



**Mennonite Heritage and
Agricultural Museum**

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Dear Friend of the Museum:

We started 2025 celebrating 500 years of Anabaptists! Dale Schrag told the story of "The Beginning of the Anabaptist Movement" at the museum's annual meeting.

Begun last year, the replacement of the I-135 sign was finished in May. Two more signs are ready to go up on Highway 56 around K-15. The Goessel Bank Building's false front was strengthened, and a cap was placed on top to prevent rainwater from going inside. The Prep School needed work on the kitchen floor (including a vapor barrier), and the northeast corner of the building had a problem with the sill. We updated the kitchen with new paint, a center island, shelves, outlets, and new hand washing, kitchen, and mop sinks. Plus, new gutters will control water. Thanks to Voth Construction and very generous donors for making this all happen! Another long-time project, outdoor lights in front of the Immigrant House, was completed.

A major project we want to accomplish in 2026 is replacing the roof on the Schroeder Barn. Other buildings also need maintenance.

Three new board members have been a GREAT addition! There are still openings for more people to serve. Your interest and support help keep the museum going!

I invite you to express your support for the museum with a financial contribution. A gift for our endowment fund received by December 29 may be matched by the Patterson Family Foundation. Those 70 ½ or older may reduce their taxable income by making qualified charitable distributions from their IRAs, and farmers and landowners have the opportunity to donate livestock or commodities for a tax benefit.

THANK YOU for considering these needs and your time and support for the museum!

John M. Janzen, President of the Board

MY 2025 CONTRIBUTION

I would like to support the museum financially.

Enclosed is my gift of \$_____ designated for:

____ Endow. Fund/Patterson Match ____ Schroeder Barn/Bldg. Maintenance ____ Where Most Needed

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