensteins.

The usual services were held on 24th and 21st.
January


Jan. 2 - Br. and Sr. John G. Herman moved to Bethlehem.

Jan. 5 - Br. and Sr. Erckenstein moved to Bethlehem.


Many deep snows during month. Sleighing.

February

Feb. 12 - Baptism, at home, of Aaron Hillman, of Br. and Sr. Dav. Fried.


Feb. 16 - Br. Eugen A. and Sr. Clara Agnes Fruauff, married in Europe, and recently arrived at Bethlehem, welcomed in Nazareth by Elders Conference today. Introduced to congregation as Congregational Director Feb. 19th.


Feb. 22 - Marriage, at hotel, of a lawyer, John W. Hornbeck, and Maria E. Martin, both of Allentown.


Held at home, 5 miles from here. Born Mar. 28, 1802, at Shippenburg, Cumberland Co., Pa., baptized there in Protestant Church, confirmed in Nazareth. Married 1823, Oct. 16th, to Agnes Dunn. 4 sons and 1 daughter survive. Age, 33 years, 10 mo., 25 da.
February

Feb. 26 - Today, a stranger, baptized a 5-weeks-old unbaptized child without the presence of a minister, and with no church rites, is quite callous about church and matters of religion. Much snow during month.

March

Much rain, fog, and thaw, many days of month. A little snow.

First thunder storm of year, Mar. 28th.

Mar. 12 - Funeral of Theodor Em., s., of Br. and Sr. Benj. and Auguste Clewell, age, 6 mo., 4 da.

Mar. 17 - Br. Ambrosius Rondthalier arrives from Belvidere & On Apr. 7th, married to s. s., Matilde Caroline Ruse, Ordained a Deacon by Bishop Benade, Apr. 23rd. Sr. Rondthalier admitted to Lutheran, Apr. 29th. May 2, they left for their charge at Staten Island.

Mar. 19 - Palm Sunday. Baptism of single 30-year-old Charles Hinz Sellers. Confirmation of 9 boys and 15 girls:

Mar. 26 - Easter. Service at 5 a.m., ½ hour too early for sunrise.

Mar. 30 - Marriage of s. s., Francis Miksch and s. s., Elfrida Danke.

April

Apr. 4 - A little boy, Hooper, died at Hall. Body taken to Philadelphia by father.
April

Apr. 5 - A Presbyterian minister, Richard Grayham, here for a few days' visit.

Apr. 12 - Planting of potatoes and other vegetables in gardens.

Apr. 13 - Funeral of Jacob Binninger, of New York, for 4 years a pupil at Nazareth Hall, dep. Apr. 11th.

Apr. 16 - Marriage, in Old Nazareth, at Br. Andrew Whitesell's Home of his youngest daughter, Matilde Aurelia and David Messinger, Reformed, living 3 miles from here. She will remain a member.

Apr. 26 - Funeral of Maria Dorothea, daughter of Br. and Sr. Chr. Warner of Christianspring, dep. Apr. 24th.

She was a member at Bethlehem. Her parents, who moved to Christianspring a few weeks ago as administrative caretakers of the woods, are members here. She was born 1816.

May

May 3 - Having a complete variety of climates in April, today a severe thunder storm, starting between 3 and 4 in the afternoon, caused heavy damage, carrying away parts of fences, blowing down chimneys and walls of barns and homes and stables, and killing horses.

There were a number of thunder storms during month.

May 7 - Admitted to sisters choir: Marian Suess, Lucinde Brunner, Elise Beitel.

May 12 - Much noise and drilling of soldiers.

May 28 - Baptism of Antoinette Sophia, d. of Br. and Sr. Gotthold Michael, b. May 17th.

In afternoon, Women's Missionary Meeting.

June
June


June 12 - Baptism, at parsonage, of Jacob Harrison, of Pit Miller and wife Maria, nee Janson, b. Apr. 30th, in Moore Township. Sponsors, Jacob Janson and wife Cathrina.

June 16 - Hall exams.

June 20 - Br. Jacob Eckengersperger resigned as trustee.

