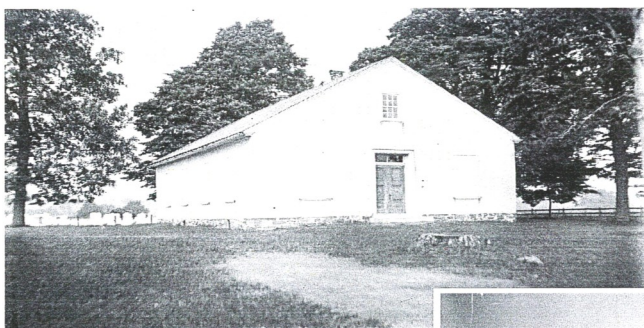


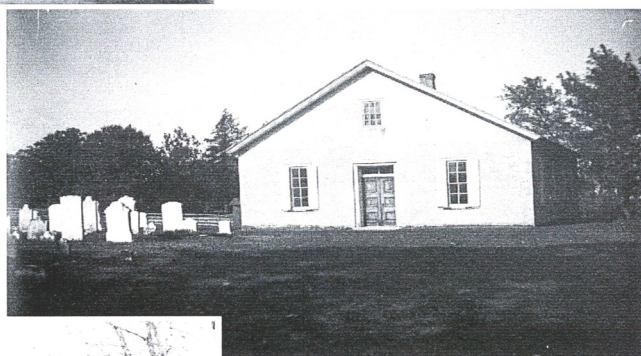
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## *Annual Reports*

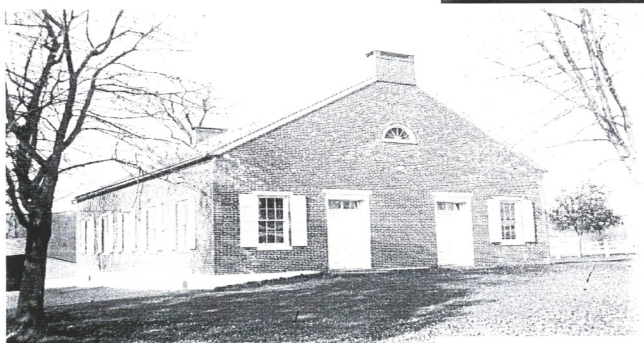
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Washington Meetinghouse

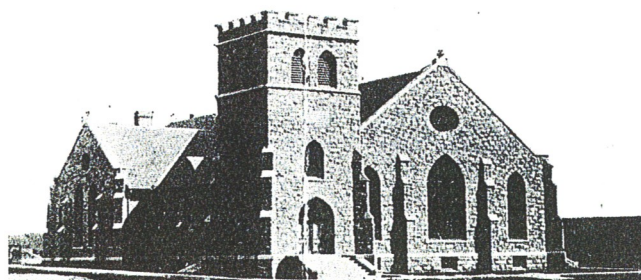


Hosensack Meetinghouse



Kraussdale Meetinghouse

Palm Schwenkfelder Church



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***We would like to thank all committee members who took time out of their busy schedules to submit articles to the 2016 Annual Report.***

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**PLEASE BRING THIS ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 19, 2017.**

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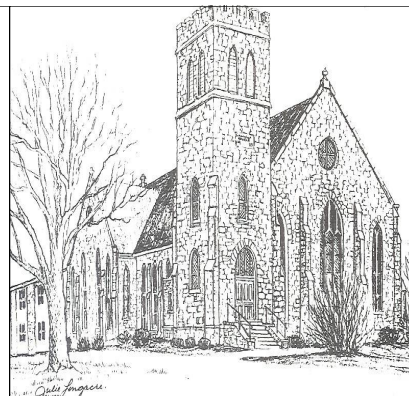
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**Pastor:** Pastor Nicholas Pence

### **Committee Members & Staff Directory for 2017**

<b>Pastor</b>	Reverend Nicholas Pence
<b>Church Office Administrator</b>	J. Daniel Ferry
<b>Custodians</b>	Kevin and Barbara Master
<b>Organist</b>	Peg Jacob
<b>Director of Music</b>	Edward Bieler
<b>Youth Director</b>	Barbara Master
<b>Senior Choir Director</b>	Edward Bieler
<b>Handbell Choirs</b>	David Luz Elizabeth Croll
<b>Moderator</b>	Joanne Luz
<b>Vice Moderator</b>	Walter Master
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Diane Dunn
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Joanne Jalowy
<b>Treasurer</b>	David Luz
<b>Custodian of Endowments</b>	Thomas Dunn
<b>Buildings and Grounds:</b> (One year term)	Douglas Wallinger Alexander Jalowy Andrew Kriebel Brian Shelly Richard Kleppinger
<b>Registrar:</b>	Nancy Hoffman
<b>Diaconate:</b> (Three year term)	Kevin Master—2018 Joan Pusey— 2017 Lawrence Croll—2017 Michelle Badman—2017 David Woodward—2019 Richard Jones—2018 Gail Brown—2019 Gregg Hoffman—2019 Debra Callodonato—2018

***Mission Statement of Palm Schwenkfelder Church: Our task is to proclaim the Living Word of God, which empowers us to care for and share with our community and the world.***



## Directory (cont.)

**Christian Education:**  
(Three year term)                      Christal Horn —2017  
   Lisa Stitt—2017  
   Sarah Linsinbigler— 2018  
   Corey May—2018  
   Diana Cleaver—2019  
   Cyndi Kinsler—2019

**Sunday School Superintendent:** Lee Schultz

**Board of Music Ministry**  
(Three year term)                      Merris Ann Hoffman—2018  
   Bill Ludlow—2018  
   Lillian Master—2017  
   Marilyn Roznowski—2019  
   Carol Woodward—2017

**Mission Board:**  
(One year term)                      Lawrence Croll  
   Robert Croll  
   Lillian Master  
   Amy Pusey  
   Renee Shelly

**Ladies' Aid Society:**  
(One year term)                      Carol Carlin-Woodward—President  
   Lillian Master—Vice President  
   Kathleen Bieler—Secretary  
   Merris Ann Hoffman—Treasurer

**Men of Palm:**  
(One year term)                      Craig Kriebel— President and Treasurer  
   Gregg Hoffman—Vice President  
   Timothy Hoffman—Secretary

**Pastoral Relations Committee:**  
(One year term)                      Gail Ferry  
   Jean Ross  
   Ray Hausman  
   David Luz  
   Lillian Master  
   Jeffrey Stauffer  
   David Woodward  
   Douglas Wallinger

**Pennsylvania Southeast  
Conference Board:**  
(One year term)                      Robert Croll

**Scholarship Committee:**  
(One year term)                      Kathleen Bieler  
   Carol Carlin-Woodward  
   Elizabeth Croll  
   Thomas Long  
   Glenn Hoffman  
   Pastor Nicholas Pence

***Vision Statement of Palm Schwenkfelder Church: Serving the glorious God, claimed by Jesus, and inspired by scripture, honoring our history, with renewed commitment we will reach out to our community and the world through worship, spirit enriching programs, and outreaching mission.***

## Pastor's Report 2016

*A Journey to Hope*



This year Palm Schwenkfelder Church was a lead sponsor for the Upper Perk Relay for Life. The event for 2016 was held at Camelot Park and I was invited to be a part of the closing ceremony. In addition to a part of Dr. Seuss' Oh, the Places You'll Go! I also shared a portion of the book When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi. Kalanithi was a neurosurgeon and scientist diagnosed with terminal lung cancer, who passed away in 2015. His final words through this book, he shares with us and his infant daughter Cady:

