



**Mennonite Heritage and  
Agricultural Museum**

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Dear Friend of the Museum:

We are beginning to celebrate 150 years after the Mennonite immigration in 1874! A committee of museum board members and Goessel community members have been planning events for 2024 and getting commemorative keepsakes you can collect. I encourage you to attend the monthly events (listed in the newsletter). Last Memorial Day, small flags were placed at the 1874 immigrants' gravesites. Watch for the flags again in 2024!

The company that did a very nice job painting the South Bloomfield School is scheduled to paint the Prep School yet this year. Other improvements we'd like to complete in 2023 include the Prep School's front porch and ramp, lighting in the family cases, and outdoor lighting. The museum has ongoing maintenance needs, and we are looking to fund the 2024 events. Your support and interest help to keep the museum going, for which the board thanks you!

You may contribute monetarily; additionally, farmers/landowners may donate livestock or grain commodities as a reduction of income on their income taxes. Please consider making a donation to the Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum when you market your grain. Those age 70 ½ or older may reduce their taxable income by making qualified charitable distributions to the museum from their Individual Retirement Accounts. Giving Tuesday is November 28, but—just this once—if you give by November 24, your gift will increase with a match from The Patterson Family Foundation which will go toward our Endowment Fund.

**Thank you** for your time and support for the museum!

*John M. Janzen, President of the Board*

**MY 2022 CONTRIBUTION**

I would like to support the museum financially.

Enclosed is my gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ designated for:

\_\_\_ Bldg. Maint. \_\_\_ 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration \_\_\_ Endow. Fund/Patterson Match \_\_\_ Where Most Needed

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