PALM LEAVES

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

Special Points of Interest:

• Youth News Treasurer's Report Chicken Barbecue

• Caspar's Corner — Schwenckfeld's Portrait #2

Caspar's Corner — Professor Howard Kriebel

• Brown Bag Lunch Lecture

Pastor's Pause

Easter Candy Making

• Spring General Conference

Lunch & Meetinghouse Tour for Confirmands and Mentors

Pastor's Pause — Of Death and Resurrection

As I write this newsletter article my mind is turning to Easter and the coming celebration of Christ's resurrection. I often refer to the movement from Lent to Easter as a journey. With Holy Week we strive to again walk in the path of Jesus Christ, commemorating his triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday), washing the feet of the disciples, giving the new commandment to love one another and instituting that first communion in the upper room (Maundy Thursday), remembering Jesus' betrayal, arrest, crucifixion and death (Good Friday), before rejoicing in Christ's resurrection (Easter). The progression of Holy Week moves us from death to res-



urrection, and I hope you might be able to take advantage of some of the following opportunities to deepen your own faith.

With the coming of April this year we continue our Lenten season and begin the Holy Week journey. April 2nd will complete our combined Lenten services at St. Mark's

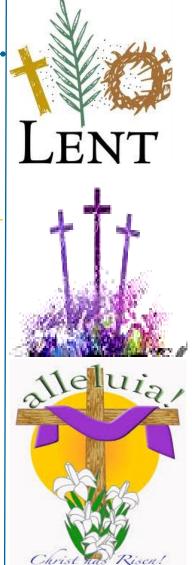
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pennsburg at 7:00 pm as we focus on Communion and join with our brothers and sisters in Christ for the sacrament. April 9th is Palm Sunday with our annual Egg Hunt following the service. Maundy Thursday is April 13th and our service will



again be at 7:00 pm, featuring Communion and the passion reading.

April 14th, our community Good Friday service begins with an optional stations of the cross walk from one of four locations all starting at noon. You can choose to walk from Pennsburg UCC, the Upper Perk YMCA in Pennsburg, the St. Philip Neri Community Life Center in East Greenville, or New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ in East Greenville. The largest group of folks from Palm, including our Youth, typically walk from New Gosh, but feel free to pick (Cont. p. 10)



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April Youth Birthdays

A Very Happy Birthday to...

Parker Morasco (4/5), Aubrey Reinert (4/12),

Joseph Kinsler (4/13)

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





Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt

Youth Egg Hunt ~ After the worship service on Sunday, April 9th all kids please meet in the Adult Sunday School Classroom (next to the church office) for snacks before we begin finding eggs. All youth ages are welcome!





Maundy Thursday

Youth, be sure to join us 7:00pm Thursday, April 13th, at Palm Church for the Maundy Thursday Worship Service.



Good Friday Walk

All youth and adults, join us Friday, April 14th, at 12 noon for a spiritual walk to St. Mark's in Pennsburg where a community church service will be held. After the church service, everyone is invited for fellowship at McDonald's.



All youth will be treated to a free meal.

Confirmation Class 2017-2018



There will be a confirmation class forming this September for the 2017—2018 Sunday School year. Anyone interested in signing up for the class should let Pastor Nick or someone on the Board Christian Education know. Students entering 7th grade and older can participate in the class.





Open Link Lent Food Drive

Lent is upon us, and the Youth will be doing a Lent food drive for Open Link from now till April 16th. If you would like to donate, items needed are non-perishable foods and personal items. The box will be located in the Narthex.





Mentor/Confirmand Event Brown Bag Lunch & Meetinghouse Tour for Confirmands and Mentors

A tour of the meetinghouse sites will be held on April 23rd, (rain date April 30th). Following the worship service we will have a brown bag lunch in the social hall, and after that the class and mentors will travel to Washington, Hosensack and Kraussdale.









Bible App for Kids A Call to Action!