*Everyone succumbs to finitude. I suspect I am not the only one who reaches this pluperfect state. Most ambitions are either achieved or abandoned; either way, they belong to the past. The future, instead of the ladder towards the goals of life, flattens out into the perpetual present. Money, status, all the vanities the preacher of Ecclesiastes described hold so little interest: a chasing after wind indeed.*

*Yet one thing cannot be robbed of her futurity: our daughter, Cady. I hope I'll live long enough that she has some memory of me. Words have a longevity I do not. I had thought I could leave her a series of letters- but what would they say? I don't know what this girl will be like when she is fifteen; I don't even know if she'll take to the nickname we've given her. There is perhaps only one thing to say to this infant, who is all future, overlapping briefly with me, whose life, barring the improbable, is all but past.*

*That message is simple:*

*When you come to one of the many moments in life where you must give an account of yourself, provide a ledger of what you have been, and done, and meant to the world, do not, I pray, discount that you filled a dying man's days with a sated joy, a joy unknown to me in all my prior years, a joy that does not hunger for more and more but rests, satisfied. In that time, right now, that is an enormous thing.*

*(When Breath Becomes Air, 2016. Random House)*

As I reflect on the privilege and honor of being a pastor through 2016, it is truly a blessing to be able to witness the "enormous thing" that the beloved members of this congregation and this very community of faith have offered to me and those whom our ministry has impacted. In our registrar's report you can see the members of Palm who entered eternal life in 2016. In addition to those services I was also asked to serve as officiant at the memorials of Lenvil Blevins, Charles Erb, Jeanette Gerhart, Lisa Ludlow Votaw, and Will Moyer. For these members of our wider family and community, as well as our sisters and brothers in Christ from this congregation, I continue to pray for God's blessed comfort, amazing grace, and hope.

Even in the midst of difficult losses, though, are also joys, moments that remind us that we are on a journey of faith, leading us to hope. Soon into the New Year, I was delighted to officiate at the wedding of Ashley (Dolloff) and Grant Pluta down in Philadelphia. It was a beautiful day of celebration and I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to be a part of the beginning of their journey as husband and wife.

In February we welcomed Frieden's UCC in Sumneytown to our combined Lenten services, which kicked off at Palm, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> with our theme of "By Faith" coming from Hebrews. Noah was our focus for our first service and everyone joined in the singing of "Rise and Shine," henceforth to be known as the *Arky, Arky* song. Amusingly, that selection set off several other children's songs including motions, like "Father Abraham" with our other Lenten hosts. Palm once again hosted the

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## Pastor's Report (Continued)

First Monday Meal at Pennsburg UCC in March, and in addition to feeding around 80 people, were also blessed to see God working through us. Palm once again had a wonderful turnout, especially amongst our Youth, for the Community Good Friday service and Stations of the Cross Walk. I was delighted to lead a devotional time with the kids Friday Evening during their lock-in.

April 24<sup>th</sup> witnessed another blessed "Music Sunday" with our choirs again all participating in this time of sacred music. Isaac Watts was our focus hymn writer for the day. I was also very excited to sing with the Men's Choir on "All to Us." Also in April our congregation shared in the baptism for Isabelle Tomlin.

May 1<sup>st</sup> I traveled to North Carolina for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hedrick's Grove United Church of Christ as their guest speaker. This is a congregation which my great-grandfather served and one that I connected with while on sabbatical in 2014. I adapted a hymn which Peg and I had done for Palm's 100<sup>th</sup>, which they used at their culminating worship celebration. I made my way back from Pennsylvania to attend Clergy Convocation with our keynote speaker, David Lose, presenting on the changing nature of ministry in our society. May also witnessed the wedding of Ashley (Freed) and Shane Henley, as well as beginning preparations for the Upper Perk High School Baccalaureate which I continue to help coordinate on behalf of the Upper Perk Ministerial Association, of which I am secretary.

May 15<sup>th</sup>, along with the choir of Frieden's UCC in Sumneytown, we celebrated the life and ministry of Rev. Ronald Krick, our Pastor Emeritus here at Palm, singing an anthem we had commissioned upon Ron's retirement. Our prayers continue with Bonnie and all of Ron's family, but we do rejoice in his faithfulness to the Church of Jesus Christ and the impact which he made upon Palm Schwenkfelder Church.

June saw another beautiful Father's Day service at Washington Cemetery with Suite Brass providing our music. July 2<sup>nd</sup> I officiated the wedding of John and Brooke Olson. John is a member of Central Schwenkfelder and was home on leave from his military service for July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

August saw the Pence family down on the North Carolina coast for some vacation time, where I unfortunately had a little too much fun on a paddleboard and sprained my right ankle (And yes for full disclosure I also lost a pair of glasses a few days before). Even though I was on crutches, had to use a stool for worship at Hosensack Meetinghouse, and couldn't get in the creek with the kids this year, it was a wonderful day to culminate our summer meeting house services.

With the coming of September, a new Confirmation class began their journey together and I continue to enjoy working with Hans, Jonas, Margo, Nicholas and Selia. September 17<sup>th</sup>, I was blessed to officiate the wedding of Rebecca (Callodonato) and Ryan Himmelwright here in our beautiful sanctuary. The end of the month saw Day of Remembrance hosted here with Rev. Leslie Kearney preaching at the afternoon service.

In October we celebrated the baptisms of Paisley Dority and Owen Zaborowski. Laity Sunday was held on Reformation Sunday this year with Ken Jacob offering a well-grounded sermon on "Justification by Grace through Faith."

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November once again ushered in a time of facial hair growth, which for my wife and several parishioners is their least favorite time of year. I must also admit my deep surprise with the results on the Abe Lincoln beard, raising over \$1430.00 to support the Upper Perk Y's Annual Campaign. This year the "Save It" folks won the battle and I kept the beard for the United Choir concerts at the beginning of December.

December also had the confirmands and mentors completing their faith timelines. Our Youth shared a hysterical Christmas Program entitled "A Not So Silent Night" with shepherds on trial for disturbing the peace. Our Christmas Eve Cantata and Candlelight service was well received by over 250 who gathered for worship that evening. The Youth lit the luminaries this year and put together the candles for our candlelighting. With Christmas Eve on a Saturday, our morning worship was informal and included Birthday blowers and the impromptu creation of the responsive phrase "Christ is born! **Christ is born indeed!**" followed by loud honks throughout the sanctuary.

The closing reading for my Pastor's report this year is the foreward to Joseph M. Martin's A Journey to Hope. This cantata guided us through the season of Lent and completed our Easter celebration during worship. Sister Millicent Drake led a Bible Study based on the cantata which met for a brown bag lunch on Wednesdays during Lent. Looking back on 2016 "A Journey to Hope" struck me as an appropriate theme. By our faith in Jesus Christ, God is always leading us to Hope, and even through heartbreak or feeling that we are overwhelmed, we continue to be drawn together and to a deeper faith.

