

Calendar of Events

Third Term	Jan. 5 - Feb. 12
Missions Involvement	Jan. 16 - 18
Annual Night of Music	Feb. 6
Choir Tour	Feb. 13 - 20
Ministers’ Week	Feb. 16 - 20
Fourth Term	Feb. 23 - April 2
Graduation	March 27
Choir Tour	April 3 - 10
Fifth Term	April 13 - May 21

Ministers’ Week
February 16 - 20, 2026

Speakers include:
Nathan Zook, Marcus Fox, Roger Byers, Jared Weaver,
Ike Deemer, Daryl Weaver, Anabaptist Financial,
Bonnie Bauman

Registration: Monday, February 16, 10 am - 12 noon
Dismissal: Friday, February 20, 1:00 pm
Costs: Institute rooms - \$15 / night,
meals - \$5.00/meal.
An offering will be taken to help cover costs.
Registration will open December 1, 2025
Pre-registration is required.



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the Monitor

Anabaptist History Tour

The Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Germany

Most reading this are well aware of the 500th Anniversary of Anabaptism. Perhaps you, too, have read the books, done the Sunday School series, heard sermons, and had many discussions. Maybe you even had the opportunity to travel to Europe as 42 of us did in October with the SMBI Anabaptist History Study Tour. As this year of reflections comes to a close, here are a few more to add.

First, we do not build on the foundation of the Anabaptist forefathers or martyrs. Rather, like they, we build on the firm foundation of Jesus Christ. No other foundation will do. Many may claim the Anabaptist heritage but are far from actually following the teachings of Jesus.

Secondly, the Anabaptist movement was founded on taking the teaching of scripture seriously. But when any given teaching is taken in isolation, it can lead to heresy. Some claimed the kingdom theology and ended up with the disaster of Münster. Others read that we should become as babies and ran naked through the streets of Amsterdam proclaiming prophetic “naked truth.” A few radicals even burned their Bibles because they thought the Holy Spirit would teach them all things. We must be careful to keep the Scripture in its broader context when interpreting and apply it.

Third, influential leaders can be valuable to the vitality and direction of the church, but they can also be vulnerable collecting a following or even going off the rails. The Melchiorites, Münsterites, Zonists, Waterlanders, Lamists, Hutterites, Amish, and Mennonites all formed under the leadership of or have names attached to specific leaders. The significance of “influencers” continues. However, much more stability is found by keeping theology and biblical interpretation clearly in community context.

There is, of course, more that could be said, but what are YOU taking from the journey of these past months. If you are not a historian, you may be tired of the historical emphasis. If you are into the historical moment, perhaps you have gotten lost in the details. Whatever the case, the body of Christ persists, around the earth! Are you a “member of the body,” and are you fully invested?



SHARON MENNONITE BIBLE INSTITUTE	
Financial Report	
July 1, 2024 - June, 30 2025	
Income	
CHOIR MUSIC	5,535.99
CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS	85,022.04
FACILITIES RENTAL	45,556.60
INTEREST	2,948.79
MEDIA SALES	8,202.04
MISC.	1,885.00
OFFICE	2,401.28
PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS	79,660.91
RESALE ITEMS	2,602.37
ROOM & BOARD	180,231.33
SNACK BAR	4,549.18
STUDENT SERVICES	7,770.51
TUITION	169,006.10
VEHICLE	2,941.40
YEARBOOK	2,687.50
Total Income	601,001.04
Expense	
ACCOUNTING	5,200.00
AIRPORT	1,343.74
BANK & CREDIT CARD FEES	2,914.25
BUILDING IMPROVEMENT	24,474.15
CHOIR MUSIC & CDS	11,971.49
ELECTRIC	29,801.63
FOOD	95,328.80
FUEL	16,089.09
GIFTS & REMUNERATION	29,652.70
INSURANCE	10,835.62
MAINTENANCE & BUILDING REPAIR	25,195.77
OFFICE & PRINTING	18,274.46
PAYROLL	217,888.03
PAYROLL TAX	16,668.49
POSTAGE	4,593.38
PUBLICATIONS	145.99
REAL ESTATE TAX	15,649.37
RENT	6,670.00
RESALE	307.94
SANITATION	2,137.40
SNACKBAR	3,532.83
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	6,537.61
SUPPLIES	20,845.91
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	7,642.65
TRAVEL	650.00
TUITION WAIVERS	9,185.00
VEHICLE EXPENSE	2,792.68
YEARBOOK EXPENSE	1,803.06
Total Expense	588,132.04
Net Income	12,869.00
*report does not include choir tours and WATER	

Financial Update

Once again, we have opportunity to express our deep appreciation to the individuals, businesses, and churches who contributed financially in the past year. It is your support which makes it possible for the ministry of SMBI to continue. It seems small and inadequate, but we say a heartfelt, “THANK YOU!” Through you we continue to experience God’s faithful provision.

