



**2025 SAGA Annual Meeting
April 25-26, 2025
Sunnyside Mennonite Church.
23786 Sunnyside Avenue
Elkhart, IN 46516**

Because time is of the essence, we ask you to email your reservations to:

Jim Hermsen at jhermsen@yahoo.com or phone at 317-881-4600.

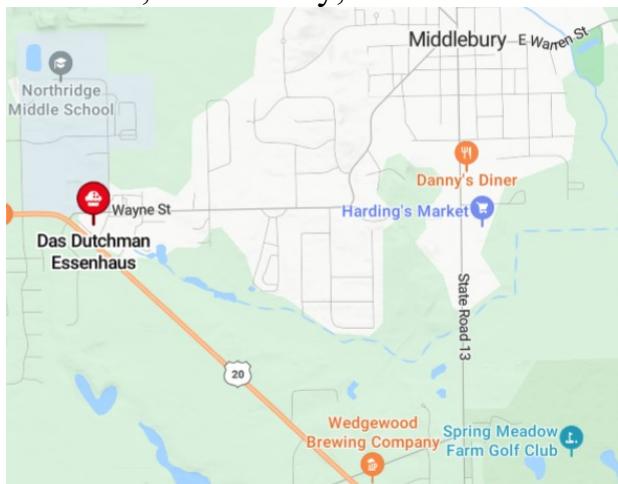
We need to know count for: 1) the meeting on Saturday, 2) dinner on Friday Night. Then please follow up with your remittance as soon as possible as we are required to pay fees before Friday. So, it would be great if we receive the funds before April 19, 2025. Send your checks made out to: SAGA and mail them to: SAGA / c/o Jim Hermsen at 8108 Laura Lynne Lane, Indianapolis, 46217-4927 DO NOT USE PAYPAL. **Meeting Agendas/Friday activities:** Troye Kauffman troye@illinois.edu, (217)621-8530

Friday, April 25, 2025

- 9:00 Mennonite Historical Library: Small tour and info session by Eric Bradley (open for research after)
- Afterwards cemeteries and shopping (See next page for details)

Friday Night dinner

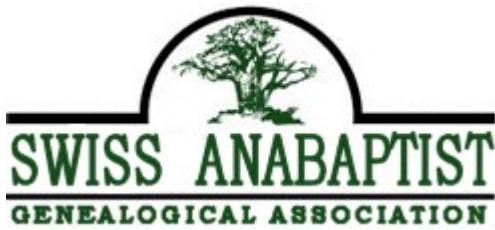
6:30pm at Das Dutchman Essenhaus
240 US 20, Middlebury, IN 46540



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Cost is \$10 – Non-members are welcome!
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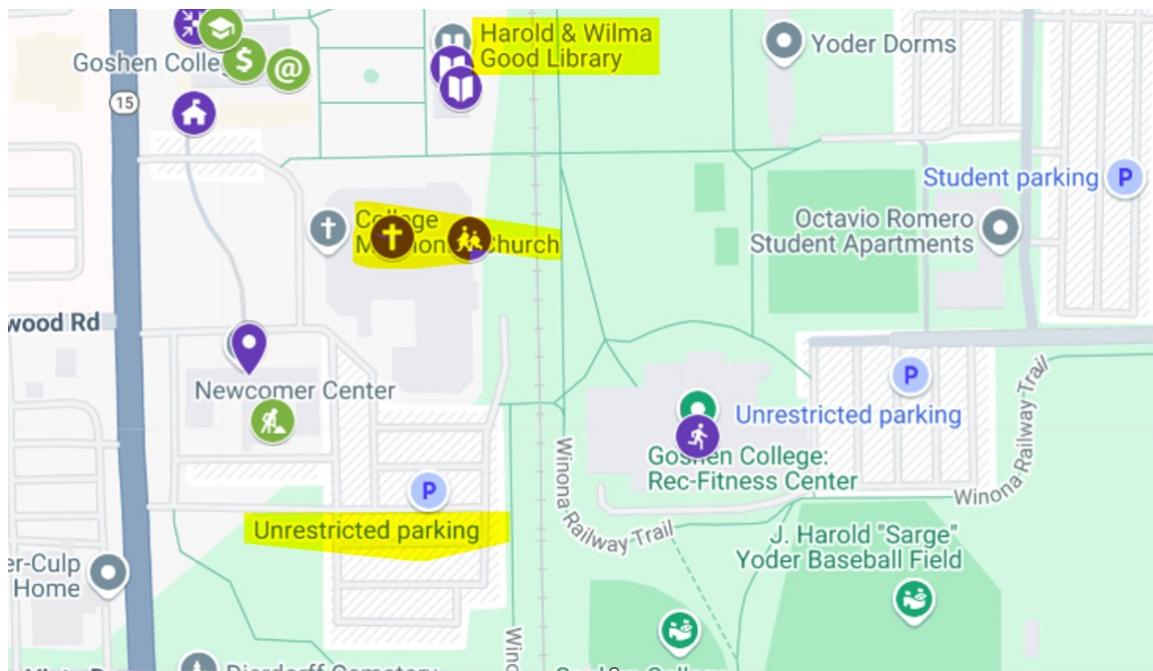
Sunnyside Mennonite Church is located just off of US 20 and South Main Street (US 33), Elkhart. Near Ox Bow Park. It is located northwest of Goshen, IN .