*The journey begins.*

*One step of devotion, and the waters clap their hands in worship, splashing joy on the hearts of the faithful.*

*Another step, and Christ calls His disciples to service and ministry.*

*A little further now, and Jesus calls to the sick, weary and burdened. Together they begin a parade of life, marching across the dusty landscape of Galilee.*

*The road delivers the pilgrims to the walled city of Jerusalem, filled with palms and psalms and shouts of "Hosanna!"*

*Just beyond the city walls, the winding path finds an upper room. The road-weary warriors of peace realize a moment to rest, refresh and reflect. In the hushed and mysterious chant of the ancient rituals of Passover, they learn of a new Way; a thoroughfare paved with grace and mercy that leads through the wilderness and to the Promised Land.*

*The road will not be easy for the Savior, for it rises to a walled garden where despair meets conviction. The inner battle won, the cup gripped and drained, He rises to walk another weary trail.*

*Walking, falling, stumbling and bleeding, the Savior takes the Way of Sorrow, and the journey ends in gasps of forgiveness.*

*The path to a borrowed tomb is thought to be the final destination. But joy breaks free with the morning sun, and is greeted with rolling stones and rising hopes, as Jesus walks again, in the garden with His creation.*

*Christ is the journey, and He is the journey's end.*

*Amen!*

Joseph M. Martin

Faithfully in Christ,  
The Rev. Nicholas L. Pence, Jr.



# Registrar's Report 2016



## BAPTISMS

- 4/10/16 Isabelle Mae Tomlin daughter of Matt & Jackie (Slaski) Tomlin  
10/16/16 Paisley Ann Dority daughter of W. Brian & Valerie (Kern) Dority  
10/23/16 Owen Stephen Zaborowski son of Ken & Kelly (Stauffer) Zaborowski

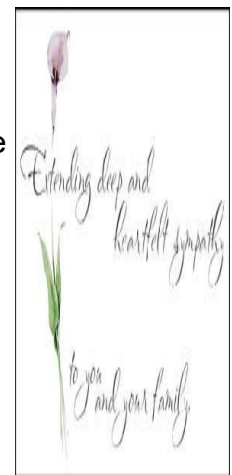


## BIRTHS

- 1/28/16 Owen Stephen Zaborowski son of Ken & Kelly (Stauffer) Zaborowski  
10/13/16 Griffin John Brandenburg son of Josh & Kaitlyn (Eschbach) Brandenburg  
12/8/16 Carter David Rivas son of Rick & Adrienne (Long) Rivas

## DEATHS

- 2/7/16 Doris J. (Freed) Masemore age 87 of Barto. Wife of Clyde J. Masemore. Services 2/15/16 in East Greenville. Interment Barto.  
4/14/16 G. Louise (Rothenberger) Watt age 94 of Ottawa, Canada. Wife of the late John S. Watt. Services 4/21/15 in Ottawa. Interment 5/12/16 Palm.  
4/29/16 William D. Nickerson age 78 of Pennsburg. Husband of the late Janice (Heil) Nickerson.  
4/30/16 Jean B. (Cassler) Gentry age 82 of Red Hill. Wife of the late James O. Gentry. Services 5/6/16 Palm. Interment Palm  
6/10/16 David P. Longacre age 71 of MD. Husband of Virginia (Maziarz). Services 6/22/16 Palm.  
6/14/16 Mary E. (Frantz) Wilcox age 92 of Boyertown. Wife of Gene Wilcox. Interment Palm.  
6/24/16 Betty E. (Reiss) Krauss age 84 of Palm. Wife of the late Charles S. Krauss. Services 7/1/16. Interment Palm.  
7/12/16 Earl S. Fox age 94 of MD. Husband of Marian A. (Schultz) Fox. Services 7/18/16. Interment Palm.  
12/11/16 Helen (Marks) Miller age 89 of Red Hill. Wife of the late Harrison Miller. Services 12/15/16. Interment Palm.  
12/18/16 David Kennedy age 48 of Pennsburg.



## WEDDINGS

- 9/17/16 Ryan Himmelwright to Rebecca Callodonato at Palm.  
9/17/16 Brandon Wattai to Carlin Luz in Harrisburg.

Number of members as of 12/31/16: **566**



Respectfully submitted  
Nancy L. Hoffman





## Message from the Moderator:

I was just reading an article “5 Tips to Motivate and Maintain Church Volunteers.” One point was “lead by example.” I hope I have done that this past year as a member, and in my first year’s leadership role, as Moderator here at Palm Schwenkfelder Church. In looking at the year, I realize I have not thanked everyone enough for all that you have done here at Palm to...



*“...proclaim the Living Word of God, which empowers us to care for and share with our community and the world.”*  
*The Palm Schwenkfelder Church Mission Statement*

So I am writing to thank you for all you do. Thank you for undecorating the church in January and for taking part in the Valentines for the shut-ins in February. I appreciate when the March wind blows paper out of the recycling collection bin it gets picked up. I am grateful for the ladies and gentleman who clean up our kitchen. I am thrilled that children are racing around the church, supervised by volunteers, creating in these youth fond memories, a love of Christ and of their Church. Thank you to our boards and committees who do so much from getting our pianos tuned to bringing in Miller Keystone Blood Center mobile donation center. Thank you for all the many things you do.

In my role as Moderator, I was privileged to work alongside many of you this year. We accomplished a great deal during our church-wide cleanup. We worked together to see that each of our staff received an annual evaluation, created goals for the next year, and received the support they need to work even better in their jobs. We saw to the upkeep of our buildings, including exterior pointing and painting and interior repair of our Sunday School wing heating system. And there was much more. Thank you.

I thank God for the caring community that gathers to “care and share” and for your allowing me to take a leadership role here at Palm Schwenkfelder Church.

Your Friend and Partner  
Joanne M. Luz  
Palm Schwenkfelder Church Moderator



## Treasurers Report 2016

<b>Income</b>	2015	2016	2016		2017
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget
Offering Envelopes - Operations	235778	205000	260586	55586	205000
Organiz. Contrib. - Operations	13400	5000	6500	1500	5000
Sun Sch Offerings - Operations	1058	900	850	(50)	800
Plate Offerings - Operations	6690	7000	6784	(216)	7000
Day School Utility Donation	2640	2970	2970	0	2970
Endowment Interest	25000	32000	0	(32000)	32000
Rentals - Church & Hall	1910	1000	1750	750	1000
Flowers and Bulletins	2802	3000	2350	(650)	2500
Pstor Health Insurance Reimbursement		3252	3252	0	3546
Music Endowment		4000	4614	614	4000
Palm Church Endowment Fund for Operation and Maintenance		42822	49167	6345	45000
Faith Budget		5800	0	(5800)	9644
From: Electronic Equip Escrow	634		0	0	
From: HVAC Repairs Escrow			2000		
Miscellaneous Income	671	500	1294	794	500
<b>Totals</b>	<b>290583</b>	<b>313244</b>	<b>342118</b>	<b>26874</b>	<b>318960</b>

<b>Expense</b>	2015	2016	2016		2017
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget
<u>Our Ministry to the Denomination</u>					
General Fund	550	575	575	0	425
Student Ministry Fund		500	500		600
Yeakel (Chestnut Hill) Cemetery Fund		500	500		500
Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center	2750	2875	2875	0	3000
Publication Committee	2750	2875	2875	0	3000
PA Council of Churches	660	690	690	0	425
Lancaster Theological Sem.	200	200	200	0	200
	<b>6910</b>	<b>8215</b>	<b>8215</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8150</b>
<u>Our Ministry to the Congregation</u>					
Christian Education					
Youth Ministry	2647	2000	1696	(304)	2000
Sunday School	1197	1200	702	(498)	1000
VBS	728	1000	1306	306	1200
Confirmation Class	541	300	93	(207)	300
Music	5590	4000	4614	614	4000
Offering Envelopes	1691	2000	1859	(141)	2000
Diaconate Expenses	1126	1200	902	(298)	1200
	<b>13520</b>	<b>11700</b>	<b>11171</b>	<b>(529)</b>	<b>11700</b>
<u>Our Ministry to the Community</u>					
Palm Church Website	60	200	60	(140)	200
Freedom Fest	250	250	0	(250)	0
	<b>310</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>(390)</b>	<b>200</b>

