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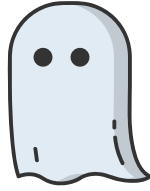
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THE BARNES OF SHENANDOAH COUNTY

On behalf of the Shenandoah County Historical Society, John Adamson will present a program entitled "The Historic Barns of Shenandoah County". The program includes many interesting photographs of county barns. John will share how individual barns are surveyed and what he is learning about their architecture, construction, and use. He will also share statistics that demonstrate the unique, historical character of Shenandoah County barns.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018, AT 2 PM.
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
193 WASHINGTON ST. STRASBURG, VA**





GHOST TOURS SUCCESSFUL

Our ghost tours held on October 27 were a success! Thanks to all of you that came out and supported this event. We had 125 participants and the tours went right down King St. It was great seeing the streets of Strasburg active again on a Saturday night with people enjoying our downtown shops. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped make this event possible. Our next ghost tours will be held in 2020.



MILLER BIBLE RESTORATION

The SHA and the Strasburg Museum are working together to have the George Miller Bible restored which is housed in the Strasburg Museum. This important historical artifact of our community has been in need of repair, so we are happy to work with the Museum to see this project completed. We hope you come out this Spring to view the newly restored Bible. The cost of the renovation is approximately \$4000. If you wish to contribute, please contact Tim Taylor at 540-325-4397.

STRASBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PARSONAGE

BY LAURA ELLEN WADE

According to the history of the Strasburg United Methodist Church published in 1974, Mr. Luther David Funkhouser completed building his home (the present day parsonage) in 1877. Mr. Funkhouser was a Confederate veteran having served in Co. E 18th Virginia Cavalry, and held different occupations throughout his lifetime. In the 1880 census his occupation was listed as a farmer, and in the 1910 census as a merchant dealing in general merchandise, having built a store which he operated until his death. In later years Brill's Grocery was in this building located beside the Town Run. His first wife was Catherine Ann Keister, the widow of Adam Keister, Jr. According to E. E. Keister's book, Luther and Catherine were married on Oct. 18, 1877.

Luther D. Funkhouser built the parsonage on land once owned by the Keister family. Mr. Funkhouser's wife died on Feb. 6, 1890. There were no children from this marriage. Mr. Funkhouser's second wife was a Methodist minister's daughter from Gretna, Virginia, Alice Bailey. They were married around 1894. From that marriage, there were two daughters, Esther B., and Margaret M. Mrs. Margaret M. Funkhouser Earnest and her husband from Bexar County, Texas sold the home on June 22, 1945 to the Trustees of the Strasburg Methodist Church (C.W. Cooley, W. F. Lichliter, B. H. Williams, Carl Brown, B. L. Strosnider, W. K. Cooley, C. S. McCarty, W. J. Flanagan, and W. L. Green) for \$10, 000. This was the second parsonage, the first parsonage was located on Brown Street.

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Have a Great Holiday Season!

We hope to see everyone at our December 16 Program where John Adamson will share information on the Barns Program in Shenandoah County. More information inside this newsletter. We want to wish everyone a blessed and enjoyable holiday season and thank you for supporting the Strasburg Heritage Association.

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