

PALM LEAVES

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

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Pastor's Pause—Confronted by New Life

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna,

Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb;

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body.

stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.
(Luke 24:1-10)

"I love Easter!...(and the) traditions and songs which define this day

To begin this newsletter article let me officially write and admit "I love Easter!" April 20th we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, with our Easter services here at Palm Schwenkfelder Church, and for many of us there are set traditions and songs which define this day. Looking out at the rising sun over the cemetery, singing "Christ the Lord is risen today!" and "He Lives!" are a few of mine.
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Y O U T H N E W S



April Birthdays



A Very Happy Birthday to....

Parker Morasco (4/5), Pierce Wright (4/10),
Aubrey Reinert (4/12), Joseph Kinsler (4/13), Abigail Pusey (4/17), Irene Pusey (4/17)

Please notify the church office if someone has been missed or if a date is incorrect.

Sunday School Teacher Egg Hunt

During opening devotions, Sunday School teachers will once again compete to find plastic eggs. The winning classroom will be treated to Dunkin' Donuts. Munchkins will be enjoyed by all.



Plastic Easter Eggs

It's time to fill plastic eggs for the youth egg hunt. Please take home a paper bag of empty plastic eggs. Fill the eggs up with little trinkets, stickers, candy, coins, erasers, etc. and return the eggs in the paper bag to the Narthex. Place the bag of filled eggs in the box marked "Filled Eggs". Please do not tape the eggs shut. If you are putting jelly beans or another kind of unwrapped candy in the eggs, please wash the eggs out. Thanks for helping :-)

Palm Sunday Egg Hunt

Join us after worship on Sunday, April 13th for the annual youth egg hunt. Meet in the Adult Sunday school room for punch and pretzels before the hunt begins.



Banner Planning Meeting, Relay for Life Youth Project

Join us in the Social Hall following worship on Sunday, May 4th to make the Relay for Life banner. Bring a bagged lunch.



Goodie Boxes



The Goodie Boxes have been mailed and we hope that our nine college students and two young adults in the military are enjoying their packages. A big THANK YOU to everyone in the congregation who signed the greeting cards or put a personal note in the boxes. A special THANK YOU to Stauffer Glove & Safety for so generously offering to again ship all of our packages. Thank you to the following people who made a monetary donation to offset the cost of the "goodies" –

Jeff and Luanne Stauffer, Edmund and Grace Kuhns, Richard and Merris Ann Hoffman, Greg and Jean Ross, Dan and Gail Ferry, Eugene Dolloff, Shirley Miller, Debra Callodonato, Kevin and Barb Master, Ed and Kathy Bieler, Kevin and Karen Schultz

M E M B E R N E W S



Sympathies to...

...the family of Beth Croll on the passing of her mother

Congratulations to...

...Justin and April Hausman on the baptism of their daughter, Lillian Hausman



Candy! Candy!! Candy!!!








The Ladies' Aid is once again planning to make their famous candy for the Easter season. We will be making peanut butter and coconut eggs along with a few other sweet surprises! There is much work involved with this project so we need as many helping hands as we can get. Please consider coming out for a time of fun and fellowship in helping to make the candy. We will be making the candy on