<b>Expense Continued</b>	2015	2016	2016	Variance	2017
	Actual	Budget	Actual		Budget
<u>Payroll Related Expenses</u>					
Salaries	122040	124820	133578	8758	126979
Payroll Service	1816	1700	1927	227	1900
Health Insurance	11920	22698	22074	(624)	23850
Workman's Comp	2096	2200	3080	880	3500
Pension - Pastor	16638	17222	17712	490	17567
Social Security (Employer Share)	9304	9549	10204	655	9714
Travel & Professional Expenses	2383	1800	1838	38	1800
Conferences and Seminars	299	750	250	(500)	500
	<b>166496</b>	<b>180739</b>	<b>190663</b>	<b>9924</b>	<b>185810</b>
<u>General Operating Expenses</u>					
Electricity -(Heat & Light)	15642	17000	13186	(3814)	16000
Oil	21113	19000	7855	(11145)	16000
Property Insurance	7562	8100	8412	312	8500
Repairs & Improvements	11413	12000	11011	(989)	12000
HVAC Maintenance	4917	2000	7008	5008	2600
Contracting Services	19771	21000	22598	1598	22000
Office Supplies	5149	5500	5943	443	5500
Copier	3574	3500	2602	(898)	3500
Telephone	3717	3900	3736	(164)	4000
Security Monitoring Fee	396	400	396	(4)	400
Water and Sewer	1933	2000	2062	62	2000
Janitorial Supplies	1006	1200	894	(306)	1000
Flowers and Bulletins	2112	2200	1930	(271)	2000
Electronic Equip Upgrade Escrow	1560	1440	1440	0	1440
HVAC Repair Escrow		2400	2400	0	5800
Snow Removal	12612	10000	8832	(1168)	10000
Miscellaneous	695	500	295	(205)	500
	<b>113172</b>	<b>112140</b>	<b>100599</b>	<b>(11541)</b>	<b>113240</b>
Total Expenses	<b>300408</b>	<b>313244</b>	<b>310708</b>	<b>(2536)</b>	<b>319100</b>
<b>Income Minus Expense</b>	<b>(9825)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31410</b>		<b>140</b>

**Budgeted Miscellaneous Income**

Redner's Tape (from Ladies Aid)	209.03
Lightbulb Sale	41.00
Church Clean-out items donations	1,025.00
Misc	19.07
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,294.10</b>

**Non-Budgeted Miscellaneous Income**

For Memorials	2,185.00
For Endowments	4,207.59
Mission Funds	21,557.45
For Youth Account	881.00
From Endowment for Meetinghouse sites and church mowing	36,243.99
Day School Payroll	33,726.22
Change for Change/First Monday Meal	851.39
Migrant Hospitality Project	621.70
Misc	601.15
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100,875.49</b>

**Budgeted Miscellaneous Expenses**

Annual Membership - Chamber	120.00
East Greenville Fire Co Contribution	100.00
Bank/Paypal Fees/corrections	74.85
<b>Total:</b>	<b>294.85</b>

**Non-Budgeted Miscellaneous Expenses**

Transfer to Memorial Fund	2,185.00
Transfer to Endowments	2,207.59
Mission Funds spent	19,269.74
Transfer to Youth Account	881.00
Church and Meetinghouse sites mowing	36,553.99
Day School Payroll	34,533.67
Migrant Ministry expenses	587.02
Misc	704.15
<b>Total:</b>	<b>96,922.16</b>

**General Fund Balance**

Bank Checkbook Balance 1/1/2016: \$ 52,124.94

**Total Deposits 2016:** \$ 442,730.63

**Total Payments 2016:** \$ 396,491.52

Bank Checkbook Balance 12/31/2016: \$ 98,364.05

Less Dedicated Funds:

Youth	\$ 7,627.40
Women's Retreat	\$ 1,476.26
Elec. Equip. Escrow	\$ 5,965.92
Mission Fund	\$ 7,096.25
HVAC Repair Escrow	\$ 400.00

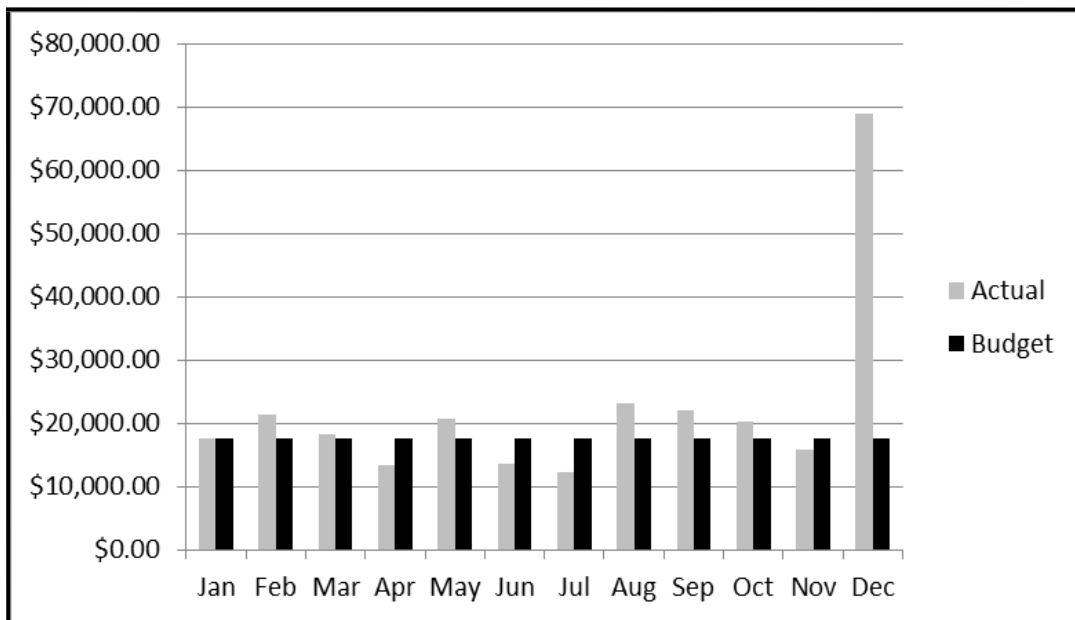
Outstanding Checks 12/31/2016 \$ 10,357.92

Available: \$ 65,440.30

Submitted by David Luz

## 2016 Financial Secretary's Report

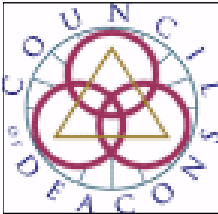
The following chart provides a comparison of actual monthly income versus budget for offering envelopes, and plate offering. A monthly budget figure of \$17,666.66 was calculated as the sum of average monthly budget amounts. The \$267,370.10 total actual income of these categories exceeded the \$212,000.00 budgeted income by \$55,370.10.



