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Durnbaugh address set; membership begins

An address on Saturday, Sept. 25, at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church by a distinguished Church of the Brethren leader will be an occasion for launching an annual membership program in support of the CrossRoads vision.

Donald F. Durnbaugh, a life-long scholar, teacher, writer and church leader, will speak on the theme, "Like Precious Faith: Brethren and Mennonites through Light and Shadow." He will delineate the many values the two groups hold in common and identify areas of difference.

Dr. Durnbaugh has served with the CoB Service Commission in Austria and West Germany (1949-56) and has taught at Juniata College (1958-62), Bethany Theological Seminary (1962-69 and 1970-88), Northern Baptist Theological Seminary (1968-71) and Elizabethtown College (1989-93). He has authored more than 200 articles and a number of books, including a history of the Brethren in 1997. He has been involved with professional organizations and denominational committees and served as CoB moderator from 1985 to 86.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, with a reception following the address. The staff will also present an Annual Membership Plan and invite individuals and congregations to become a continuing prayer and support partner for the ministry (see below). Plan now to attend and bring your friends.

Membership will nurture faith legacy

Beginning September 1, CrossRoads is offering an Annual Membership plan to nurture the CrossRoads vision: sharing the story of Jesus Christ as it has been reflected in the lives of the Brethren and Mennonites in the Shenandoah Valley. The plan offers four levels of membership: Seeker, Believer, Follower and Disciple.

Take out an entry level Seeker Membership for yourself or your family for \$25 and receive a complimentary copy of the video/DVD, *A Legacy of Faith and Life*. A Believer Membership of \$100 entitles you to a quarterly publication, *Legacy Alive*, which will feature in-depth articles about events at the Center and stories that reflect our heritage. A Follower Membership of \$250 ensures your personal invitation to quarterly events of historic interest and to a reception to meet the speaker, as well as *Legacy Alive*. A Disciple Membership of \$1,000 ensures your invitation to quarterly events, the speaker reception, *Legacy Alive*, and a commemorative gift.

Congregations may also become members. These Witness Congregations will choose a level of support that nurtures prayer for the CrossRoads mission, names a CrossRoads representative to network with members,

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20



Plans are underway for a tour of area homes that are rich in local Brethren and Mennonite history. This event, called A Bounty of Hearth and Heritage, is scheduled for Saturday, November 20 and will feature four homes of local interest. In addition, the Burkholder-Myers house will be open for delicious refreshments reminiscent of our traditions.

The featured homes include the home of Beth and Harry Jarrett located at the Charles Wampler farm, Sunny Slope. The Wampler family farm is also the site of an old private cemetery.

The Byron and Deanna Peachey home, located on Grist Mill Road, served as one of the earliest meeting sites for Brethren prior to the building of the Greenmount Church and had movable partitions to accommodate the number of people who came for worship services.

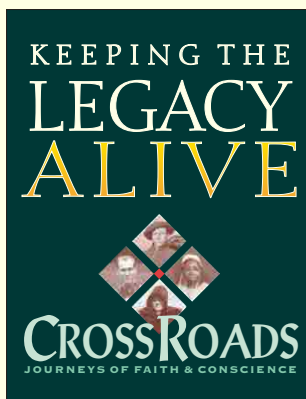
The home of Becky and Bill Hunter on Willow Hill Drive was the home of Rev. Willy Flory, pastor of the Garbers Church of the Brethren from 1915 through 1975. This Federal-style farmstead, c. 1822, has been a National Historic Register and Commonwealth of Virginia Landmark since 1981. The interior of this home is an outstanding example of the creative carving, joinery and painting used in Shenandoah Valley farmhouses in the early 19th century.

The bed and breakfast, By the Side of the Road, will also be open. Known locally as the Peter Burkholder house, this historically renowned house was the home of the family of Martin Burkholder who built the house that now sits on the CrossRoads campus.

Tickets for this exciting event will be available at various area locations beginning one month prior to the November 20 event. Check our web site or watch for announcements for further details.

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