The Big Picnic: each day's video teaches a memory verse, a key truth, and a song.

Teens & Adults ~ You Version Holy Bible App

New Lent Bible reading plans such as 40 days of Lent, come to the upper room devotions, Finding Jesus, and many more.



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Ladies' Aid Easter Candy



Get your sweet tooth ready! The Ladies' Aid will be making Easter candy again this year. There will be chocolate covered peanut-butter eggs and coconut eggs, as well as the possibility of a few other sweet surprises. The candy will be for sale on Sunday, April 2nd and Sunday, April 9th. We always need extra hands in making

the candy so we are asking for help on Thursday morning, March 30th at 9:00am to mix, Thursday evening (March 30th) at 6:00 pm to roll the eggs, Friday morning March 31st at 9:00 am, and Friday evening (March 31st) at 6:00 pm to dip and package the candy. Please make plans to join us for some sweet fun in the candy kitchen!



MISSIONS



DID YOU KNOW . . . That your monetary support to Missions allows our church to be a "Silver Sponsor" of The Open Link to assist them in carrying out their mission of "providing services and programs that help, educate, and empower, as well as opportunities that promote socialization and volunteerism for people of all ages to lead healthy and productive lives in the greater Upper Perkiomen Valley". Your continued support of Palm Schwenkfelder's Missions is greatly appreciated!

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<u>January, 2017</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash on Hand 1/1/2017	\$ 65,440.30	\$ 65,440.30
Operating Income Received	\$ 25,029.00	\$ 25,029.00
Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 40,736.61</u>	<u>\$ 40,736.61</u>
Operating Cash on Hand 1/31/2017	\$ 49,732.69	\$ 49,732.69

February, 2017	February	Year to Date
Operating Cash on Hand 2/1/2017	\$ 49,732.69	\$ 65,440.30
Operating Income Received	\$ 18,032.50	\$ 43,061.50
Operating Expenses	\$ 24,803.72	\$ 65,540.33
Operating Cash on Hand 2/28/2017	\$ 42,961.47	\$ 42,961.47

Caspar's Corner — Schwenckfeld's Portrait – Entry #2

In the first installment of this short series, we read that a chance encounter discovered the unknown portrait of Caspar Schwenckfeld and how the owner set too high a price for the Schwenkfelders to consider. This month we read about their efforts during the war and their safe return to the United States. As World War I dragged on, life resumed some form of normalcy. Dr. Johnson and family resolved themselves to the reality that they would not be going home anytime soon. And so their work on the Corpus continued.

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Johnson regarding the portrait that his intentions had changed. Dr. Johnson writes in his diary, February 24, 1916: "Then received letter from Dr. Hans Krauss in Bevharting (Oberbayern) saying he could not sell the Schwenckfeld Portrait to a land which was selling ammunition to the enemies of Germany." In September he traveled to Augsburg where, he writes, "I saw the Schwenckfeld oil painting once again."

In April 1917 the situation changes as Dr. Krauss' nephew was reported missing in action and may be a prisoner of war in England. He leaps on the opportunity to use the portrait in exchange for help in finding his nephew. He writes asking if Dr. Johnson would go to England and look for his nephew and if so, then he will sell the portrait to the Americans. Travel to England for Dr. Johnson was, however, out of the question. Besides that, shortly after writing, the nephew was reported safe in England. At this time, Dr. Johnson offered 1800 Marks for the portrait, but with his nephew safe, Dr. Krauss still holds out for 3000 Marks.

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writes again asking for permission. His diary entry of November 4 reads that she had success:

At noon Frau Bever-Rose called and reported about her conference with Dr. Hans Krauss in Augsburg relative to the C.S. portrait. She had it in her hands for almost half a day and could study it in all its phases. He had no objections to have her copy it but is not inclined to sell it or to send it to Wolfenbüttel lest it might go astray en route.