June 25 - Br. and Sr. Levin Reichel introduced in Schoeneck as workers by Br. Rondthaler. Sr. Louisa Christine Reichel, nee Sauter, received into Acoluthie. June 29th, Br. and Sr. Deber had come to Nazareth, where he became a teacher at Seminary, June 31st.

June 27 - Marriage, at hotel, of Mr. John Moier and Miss Mary Seipt, of Easton. Their brothers from Easton were present.

Heavy showers today, caused grass mown at Sisters House yesterday, to float around.

July

July 2 - Sr. Mary Allen gave up position as Pflegerin of single sisters, after 16 years' service. Sr. Friderica Roehler, of Bethlehem, will be her successor, with Sr. Caty Hoeck as assistant.

Many people busy with haying.

Fathers and masters were warned to keep order among the children and apprentices on the 4th, to avoid fire hazards.

July 4 - Funeral of Sr., Anna Rosina Christ, dep. July 3rd. Born at Friedensthal, Apr. 3, 1752. She was one of the 74 sisters who moved into the Sisters House in 1784. During the last few years she was cared for by Br. and Sr. Hanke at Ephrata. Age 85.
July

July 4 - Much haying. No noise in town.

July 9 - Funeral of s. br., Louis Fr. Ricksecker, injured by fall from horse, dep. July 8th, aged 17 yr., 10 mo., 5 da. Many at service. Haying continues.

July 16 - Baptism of Joseph Simons, s. of Joseph Bauer of Lower Mount Bethel, and wife Juliane, nee Staudt, member. Born June 2nd. Sponsors, Grandparents Peter Staudt, single Jonas Miksch, and the widow, Elisabeth Miksch.

July 20 - Br. and Sr. Georg Friedr. Troeger and 4 children arrive from Gnadenhuetten, Ohio, for their new charge at Hopedale. He preached here July 23rd. On July 28th, Br. Rondthalal and son, Emanuel, accompanied them to Hopedale, where Emanuel preached in English on July 30th. The Rondthaler returned here the next day.


August

Aug. 6 - Br. Francis Hagen preached here for first time, in English.

Aug. 16 to 28 - A sidewalk from corner of Church Street to Sisters House laid with large slabs of slate. First sidewalk of this kind. Cost $57.00

Aug. 21 - S.P.O. Meeting.

Aug. 27 - Admitted to single brethrens choir: Julius Kern, Henry Moeller, Levin Miksch.

Marriage, at Charles Weisel's home, of Georg Keck of Allentown and Anna Lise Osburn of Nazareth.

Marriage, in Old Nazareth, at home of Whitesells, their daughter, Louise Cornelia, member, and a neighbor, John Uhry.
August

Aug. 26 - Church Council decides to have all other public walks in town paved.

Aug. 29 - Session of Provincial Elders Conference here, to discuss petition of teachers to have salaries raised. It was decided to add $32.00 to present salaries.

September

Sept. 10 - Marriage, at parsonage, of Jonas Werner and Sabina Mersch of Moore Township.

Sept. 13 - Baptism, 2 miles from here, of sick Anna Matilda, d. of Melchior Hay and wife Anna, nee Verkhäuser, born July 26, 1837. Sponsors, Daniel Nolf and wife, nee Kern.

October


Oct. 5 - Frost.

Oct. 8 - Baptism of Emanuel Cornelius, s. of Br. and Sr. Sam. Ricksecker, b. Sept. 30th.


Baptism of Edward Theodor, s. of Br. and Sr. Grunewald, b. (?).

Oct. 17 - Marriage in Bethlehem, of id. br., Andrew C. Kern and s. sr., Sarah Lichtenthaeler, by Bishop Andreas Beneke.


The visiting Br. Bahnsen preached at 10:30.
October

Oct. 31 - Marriage of s.br., Christian Renatus Clewell and s.sr., Marian Sues.

November

Nov. 3 - Br. and Sr. Rondthaler and son, Edward, left for Hopedale, to participate in consecration of new church, Nov. 5th, returning the 7th. Many English neighbors were present at the love-feast in the afternoon.

Nov. 14 - Snow all day. Brilliant northern lights in evening.


