



# Rev. Charles Schnure A Martyr for Truth and Justice

*Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,  
Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?  
Then said I, Here am I: send me.*

There can be little doubt that the words from Isaiah 6:8 crossed the minds and lips of Rev. Charles and Mary “May” (DeHass) Schnure at some point prior to or during their nearly three month voyage halfway around the world to the mission fields of India. It was on November 20, 1880 that the newlywed couple, along with fellow missionary Miss Kate Boggs, set sail on a steamer across the North Atlantic to the South Atlantic before crossing the Indian Ocean and into the Bay of Bengal. Their final destination was the Lutheran Mission in Guntur, India. While the country they were entering was altogether different than that of America their mission was much the same, spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As they set sail in anxious anticipation of doing the Lord’s work, the Schnure’s had no intimation of the heartache and strife that would befall their Christian endeavors soon after their arrival in this Asian country.

Charles Schnure and his twin brother Samuel were born on the family homestead about one mile north of Laurelton on April 21, 1848, the sons of Michael and Mary (Smith) Schnure. Their older siblings included Levi, Margaret, Maria, Julia, William, and Lavina, while their younger siblings were Elizabeth, and Frank.

Possessing a keen intellect and a hunger for knowledge, Charles Schnure had few options following the completion of his grammar school education. At that time students who desired to continue their education had no opportunities to do so within the confines of Hartley Township. Therefore, upon completion of grammar school Schnure accepted a teaching position in the township. With monies he saved from teaching several terms he was able to pay tuition at the Union Seminary in New Berlin, which he attended for two years. With a desire to continue his education Schnure enrolled at the Missionary Institute (now Susquehanna University) in Selinsgrove. He graduated from the institute in 1870.

He subsequently traveled to Springfield, Ohio where he entered Wittenberg College. Affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church he graduated from Wittenberg in 1875. He then entered Wittenberg Theological Seminary, graduating in 1877. During the time he was in college and in seminary Schnure paid for many of his college expenses by selling Bibles and other books. Following graduation from the seminary Schnure traveled to New York City for a period of time where he studied music and voice culture.

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## Millmont Mailbox by Postmaster Sam Smith

Like many people will be doing this summer, I just got back from vacation. We always enjoy Myrtle Beach. Wherever you go this year, it is always a good idea to make arrangements to have your mail taken care of, so it doesn't remain in your mailbox and let others know you are away. If you don't have a relative or neighbor picking up your mail, you may have it held at your Post Office. Form 8076: Authorization to Hold Mail is available at Post Offices or from your rural carrier. You may also go online at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) and have your mail held. Your local Post Office will be notified electronically. Many other applications are available at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com), including: Change of address, zip codes, prices and regulations for domestic and international mailings, tracking and delivery confirmation services, buying stamps, ordering Priority Mail supplies, postal history, how to contact local Post Offices, stamp releases, scheduling parcel pick-ups, and numerous other services, all 24 hours a day! Of course, it won't say hello, how are you?, give you a smile, or get your mail for you. You still have to stop by your local Post Office for that!

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Upon his return to Central Pennsylvania thirty-one year old Rev. Charles Schnure supplied the Lutheran Charge in Mifflinburg. He remained at that post for several months before receiving a call to minister at his home church in Laurelton. From 1879 through much of 1880 he ministered to the Lutheran congregations of Laurelton and Hartleton. It was during this time when he heard, and surrendered to, the call to enter the mission field in India. While the two congregations were sad to see their pastor venture to such a distant land they nonetheless supported him with their love and earnest prayers.

It was some time prior to leaving for India that Rev. Schnure met and subsequently married Mary "May" DeHass of Hartleton. Mary was born in Beech Creek, Clinton County, the daughter of John M. and Sarah (Heckman) DeHass, and a descendant of Revolutionary War General John Phillip DeHass. Mary's siblings included William, Charles, Lucetta, Thomas, Sarah Ellen, John Phillip, Alice, and Ida "Belle." Mary's father, John DeHass, subsequently married Susan Jane Showalter Shirk, a native of Laurelton, Union County. Together John M. and Susan had nine children.

Census data collected June 15, 1880 reveals that Mary DeHass was then living in Hartleton Borough where she was boarding with borough residents, John J. and Melinda Steininger. A schoolteacher, DeHass became acquainted with Rev. Charles Schnure during his pastorate at Laurelton and Hartleton. They were married in the autumn of 1880 in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania by Rev. P. A. Heilman. Heilman was a long time friend of Schnure's from their college days together at the Missionary Institute in Selinsgrove. It was shortly after their marriage that the newlyweds set sail for India.

Traveling under the auspices of the American Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Rev. Charles and Mary (DeHass) Schnure, along with Kate Boggs, arrived at Guntur, India on February 15, 1881. Rev. Schnure kept folks back home apprised of the work he and his wife were involved in by sending letters to The Mifflinburg Telegraph on a regular basis. The Schnure's discovered soon after their arrival in the Asian country that life there bore little resemblance to the life they left behind in Central Pennsylvania. In a letter from Schnure to The Mifflinburg Telegraph he asserted that India was "*the most difficult missionary field on the face of the globe.*"

India's caste system, which divided the population into five sects, was alien to the Schnure's. According to Schnure the first class citizens were the "Priests" who performed religious ceremonies. The second class of citizens was the "Rulers" or protectors. The third class was "Farmers." The fourth class was referred to as "Servants" while the fifth class were considered "Slaves." These positions were inherited at birth and remained with that person throughout their lives. Raised in Christian households Rev. Charles and May Schnure were taught to treat everyone equally, despite their race, social or economic status. Those core beliefs, along with their religious convictions, are what led them into the mission field.