April 3rd and 4th, (Thursday and Friday). There is a signup sheet in the narthex---we hope to see your name written on it!!! Thanks! The candy will be sold on Sunday, April 6th and Sunday, April 13th.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 6 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Sunday Worship Service	7 7:30 Board of Trustees	1 8:00 am Quilters Lenten Choir Schedule Regular Scout Schedule	2 9:00am Ladies' Aid Candy Making 7:30pm Community Lenten Service @ St. Mark's Lenten Choir Schedule	3 9:00am Ladies' Aid Candy making 9:00 am Staff 7:00 pm Diaconate 6:30 pm BSA Patrol Leaders	4 9:00am Ladies' Aid Candy Making 6:00pm Ladies' Aid Making Candy (if needed)	5 
13 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Palm Sunday Worship Service **	14 6:30 pm Buildings and Grounds 7:30 Board of Trustees	15 8:00 am Quilters 7:00 pm Mission Board Regular Scout Schedule	16 Regular Choir Schedule	17 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service	18 12:00 pm Good Friday Walk 1:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service @ St. Mark's Lutheran ^^	
20 7:00 am Easter Dawn Worship Service Covered Dish Breakfast Following Dawn Service ##	21 2:30 pm Board of Music Ministry 7:00 pm Board of Christian Ed.	22 8:00 am Quilters Regular Scout Schedule	23 Regular Choir Schedule	24 	25 	26
27 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Sunday Worship Service		29 8:00 am Quilters Regular Scout Schedule	30 Regular Choir Schedule			
** 11:30 Youth Easter Egg Hunt ## 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Easter Sunday Communion Worship Service	Regular Choir Schedule: 5:30 Children's Choir 6:00 Junior Bells 6:30 Senior Bells 7:30 Senior Choir	Regular Tuesday Scouts Schedule 6:30pm Brownies 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	Lenten Choir Schedule : Tuesdays 6:30pm Senior Bells 7:30pm Senior Choir	Lenten Choir Schedule : Wednesdays 5:30pm Children's Choir 6:00pm Junior Bells	^^ Fellowship @ McDonald's Following the Worship Service	

Yeakel Cemetery Cleaned-Up

Before...



...After



Yeakel Cemetery Clean-up – Thank you to Wilmer Schultz for suggesting and overseeing this project, including boxwood trimming and other general clean-up



Palm Church Cemetery Clean-Up

Given the extreme winter this year, the date for removing decorations/flowers from the cemetery has been moved back to April 1st .



Confirmation Class

A Confirmation Class for 2014 - 2015 is being formed. Anyone entering 8th grade or higher is invited to share in this time of affirming and growing in the Christian faith. If you are interested or have any questions please speak with Pastor Nick. In order to have materials for all participants please be in contact to register for the class. Thank you and may God bless this congregation upon our Confirmation journey.



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Caspar's Corner — Solomon Schultz's Visit to Harpersdorf 1861—Part 1 of 2

Pennsylvania Schwenkfelder tradition says that Abraham Beer (or Beyer, 1690-1754) had returned briefly to Europe after the immigration to America, returning to Pennsylvania in

Due to his recent appointment as a physician..Schultz traveled to England, France, and Germany in 1861...

1749 (Genealogical Record, p. 1314). The next Schwenkfelder to travel to the ancestral village of Harpersdorf was Solomon Schultz (1831–1891), the son of Jeremiah and Maria (Schultz) Schultz and the great grandson of immigrant Christoph Schultz. Due to his recent appointment as a physician at State Lunatic Hospital at Harrisburg, Schultz traveled to England, France, and Germany in 1861 to learn how insane asylums in those countries were managed and the patients treated.

In October of that year Solomon Schultz visited Harpersdorf (doubtlessly the first to do so) to learn what he could about the village and the Viehweg burial grounds. In a long letter he reports to a brother what he found there. In this part of the two part presentation of Schultz's letter, he describes his encounter with people in the village.

“I thought the minister would be most likely to possess the information I wanted. His name is Nitschke, and has the very same charge that Neander [Lutheran Priest in Harpersdorf 1709–1741] had ... his church is the one that was destroyed by fire in Oct. 1726. It stands on the same spot and accommodates the same congregation. He [Nitschke] would not have told me anything, had I not asked about such and such things. He showed me some letters which he had for many years, which the Schwenkfelders had written in American. He spoke of the quantity of documents which he had in possession, relating to the History and the Jesuitical mission &c. Also that he thought at one time of writing a book, but then concluded that he

might spend his time more profitably. I asked him about the Vieh Weg. Yes, he said it was there yet, and on account of the graves had always used his influence against it being cultivated. Then he spoke of Neander, saying he was a fanatic, and to this he attributed the persecutions of which the protestants were guilty. The manner and tone of his speaking were those of palliation. I took him

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to be a harmless old reprobate, and left his sanctum in disgust. He said the graves of the last of the Schwenkfelders, Dorn, whom his father had himself buried, might or could also be shown me. He did not offer to do it either himself or send any one to do it.