Nov. 26 - Marriage of s.br., Charles Wenhold and s.sr., Araminda Emilie Brunner, at home of bride's parents, Br. and Sr. Jac. Brunner. She will remain a member.

December

Much stormy and rainy weather of past month, followed by rain and fog this month.

Dec. 3 - Advent. Marriage of Daniel Scheierman and s.sr., Selinde Antoinette Beitel, at home of parents, the Henry Beitels.

Dec. 9 - Snow. More and continued snow, Dec. 16th and 17th, Dec. 18th, Rain and storm, followed by clear, cold weather.

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve service. Snow.


Usual closing services.
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January

Jan. 8 - Rain and snowflakes. Br. Rondthaler attends Provincial Elders Conference in Bethlehem, where decision is made to transfer the Theological Seminary from Nazareth to Bethlehem.


Jan. 23 - Br. Sylvester Wolle preached for first time, in English.

Much rain and snow during month.

February

Month starts cold and snowy.


Feb. 7 - Baptism of Abraham Hahn, s. of Simon Buss, of Hollo, b. Oct. 15, 1837. Parents were sponsors.


Feb. 23 - Br. Emanuel Rondthaler elected trustee, and appointed secretary, Mar. 10th, to succeed Br. Julius Bachler, who has received a call to Bethania, N.C.
March

Starts snowy and rainy.

Mar. 11 - Baptism of Marie Elisabeth, d. of Br. and Sr. Salomon Schaefer, b. Mar. 4th.


Mar. 25 - Baptism of Matilda Theresa, d. of Br. and Sr. Tom Clewell, b. Feb. 28th.

Marriage in Old Nazareth, at John Seyfried's home, of their daughter Louise Angelica and Joseph Heller, miller at Friedensthal.

Mar. 31 - Baptism of Elisabeth Jane, d. of hotelkeeper, Mr. Craig and wife, b. Mar. 21st. Sponsors, Br. and Sr. Busse and widow, Lydia Molther.

April

Apr. 3 - Marriage of s. br., Julius Theodor Bechler and s. sr., Emma Cornelia Schmidt.

Apr. 5 - Lovely spring weather. Garden work. On 6th, smoke in mountains.


Apr. 15 - Easter. Lovely sunrise.
April


Apr. 24 - Snowed all day.

Apr. 28 - Severe thunder storm with showers.

Baptism at home, of Edward Albertus, s. of Br. and Sr. Benj. Clewell, b. Apr. 18th.

May

May 1 - Br. Dober and family moved to Bethlehem, where he is to serve as head teacher at Seminary, which has been transferred there.

May 6 - Admitted to single sisters choir: Regina Magdalena Straub, Emilie Lucinde Beck.

Marriage of Jacob Louis Seyfried and Christina Neckman, a non-member. They will live in Moore Township.

Much wet weather is delaying the planting of potatoes and field corn. On May 8th, potatoes were planted back of Hall, regardless of wet weather.

May 13 - Br. William Benda preached his first sermon, in English.

May 27 - Women's Missionary Meeting.

June

June 4 - Admitted to big girls choir: Amalia Cornelia Rondthaler, Caroline Lucinde Miksch.

Br. Chr. Miksch, missionary to Indians, is visiting in Nazareth.

June 11 - Baptism of Johann Friedrich Renatus, s. of Br. and Sr. Eugen Frueauf, b. May 25th, by grandfather at home of parents.

June 15 - Hall exams.

June

June 20 - Baptism of Henry Edwin, s. of neighbor, Henry Wagner and wife Cth., nee Klaus, b. Dec. 11, 1837.

June 22 - Infants School examinations, 2 sessions with lovefeast.
   Sr. Mary Busse, teacher.

June 24 - Heavy rains.

June 25, 26, 27 - Good haying weather.

   Much talk about the damage done by high waters of Bushkill, due to heavy rains on Sunday, June 24th. Meadows covered with sand, fences washed away, pigs drowned and carried away by floods, dams and bridges destroyed.

July

July 4 - Very quiet day. Elders met for coffee in Pleasure Garden, in afternoon. In evening, a few rifles shot off.