Rev. Schnure was in charge of evangelistic work in Tenali, Repalle, and Bapatia, while Mrs. Schnure was in charge of a boarding school at Guntur. It was soon after Rev. Schnure's arrival in India that he learned of, and observed for himself, improper behavior on the part of a senior official in charge of the Lutheran mission. Dr. Elias Unangst, who had been active in the India mission field since 1858, was accused of having indecent and immoral contact with a native schoolgirl under his charge. Schnure and other missionaries found this behavior to be intolerable and were determined to bring it before the governing board.

Schnure learned from the natives that this activity had been ongoing prior to his arrival in India, and that other American missionaries had knowledge of these activities. One of those missionaries had reported as much to officials back home and Dr. Unangst was recalled to America. Despite the charges against him, and much to the chagrin of the Lutheran missionaries, the board returned Unangst to India following his brief recall.

With Dr. Unangst's return to India life for the Schnure's went from bad to worse. Soon there was division among many of the missionaries and some of them grew weary of the struggle. Rev. Schnure was almost alone in the battle for truth and justice. Despite being ostracized by many of his fellow missionaries Schnure's moral convictions would not allow him to capitulate. A large group of native Indian's were supportive of Schnure and provided encouragement for him to carry on the struggle.

A petition signed by 100 Christian natives supporting Rev. Schnure's position, and setting forth in detail the accusations against Unangst, was sent to the Board of Foreign Missions (BFM). However, the board dismissed the accusations made by

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#### Missionaries' Farewell.

On Tuesday evening of last week a missionary farewell meeting was held in the Lutheran church, this place, in honor of Rev. Chas. Schnure and his estimable wife, who will sail for India on Saturday the 20th inst. The meeting was very interesting, and deep feeling was manifested in the proceedings. Mr. and Mrs. Schnure will have the prayers of all who attended it, and a hearty God speed our missionaries will follow them to their field of labor.

They are ours because they go from among us, ours by the ties of friendship and love, ours by the right of that sympathy which binds heart to heart and mind to mind, and, in the name of Israel's God, we bid them go forward and help possess the land, for "To Him every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess." May the dear Father that watches over all guide and protect them, bless them in every way and crown their efforts with success beyond their fondest expectations, is the prayer of the writer, who, with hosts of others, will watch and wait anxiously for tidings of our missionaries.

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# BIRD TALK

by Jim McCormick



*“She tempted the jaws of death time after time after time.”* Well, May has been a strange month to say the least, mostly cool and wet. This whole spring has been that way, but May is still the most beautiful month of the year. In spite of the weather, however, the birding was fantastic. So much happened, in fact, I don’t have room to even tell you a fraction of what I saw.

When the leaves are opening at the beginning of May, I start watching for the Baltimore Orioles and this year they were right on time. At first you hear them and up there near the top of the trees where the leaves are fresh and attracting insects you will usually see them, hopping from branch to branch. They are such a beautiful sight, and their song is one of the most joyous of all birds. The first few days of May also brought the return of the Catbirds, the Common Yellowthroats, the Orchard Orioles and Wood Thrushes. At midmonth as I looked over the side of the concrete bridge, I noticed a lot of motion in the water. It was like seeing a group of tadpoles thrashing around; it was, in fact, a group of Common Merganser ducklings. As my shadow reached the water’s surface, the mother immediately called the alarm sound; the group instantly pulled together and in unison clumped together following the hen across the Creek. I was so caught off guard; I had trouble getting my camera ready. As I was taking pictures, I was trying to figure out how many ducklings there were; I stopped counting at 15. The mother and her flock swam upstream and found a hiding spot in the grass along the far bank. I later was able to enlarge the somewhat out of focus pictures and actually count the ducklings—there were 23 spotted ducklings in all!! The ducklings formed quite a long single file line behind the hen.

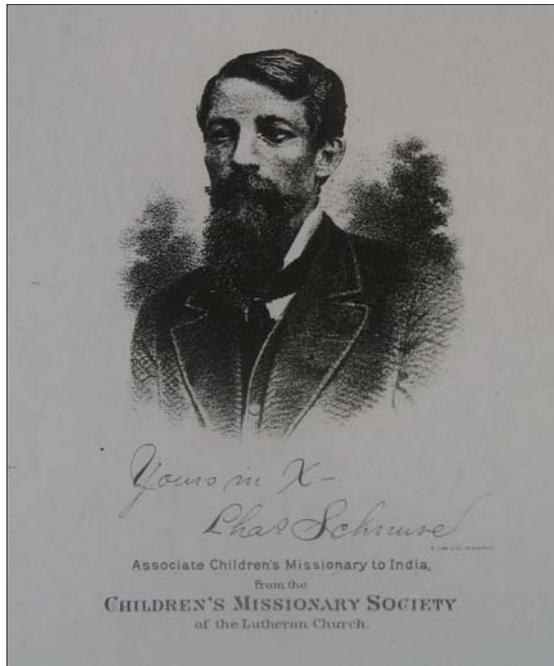
Memorial Day Weekend turned out to be some of the most interesting birding I have had for some time. Saturday was somewhat of a washout, but the rest of the weekend made up for it. I was on the Covered Bridge when I saw a female Common Merganser coming downstream. I got up on a beam to watch the hen as she came under the bridge. By the time I got up on the beam, she had already gone downstream. Fortunately, she stopped and got onto a rock midstream and started preening. I watched for a while and was about to leave when she started the low grunting sound hens use when they are talking to their ducklings. She obviously did not know I was there. The little ducklings started slowly coming into the water from their secret spot along the shoreline. This time I was able to actually get some decent photos; there were 18 ducklings. I am not sure if this was the same group as I had seen earlier or a different one. They went downstream and as they were about to round the corner, the drake landed nearby and the whole family drifted out of sight. I have never seen a male around during this period; they usually are only seen late in the season when the whole group of Mergansers is ready to migrate south again. All this was exciting enough for one day, but there was more. Along Shirk Road, as I was nearing Davis Road, I heard the call of a Cuckoo. Unlike ninety percent of the time, this time I actually saw one fly from one tree to another. Then two more flew out, following the first one. I took some photos, hoping to enlarge them later. I wasn’t confident of getting anything usable, though. It turned out these were Black-billed Cuckoos and not the Yellow-billed Cuckoos I normally see. I have only seen one other Black-billed before, ever. On Memorial Day in just about the same spot, I noticed a female Wood Duck about fifty yards away. She was stumbling along be-



Female Common Merganser with a brood of 18 ducklings.  
Photograph courtesy of Jim McCormick.

