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Next Meeting: March 16, 2026 Farm & Home Center, Buy, Sell & Trade from 2:00 PM, Meeting – 3:30 PM

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DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY

Members and guests gathered at the Park City Diner on December 16th at 12:30 for our annual holiday party. It was a nice time of fellowship, laughter and good food.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

It is now time to pay your dues for 2026. The rate remains the same - **Individual dues are \$15.00 or \$20.00 for two people residing at the same address.**

You can pay Barabra Mowrer at the March meeting or you may send a check to:

Barabra Mowrer
4614 Marietta Avenue
Columbia, PA 17512

OFFICERS & BOARD for 2026

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Newsletter Editor – Susan Glass

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March is the month that is said to come in like a lion and out like a lamb. But after the frigid temperatures we've endured in January and February, our frozen lion is only now starting to thaw.

We can look forward to wearing green on St. Patrick's Day since everyone is Irish that day. And we will happily welcome the first day of Spring later this month.

We are looking for members to share their PC interests with a program at a future meeting. Please sign up at our March meeting!

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MARCH PROGRAM

Join us for the Member's Market, any member of the club may set up and sell postcards, books, local historical items, and paper ephemera. There will be a brief business meeting, the monthly card competition and a birthday celebration.

2026 PROGRAMS

January: NO MEETING
February: NO MEETING
March: Members Market
April:
May:
June:
July: Picnic
August: Expo
September: Gisela Withers
October:
November: Pam Tronsor
December – Holiday Party



2026 POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

March: Clocks
April: Mail Delivery
May: Famous People
June: Wonderful World of Animals
July: Men/Women at Play
August: Expo
September: Sports
October: General Stores
November: Musicians at Work



FUTURE SHOWS 2025

March 27-28: 49th Annual Postcard Show, Morlatton Post Card Club Inc., Farm & Home Center, Lancaster, PA, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-4, Admission \$3.00 (\$2 with Card)
April 4: Chesapeake Postcard Fair, Havre de Grace Community Center, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Entry is \$3.
April 25-26 : Allentown Spring Paper Show, Allentown Fairgrounds, Allentown, PA, Sat. 9-5, Sun 9-3, Admission \$10 (with ad \$9.00)

The United Brethren Church in Hopeland

By Brian Frankhouser

Local expectations have always been “March comes in like a lion”. However, in Lancaster County in 1910, the lion’s breath was hot, instead of cold, on the first Sunday of the month. A terrible thunderstorm raged through the central part of the county during the evening, and a second dose hit the northeast in the middle of the night. Residents of Hopeland in Clay Township were awakened at 2:00AM by the sounds of thunder and cries of “fire, fire!”. The belfry of the Paradise United Brethren Church was struck by lightning and set ablaze, and there was very little time to save the contents and the building. The village had limited success in saving some contents, but no success in saving the building. It was a total loss.

The congregation began meeting in the public school building, and immediately started work on reconstruction. The cornerstone for the new church building was laid in May, and dedication services were held in November. Almost everything was new. Even the church name. In October, at the session of the annual U. B. conference at Sunbury, the “Paradise United Brethren Church” was officially renamed the “Hopeland United Brethren Church”.



Photo #1:
The old stone Paradise United Brethren Church in Hopeland was built in 1847. The postcard shown is the most common of the early real photo views of this church.



Photo #2:
The original church was remodeled in 1889, and the exterior remained unchanged until lightning struck on March 7, 1910. This RPPC view, taken before the fire, is scarcer than the other.



Photo #3:
This real photo postcard shows the aftermath of the conflagration. The church interior was gutted because the fire spread very rapidly. There was only enough time to save the organ, some carpet, pulpit furniture, and the pulpit Bible.

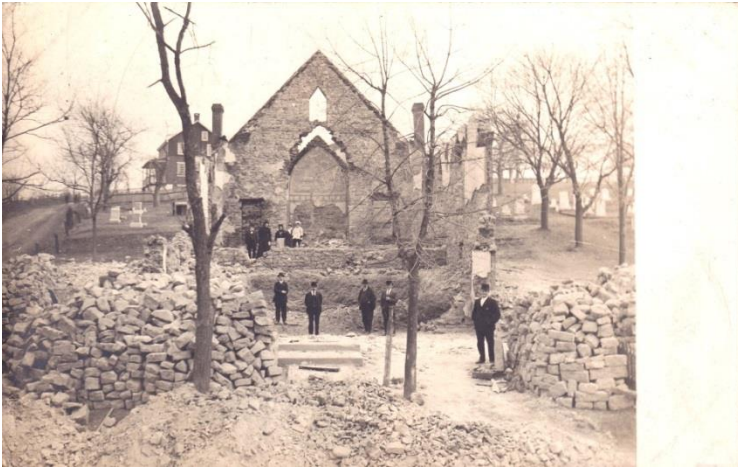


Photo #4:

This RPPC was published several days later, after salvage operations began. The new church building would have a stone foundation and a substantial stone fence was built adjacent to the church structure.

Photo #5:

RPPC of the new Hopeland United Brethren Church that was dedicated in November of 1910. There are at least a dozen published postcard views of the new church, including 10 real photos and two lithographed cards. Subjects include aerial views, pulpit furniture, interior sanctuary, a large church group, and at least three RPPC's dated June 3, 1936.