July 22 - Br. Chr. Heinr. Bachman, who has received call to Fairfield, preaches here in morning.

   Baptist of Jacob Andrew, s. of John Uhly and wife, nee Whitesell, a member. Born June 27th. Sponsors: wid. br., Andr. Whitesell, David Messinger and wife Matilda.

   At evening service, letter read from Br. Peter Wolle in Lititz, asking for assistance on behalf of members who lost their homes and furniture by fire, July 16th. (5 houses and 3 barns burned down).

July 26 - A number of places struck by lightning.

July 28 - Baptism of Edwin, s. of neighbor, John Gotter and wife Elisab. nee Beisel. Born Apr. 18, 1838.


* Det. they both left Nazareth.
July

July 30 - Church Council decides to purchase more water hose.

Comm. appointed to attend to matters: Brn. Busse, Leibfried, Hillman.

August

Aug. 2 - In evening, Pleasure Garden illuminated and concert by musicians.

Aug. 5 - Prayer for rain.

Announced that Br. and Sr. Eugen Frueauf have received call to Lititz, he as director of congregation and principal of girls boarding school. Br. and Sr. Charles Kluge of New York have call to Nazareth, he as congregational director.


Aug. 10 - After a few light showers lately, early this morning there was a thunder storm with welcome rain, which was followed by more good thunder showers in the days following.

Aug. 19 - Marriage of Charles Hahn and Susanna Mersch of Bushkill Township.

Aug. 21 - S.P.G. Meeting.

Aug. 22 - 11 degrees above O.


September

September

Sept. 9 - Br. L. Kampman preached for first time, in English.
Sept. 15 - Much noise in town on account of governor's election.
Sept. 16 - Br. Edward Rondthaler holds his first children's meeting.
Sept. 18 - Eclipse of sun.
Sept. 30 - Br. Edward Rondthaler preached his first sermon, in German.

October

Oct. 7 - Marriage of Georg Mersch and Betsy Werner, of Bushkill Township.


Oct. 9 - Election Day.

Oct. 11 - Br. and Sr. Chas Kluge and 4 children arrive here from New York,
October

Oct. 13 - Br. and Sr. Troeger of Hopedale arrive here, and leave next day for their new charge at Emmaus. (or Oct. 6th)


" Lucinda Rebecca, d. of Br. and Sr. Leibfried, b. Oct. 9th.

Oct. 21 - Admitted to big boys choir: Julius Alexander Moeller,

Alfred H. Danke.

Baptism, at parsonage, of Carl August, s. of Johannes Neyler and wife, b. Sept. 3rd.

Br. Lawrence Demuth preached for first time, in English.

Oct. 29 - Snow flurries, and sleet, and sunshine.

Oct. 31 - Confirmation of the married men, Georg Schmidt and Gilbert Fradnick.

Much rain during October.

November

Nov. 11 - Baptism, at home, of Br. H. Albright, of Francis Julius, s. of Br. and Sr. Johann Deemer, b. Sept. 5, 1838.

Nov. 18 - Baptism of Emilie Louise, d. of Br. and Sr. John Oesterreich, b. Nov. 3rd.

Br. Chas. Kluge preached first sermon since his arrival.

Snowing all afternoon.

Nov. 23 - Baptism, at home, of Albert Louis, s. of Br. and Sr. Renatus Clewell, b. Nov. 9th. Dep. Dec. 6, 1838, buried Dec. 8th.

December

Dec. 17 - Concert at church.

Usual services, Dec. 24th and 31st. Many snowfalls during month, with sleighing in last week.
January

Weather very mild first part of month.


Jan. 10 - Br. Lewis preached in English.

Jan. 19 - Cold, followed by a number of snowfalls, with some rain storms, the rest of month.


Jan. 26 - Storm, heavy rains, floods. Much damage done by Bushkill, and in Bethlehem and beyond Allentown, where a mail stage driver was drowned, and the stage and horses were carried away by the waters.

February

Feb. 11 - Church Council deliberates on building of a new church. Appoints 7 seven brethren to make tentative plans and investigate possible costs. They are to report, at the latest, by Apr. 11th.