Finally he remarked that I would perhaps call again. I took occasion to inquire about him afterwards, and what I learned confirmed in me the opinions which I could not help but form of him. Nitschke is rich, his wife is a countess, his money is his treasure, and these are his thoughts, he takes it easy now and don't preach for several Sundays in succession, saying that he is 'sick' and gets someone to read a sermon. From all I thought that he was not an unworthy successor of the 'Fiery Neander'. I returned to the hotel thinking to hunt up the Vieh Weg the following morning (Friday), visit the Groeditzberg, and, if possible, find out the house in which C [hristoph]. Schultz was born. In the quite large, low barroom (with a wooden pillar in the middle) were placed along two of the sides the usual beer tables, and here and there a party drinking beer or whiskey & talking the usual stuff enforced now & then with an oath, the large china pipes distilling volumes of smoke.

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Address Changes/Updates

As a service to our members, any address changes that come through the office will now be listed in the Palm Leaves. If you have any information on members who have may have moved, or if any of the addresses listed appear to be incorrect, please call the office to let us know. Thank You.

No changes or updated addresses reported this month.

Solomon Schultz's Visit to Harpersdorf (1861)(Cont.)

The windows were quite small having only four lights, scarcely larger than those of which we put twelve into one window. The floor was so dirty that if it was a wooden one, there might just as well not have been any. I was talking with an old man who was only half-witted whether he never had much sense, whether he was half drunk or in his dotage or all combined I can't say. When he learned that I was from America, he said at once that a long time ago many Schwenkfelders emigrated from here to Pennsylvania; that the last one died in 1826; but there was a grandson of his living yet. This person, whose name I don't know, the grandson of Dorn, was in the room and also engaged in the prevailing occupation drinking & smoking. I had a few words with

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him. He said that his grandfather was truer to his faith or profession than he himself was. He spoke in such a trifling, flippant way of these old martyrs, as was not at all suited to my own solemn state of mind. I was glad when he thought it was time to go home. I went up stairs early and there found that I was to have another person with me in the room. For the first

time, I believe, I took my purse out of my pants and put it under my pillow. The bed had immense feather beds above & below. The ticks were of the large square block pattern white and yellow and I believe that I could place it instead of what we used to be at home, and mother would not have detected the change."

Caspar's Corner is provided monthly to The Schwenkfelder Church by the Schwenkfelder

Pastor's Pause

But at the heart of this day of celebrating Jesus' resurrection is a story of grieving people with a very different set of expectations being confronted by a reality that they could not perceive. The women went to the tomb to prepare Jesus' body for proper burial, the disciples went for themselves to see if what they had heard was true. And the whole time, they seem

almost unaware of the reality that surrounds them, that they are now confronted by new life! As a grieving and broken people we too will come on Easter Sunday to hear a familiar story, to sing familiar songs and be embraced by long loved traditions. But the reality that will surround us then, and even unfolds us now, is that we too, like the faithful from that first Easter, are confronted by new life! The binding ways of sin and death are defeated, our Savior is risen, and we by our faith share in Christ's glorious resurrection! This Easter may we all be confronted by new life and may we open ourselves once again to believe that by God's grace we are beloved.

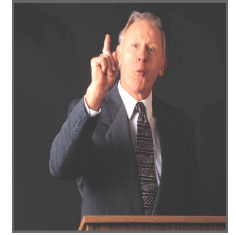
Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed!



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S L H C L E C T U R E S E R I E S

At the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center



Brown Bag Lecture with Allen Viehmeyer

Wednesday, April 9, 2014, Noon

Hymnals and Tune Books of the Ephrata Cloister

Between 1730 and 1766 the brothers and sisters of the Ephrata Cloister (Ephrata, PA) wrote and published original hymns and after 1742 composed their own music for these songs. Ephrata hymns differ greatly from Schwenkfelder hymns, and the Schwenkfelders did not write original music. Find out how these two colonial German communities differed in their hymnody and life style.