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the natives as unworthy of belief. The board concluded that the best way to restore harmony and easiest way to settle the problem was to recall Rev. and Mrs. Schnure from the mission field, which they did in July 1885. Surprisingly the BFM was recalling the accuser rather than the accused.

Schnure refused to heed the recall notice sent by the BFM, and he remained at his post, teaching and preaching and clinging to the belief that he would be able to vindicate himself. The board viewed his refusal to come home as insubordination and both Rev. Schnure and his wife were fired and removed from the payroll in September 1885. Refusing to leave their post they were evicted from their living quarters at the mission in December of 1885.

Rev. Schnure was encouraged by some to seek redress from the harsh decision rendered by BFM by taking the entire matter to the public and exposing it to the press. Instead he chose to go through the proper channels within the church, hoping and praying that the board would relent from their unjust decision. He was also encouraged to join the Baptist Missionaries working in India, but his loyalty and dedication to the Lutheran Church never wavered.

Using their own funds the Schnure's continued their missionary work to the residents of this impoverished county. According to letters written by May Schnure, the English residents of Guntur supported them throughout this difficult time. These same residents not only provided sympathy

and cheer but also provided financial assistance. In spite of their treatment and living conditions the Schnure's remained in India, at their own expense, until August 1889 when they returned to America.

In 1892 the Schnure's were residing on 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Philadelphia. Rev. Schnure continued his plea for truth and justice by writing a letter to the delegates of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church detailing the facts in regard to Dr. Unangst. It was all to no avail. Desiring to get behind the pulpit again Rev. Schnure received a call to preach a trial sermon at a church in Williamsport on February 21, 1892. However, Providence intervened, and on February 9, 1892, Rev. Charles Schnure, at the age of 43, left the trials and tribulations of this world behind.

After her husband's death May Schnure secured a position at a Girls Training School in Williamsport. She resigned from the school after six years so she could take college courses at Temple and the University of Pennsylvania. She was subsequently hired as a substitute teacher, and later a full time teacher, at a school in New York City.

Prior to her death in Washington, D.C. on May 19, 1940, May Schnure devoted a great deal of her time passionately fighting to vindicate her late husband. She wrote letters on her husband's behalf to the Lutheran Church, to missionaries whom they served with in India, and even a letter to Dr. Unangst, the person that caused them so much difficulty during the time they were in India.

The following excerpts are from a July 12, 1899 letter that May Schnure wrote to Dr. Elias Unangst pleading with him to admit to his indiscretions and clear the name of her husband:

*"I know that my gentle patient husband always exemplified in his life what he preached, and how can you, Dr. Unangst, ever die or live happy without rectifying this great wrong which cost both you and us so much sorrow; yea, even death?.....My husband always felt sorry for you. He thought you ought to rectify this wrong. I think that even if your dear wife had known the truth, she would not have wanted us to suffer unjustly. I do not want to add to your sorrows nor bring reproach on your dear family, but you could tell the Board the truth. It is in your power to do it. For my sainted husband's memory, for the faith of our much loved India work, for your own peace of mind, don't you think God demands of you to rectify this wrong as much as now lies in your power?.....If I have not expressed myself kindly in this sad retrospect, forgive me and I pray that God will bless you in your declining years and that you may yet have that peace that passeth all understanding."*

May Schnure's plea was ignored by Dr. Unangst, and Rev. Charles Schnure was never vindicated by the church.

"Missionary Heroes of the Lutheran Church" edited by L. B. Wolf D.D. and published in Philadelphia in 1911, includes extensive profiles of a number of India missionaries during the period when Schnure and Unangst were serving there. The book was dedicated to the "Nobel Band of Lutheran Missionaries in India and Africa." Rev. Charles Schnure is not profiled in that book. The 249-page book only lists two minor references to Schnure. Dr. Elias Unangst is also briefly mentioned in the book. However, there is no profile of him or the work he did in India, despite the fact that he served in the mission field in that country for thirty-eight years (1858 until 1896).

Another book entitled "Lutheran Missions" by Preston A. Laury and published in 1899, dismissed Schnure's India mission

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# Penns Creek Angler

*by Bruce Fisher*

By the time you read this article the Green Drake will be in full swing and there will be a lot of happy people. This spring has been one of the most complicated and frustrating times I've fished the creek with dry flies. One night you could have a great hatch and spinner fall in one area and a few hundred yards upstream guys would have nothing to show for their efforts. It seemed like every pool and riffle had something different hatching or spinning and anglers really had to look at the water to find what the trout were feeding on to catch trout on a consistent basis. On the other hand this was one of the best springs to fish nymphs and emergers.

My golden stonefly and green drake nymph's really produced a lot of fish for many anglers this spring. I think the colder weather at night really messed around with the hatching of most of the hatches in late April and all of May. Be that as it may the Drake is on and fishermen from all over the world come to Penn's Creek to test their skills on the educated fish located in the Catch and Release area. My trick is to get to the creek about 8:00 p.m. and find an out of the way spot and study the water. I'll be looking for big fish and planning my casting position and looking for snags that big fish love hide in. About 9:30 p.m. I'll start fishing, it will be dark and all I will hear is the fish gulping duns that sometimes hatch until 1:00 a.m. I keep my leader and tippet very short around 5 ft at the most. You have to sneak up on the fish and get within casting range then I just keep casting to that spot until I hear that slurp near my fly. I don't just set the hook right away I'll lift up the rod tip and if I feel pressure I'll set the hook hard.