And so the process begins. An entry in Dr. Johnson's diary from December 16 reads, "Frau Beyer-Rose came to consult us on the Schwenckfeld coat-of-arms for the portrait of CS [Caspar Schwenckfeld] she is making." And then the next day, December 17, 1917, he writes:

Called on Frau
Beyer-Rose and saw the
magnificent portrait in
oil she made of
Schwenckfeld – it is
great. It is done after a
photograph of the portrait in possession of
Dr. Hans Krauss in
Beyharting in Ober
Bayern. I sent Agnes
and Selina down at 3

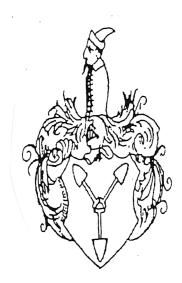
Casper's Corner— Portrait (Cont.)

to see it and they too were delighted.
With World War I concluded, Dr. Johnson and his family finally return to America on April 11, 1919. Dr. Johnson is almost immediately beset with appearances at the Schwenkfelder churches to speak about his experiences in Germany during the war and his recent repatriation home.

In the August 1919 *Schwenkfeldian*, pg. 147, we read:

Dr. Johnson also brought back from Germany an oil portrait of Schwenckfeld which he had painted from an old portrait that he attempted to purchase but was unable to secure on account of the high price set upon it by the owner, so that Dr. Johnson secured an artist to make a copy of the original, and this copy was exhibited for the first time in America.

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Caspar's Corner — Professor Howard Kriebel

Professor Howard W. Kriebel died October 21, 1936. In his passing, The Schwenkfelder Church

"...has lost a prominent worker and friend whose active life has spanned two generations. His towering physique had its counterpart in a keen and informed mind and in a friendly, genial soul. He will be missed in our gatherings, and we now must rely in matters of history, and genealogy upon other authorities." *Schwenkfeldian* Editorial, November 1936

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thirty persons in the Upper District of Schwenkfelders (now Palm Church) was convened, March 22, 1879, for the purpose of selecting a "Laehr Candidat" (teacher or Pastor Candidate). They proceeded to hold an election. Twenty-one votes were counted, distributed among eight people. The two persons receiving the highest number of votes happened to tie with five votes each. They were Howard W. Kriebel and Alfred Schultz. The former only accepted the election and Alfred Schultz wrote to him, quoting, "May Almighty God bless you and guide you that many a soul may be converted through you."

In the church he continued as a "Laehr Candidat", a status which remained so (Cont. on p. 8)

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until he finally resigned January 2, 1887. During the intervening years he had periodically preached in the three meeting houses: Washington, Hosensack, and Kraussdale. It was in the early part of this period in the Autumn of 1883 that he united with the denomination in the Upper District and on the Saturday following his admission as a member of the church he was baptized in the Lower District by the late Rev. William S. Anders and communed with the brethren of that District on the following Sunday. This step on his part was taken in the midst of the endless discussion regarding the institution of the

Lord's Supper among his people.

Samuel K. Brecht, editor of the 1923 Genealogical Record of the Schwenkfelder Families, is quoted in the November 1936 Schwenkfeldian, an issue devoted to the life and work of Professor Kriebel:

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Carnegie Library

to do this. Of course this plan was projected many years before the present Carnegie Library was built. Howard Kriebel had an exceptional faculty of discovering and bringing to light hidden and obscure historical data. In collecting and assembling the data for the Genealogical Record of the Schwenkfelder Families he rendered invaluable service. He seemed to know just where to look for information desired to build up a family tree, and he was frequently employed to gather genealogical data for persons to know their family history."

Rev. Dr. Elmer E.S. Johnson summed up the life of Howard W. Kriebel with these words in the same edition of the *Schwenkfeldian*:

"For more than half a century he made contributions of priceless value to the Schwenkfelder people and to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. He gave of his time and talents to all that is pure and ennobling in the character of our community. He was possessed of an intelligence specific and comprehensive; a master of linguistic quality and pleasing incisive style; a writer and critic of English; a scholar in the field of mathematical science; an authority in historical researches; a man of faith and therefore a friend to man. He lived the simple life, in him was neither pride nor arrogance."