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2015 Actual	\$13,058.00	\$10,344.38	\$20,188.00	\$32,072.05	\$16,382.00	\$11,977.86
2015 Budget	\$20,011.42	\$20,011.41	\$20,011.42	\$20,011.41	\$20,011.42	\$20,011.41
2016 Actual	\$17,490.50	\$21,364.05	\$18,320.25	\$13,436.00	\$20,718.90	\$13,555.00
2016 Budget	\$17,666.66	\$17,666.67	\$17,666.66	\$17,666.67	\$17,666.66	\$17,666.67

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2015 Actual	\$13,979.00	\$25,971.31	\$16,430.00	\$14,532.72	\$17,774.00	\$38,697.00
2015 Budget	\$20,011.42	\$20,011.41	\$20,011.42	\$20,011.42	\$20,011.42	\$20,011.42
2016 Actual	\$12,294.00	\$23,230.00	\$21,936.00	\$20,245.50	\$15,833.75	\$68,946.15
2016 Budget	\$17,666.66	\$17,666.67	\$17,666.67	\$17,666.67	\$17,666.67	\$17,666.67





## **Diaconate 2016**

In 2016, the Diaconate continued to strive to meet the spiritual needs of the Palm Schwenkfelder Church congregation, beginning with a reception on January 10<sup>th</sup> for new and continuing officers serving Palm Church in leadership.

In February, the Deacons sponsored Valentines for the shut-ins. Church members contributed cards and treats and the deacons mailed or delivered bags of Valentine goodies to shut-ins.

The deacons assisted other church members with the "First Monday" meal at Pennsburg UCC, serving a ham dinner in March. Palm youth provided musical entertainment. The congregation also helped by baking delicious desserts, which were much enjoyed by the attendees. A "Change Our Hearts" monetary collection was taken on the Sundays in Lent to cover the cost of the meal. Thanks to the congregation for their generosity towards this worthwhile project. Palm plans to again be the host for the meal in March of 2017.

During Lent, we co-hosted refreshments with the Ladies' Aid for the community Lenten service held at Palm. In celebration of Palm Sunday, palm leaves were distributed to the congregation after the service. The deacons hosted a covered dish breakfast following the Easter Dawn Service.

In acknowledgement of Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Memorial Day, carnations were distributed on those Sundays. On Memorial Day weekend we observed Pentecost with Communion. At the conclusion of the service, the congregation walked to the cemetery for a short service of remembrance for those who had died in the past year.

The deacons hosted worship services at each of the three meeting house sites during the summer months, serving refreshments at Kraussdale Meetinghouse in July and Hosensack in August. The worship service at Kraussdale included a rededication of the building, which has been renovated this year. Thanks to Rev. David Luz, who conducted a hymnsing during the worship hour at Hosensack.

The deacons organized the Day of Remembrance Sunday school hour, featuring a slide presentation by Rev. David Luz of sites in Silesia. Palm Church hosted the afternoon celebration of The Schwenkfelder Church, also providing the traditional meal of bread and apple butter following the service.

For Harvest Home, we decorated the front of the sanctuary with food and seasonal items and fruit trays we then delivered to our shut-ins, as well as cards which were sent to those at a distance. In November the deacons took part in Laity Sunday. We thank Ken Jacob and Gail Brown for presenting the sermon and children's sermon, respectively.

The Deacons are forming a partnership with Church World Service, based in Lancaster, to assist in refugee settlement. We will begin by serving as a Hospitality Team for legal, Christian refugees arriving in our area. The congregation has assisted in this humanitarian effort with donations of household items and funds. We are awaiting the call from CWS with a family in need of housing.

At the end of the year, Christmas cards were signed and mailed to sick and shut-in members, as well as the church staff, in appreciation of their hard work all through the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Ross



## Palm Schwenkfelder Church Endowment Fund 2016

<u>Deposit Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2016</u>
Brokerage Account	\$1,023,272.61
Money Market Account	\$14,536.48
Checking Account	\$22,040.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,059,849.29</b>
<u>Endowment Funds</u>	<u>Fund Balance</u>
Brokerage Account	\$13,552.29
Kraussdale Fund      A	\$897.71
Hosensack Fund       A	\$3,392.00
Washington Fund     A	\$3,560.00
Combined Cemeteries A	\$10,855.63
Palm Church Fund     A	\$85,013.95
Palm Cemetery Fund   A	\$12,952.56
Mae Schultz Fund	\$5,048.03
Claude & Mae Schultz Fund   A	\$76,882.72
Mausoleum Fund       A	\$3,075.79
William & Dorothy Schultz Fund   A	\$12,000.00
Kratz Fund            A	\$6,068.86
Special Account       A	\$35,149.27
Music Account         A	\$19,553.41
Memorial Fund        A	\$57,427.49
Endowment Principal	\$543,395.90
Emergency Fund       A	\$70,270.15
Discretionary Fund    A	\$40,507.81
Scholarship Fund     A	60,245.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,059,849.29</b>
A = Liquid, Available for use	



## Endowment Fund Receipts and Disbursements 2016

### Disbursements

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Paid To:</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Charged To:</u>
1103	General Fund	\$2,335.83	Budget Reimbursement
1104	Earl Wentz Monument	\$12,000.00	Mausoleum Repair
1105	General Fund	\$9,619.00	Budget Reimbursement
1106	General Fund	\$8,002.69	Budget Reimbursement
1107	General Fund	\$6,431.60	Budget Reimbursement
1108	General Fund	\$5,625.00	Budget Reimbursement
1109	General Fund	\$5,553.00	Budget Reimbursement
1110	General Fund	\$8,533.00	Budget Reimbursement
1111	General Fund	\$6,726.00	Budget Reimbursement
1112	General Fund	\$10,960.56	Budget Reimbursement
1113	General Fund	\$7,929.74	Budget Reimbursement
1114	St. Mary's University	\$3,000.00	Scholarship
1115	Weiss Masonry	\$22,600.00	Palm Church
1116	General Fund	\$5,965.18	Budget Reimbursement
1117	Dave Moser	\$12,000.00	Church Painting
1118	Weiss Masonry	\$23,425.00	Kraussdale
1119	Void	\$0.00	
1120	General Fund	\$14,088.88	Budget Reimbursement
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$164,795.48</b>	

### Receipts

Interest	\$285.35
Memorials	\$ 4,332.59
Donation—Kraussdale	\$3,645.00
Donation—Hosensack	\$2,000.00
Distribution from Brokerage	\$102.565.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$112.827.94</b>

## Brokerage Investment Accounts as of December 31, 2016

<u>Investment Account</u>	<u>Market Value 1/1/2016</u>	<u>Activity + or - 2016</u>	<u>Market Value 12/31/2016</u>	<u>% Increase 2016</u>	<u>Income 2016</u>
Brokerage Account	\$1,023,443.90	(\$171.29)	\$1,023,272.61	(.00071%)	\$32,249.87



Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom Dunn  
Custodian of Endowments

### 2016 Cemetery Report

#### Interment

January	Clara M. Graber
April	Lena E. Wilson
May	Jean B. Gentry
	Louise Rothenberger Watt
	Jeanette M. Gerhart
June	Mary Wilcox
	Raymond Schultz
July	Betty E. Krauss
	Earl Fox
August	Marion R. Taylor
	David Longacre
December	Helen Miller

#### Transfer

No Transfers in 2016

#### Purchases

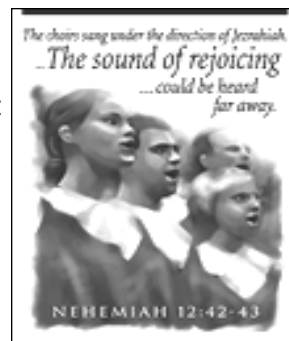
No Purchases of Plots Made in 2016

Respectfully submitted by Tom Long

## Board of Music Ministry

The Board of Music Ministry is responsible for directing the ministry of music throughout the church. We meet on the first Monday of each month, as needed, to discuss and schedule the music calendar for the year. The minutes from each meeting are recorded and kept for future reference.