Night fishing can be so exciting with all your senses heightened because of your loss of sight. This is also the time when the biggest trout come out to feed and an angler can luck into a 5 lb fish if they work hard, study the water and do some home work. I would not recommend night fishing for a new angler unless they have a partner that is a seasoned veteran. In addition any angler, old or new to the sport, should check out

the pool in the day light hours and get to know the area like the back of their hand. Then you will be prepared for the snags and places where deep water is located. After dark is a great time to fish! Keep in mind if the water remains high we will have great fishing until some point in July. We still have the Cahill's, Golden Drakes, Slate Drakes and Blue Winged Olives after the passing of the Green Drake.



**Editor's Note:** Penns Creek Angler is located at 17745 Old Turnpike Road (intersection of Route 45 and Fair-ground Road) and offers angling and hunting supplies, custom rods and repairs, lodging, and fly tying courses. You can telephone Penns Creek Angler at 570.922.1053, or visit the website at: [www.pennscreekangler.com](http://www.pennscreekangler.com)



## *Field Notes, by WCO Dirk Remensnyder*

Some contractors were working at a church in Lewisburg when a skunk walked by them with a tin can stuck on its head. Wanting to help the animal the contractors used a rake to pin down the skunk and then proceeded to use a pair of tin snips to remove the can. The skunk, free from the can, walked away without spraying his rescuers.

Numerous citations have been filed recently on individuals for dumping garbage on lands open to hunting and trapping.

The small photograph located in the upper left hand corner of page one shows a c 1960's view of the Laurelton Lutheran Church. This was the home church of Rev. Charles Schnure, and the church where he was pastor prior to entering the missionary field in India. This photograph was provided to me courtesy of Marge Dunkle.



# Meanderings

by

Hertha S. Wehr

## Social Security

Most industrialized countries of the world have some form of socialistic governments, which provide benefits of some kind to its people. However, the term social security seems to have been coined in the United States in the 1930's. After being debated for several years the Congress passed the Social Security Act in 1935. Its first line is contributory social insurance. The second part provided for public assistance. Many people are not aware that they are part of the same act.

One of the great objections in the discussion stage was that the government would take away some of your freedom. To a certain extent it did that because everyone now had a number that could make you known to the government. I can well remember when we were told that your social security number was very private and not available to anyone outside of the department. I guess we all know that was an understatement. It is only since identity theft has become a reality that we are told to guard our social security number as being very private. Just recently I read an article about protecting our Medicare card as also being very private as it usually has our social security number, or perhaps our spouse's number, on it.

Before social security came into existence some states had programs set up which provided some relief for workers.

There were some businesses which did pay some death benefits or disabled benefits but there was no uniformity and the payments were small. The Social Security Act has been updated (or maybe a better term would be tinkered with) a number of times. In 1954 it had some major changes and a number of different benefits were added. The main problem now is that the government has borrowed funds from the account, which puts the available funds in jeopardy.

Social Security has created some changes in our lives, which we don't often think about. When World War II put a number of women in the work force, they paid social security taxes. If they didn't marry and decided to continue to work, they paid taxes. When they retired they had an income. Gone were the days when a maiden aunt or widow came to a family home and was the extra hand for a growing family or the nurse for an invalid family member.

When Social Security was first introduced many people thought it would cover retirement living. They failed to try to develop a nest egg of their own. All of us are aware that other benefits, whether from savings, family, or community help, are needed to supplement those government payments.

Perhaps since most Americans desire to have an abundance of worldly goods, this is to blame for our failure to think about the future. We are a nation of instant gratification. So, if you are still earning money, think twice about your purchases, put away a portion of your income. If you have read or heard reports about how much your teen is costing you in terms of "extras" maybe you need to reconsider if he or she needs an iPod, or a cell phone. Perhaps you need to turn a deaf ear to the whining about "but everyone has one."

Rereading that last paragraph sounds to me as if I am preaching. But I see so many people who are in debt up to their ears and have no idea how they will manage in the future. We all want to be good to our families but sometimes what looks good now is indeed a recipe for disaster in the future.

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tween the sprouting rows of corn. At first I thought she was sick or injured as she staggered back and forth. I watched for some time and then, suddenly, a black mammal shot out into the field from its hiding place in the shrubs along the small stream running through the field. It was a full-grown mink! It chased the Wood Duck into the field; the duck eventually took flight and escaped. The mink immediately returned to the cover of the tall grass. Then, somewhat surprisingly, the hen returned and started to walk towards the spot where the mink had disappeared. She repeated the same actions as before, this time she pretended to have broken wings and she drew the mink out for a second time, drawing it farther and farther out into the field, where the mink, normally a nocturnal predator, did not want to be. "*She tempted the jaws of death time after time after time.*" She obviously was trying desperately to save her babies hidden somewhere on the bank of that stream. I watched this tragic encounter for some time. The hen started flying up and down above the small stream, constantly instructing her ducklings not to move a muscle. I never found out what happened; this is probably the same Wood Duck hen I took the pictures of last summer with her eight ducklings. Nature is filled with beautiful and sometimes tragic scenes. These scenes are there for those willing to take the time to look. Find your own adventure and do everything you can to preserve this wonderful place we live in for our children and grandchildren!

