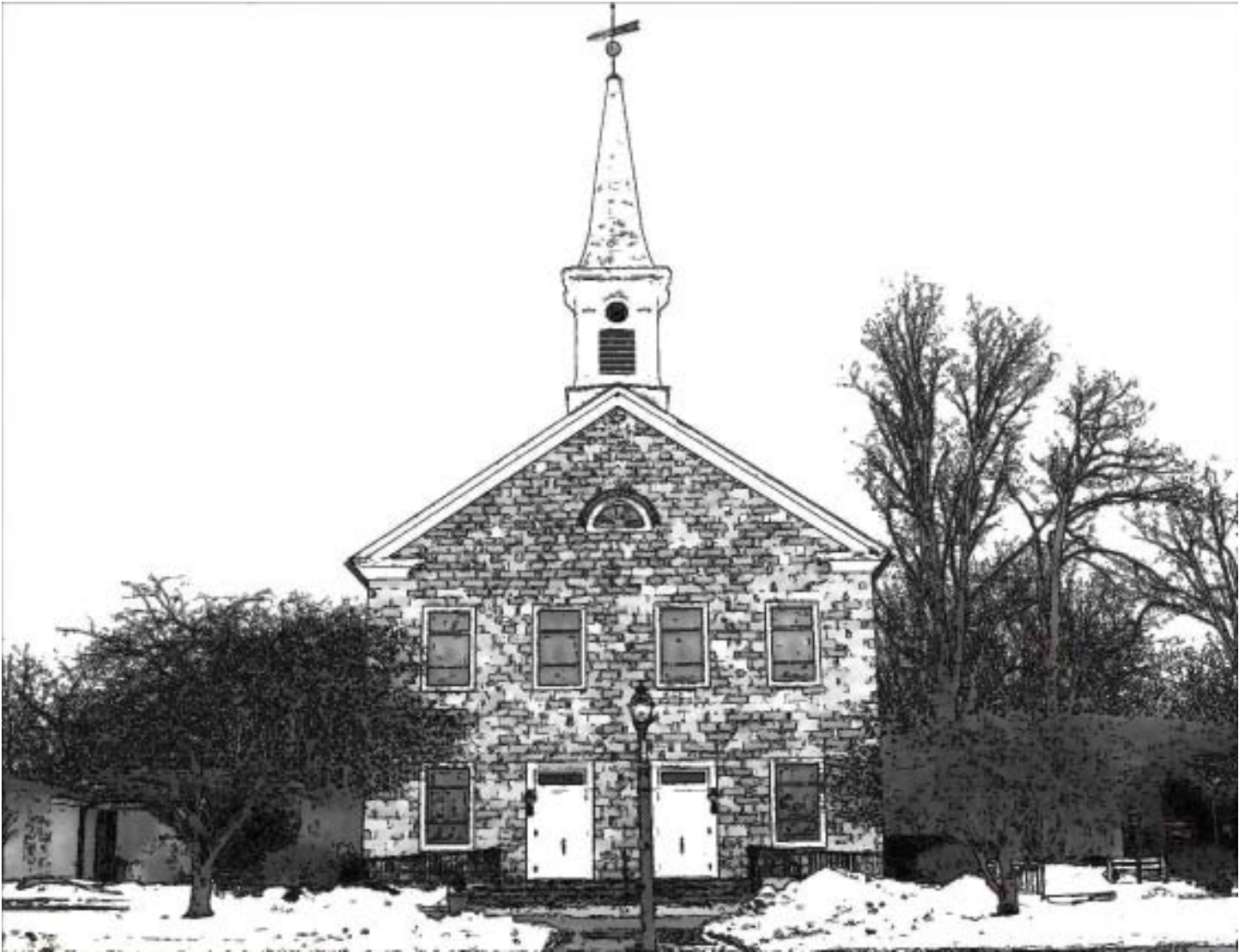


# Hamilton Square Church - Hamilton, PA



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In the early to mid-1700's many Germans-including Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg-immigrated to America. The first Lutheran congregation in the region north of the Wind Gap and west of the Cherry Valley was formed in Hamilton Square, Sciota, Pennsylvania. At first a log church was erected around 1755 then in the 1820's plans were made to erect a larger structure. The foundation and walls, 50 feet long and 40 feet wide by 30 feet high were constructed of fieldstone collected from the immediate area. Hand hewn, hardwood, timber trusses form the vaulted plaster ceiling painted with over 40 shades of color. The church designed by Peter Kester and Heinrich Fenner, Master Builder-Architects, is a classic German stone architecture church constructed at a cost \$2531.50. Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church was completed in November of 1830 and continues today to provide inspirational form and spiritual function.