



# 2024 SAGA Annual Meeting

*Friday-Saturday, April 19-20, 2024  
Conestoga Mennonite Church, Morgantown, Pa.*

Put these dates on your calendar to attend next year's SAGA annual meeting at the oldest Amish-Mennonite congregation still in existence in the United States. Our ancestral families moved from northern Berks County, Pennsylvania, to what is now the Morgantown region in 1760 and worshipped in their homes until 1882 when the first church building was built.

Many of our immigrant ancestors came through Berks and Lancaster Counties before migrating south and west—and that will be our topic for the 2024 SAGA Annual Meeting. You are welcome to participate in one or both days (first-come, first-serve for Friday's bus tour).

## **Friday, April 19, 2024 - Berks County Ancestral Tour and Shady Maple Smorgasbord**

8:00 a.m. - Depart on chartered bus from **Shady Maple Smorgasbord, 129 Toddy Dr East Earl, PA 17519**, for a tour where our Amish-Mennonite ancestors settled in the 1700s. Stops will be made at the Jacob Hochstetler Massacre site, Stoltzfus Homestead, plus drive through the Maiden Creek, Irish Creek Northkill, and Reading Settlements, before a mid-afternoon stop at the Muddy Creek Library near Ephrata = \$48.00/person (Lunch at either Subway or McDonalds is on your own at Love's Travel Stop.)  
5:15 p.m. - Buffet Dinner (appetizers, two entrees, gourmet potatoes, two vegetables, chow chow and cole slaw plus a complete salad and bread bar, an exciting dessert bar, and assorted beverages) = \$33.00/person  
*Note: You do not need to participate on the Berks County Tour in order to attend the evening banquet!*  
6:30 p.m. - "The Swiss Who Migrated to the Palatinate, Germany" by Edsel Burdge

## **Saturday, April 20, 2024 - SAGA Annual Meeting** at *Conestoga Mennonite Church, 2779 Main St, Morgantown, PA 19543*

8:00 a.m. - Coffee, tea, and donuts (walk-in registrations are welcome)  
8:30 a.m. - Annual Meeting (Business Meeting, Member Introductions)  
9:30 a.m. - Break.  
10:00 a.m. - Group Photo  
10:15 a.m. - Panel on **"Amish-Mennonite Migrations"**  
"Migrations From Europe to Berks County" - Lemar Mast  
"Migrations to West Conestoga" - Robert Reeser  
"Migrations to Chester Valley" - Duane Kauffman  
"Migrations to Reading, Conestoga Valley, and Westward" - Dot Mast Moss  
11:30 a.m. - Questions and Answers  
12:00 noon - Lunch  
1:00 p.m. - "Using DNA to Sort Out the Genealogical Hurdles of Amish-Mennonite Surnames" - Darvin Martin  
2:00 p.m. - Dismissal

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at \$48.00 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_ for Friday's "Berks County Ancestral Tour"  
 at \$33.00 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_ for Friday's "Shady Maple's Buffet Dinner"  
 at \$10.00 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_ for Saturday's Snacks/Lunch at Conestoga Mennonite Church  
\$\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL (check payable to "Mennonite Family History")**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email and Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*[Please send registration with check to: Mennonite Family History, 219 Mill Road, Morgantown, PA 19543.]*