Feb. 21 - Beautiful concert in church. A strange lady played on the harp, heard for first time by many of listeners.
February

Feb. 24 - Baptism of Adeline Maria, d. of Br. and Sr. Gilbert Fradnick, b. Feb. 13th.


Some snows, and many rains, during month.

March


Mar. 8 - Funeral of Henry Winters, old man at county home.

Mar. 10 - Marriage of Michael Dernbach and Cathr. Schilling, a Catholic. Former leaves our church, on account of his marriage, but his circumstances as widower were such, that he could do nothing else.

Rondthaler

Mar. 13 - Br. Edward holds his first song service.


Mar. 15 - " " " of Caroline Allen, aged 20 yr.

Mar. 17 - Single Sr. Annmary Brunner chosen as head diener.

Baptism, at Ephrata, of Edmund Clinton, s. of Br. and Sr. Vognitz, b. Mar. 5th. Members at Schoeneck.

March

Mar. 20 - Br. Louis Kampman held his first song service.

Mar. 23 - Church Council decides to build a new church in 1840, because present building is combined with school, is too inconvenient, and for many occasions, is too small.


Mar. 31 - Sunrise too late for early service.

April

Apr. 3 - Joint session here of Provincial Elders Conference and Elders Conference, to discuss the erection of the new church, the condition of the Hall, and the Econonmie of the Sisters House, which is in unsatisfactory condition.

Apr. 7 - Marriage, at parsonage, of Jacob Staehly and Christina Mueller, of Moore Township.

Much smoke caused by forest fires in mountains.

Apr. 8 - Potato planting in gardens.

Apr. 11 - Stone walk laid across our street.

Apr. 12 - Heavy and continuous showers, after dry spell.

Apr. 14 - Baptism of Elisabeth Henriette, d. of German, Georg Friedr. Flor- 

Apr. 15 - Trees pruned.

Apr. 23 - House cleaning. Garden work and planting.

Apr. 26 - Church Council discusses church erection.

Apr. 28 - Much smoke from forest fires.

May
May 2 - Br. and Sr. Ambr. Rondthaler arrive for a visit. On May 15th, they leave for Graceham, their new charge.


May 6 - Church Council elects as building committee: Chr. D. Emersex Busse, Joseph Hillman, John Beitel, Chr. Brunner. Br. Chas. Kluge will also serve on this committee.

May 9 - Ascension Day. Heavy thunder storm in afternoon.

May 12 - Baptism of Caroline Emilie, d. of Br. and Sr. Henry Albrecht, b. May 8th.
Baptism of Louisa Adella, d. of Chas. Moeller, b. Apr. 17th.

May 16 - Br. Emanuel Rondthaler, Jr., for 7 years a teacher at the Hall, and then at Theological Seminary, receives call to Camden, N.Y. June 9th, ordained a deacon at Bethlehem, June 11th married to s. sr., Maria Wolle, d. of Br. and Sr. Joh. Friedr. Wolle, of Bethlehem. Sr. Wolle admitted to Acoluthie, June 13th, and they went to Bethlehem June 17th, leaving there June 19th for Camden.

May 17 - Funeral at Union Church, by Br. Edw. Rondthaler, of Mrs Lucinde Sponeman.
Funeral at county home, by Br. Em. Rondthaler, of (?) Fritch.
Many thunder storms during second half of month.

May 23 - Conference in Bethlehem about Hall. Whether trustees should take the same over from congregation. Trustees offer $3000.00 but must finally be decided by conferences in Nazareth.

June

Cool weather.
June

June 7 - Hall exams.  June 14 - Infants School exams.
June 16 - 3 baptisms.

(1) Andrew Woller, s. of Heinr. Weitzel and wife Olivia, b. Apr. 16th.
Sponsors, Br. and Sr. Christian Brunner, Levin Miksch, Maria Uhly.
(2) Emma Cecilia, d. of Joh. Schmidt and wife Lydia, b. May 24th.
Sponsors, Br. and Sr. Luckenbach, of Bethlehem, Eraminte Emilie Clewell, Cecilia Louise Brunner.
Both of these baptisms were at Weitzels' house in Old Nazareth.
(3) Emilius Joseph, s. of Heinr. Graemer and wife Rosina, b. Apr. 24th.
At Stolzenbach's house in Nazareth. Sponsors were Joseph Stol-
zenbach and wife, single sister Cathrine Hoeck.