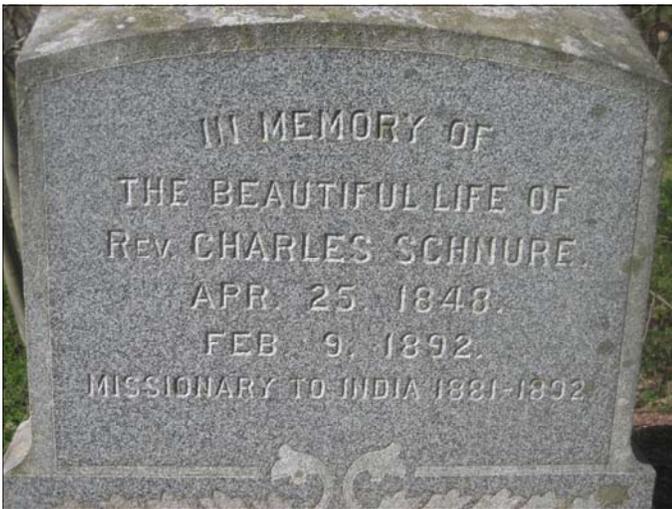
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Above are the headstones of Rev. Charles Schnure (right) and his wife, Mary “May” (DeHass) Schnure (left). These headstones are located on the southwest corner of the Laurel Run Cemetery in Laurelton. Caption under photograph of Charles headstone.

Below is a close view of the wording on Rev. Schnure’s headstone, which states: “In Memory of The Beautiful Life of Rev. Charles Schnure Apr. 25 1848 Feb. 9 1892 Missionary to India 1881-1892”

Rev. Schnure’s birth date is actually April 21, 1848.



Errence H. Swavely, published in 1938; The Lutheran Almanac and Year-book edited by Rev. Matthias Sheeleigh, D.D., 1893; Proceedings of the Thirty-Third Convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, published in Philadelphia, Pa 1887; Missionary Heroes of the Lutheran Church edited by L. B. Wolf, D.D., published Philadelphia, Pa in 1911; records from the Theological Seminary Library, Gettysburg, PA; The Schnure Family, published by Fred O. Schnure in October 1963; The Lewisburg Saturday News; and The Mifflinburg Telegraph.

work by stating: “The Rev. Charles Schnure, who took charge of the evangelistic work interrupted by the death of Rowe, could not find his place among the different workers, and soon retired from the field.” Rev. Schnure did anything but retire from the field. Both he and his wife stayed at their post until they were evicted from the mission. They remained in India for several more years despite the loss of salary, their position, and their lodging. It was also during their twelve years of missionary work in India that they lost their only child when the baby was born premature.

The desire to see truth and justice prevail were the only possible motives Rev. Charles and May Schnure had for enduring the trials and tribulations of the India mission field as long as they did. Unfortunately the truth and justice they longed for in India, and fought for upon their return to America, eluded them both throughout the remainder of their lives.

Following his death, Rev. Charles Schnure’s body was brought home to the village of Laurelton, the place where he grew to manhood. His funeral service was held in the Laurelton Lutheran Church on Friday February 12, 1892, the same church where he heeded the call to enter the mission field. Rev. P. A. Heilman, a friend since their college days together, and the pastor who united the Schnure’s in holy matrimony, was one of several ministers who officiated at the funeral. Some of those present at his funeral were the same parishioners present when they bid him a fond farewell as he embarked to the mission fields of India twelve years earlier. Interment services were held on the family plot in the Laurel Run Cemetery adjacent to the church. As his body was lowered into the grave the choir, led by Rev. Heilman, sang the first verse of “Asleep in Jesus.”

*Asleep in Jesus! Blessed sleep,  
From which none ever wakes to weep:  
A calm and undisturbed repose,  
Unbroken by the last of foes.*

My thanks to Leanne Keefer Bechdel of Mifflinburg for bringing this subject to my attention and for allowing me to use the material that she has collected over the years relative to Rev. Charles and May (DeHass) Schnure.

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## Recipe of the Month

by Janice (Dorman) Shively

### Fresh Strawberry and Yogurt Parfait

½ C. granola  
6 oz. non-fat strawberry yogurt  
1 C. sliced fresh strawberries

In a serving dish or parfait glass layer strawberries, yogurt, then granola, repeat layers and finish with a dollop of yogurt and a strawberry.

If you don't want to purchase granola, but want to make your own simple granola try this:

4 C. old-fashioned oats  
1 ½ C. coconut  
1 C. sliced almonds  
½ C. chopped pecans  
½ C. honey  
¾ C. vegetable oil

Combine oats, coconut, almonds and pecans. Pour honey and oil over top. Stir well. Spread on a parchment paper lined baking sheet and bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Stir every 10 minutes.

Not only is this a healthy treat for breakfast, lunch or dessert, but also is especially delicious when strawberries are in season. Sometimes I add fresh pineapple or blueberries to the strawberries. Try this with your favorite yogurt. Peach yogurt with fresh peaches is delicious! Be creative and design your own fruit and yogurt parfait.



ENJOY!

From the diary of the late Elder Greene Shively, born in White Springs in 1870 and a resident of Millmont from 1918 until his death in 1954:

*Thursday July 26, 1945 - Temperature about the same. Florence took mother and I along to Lewisburg. Sun was shining and very hot at times today, rained a shower while we were at Berties.*

*Mother and I called at Mr. Charles Bingamans this evening, visiting cousin Carey Swineford.*

*Coming home with Paul Sampsell, Charles Geiswite, son of Charles Geiswite Sr., was killed. He was born May 21, 1927. Sampsell's sister was seriously injured.*

*Friday July 27, 1945 - Temperature about the same, sun shining at times. Mowed the lawns. Painted mother's flowerpots. Charles Geiswite Sr. was here at noon and asked me to officiate at the funeral of his son on Monday.*

*Saturday July 28, 1945 - Temperature 70 degrees at 7 a.m., cloudy most of the day. I have only missed four days that I was not in the garage since last January a year ago.*