Our responsibilities include the care, maintenance, and repair of all musical instruments (organ, pianos, keyboard, hand bells), as well as the purchase and maintenance of all choir gowns. In addition, we review dates and music required for special services at Lent, Easter, summer services, Advent, and Christmas. Some of our special programs this year were: having the A-Choir participate in our service on March 6th, our annual Music Sunday on April 24<sup>th</sup>, with all of our choirs participating, and the Suite Brass playing for our service at the Washington Meeting-house Site on June 19<sup>th</sup>. We also prepare job descriptions and appraisals for the organist and director of music. In addition, we work with the Pastor, Director of Music, and Organist to coordinate the music for each Sunday service.



The committee would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone involved in the music program here at Palm. Your talent and dedication to the music program have resulted in many compliments regarding the excellence of our musical groups.



Marilyn Roznowski  
2016 Secretary



## PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

**The Pastoral Relations Committee meets periodically with Pastor Nick. We address issues needing discussion to assist communications and understanding between the congregation and the pastor. We have sought to support and encourage our Pastor, to listen to the needs of the congregation and to be a liaison for discussion between the two.**

**The Pastoral Relations Committee is committed to encouraging a positive relationship between the Pastor and the congregation. To that end, the committee encourages any questions or comments at any time. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee: Jeffrey Stauffer, Jean Ross, David Woodward, Gail Ferry, Lillian Master, Ray Hausman, Douglas Wallinger or David Luz**



## Board Of Christian Education Annual Report & Youth Director Report — 2016

The Board of Christian Education had a productive, fun year. January and February started off with a Food Drive for Open Link and hoagie sales throughout the year. Hoagies are too yummy to pass by. The one food drive in October collected over 500 items. Great work by all the youth and adults who donated to this wonderful organization.

Easter was early this year, so March was a busy month. Palm Sunday was the annual egg hunt for youth and teachers. Donut party for the winning class (the teacher who found the most eggs). Next was the Good Friday walk and lunch at McDonalds then a sleepover, Lock-in at the church later that evening with pizza dinner. Youth also enjoyed movie and pizza nights a few times this year, always enjoyable to those who attend and the youth love the time they spend together.

Early spring and late fall fire drill practices continue to be a success. Practice makes perfect! Something we pray we never need to use.

End of year Sunday School picnic was a success once again. The kids enjoyed the bounce house as always. Everyone enjoyed roasted hot dogs and covered dishes provided by all. The picnic came to an end when the wind kicked up and blew the cupcakes and snacks everywhere. The picnic to remember for sure.

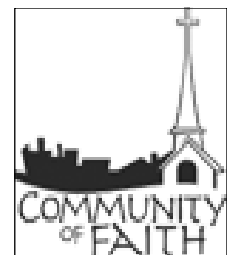
Vacation Bible School was a blast with Cave Quest. The children learned and enjoyed Bible lessons from the Bible buddies of the Cave world. Refreshments and water games were enjoyed in the summer heat.

Sunday School starts again this Fall with Bible Heroes for the upcoming year. The youth can learn who their favorite Bible hero is till the end of the Sunday school year.

Fall was a really fun time for youth and adults. We had a bonfire in the church field. The Scouts assisted with the fire as adults and youth enjoyed the warmth from the flames and hot cocoa and snacks that were provided. Some tried to roast hot dogs while trying not singe their eyebrows!! A hayride was enjoyed by the children. The tractor shut off and a prayer was needed to ask God to restart it to resume the ride. God answered as always!! Plans are in the making to make a permanent fire pit for more of those fun bonfires in the future.

A corn maze and sleepover at the church was much fun this Autumn time of year. The corn maze was a bit chilly outside the corn, warmer inside the maze. A sleepover was followed and man hunt game inside the church, a game the youth enjoy, although it makes for a tiring evening for the adult chaperones who keep awake till 2 am. Oh to be young again!!! Pumpkin Painting with roasted pumpkin seeds and lunch ended the Halloween season.

An Advent party in November was a great start to the Christmas season. The party was a soup and salad dinner, along with hot dogs and grilled cheese. The confirmation class helped to prepare and serve the dinner. Then the adults enjoyed devotional time while the kids did an Advent craft of a wreath and learned the meaning of the Advent Season. To end the evening, we had cookies and desserts and listened to some Christmas stories read by Gail Ferry. An enjoyable evening it was to start the Christmas holiday.



## **Board OF Christian Education Annual Report & Youth Director Report — 2016 (Cont.)**

The youth enjoyed helping at the Kids Corner at the Holiday bazaar. They sold chocolate covered pretzels they made and enjoyed crafts with other children as their parents shopped and enjoyed the Bazaar.

The annual Christmas program was quite the comedy this year. "The Not so Silent Night" story was about the shepherds being in trial for disturbing the peace when they were celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus. It was a happy ending as the case was dismissed. The gift of the orange was also given this year by the youth to the congregation, a long time tradition that is so enjoyed.

The Board would like to personally THANK everyone for their time they devote to the youth programs at our Church. We would not be able to provide our children with these activities without your help. Your time and dedication is truly a blessing to us. We look forward to a fascinating 2017.

Submitted by Lisa Stitt, Chair & Barb Master, Youth Director



## Palm Mission Board Report 2016

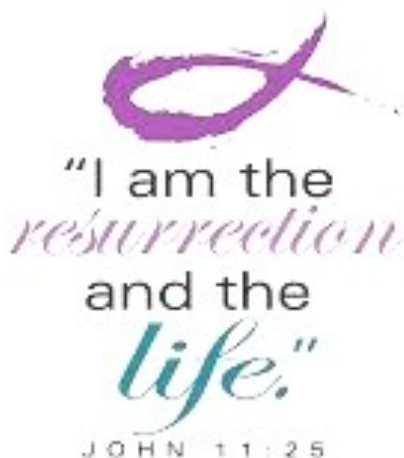
The Palm Mission Board meets to educate and encourage participation and support in the mission work of Palm Schwenkfelder Church as called by Christ. We are grateful to our congregation for their continued support of the work of Christ in our Community and the World.

Some highlights of our 2016 mission included:

- ◆ Support of One Great Hour of Sharing
- ◆ Collection for Chester County Migrant Ministries
- ◆ Blood Donations to Miller during the Ladies' Aid Holiday Bazaar
- ◆ Continued our Bronze Level Sponsorship of The Open Link
- ◆ Support of the Palm Schwenkfelder Migrant Hospitality Project
- ◆ Support of the Palm Schwenkfelder Relay for Life Team
- ◆ Support of Palm Schwenkfelder's participation in the community First Monday Meal

A complete listing of the Mission Board Financial Support can be seen in the following Balance Sheet. The Board would like to say "Thank You" for your faithfulness, and we look forward to a continued partnership in sharing God's Love for the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Mission Board  
Palm Schwenkfelder Church



## 2016 Ladies' Aid Society Report



Members of the Ladies' Aid Society of Palm Schwenkfelder Church dedicate themselves to serving the church and our greater community. We also provide support and fellowship among our sisters in Christ. All the women of our church are invited to attend our business meetings, held once per month in the church's library. Currently we meet at 1:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. These gatherings offer an opportunity to discuss ongoing and future projects, to plan fundraising events and to report on visitation of ill or home bound congregation members. We also plan monetary support for various community and global ministries and carry out agenda items related to our organization's service to Palm Schwenkfelder Church's wider mission. Our 2016 officers were: President - Carol Carlin-Woodward; Vice President - Lillian Master; Secretary - Kathleen Bieler; and Treasurer - Merris Ann Hoffman. Our 2016 agenda of projects and activities included:

- ◆ The Epiphany Party Luncheon, with collected funds donated to The Open Link
- ◆ The "Souper Bowl Sunday" soup sale
- ◆ Participation in the Pennsburg U.C.C.'s "1st Monday Meal" along with members of our Diaconate
- ◆ Participation with our Diaconate in the community's Lenten Worship Service reception at Palm
- ◆ The Easter flower and Easter candy making fundraisers
- ◆ Two Election Day Bake Sales
- ◆ Help with preparation for the Men of Palm Chicken Barbecue
- ◆ Apple butter preparation and canning
- ◆ Quilting and blanket knotting for Chester County Migrant Ministry and Pennsburg Manor
- ◆ Participation in the Redner's Market Save-A-Tape program
- ◆ Christmas cookie baking
- ◆ Christmas candy making
- ◆ Pickled cabbage making
- ◆ Planning and presenting the Holiday Bazaar along with our congregation's support
- ◆ Providing volunteers for serving at funeral luncheons throughout the year
- ◆ Delivering Christmas poinsettia plants and fruit baskets to ill or home bound church members
- ◆ Sharing through our Christmas Stocking Ministry to Norristown State Hospital and Pennsburg Manor
- ◆ Mailing Christmas greetings to church members and families living at a distance

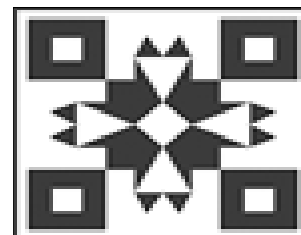
During 2016 we accepted with regret the resignation of Shirley Miller as our Holiday Bazaar Coordinator. Our group has relied on Shirley's enthusiastic participation for twenty-three years and we are grateful for her service. Our thanks also go to Lillian Master, who has assumed the Coordinator's duties.

Throughout the year our monetary support has included gifts to the following services and organizations:

The Open Link	The Salvation Army	One Great Hour of Sharing
The American Red Cross	The MAMA Project	Meals on Wheels
Peter Becker Community Auxiliary	The ACS Relay for Life	The American Heart Association
Frederick Living Benevolent Fund	Bethany Children's Home	Norristown State Hospital
Helping Hands	The United Schwenkfelder Choir	Phoebe Richland Health Care Center
The Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center		The Palm Schwenkfelder Church Memorial Fund
	The Palm Schwenkfelder Church General Fund	

Accomplishing these goals has been made possible through the help and generosity of our church family and the support of our community. Many thanks to one and all from your sisters in Christ!

Submitted by Kathy Bieler, Secretary





## Ladies' Aid Benevolent Giving 2016

Open Link - Epiphany & donation	300.00
Palm Schwenkfelder Ch - Memorial Fund - memory Ladies Aid Members	100.00
Relay for Life - Palm Schwenkfelder Ch	200.00
American Red Cross	100.00
American Heart Association	100.00
Palm Schwenkfelder Ch - OGHS	200.00
Peter Becker Community Aux.	100.00
Frederick Living - benevolent	100.00
Meals on Wheels	100.00
Phoebe Richland Health Center - memory of Rev. Ronald Krick	150.00
Penna. Southeast Conf. Bethany Children's Home	100.00
Norristown State Hospital Volunteer Resources Dept.	100.00
Schwenkfelder Mission Church - food kitchen	400.00
United Schwenkfelder Choir	50.00
Helping Hands, Inc.	100.00
Salvation Army	100.00
MAMA Project	100.00
Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center	500.00
 Total Monetary	 2,900.00
  Palm Schwenkfelder Church - general fund	  5,500.00
 Total	 5,500.00

Christmas Gifts	
To Norristown Hospital	50
To Pennsburg Manor	25

Ladies Aid Financial Report	
Balance on hand January 1, 2016	5,465.71
Income during 2016	16,620.20
Expenses during 2016	14,985.23
Balance on December 31, 2016	7,100.68

Submitted by Merris Ann Hoffman

## Ladies' Aid Financial Report 2016

Balance on hand January 1, 2016		5,465.71
Income		
Income from Funerals	3,196.00	
Super Bowl Soup	597.00	
Easter Flowers	385.00	
Easter Candy sold	1,230.00	
Chow Chow, Apple Butter, Red Beets & Pickle Cabbage sold	1,029.00	
Cookbooks sold	867.00	
Epiphany Party (Open Link) donation	100.00	
Election Day Bake Sales	1,951.75	
Community Dinner groc.	287.95	
Holiday Bazaar Income	6,596.50	
Christmas stockings	100.00	
Plants & Fruit	50.00	
Donation	30.00	
American Red Cross never cashed	100.00	
Memory of Mary Fox	100.00	
 Total Income		 16,620.20
Expenses		
Benevolent Giving	2,900.00	
Super Bowl Soup	399.12	
Easter Candy Supplies	504.16	
Easter Flowers	319.00	
Funeral Expenses	2,256.15	
Community Dinner - groc.	287.95	
Election Day Bake Sales - cash	600.00	
Paper Products & Kitchen Supplies	129.01	
Flowers - Barbara Pence Installation	75.00	
Christmas Fruit Baskets	60.00	
Wendy's Flowers - poinsettas	80.00	
Holiday Bazaar	1,827.84	
Christmas Cards postage	47.00	
Palm Schwenkfelder Ch - general fund	5,500.00	
 Total Expenses		 14,985.23
 Balance on Hand December 31, 2016		 7,100.68

Submitted by Merris Ann Hoffman



### Prayer Chain

The prayer chain is a group of individuals who have committed to praying for individuals with special prayer requests. If you have any prayer requests please contact Nancy Hoffman @ 610-845-7208.

The prayer chain is not the same list as in our church bulletin and can be kept confidential.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Hoffman



### **Sunday School Report**

September 13, 2015 to September 4, 2016

Superintendent: Lee Schultz

Assistant Superintendent: Emily Badman, Anne Goda

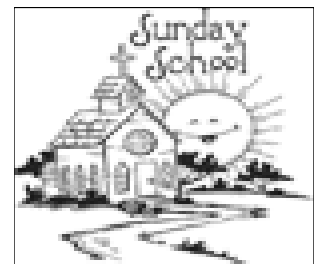
Curriculum Co-coordinator: Michelle Badman

#### **Sunday School Teachers and Helpers:**

Donna Manley, Danielle Manley, Sandra Chrysczanavicz, Tina Korn, Barb Master, Merris Ann Hoffman, Michelle Badman, Jean Ross, Tara Renninger, Liz Kennedy, Sally Muse, Lisa Stitt, Corey May, David Luz, Joanne Luz, Ed Bieler, Rick Jones, Joan Pusey, Karen Kriebel, Pastor Nick.

#### **Sunday School Statistics 2015-2016 September 13, 2015 to September 4, 2016 Enrollment**

Sunday School	53
Toddlers and Three Year Olds	2
Four and Five Year Olds	10
First and Second Grades	7
Third and Fourth Grades	7
Fifth and Sixth Grades	8
7 Up Class	10
Confirmation Class	
Contemporary Issues Class	9
Library Class	3
Teachers and Helpers Enrolled	17
Special Officers	4



- September 13, 2015 Rally Day
- December 20, 2015 Children's Sunday School Christmas Service  
3 crates of oranges left over  
Oranges taken to Open Link
- January 23, 2016 No Sunday School or Church (2 feet of snow)
- June 12, 2016 Sunday School Closing and Picnic

Submitted by Lee Schultz

## Custodians of Buildings and Grounds Report 2016

The following special projects and non-budgeted repairs were completed in 2016. We want to extend a special “thank you” to Kevin Master and his company, ABE Maintenance, for their outstanding efforts in dealing with all of the maintenance issues that arise from our church’s buildings and grounds.