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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



Wird der Schwenckfeld nicht gelesen, Acht man nicht wer Frell gewesen

Presented by Allen Viehmeyer April 12, 2017 noon

There are not too many verses written about Caspar Schwenckfeld. This program focuses on a longer poem, found in several different manuscripts, that starts with the lines of the title for the presentation. Throughout this poem appears not only Schwenckfeld's name but also those of several Schwenckfeld followers. There are even variations of the original poem written by immigrant Schwenkfelders whose names are well-known.



Mark Your Calendars!

The Men of Palm
Chicken BBQ



Join us on Saturday, June 10th 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.

Altar Flowers and Bulletins

The cost for flower sponsorship is \$50. The cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15. Please sign up on the chart located outside the office. You could also call or email the office, or drop a note in the office drop box. Any Deacon or Church Officer will help you with any questions about the process. Getting your name in an available slot will hold the date for you. Thank You.



Upcoming dates for flower sponsorship: May 7th, 14th, & 28th Upcoming dates for bulletin sponsorship: April 30th; May 7th

Thanks for your support!

Pastor's Pause (Cont.)

May the joy of Easter fill all of your hearts as we walk together on this journey from death to resurrection.

any of the locations, or if you prefer not walking the service at St. Mark's begins at 1:00 pm with the assembly of the cross out front and procession into the sanctuary. This year Rev. Deb Schwartz from Frieden's UCC in Sumneytown will be preaching. We will again have a combined community choir anthem under the direction of Dan Tuck and accompanied by Judy Love. Following the service the Youth will be heading to McDonald's and later that night will gather for a lock-in at the church.

Easter Sunday, we begin bright and early at 7:00 am with our Dawn service, and will then head down to the fellowship hall for a covered dish breakfast. Sunday School begins at 9:00 am and our 10:15 am service will include Communion and celebrative choir anthems.

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Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, indeed!

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark. Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. (John 20:1-10)



First Monday Meal

The First Monday Meal is a free community meal organized by Open Link that is open to the public on the first Monday of every month. The meals are held at Pennsburg UCC and are hosted by different churches or community organizations each month. Our church provided the meal on Monday, March 6th. We offered a ham dinner with all the trimmings and fed over 90 people with plenty left over for second helpings!! A great big shout out of "Thanks" goes out to everyone who helped to make our dinner a success. We had great help (including our older youth) and a very nice variety of donated desserts. Once again the generosity and helpful-

ness of our congregation came shining through Thank you!







Lenten and Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, April 5th
Brown Bag Bible Study with
Sister Millicent at 11:30am
St. Mark's Lutheran – Pennsburg
at 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 9th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 10:15 a.m.

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

Maundy Thursday, April 13th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14th 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 16th 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



Volunteers Needed

Again next month we will need volunteers to fold and sticker-seal the May Palm Leaves for mailing. We are continuing our effort to keep our newsletter process completely in-house, but we can't do it without your help. Please consider coming out to help. Please keep an eye on the Sunday bulletins (which are published on the church website every week) and the online calendar for information on what day and time we will need people to come in and help. Also, you may feel free to contact the church office to volunteer, or to just find out more about this volunteer opportunity.



Spring General Conference

The Spring General Conference of The Schwenkfelder Church will be held on May 21st at Central Schwenkfelder Church



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SAVE THE DATE!

April 9th — Palm Sunday

— Teacher and Youth Easter Egg Hunts

April 13th — Maundy Thursday Communion Service

April 14th — Good Friday Walk

— Good Friday Worship Service @ St. Mark's

— Fellowship Lunch @ McDonald's

April 16th — Easter Dawn Worship Service

Easter Breakfast Immediately
 Following Dawn Service

— Easter Sunday Worship Service

April 23rd — Confirmand & Mentor Event



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