*Sunday July 29, 1945 - The temperature remains the same, cloudy most of the day. "God's Promise of a Nation" Gen. 17:1-10. General Text Gen. 17:7. Present 50. Con. \$6.01. I taught my class and spoke from Hebrews 4:12, James 1:18-27, Matthew 5:38-47. This evening mother and I went with Rev. Sheesley to Dice. I gave a talk on Life and Love in poetry.*

*Monday July 30, 1945 - 70 degrees at 7 a.m. Cloudy all day. John Mitchell brought mother and I to the funeral of Charles Geiswite. I spoke from 2 Corinthians 1:3, 4. The house was filled. The services were at the church at White Springs. Interment at Swengel. John took us back to the house where refreshments were served. Grandma Geiswite is now 90 years old. She is one of three still living at White Springs with a radius of several miles that were living in the community when I was a boy. Charley brought us home.*

### Take a Trip Through History

Now that the nice weather is here, you might want to plan a trip through history in Buffalo Valley. The Union County Historical Society has published *On the Road: History Throughout Union County*, a car tour on CD that provides an informative and enjoyable way to visit the countryside and towns in Union County.

Dozens of sites spanning 200 years of county history are visited in this self-guided tour that may be taken in its entirety or in parts. The tour includes stops in New Berlin, Dry Valley, Winfield, Lewisburg, Buffalo Crossroads, Mazeppa, White Springs, Hartleton and Mifflinburg. Among the sites are the original county courthouse, cemeteries, mills, Plain Sect settlements, historic houses, and Bucknell University. Maps and instructional material accompany the CD.

The CD is narrated by area residents with family ties to the county and to portions of the script reflecting their ancestry: John C. Snook from Mifflinburg, a Seebold descendant; Peggy Ulmer from Lewisburg, a Gundy descendant; Nancy Showers from New Berlin, a Ross family descendant, and David King of Mifflinburg, a descendant of 19th-century Union County Amish residents.

This project was initiated by Society member Diana Lasansky and New Berlin resident Ross Kribbs. Diana and Jeannette Lasansky prepared the text. Narrations were recorded by Susquehanna Sounds. A grant from the Union County Commissioners Tourism Fund supported the project. *On the Road: History Throughout Union County* can be purchased or mail-ordered from the Union County Historical Society, Union County Courthouse, 103 S. Second Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837. The cost is only \$10 plus .60 tax (\$3 shipping). The CD is also sold at the Susquehanna Valley Visitor's Bureau. For more information contact the Society office at 570-524-8666 or [hstoricl@ptd.net](mailto:hstoricl@ptd.net) or visit our website [www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org)

# Penlines From my Kitchen to Yours

*by Lucy Hoover*

## April 16, 2009

Our Brubacker family got together at James and Susie Brubacker's to take care of my mom's possessions she left behind. (It is six weeks since she died). This is a little poem that I found written on her tablet:

*While life's dark maze I tread,  
And grief's around me spread,  
Be Thou my guide.  
But darkness turns to day,  
Wipe sorrows tears away  
Nor let me ever stray  
From Thee aside.*

## April 19

Marian Weaver, age 23, of Mifflinburg, dislocated her knee while playing volleyball. She was taken to the hospital by ambulance to have it put back in place again. She will need crutches to get around until it heals.

## April 26

Four families of our church brought us lunch and stayed for the afternoon. We went to Curvin's parents home for supper and so we could meet cousin Dorcas and Aaron Hoover of KY. They are in Pennsylvania for his niece's wedding that was on Thursday.

## April 27

We are having warm weather, 93°. The girls are eating ice cream. Pauline asked if she may go swimming! (We do not have an indoor swimming pool.)

Daniel Nolt, age 36 of Lewisburg, has three bulged discs in his back. He has a wife and seven children.

## May 9

Our Hoover family had yard sale for four days at Curvin's parents, across the road from the Driesbach Church. This is the fourth year we have had it there. We sold a lot of things.

## May 14

Today was the wedding at Daniel and Verna Zimmerman's for their daughter, Thelma Zimmerman and Luke Ray Horning.

## Looking Back

The following article was copied from a local newspaper first published in the June 14, 1923 edition of The Mifflinburg Telegraph.

# Yagel's Mill To Have Increased Water Power

## Large New Power Dam Being Built At Laurel Park Union County

Work is progressing on a large concrete dam in a field just west of Yagel's Mill at Laurel Park, Union County. The water is to be let into this pond from Penns Creek by means of a stone wall placed in the creek similar to a fish dam, which will turn a sufficient quantity of water from the creek into the dam.

The dam will be connected to the mill by means of a steel battleship tube 167 feet in length and seven feet in diameter. This tube will be erected so as to give fall of seven feet. The water wheel will be directly at the end of the tube and the water power will be used to run the mill machinery and an electric generator.

Mr. C. C. Yagel and his son have operated a mill at Laurel Park for over twenty-nine years and during that time have always been on the alert for new and up-to-date mill machinery. This dam will make their mill one of the best in the county with water power that will equal that of any mill in this section.

Citizens of Laurelton, Glen Iron and the surrounding rural districts who have long desired electric current are urging Mr. Yagel and his son to install a large generator and supply them with electric current. This, if it could be accomplished, would mean a lot to residents of the west end of the county.

We wish to commend Mr. Yagel and his son in this progressive enterprise, and trust that before long the residents of the west end towns and the adjacent rural communities may have the advantage of electric conveniences.

Mifflinburg Church of the Nazarene Vacation Bible School  
June 22nd-26th, 2009

Theme: Crocodile Dock. Come experience cool crafts, awesome music, Bible adventures, food, games & a carnival at 12 Market Street, Mifflinburg. Time: 6:30-8:40 p.m. For ages 2 through 6th grade!  
Pre-register by June 17th @ 966-3543 (Deniene Enders). With questions, contact the church office @ 966-0852.

# Millmont Items

The first thunderstorm of the season passed over the region on May 16th. It left behind about an inch of rain in its wake.