<b>Church (Inside):</b>	
HVAC repair. There was a total loss of cooling on the 1 <sup>st</sup> floor of the education wing in August and Sept. Diagnosing the problem took a long time and repair was costly.	\$7,008
Repair kitchen freezer	\$240
Panic bars installed on doors at rear exit of sanctuary *	
Repair carpet seam that was separating at front of sanctuary. Thanks to Bob Smith and his company, Smith Carpet Shop, for repairing at no cost.	
Install concrete floor in the choir gown room in basement.	
Install mirror and hangers in choir gown room. Thanks to Brian Shelly and Andy Kriebel for this.	
<b>Church (Outside):</b>	
Repair rotted sills and louvers on church exterior and paint all exterior woodwork. Most work was completed in 2016; the remainder will be completed in spring, 2017.	\$12,000
Masonry repairs: Repoint the bell tower, repair and repoint the retaining wall along front sidewalk, repoint the pylons at the driveway entrance, pressure wash and patch the north side of the education wing, then cover with waterproof sealer.	\$22,600
Remove large beech tree in front of the church.	\$700
Remove tree at front corner of the church, next to the exit driveway. Thanks to Richard Klepinger for this.	
Repair slate roof and gutters at side door of sanctuary. Damage was from snow and ice. *	
<b>Meeting Houses:</b>	
Remove downed tree at Hosensack as well as debris from the creek. Thanks to Robert Krauss for his time and his tractor.	
Remove several dead trees at Washington	\$1,100
Repair and paint Kraussdale interior *	\$1,689
Repair stone wall around the Kraussdale cemetery	\$23,435
Total cost:	\$68,772

\* Work was performed by Kevin Master and ABE Maintenance. Cost shown is for materials only; labor was charged to budgeted hours.

## Men of Palm

The Men of Palm were blessed once again with a productive year in 2016. We sponsored the Annual Spring Chicken Barbecue Dinner with great success, allowing us to continue our support to the mission of the church. A grateful "thank you" to all who helped and contributed their time and efforts.

We welcome all who are interested in joining the group and becoming involved in our activities. Thank you again to all for your support in the past year, as we look forward to the new year.

Balance as of 1/1/2016		\$4,424.81
Chicken Barbecue Revenue	\$6,320.00	
Chicken Barbecue Expenses	\$3,895.52	
Profit	\$2,424.48	

Donation to Palm Church	\$4,000.00	
Balance as of 12/31/2016		\$2,849.29

Submitted by Craig Kriebel



### *Another Year is Dawning*

Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be,  
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee;  
Another year of progress, another year of praise,  
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;  
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face;  
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast;  
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of service, of witness for Thy love;  
Another year of training for Holier work above.  
Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be,  
On earth or else in heaven, another year for Thee.

--- Frances Ridley Havergal

Hymnwriter of *Take My Life and Let It Be* and many others



## Endowment for Continuing Education 2016



Prepared by Kathy Bieler

The Palm Schwenkfelder Church's "Endowment for Continuing Education" was established in 1994. Its purpose is to make scholarship funds available to members of our church who are seeking to further their education beyond the high school level. Our scholarship may be awarded to one or more high school graduates per year. As a criterion for obtaining this financial assistance our students are encouraged to remain active within the church family and to contribute their time and talents to the church's broader mission. Many of our past applicants have also participated in successful projects throughout the greater community.

Each year, graduating high school students are informed by mail of the availability of scholarship applications, which may be obtained through the church office beginning on June 1. Applications must be completed and received (including required references) by the church office no later than August 1, following secondary school graduation. Information submitted with the completed applications remains confidential. A copy of the scholarship guidelines is always available upon request at the church office.

This annual scholarship award is made possible through interest earned from invested Endowment for Continuing Education funds. Since we strive to assist in supporting as many students as possible during future years, your gifts to this endowment fund are always welcomed. With your generous support, we will leave a lasting legacy through our students.

Our scholarship recipient for 2016 is Victoria Anne Leh. Victoria is enrolled as a Biology major in a four year Bachelor of Science degree program at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. This course of study will precede a two year Master of Science degree program, since Victoria plans to pursue a career as a Physician's Assistant. Our applicant achieved a class rank of 10th and a grade point average of 3.95 at Brandywine Heights High School. Her extracurricular activities at Brandywine Heights included band, chorus, field hockey, student council, Student Connections Committee, Eco Action Club and German Club. She also served as her class treasurer. In addition to her afternoon academic curriculum at Brandywine, Victoria studied during weekday mornings at the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences, at Reading Hospital's shadowing program and at the local campus of Penn State University. She was also a member of the Health Occupations Students of America and participated in the National Youth Leadership Forum in Medicine. Victoria has also completed work with the Hawk Mountain Boy Scout Camp as a CPR trained and First Aid certified lifeguard.

Our scholarship recipient has attended Palm Schwenkfelder Church for the past seventeen years and, beginning as a small child, she sought ways to give back to her church and community. At Palm, she has participated in Vacation Bible School, Youth Group, the Relay for Life Team, all levels of choir and all levels of the handbells program. She has also served as a volunteer at many church functions and for our various church group fundraisers. Our prayers go with Victoria as she pursues her future goals.

Our Scholarship Committee members currently include: Kathy Bieler, Carol Carlin-Woodward, Beth Croll, Glenn Hoffman, Tom Long, and Pastor Nicholas Pence (ex officio).

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**As of December 2016, the enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year is as follows:**

- ◇ 2-Day Class - 5 Children
- ◇ 3-Day Class - 14 Children
- ◇ Pre-K Class - 13 Children

**The following field trips/visitors are included to enhance specific units of study:**

- ◆ Upper Perkiomen Family Dental Office visited to help teach our students how to keep their teeth healthy.
- ◆ Our PCDS Pre-K Class visited the Art on Main Studio to be instructed to paint a specific picture.
- ◆ Police Officer visited to help talk about safety in the community.
- ◆ PCDS visited the Boyertown Planetarium to reinforce our unit on Space.
- ◆ PCDS ran a Trike-a-thon to support St. Jude's and their goal of helping families with medical costs.
- ◆ East Greenville Fire Department visited PCDS during Fire Prevention Week, to help educate our students on how to be prepared in an emergency.
- ◆ PCDS visited the Hausman Fruit Farm to their Apple Orchard and Pumpkin Patch to reinforce our fall curriculum.
- ◆ PCDS visited the Green Lane Park and their Educator, Kevin Crilley took us on a tour of the park showing us how to use our senses in nature.
- ◆ Our PCDS Pre-K Class went to Buck Tree Farm to pick out our class Christmas Tree.
- ◆ Our School adopted two families via Open Link, to help those families with their Christmas purchases.
- ◆ We ran a food drive to help support our local families in need.



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#### **The following Holidays are celebrated with our PCDS students and their families:**

Valentine's Day  
Easter  
Halloween  
Thanksgiving  
Christmas

#### **Fundraisers are used to help with the cost of supplies and field trips:**

That's My Pan Fundraiser  
Mum Sale  
Yankee Candle Sale  
Poinsettia Sale

**\*Thanks to our Fundraising this year, PCDS was able to purchase new bulletin boards in the hallway to replace the old ones.**

#### **Our Staff includes:**

Meredith Reinhart- Head Teacher/Director  
Noel Brooke- Assistant Director

#### **PCDS' Board of Directors**

Jenn Zuelch- President  
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