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PALM LEAVES

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

Special Points of Interest:

- *Youth News* *Birthdays*
- *Caspar's Corner—Two Travelers in Silesia* *Member News*
- *Brown Bag Lunch Lecture* *Pastor's Pause* *New Website!*
- *Mission Trip 2014* *Ladies' Aid Epiphany Party*

Pastor's Pause— Celebrating a New Year

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of

Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent

departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on



the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king

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who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.' (Luke 19:28-40)

I know that Jesus' triumphal entry, normally read for Palm Sunday, seems like an odd Scripture to include in a January/February news (cont. on page 7)

"...the whole multitude of the Disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen,..."

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Y O U T H N E W S



January Youth Birthdays

A Very Happy Birthday to...

Lily Hoffman (1/4), Ian Ross (1/5), LJ Morasco (1/14),
Dillon Reinert (1/15), Johanna Kinsler (1/25), Darrell Manley (1/27)



February Youth Birthdays

Andrew Pence (2/4), Stacey May (2/6), Christopher Mundy (2/19), Samuel Pusey (2/26)

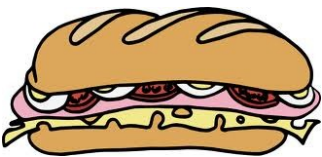
Please notify the church office if someone has been missed or if a date is incorrect.



Keep Catching those Kids being Kind!



Members of the Congregation are invited to catch kids being kind. When you see a child carrying out an act of kindness, let them know you caught them and tell them to make a punch on their *Acts of Kindness Incentive Punch Card!* The acts are limitless! Once their card is complete, the card will be entered into a drawing and they will start a new one. Several children are already on their second punch card and a few children are on their third card. Great job!



Many Thanks.....



To the Congregation for buying chocolate covered pretzels at the Holiday Bazaar from the youth and for supporting the youth hoagie fundraiser that was held after the children's Christmas program.....

to the youth for volunteering at the various tables and for helping with the many tasks at the Holiday Bazaar.....

To everyone who participated in sponsoring our adopted family for Christmas.....
To the **many** volunteers that helped make the Children's Christmas program a success.

All of you are a blessing!



M E M B E R N E W S

Congratulations to...



Brian and Renee Shelley on becoming members of Palm Schwenkfelder Church

Sympathies to...

...the family of Mae Schultz on her passing
...the family of Bill Schultz on his passing



L a d i e s ' A i d E p i p h a n y P a r t y



Unfortunately, The Ladies Aid Epiphany Party that was scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2014, has been cancelled.

It's "that" season again; when snow, sleet, ice, wintry mix (whatever *that* is), and just plain old lousy weather can make getting to church difficult, or even dangerous. So, In the event of said crappy weather, please use the following media sources to find out if any events at the church have been postponed or cancelled.

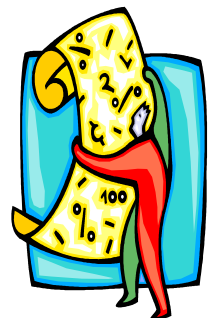


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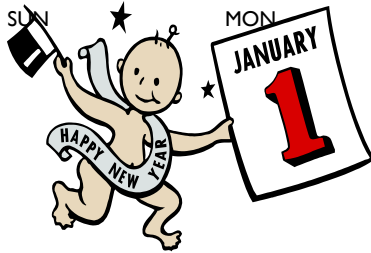


Annual Report

It's that time of year again. Well, Christmas, sure, but I mean Annual Report time. So, to all department heads, committee chairs, and church leaders, I humbly request that you submit any and all information to be included in the Annual report by January 6th, 2014. If possible, please email your information to the church office. And if you have any questions, please direct those inquiries to Anne Goda.



PALM LEAVES



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Happy New Year!

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6:30 pm BSA Patrol Leaders


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5 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Epiphany Sunday Worship Service	6	7 8:00 am Quilters 6:00 pm Stage Comes Down 7:00 pm Missions 7:00pm BSA Regular Scout	8 Regular Choir Schedule	9 9:00 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Day School Board Meeting 7:00 pm Diaconate Meeting	10	11
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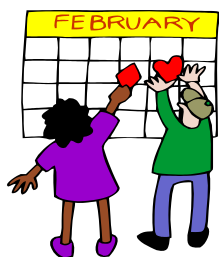


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Caspar's Corner — Two Travelers In Silesia

In the October 1912 *Schwenkfeldian*, Samuel K. Brecht wrote an article about his recent travels to Germany and, especially, into the Silesian homelands with Rev. Elmer E. S. Johnson. We

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find another account of this very interesting trip in Rev. Johnson's handwritten diaries, on the pages dated Saturday, July 20 through Thursday, July 25. While the two accounts complement each other, each has a special sound as we hear each man's voice speaking to us in their separate accounts of the same event.