The Primary Election is over, the candidates have been chosen, the signs have been taken down, and no more campaign literature will be filling our mailboxes. At least not until the General Election in November.

Delightful weather was on tap on Memorial Day (May 25) 2009.

Kenneth & Kathy Groff left on the 25<sup>th</sup> to return to their home in Charm, Ohio. They were in Millmont over the holiday weekend so they could attend the Groff family picnic on the Village Green on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Before heading for Ohio they dropped off a donation to the Village Green Recreation Association for use of the pavilion.

John Weaver delivered a dish of fresh strawberries to the residents of 44 Penn Street on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The berries were from their large berry patch near Penns Creek, PA. The Weaver family will be busy picking berries during the month of June. Give them a call (922.4902) if you are interested in purchasing some of the tasty red berries.

Postmaster Sam Smith returned to his post on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> following a week of vacation from the Millmont Post Office. Sam and his wife, Debbie, spent an enjoyable week at Myrtle Beach, SC.

Eastern Tree Co. spent a number of days during the latter part of the month trimming tress in the village and the surrounding area. Eastern was contracted by PPL to trim trees and branches near their electric utility wires.

Delphia Shirk has been planting Canna Lily bulbs in her flower garden adjacent to her 1345 Millmont Road business and apartment for decades, and this year was no exception. While she did not plant as many this year as she has in the past, she nonetheless was able to get her flowers planted and shrubbery mulched with the assistance of her neighbor, Tom Catherman.

The one lane bridge over Smith Run on Creek Road, southwest of Millmont, is being replaced and a detour has been in effect at various times. Following completion of the construction project that bridge will accommodate two lanes of travel. Penn DOT lifted the detour during the Memorial Day weekend.

Speaking of bridges, the large gaping hole in the roof of the Red Covered Bridge remains untouched. Local residents are mystified as to why repairs and restoration of the bridge is being stymied. The Union County Commissioners can be reached at 524.8632.

Squirrels and electric transformers do not go well together. Just ask Postmaster Sam Smith about the power outage he had to endure for several hours on the morning of May 29th. The PPL repairmen who restored power to the Millmont Post Office found the "evidence" soon after their arrival.

# Blessings from the Bible

June is a busy time of year for many of us. The gardens are producing spring vegetables and the beautiful flowers feed our sense of smell and provide prettiness to the eyes. For Brenda Weaver and her family it is an extremely busy time of the year. It is strawberry season! John and Brenda Weaver have a strawberry patch outside of Penns Creek in Snyder County. The strawberries demand their attention and consequently finding time to write *Blessings from the Bible* is a challenge for Brenda this month.

If you would like to read some of Brenda's work in book form, please get a copy of *Daughters of Eve, Daughters of God*. A brief description of Brenda's work, from the back cover reads:

DAUGHTERS OF EVE know the discouragement of failure, defeat, and fruitlessness. Their paths have been salted with tears of frustration and helplessness. Higher ground often seems distant and out of reach. Is there hope?

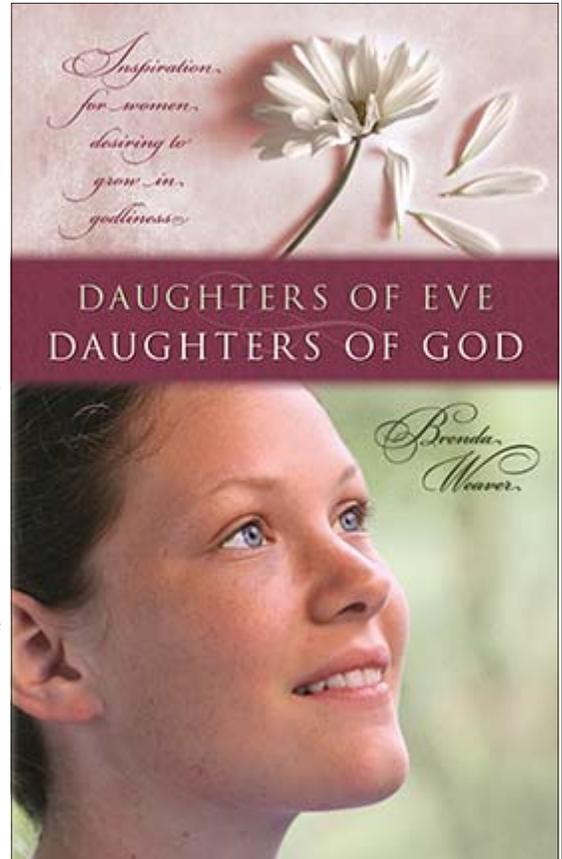
Yes! A loving Father, who understands the inherent weaknesses and struggles of women, extends to every woman a royal invitation to become his very own daughter. Those who accept find themselves lifted, nurtured, and carried by His great love and grace, regardless of the circumstances.

*Daughters of Eve, Daughters of God* has the ring of experience. As a fearful five-year-old, the author watched her own family break apart. Heartbroken, she could not imagine her empty longings ever being fulfilled. Years later she could look back and see God's powerful, redemptive work. Woven through this book is her testimony of God's remarkable grace.

Warm, personal, and practical, the inspirational guidance on these pages will help transform earthly daughters of Eve into virtuous daughters of God, thrilled with the joy of victory.

*Daughters of Eve, Daughters of God*, published by Christian Light Publications, Inc. can be purchased locally at Verna's Fabrics and Green Ridge Country Market both in Mifflinburg and Rainbow Christian Bookstore in Lewisburg. Or, if you are out of the area you can look for "Lantern Books" or "Choice Books" racks at your local shopping center. If you have difficulty locating *Daughters of Eve, Daughters of God*, please contact the author, Brenda Weaver, at P.O. Box 106, Millmont, PA 17845.

This book is uplifting and captivating reading. It makes a great gift!