Relay For Life Super Raffle

It's time for the "Super Raffle"!!! This has proven to be one of our largest and most popular Relay For Life fundraisers, bringing in over \$1,000 each year for the American Cancer Society. Once again, we are asking for your generosity in supplying raffle prizes. To sponsor one of our "grand prizes" please speak to any relay team member. Hand crafted

items, collectibles and gift certificates are also always popular. Any item donated is gratefully accepted. Thank you in advance for your support in this very important mission project. Raffle tickets will be sold from mid-April till the end of the 2014 Relay Event.

The Upper Perkiomen Relay For Life will take place on May 17th-18th at the Upper Perkiomen High School.



Mark Your Calendars!

The Men of Palm

Chicken BBQ

is coming!



Join us on Saturday, June 14th from 4:00

to 7:00 p.m. for the best chicken BBQ east of the Mississippi! You won't want to miss this finger lickin' good time! Please contact a member of the Men of Palm for tickets, or see Dan in the office. And if you'd like to help out with the chicken BBQ, contact Tom Long at (267) 307-3512.

Lenten and Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, April 2nd
St Mark's Pennsburg at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 13th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 10:15 a.m.

Youth Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 17th
(Communion Service)
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday on April 18th at 1:00 p.m.
St. Mark's Lutheran Church.
Walk begins at 12:00 p.m.

Fellowship at
McDonald's Following the Worship Service

Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship, April 19th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 a.m.

Covered-Dish Breakfast Following the Service.

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Easter Sunday Communion
Worship Service

Corrections to the Annual Report 2013

Please make note of the following corrections to the Annual Report for 2013:

- Diaconate
Deb Callodonato—2015
- Board of Music Ministry
Marilyn Roznowski—2016
- Ladies' Aid
Lillian Master—Vice President
Kathy Bieler—Secretary
Merris Ann Hoffman—Treasurer



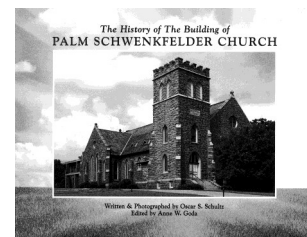
Flowers and Bulletins

Due to rising costs, the donation amount for Sunday altar flowers will be \$50. The new price became effective on January 5, 2014. Your participation in sponsoring flowers defrays the cost to the church and brightens our sanctuary with beautiful flowers each Sunday. Sponsorship of bulletins remains at \$15 per week. Please sign up for the date(s) of your choice on the new charts posted in the hallway by the church office. Make checks payable to "Palm Schwenkfelder Church," with the notation of "flowers" or "bulletins," and place in the office lock box or offering plate prior to or on the date of your sponsorship. Thanks for your support!



100th Anniversary Book

"The Building of Palm Schwenkfelder Church"



This special anniversary book is available in the church office for \$12.00. The book, edited by Anne Goda and designed by Robin Hepler, uses the pictures taken by Oscar Schultz during the construction along with the lecture he created in 1931, to produce a very readable narrative of the how Palm Church was built. The pictures are absolutely fantastic and shouldn't be missed. The book is available from our church Administrator Dan Ferry during normal office hours - *get your copy now!*

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**LADIES AID EASTER FLOWERS
ORDERS AND MONEY DUE BY MARCH 30, 2014**

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Each</u>	<u>Price</u>
6" Mums – Assorted Colors	_____	x \$6.00	= \$ _____
1 Bloom Hyacinths – Asst'd Colors	_____	x \$3.00	= \$ _____
3 Bloom Hyacinths – Asst'd Colors	_____	x \$7.00	= \$ _____
4 Bloom Tulips – Asst'd Colors	_____	x \$4.00	= \$ _____
6 Bloom Tulips – Asst'd Colors	_____	x \$7.00	= \$ _____
2 Bulb Daffodils	_____	x \$4.00	= \$ _____
4 Bulb Daffodils	_____	x \$7.00	= \$ _____
White Lilies	_____	x \$7.00	= \$ _____
Colored Lilies – 2 Bulb: (color is subject to availability)			
Yellow	_____	x \$7.00	= \$ _____
Pink	_____	x \$7.00	= \$ _____
Red	_____	x \$7.00	= \$ _____