June 23 - Funeral of little boy, Rudolph Hitz, b. Dec. 16, 1838, aged 6 mo.,
6 da. Parents, Johann and Anna Hitz, living at Wortsboro, N.Y.,
were here on a visit.

June 30 - 90 degrees in shade, and 121 degrees in sun.
Baptism, at parsonage, of Eren Emil, s. of John Beisel and wife
Christina, nee Nolf, b. Apr. 16, 1830. Sponsors, Georg Fenchel and
wife Elisabeth.

July

Showers interrupt haying. Occasional thunder storms during
month.

July 4 - Much noise at Lund Spring.
July 5 - Members of Bethlehem Trustees Conference here to inspect Hall
Woods in connection with purchase of school.
July 19 - 92 degrees in shade. 123 degrees in sun.
Baptism of Georg, s. of German, Philip Weirauch and wife Maria
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July

July 25 - Thunder storm, with hail and heavy showers.

July 26 - Br. Henry Seidel holds his first childrens meeting, in English.

August

First week, thunder storms and many showers.


Sponsors, Chas. Whitesel and wife.

Many rains during month.

September


(1) Jacob Ferdinand - Sponsors, Br. and Sr. Georg Schmidt, and the single Sam. Staudt.


Sept. 17 - Funeral of the s.sr. Elisabeth Schnall, dep. Sept. 16th, aged 47.


Sept. 22 - Br. and Sr. Em. Rondthaler, Sen., hand in resignation. Br. and Sr. Sam. Reimke will take their place, he as pastor and preacher. Br. and Charles A. vanVleck are called to Bethlehem, he as teacher at Kluge Theological Seminary. Br. Charles/ will succeed him as principal at Hall. Br. and Sr. Troeger of Emmaus will come here, he as Elder in Br. Kluge's place.
October

Oct. 8 - Br. and Sr. Em. Rondthaler moved out of house No. 40, in which they have lived over 20 years.

Oct. 9 - Br. and Sr. Sam Reinke and 2 children, Clemens Leander and Samuel Frid., and the s. sr., Henriette Brotzman, arrive from Lancaster and move into parsonage.

Oct. 13 - Br. C. van Vleck preached his farewell sermon. In the evening, Br. Rondthaler introduced the Reinkes, and made his own farewell address.

Oct. 17 - Br. v. Vleck introduced Br. Chas Kluge at the Hall as his successor.

In evening, marriage of s. br., Joseph Seyfried and s. sr., Antoinette Clarissa Miksch.


Oct. 22 - Br. and Sr. v. Vleck moved to Bethlehem with 2 daughters, Br. and Sr. Kluge moved into principal's house next day.


Oct. 29 - The Directors of the congregation met with the building committee, and Br. Lewers of Bethlehem, whose bid was $800.00 less and builder than that of any else, was chosen as architect for the erection of the new church.

Oct. 30 - Br. Henry Beitel hauled the first building stones to the site of new church.

Oct. 31 - Br. and Sr. Troeger and 2 children arrive, and move into Director's home.
November

Nov. 3 - Br. G.F. Troeger introduced as Director of Congregation.

The wid., sr., Salome Ebbecke, wid., Langballe, nee Meinung, received call as pflegerin of widows in Bethlehem.

Nov. 17 - Funeral, at Bethlehem, of Br. John F. Frusuff.

Nov. 22 - Br. Henry Seidel preached for first time, in English.

Throughout the whole month, our, and neighboring farmers, were busy hauling building stones for the new church.

Many of poplar trees in square cut down.

December

Dec. 1 - Baptism, at home, of Joseph Eugen, s. of Dr. Walter.

Dec. 22 - Br. Henry Seidel preached his first German sermon.

Snow flurries.

Dec. 29 - Baptism of Celestina Victoria, d. of Br. and Sr. Sam., Reinke, b.

Dec. 21st.

Dec. 24th and 31st, services as usual.