## How to Grow a Sustainable Deep Green Lawn

One of the simple pleasures of summer is walking barefoot through a thick green lawn. But the typical residential lawn uses significant amounts of fuel, water, fertilizer, and pesticides. Approximately one-half of residential water use goes to landscaping. Yet, there are many options to make your home lawn much more sustainable.

1. The first option to consider is to simply have less lawn. Adding or expanding planting beds, garden space, or patio areas all allow you to reduce the size of your lawn area and its many inputs.
  2. Use a lower maintenance turf grass. They need lower inputs of water, nutrients, and mowing to keep them looking good.
  3. Mow high. This shades the crown of the grass plant and the soil, retaining moisture, keeping the soil cooler, and reducing germination of weed seeds.
  4. Leave the grass clippings on the lawn. As long as the grass doesn't reach the jungle stage, leaving the clippings on will have no negative effect. In fact, as the clippings break down they contribute necessary nutrients that help keep your grass green and healthy.
  5. Use a rain sensor, which will tell your sprinkler system not to water if you've just had a nice rain.
- If you water, water properly. Deep, infrequent watering is the most efficient, promoting deeper-rooted, more resilient grass. Water early in the morning when wind and evaporation losses are at their lowest.

If you are interested in receiving a FREE Green Irene Guide to Sustainable Landscaping via email please contact Elisa at [elisaselinsgrove@greenirene.com](mailto:elisaselinsgrove@greenirene.com).

### *What's Happening at Christ's United Lutheran Church Courtesy of Shirley Kerstetter*

The following concerts are scheduled at the church: June 14, Paradise; July 12, Messenger; August 16, Teresa Fink; September 20, Larry Mitchell's One Man Electron Band. The concerts begin at 6:00 p.m. (doors open at 5:30) and are there is no charge. A free will offering will be taken.

June 4 - Tour De Revs. The ride begins at the 4-Bell Church at 3:00 p.m. and will end at the synod office in Lewisburg at 4:00 p.m. If you are a cycling enthusiast contact Rev. Sarah Hershberger at 570.922.1929 for more information. They will be raising money and awareness for ELCA World Hunger.

There will be a Special Worship Service held at the church on Sunday June 28 with the Re-Creation.

West End Community Vacation Bible School will be held at the church beginning June 14-19. For information or to register call the church office at 922.1860 or 922.1798.

### Thank You!

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### Millmont Yard Sale & Chicken Barbecue

The Village Green is planning on holding the Millmont Community Yard Sale & Chicken BBQ on Saturday June 27, 2009. Anyone wishing to have a stand during the yard sales can set up anywhere in the park on a first come first served basis for \$4.00.

Chicken dinners consist of half chicken, baked potato, applesauce, roll, and a cookie or cupcake for \$6.50. Halves are \$4.00. Tickets are available at Shirk's Store in Millmont, any Village Green member, or by calling 716-1516, or 922-1506.

Soda and pie will also be available for sale that day. Schwan's will have a truckload of food available for purchase from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Village Green Recreation Association.) Preorders can be made by contacting one of the members and orders can be picked up the day of the yard sales. Monies will be collected on the day of the event.

### Happy 50th Anniversary to Norman and Rebecca Wenrick!

On June 14th, Norman II and Rebeca (Zerbe) Wenrick of Aaronsburg will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Anyone wishing to send a card or note of congratulations may do so at the following address:

210 Farmall Drive  
Aaronsburg, PA 16820-9204

Norman and "Becky" are the parents of one son, Norman III and his wife Susan, a grandson Norman IV, and a granddaughter Jessica and her husband Timothy Dull, and a great granddaughter. Norman II is the son of Caroline Wenrick of Hartleton.

## Are You Moving?

If you are planning to move, or if your post office mailing address is about to change, please notify The Millmont Times at P. O. Box 3, Millmont, PA 17845, as soon as possible. This newsletter is distributed bulk rate each month, and therefore it will not be forwarded by the United States Postal Service to your new address. All undeliverable newsletters are returned to me postage due. If there are any changes in your postal mailing address you can contact me at (570) 922.4297 or you can send an email to: [tshively@dejazzd.com](mailto:tshively@dejazzd.com)

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## June Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 – Russel F. Eisenhuth	14 – Norman II & Becky Wenrick - 1959	20 – Dale Hartman
3 – Amos O. Zimmerman	14 – Robert Stroup	21 - Father's Day
4 – Lily Martin	14 – Flag Day	21 – Chelynn Bingaman
4 – Adin Zimmerman	15 – Karl & Shirley Eberhart - 1958	22 – Rhelda Rishel
5 – Sarah Shively	15 – Theodore & Carolyn Catherman - 1942	22 – Lois Kahler
5 – Colby & Miranda Yarger - 2004	15 – Selin Göktaş	23 – Keri Yarger
5 – Holly Weaver	17 - Robert & Jeanne Jolly - 1950	24 – Lindy Mattern
6 – Truman & Betty Motter - 1959	17 – Lamar & Lois Kahler - 1950	27 – Bob & Nancy Katherman - 1969
6 – Tom Boop	17 – Charles Zechman Jr.	27 – Rose Libby
7 – Lori Peachey	18 – Oren & Doris Sheesley - 1960	29 – Norman Wenrick Jr.
9 – Evelyn Bolig	18 – Vanessa Walter	29 – June Bingaman
9 – Kay Guida	18 – Becky Maust	30 – Sam Diehl
10 – Lloyd & Marian Zimmerman - 1947	19 – John & Brenda Weaver – 1982	
11 – Jeanie Lyons	20 – Bernie & Marge Schmader - 1964	
12 – Oliver & Mary Hummel - 1953	20 – Darryl Kline	
12 – Elwood & Leah Showalter - 1948	20 – Donald Gordon	
12 – Lena Susan	20 – John Weaver	

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