The facilities are well-used with our regular terms, WATER, Ministers’ Week, and Family Week. When available, churches and families also make good use of the facilities. The campus is a lively place year round with only 45-50 days each year that it is quiet!

Facilities projects were on the lighter side this last fiscal year with the main projects being new furniture for the ladies dorm and cooks apartments and a dorm renovation.

Year End Opportunities

- Concrete has been poured for a 30’ x 40’picnic pavilion by the ball field. This project has been funded by designated funds except about \$8,000.
- A major renovation is planned for the kitchen and dining room in Aug. 2026. Significant contributions of materials and labor have already been committed. Details are still developing but expected cash expenses are approximately \$100,000.
- The Student Aid Fund helps to provide discounts for pastors, teachers, those who have done voluntary service, or those with specific financial needs.

Assistant Administrator



Austin and Desiree Weaver joined the SMBI staff team in late July, filling the role of business manager/assistant administrator, as well as teaching classes and directing the WATER program. Having taught high school in the past, Austin has enjoyed stepping back into the classroom. Austin and Desiree love being parents to their 11 month old son Bennett and are looking forward to welcoming their second child next May. Meeting new people, working alongside the staff, and serving together as a couple bring a sense of fulfillment to life at SMBI. When there is free time, they enjoy reading, fishing, and taking walks together.

weddings

Richard Helmuth & <u>Linda Weaver</u> July 5, 2025	
Eric Wall & <u>Rynelle Penner</u> August 16, 2025	<u>Travis Weaver & Tanya Yoder</u> September 27, 2025
Allen Hege & <u>Julianna Stoltzfus</u> August 23, 2025	John Braun & <u>Alycia Reimer</u> October 11, 2025
Lavon Miller & <u>Jennifer Stoltzfus</u> September 13, 2025	<u>Darrell Reimer & Keira Horst</u> November 8, 2025
Cory Zacharias & <u>Netha Wiebe</u> September 20, 2025	<u>William Martin & Abby Wagler</u> November 8, 2025

births

<u>Judson & Tiffany (Zimmerman) Byler</u> -Teodoro Nelson	<u>Durrell & Desirée (Yoder) Martin</u> -Carolina Mae
<u>Neil & Natalie (Heatwole) Byler</u> <u>Liliana Charis</u>	<u>Daryl & Elizabeth (Miller) Ruhl</u> -Ayden Luke
	<u>David & Sharilee (Yoder) Yoder</u> -Kayla Dawn

World Awareness Training in Evangelistic Responsibilities

The 2026 WATER program is open for registration. Use this QR code or visit our website—smbi.org.



The locations available this summer are:

- Cambodia, DestiNations International
- Dominican Republic, Blue Ridge Mission
- Dominican Republic, International Faith Mission
- Grenada, Olive Branch Mennonite Missions
- Guatemala, Jungle Breezes Youth Ministries
- Guatemala, Mennonite Air Missions
- Ireland, Comeragh Wilderness Camp
- Liberia, Christian Aid Ministries
- Nicaragua, Olive Branch Mennonite Missions
- Arkansas, Hillcrest Home
- Florida, Ft. Lauderdale, Regeneration Church
- Indiana, Washington, Fresh Start
- Maryland, Oldtown, Allegany Boys Camp
- South Dakota, Olive Branch Mennonite Missions
- Ohio, Ohio Wilderness Boys Camp
- Pennsylvania, Mill Hall, Bald Eagle Boys Camp
- Pennsylvania, State College, LifeQuest Community



How to Support...

You can use this QR code or go to smbi.org to contribute online. The online support page also provides an opportunity to set up a recurring contribution. You can also mail a check to the office.

Anabaptist Financial also provides an opportunity to contribute anonymously through their Charitable Gift Fund. AF can also provide assistance with estate planning or creative donations such as real estate or commodities. Contact them directly at 800-653-9817, AF-web.org or mail contributions to 55 Whisper Creek Drive, Lewisburg, PA 17837 designated for Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute.



Upcoming Events

NIGHT of MUSIC

February 6, 2026 7:00 pm

Held on Campus
Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute
7304 Lincoln Highway
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When registering at hotels, mention that you are with -
Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute

New CD Release



500 Years of Song
Rejoice, For the Lord is Good * I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes * Savior, Visit Thy Plantation * Loblied * If Anyone Would Follow Me * I Sing With Exultation * Be My Peace * If The Foundations Be Destroyed * Christ is Full of Love and Power * The Lord is King * In Thee I Trust * Acts 2 * To Every Generation * Working With Joy
Cd - \$15

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