



The Robert Lee Blaffer Foundation of New Harmony, Indiana will host a celebration to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the interment of Paul Johannes Tillich in Paul Tillich Park Saturday, May 14, 2016

Author of *The Courage to Be* (1952), Tillich is widely regarded as one of the most influential theologians of the twentieth century. The late Jane Blaffer Owen of New Harmony and Houston, Texas, considered Tillich an important mentor and friend, and chose to create a park in his honor. She invited Tillich to dedicate the ground for the park on the weekend of Pentecost, 1963. After Tillich's death on October 22, 1965, his wife Hannah Tillich requested that his mortal remains be interred in the park. On Pentecost 1966, a commemorative service in New Harmony celebrated the life and legacy of Paul Tillich after his ashes were interred beneath a granite epitaph stone.

The May 14 Rededication Celebration honoring both Paul Tillich and Jane Owen will feature the following special events:

1:30 p.m. **The Rededication of Paul Tillich Park and the Dedication of the Cedar of Lebanon Tree in Honor of Jane Blaffer Owen**
Sponsored by the Kent and Laurie Parker Family Foundation, the tree is at the Roofless Church entrance, located across from Paul Tillich Park, and becomes an added feature to the Jane Blaffer Owen Sanctuary, a permanent program of the Robert Lee Blaffer Foundation.

7:00 p.m. **Lecture and Concert at The Atheneum in New Harmony**



Tribute to Paul Johannes Tillich: The Reverend Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, President and Professor of Systematic Theology and Preaching at The Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, Michigan.



Violin & Voice Concert: Mazz Swift, a composer and artist from New York City, performing her original scores for violin and voice, and accompanied by Chorus Angelus, an A Capella girls' ensemble from Mount Vernon Senior High School in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

The public is invited to these events.