Grand Total for Order = \$ _____

Given in Honor of: _____

Given in Memory of: _____

- Make checks payable to "Ladies Aid Society"
- Place all completed orders in the lockbox on the door to the Church Office.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Please note: All flowers will be used to decorate the church on Easter Sunday. Each person is responsible for picking up their flowers after the church service on April 20, 2014.



***Donations of
Finger Foods***

After the Community Lenten Service held at Palm Schwenkfelder Church on April 9th, we will be serving refreshments.

If you would like to contribute to the selection of delicious treats, please bring your food donations to the kitchen before the church service.



**Spring General
Conference**

The Spring General Conference of the Schwenkfelder Church will be held on May 18th at Olivet Schwenkfelder UCC



Chester County Migrant Ministries



It's time again to collect items for the Chester County Migrant Ministries' Health Kits. About 200 people per month visit the Chester County Migrant Ministry Office for assistance. Most immigrants in this area are Mexicans. The drivers are jobs, better educational opportunities, care for their children and a better life in general. The Mexican immigrants



come to America with very little to start out with and have many needs. This is where we can help, by providing the simplest necessities to help make their lives easier.

The Schwenkfelder Conference Mission Board and our Church's Mission Board invite you to participate in gathering blankets and health kits for the farm workers program in Chester County. For the kits we need:

Toothbrushes/toothpaste, bath towels, wash cloths, disposable razors, soap (Ivory, med. size), pocket mirrors, toilet paper, plastic coffee cups, heavy plastic ware, shaving cream, combs and women's feminine products. In addition we need: new or used blankets (used blankets must be clean and in good condition), first aid kits, paperbacks, Spanish/English dictionaries and Bibles. Please bring these items to church and place them by the Migrant Ministry Display by Sunday, May 11, 2014. Thank you for your help.



CHECK OUT OUR



WEB SITE!

Check Out Our Updated Church Website



Have you looked recently at www.palmschwenkfelderchurch.com? You will find it has changed and includes a lot of new helpful features. Our home page is an invitation to "Get Started," "Get Connected," and to "Get Involved." You will also find our "Upcoming Events," "News" and "Recent Facebook Posts" on the home page. Send your friends and family to our webpage where they can explore more "About" our "History," "Present" and "Affiliation" or "Meet" our congregation and staff. Particularly helpful will be our "Calendar" where you can check out when and at what time things are happening. If you missed church or didn't carry home your bulletin, you can find the weekly bulletin under "Media" as well as our newsletters and photos. Do you need to contact the church office or want to let a friend know how to get to Palm or to one of the other Schwenkfelder sites in South Eastern PA? You can send them to our "Contact Us" page which includes lots of information, phone and email addresses as well as interactive maps. You can also find, to download, our building use forms on that page. Let us know what you think of our updated website and we hope that it will be helpful as we all work together "To Proclaim the Living Word of God, which empowers us to care for and share with our community and the world."

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SAVE THE DATE!

- April 2nd* — Community Lenten Service @ St. Paul's
April 9th — Community Lenten Service
@ Palm Schwenkfelder Church
April 13th — Palm Sunday Worship Service
Youth Easter Egg Hunt
April 18th — Maundy Thursday Service
April 19th — Good Friday Walk
April 20th — Easter Dawn Worship Service
Covered Dish Breakfast
Easter Sunday Worship



Rev. Nicholas L. Pence, *Pastor*
Rev. Ronald Krick, *Pastor Emeritus*
Barbara Master, *Youth Director*
Dan Ferry, *Church Administrator*
Kevin Master, *Sexton*
Ed Bieler, *Director of Music*
Peg Jacob, *Organist*