Friday Activities Information

Friday activities are on your own.

Goshen College Mennonite Historical Library: 1700 S Main St, Goshen, IN 46526, located on the 3rd floor of the **Good Library** on the campus of [Goshen College](#). Hours 8-5, Mon-Friday. Eric Bradley will give a short tour and interested members can stay to do research.



Other Friday Activities: (On your own. If you need a ride or want to travel with a group, please email or call Troye Kauffman – troye@illinois.edu/217-621-8530)

- **Yellow Creek cemetery** (A map will be provided to interested folks)
- **Menno-Hof Cultural Center** (Shipshewana) 1.25 hour tours for \$9.50, last tour at 3:45pm - <https://menno-hof.squarespace.com/planyourvisit>
- **Shipshewana shopping!**

Friday Night dinner 6:30pm at Das Dutchman Essenhaus, 240 US 20, Middlebury, IN 46540. Buffet with Broasted chicken, Roast Pork, Mashed potatoes and gravy, Tossed Salad, Buttered corn, Green beans. \$28 must be prepaid before dinner.

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Hotels

The following hotels are closest to the Sunnyside Mennonite Church or the Das Dutchman Essenhaus. Also close to Shipshewana and Menno-Hof:

Hampton Inn Middlebury
105 Crystal Heights Blvd
Middlebury, IN 46540
(874) 822-0288

Super8 by Wyndham Shipshewana
740 S. Van Buren St
Shipshewana, IN 46565
(260) 768-4004

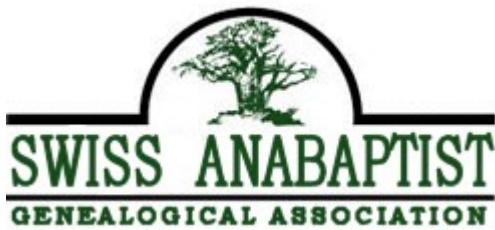
Der Ruhe Blatz Motel
1195 S. Van Buren Street
Shipshewana, IN 46565-
(260) 768-7750

Holiday Inn Express
3610 South Nappanee St
Elkhart, IN 46517
(574) 296-1110

Residential Inn
3214 South Main Street
Elkhart, IN 46517-
(574) 293-8922

Holiday Inn Express Goshen
1415 Lincolnway East
Goshen, IN 46526
(574)-535-9200

Best Western Inn
900 Lincolnway East
Goshen, IN 46526
(574) 533-0408



2025 SAGA Annual Meeting Agenda

Saturday, April 26, 2025

8:15am Coffee and rolls

9:00am SAGA Annual Meeting

- Greetings
- Short opening prayer
- First introductions

9:15am Business meeting

- Topics to be determined by board

9:45am Member introductions

- **Bob Geiser** – updates about membership and databases
Database contributors
- Other member introductions (45 seconds per person): Name, place of residence, and discussion topics of interest. Other members who are also interested in discussing these topics should raise their hand so that they can locate each other during lunch
- Oak Grove Cemetery Book and other publications by SAGA members

10:15am Break

10:45am Keynote speakers

- **Loren Johns:** "The Amazing Bontrager Family of Northern Indiana."
- **Eric Bradley:** (Head Librarian of the Mennonite Historical Library) – "Local Anabaptist History"

12:00 Lunch served [Cost for lunch will be \$10.00/person prepaid or collected at registration]

Afternoon – Interaction and socializing with members. Some may wish to visit sites that are listed in the Friday suggested offerings.

Share Your Work

Members are encouraged to bring any publications they have for sale. In addition, be prepared to share with the membership a short (1-2 minute) summary of projects, works, research you are currently doing. Bring along any "road blocks" to your research, your fellow members may have some insight for you to consider.

NOTE: This year we have the opportunity to LiveStream the meeting. Please let us know if you are interested. Further information will be posted closer to the meeting date.