Here are some interesting excerpts regarding the excursions of the two men from Dr. Johnson's diary account:

Saturday, July 20: "This AM I sauntered about Liegnitz [Legnica] ...At 12:58 Brecht arrived from Berlin [on the train]. We immediately went to Geisler [a local store] & got the wheels [bicycles] @ 1Mk per day for each wheel. We deposited 40 Marks as guarantee. We took [the] 2:14 pm train for Pielgrzysdorf [Pielgrzymka], changing cars at Goldberg [Zlotoryja]. Fare 95 pf. x 2 = 1.90 mks. Wheels 60 pf. + 30 tips = 90 pf. [Two] sandwiches @ 30 = 60 pf. 6 postcards 25 pf. We sent our bags with Buntzel [to their nights lodging] & rode on our wheels into Harpersdorf [Twardocice] ..."

The rest of their day was filled with riding their bicycles, visiting with people Dr. Johnson knew and writing cards to friends back home.

On Sunday, July 21, they started their day with worship in the Lutheran church in Harpersdorf [Twardocice], now lying in ruins, but then served by a young Pastor Goldmann who had just gotten married the week before. Pastor Goldmann "...preached an excellent

sermon on how it was not the external word but the Spirit that must count. Altogether it was a Schwenkfelder sermon." Following church they rode bicycles through the town noting especially "Melchior Dorn's old home", and the former home of "... Caspar Kriebel with CK 1714 over [the] door." After their noon dinner, they pedaled their bicycles through many other small Schwenkfelder vil-

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lages throughout the afternoon.

Monday, July 22: "This morning Brecht and I rode our hired wheels... to Gröditzberg [Grodziec]. We left our wheels at the foot of the

mt. for 30 pf. purchased 2 liter cherries for 50 pf. + 10 pf. tip. Climbed to the top and had a fairly good view from the Gröditzberg [Grodziec]. Purchased cards 60 pf. + 10 = 70 pf. paid 20 pf. for the tower [to climb the tower in the castle] ..."

They rode back to Harpersdorf for lunch and then on to the Spitzberg. They climbed the mountain, but a sudden rain sent them down to the restaurant at the base. There they met two local pastors and had deep conversations with them. With the stopping of the rain:

We climbed a second time to the top + there we stood: a Catholic Priest, Protestant pastor of Germany...and two Schwenkfelders, discussing Schwenckfeld history – I doubt if ever before the Spitzberg witnessed such a scene."

Tuesday, July 23 was filled with visiting friends of Dr. Johnson in the community. Pastor Goldmann showed them the original map of the Schwenkfelder country in PA of 1767 drawn by David Schultz. This map would eventually be purchased by Dr. Johnson

Casper's Corner (Cont.)

and come back to Pennsylvania, to the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center collection. Many pictures were taken, acquaintances revived, photographs taken and postcards purchased and written.

Wednesday, July 24:
"This AM Brecht and I rode up to the Viehweg and looked at the spot once more – before parting from the place we hold dear we knelt down and thanked our Lord and God for what they did there, asking that we might become more and more established in that faith which endureth."

After checking out of their hotel, they rode their bicycles to Pielgrimsdorf [Pielgrzymka] where they caught the 9:54 am train to Liegnitz [Legnica], returned their bicycles, visited friends, toured the city and found accommodation for the night.

Thursday, July 25, their final day together, Johnson took Brecht to Ossig [Osiek], to Schwenckfeld's church and then they parted ways as they each headed home.

Casper's Corner is provided monthly to The Schwenkfelder Church by the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center.

Installation of Officers

On January 12th, after the worship service, we will have the installation of all new officers. Please greet and congratulate the new officers at the reception in the Adult Sunday School room after the installation.



Celebrating a New Year (Cont.)

-article, but I found myself, in thinking about the New Year, drawn to that familiar image of celebration. My imagination was especially captivated though by those silent stones, waiting to shout out, if Jesus' disciples stopped their praise or remained quiet.

2014 presents the faithful with the opportunity to praise Christ, to celebrate his entry into our lives to renew our commitments to the Church and to the ministries we have been called. But the New Year, by God's grace, also presents the invitation to new life and new beginnings. We have a day, a moment, in which we can keep the stones silent as we offer our genuine praise and celebrate our faith in Jesus Christ.

But even more, we can see ourselves as the living stones of the Church that will not be silent, that through their very living, point to the one who has claimed and embraced them in this community of

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grace. We can recognize ourselves, regardless of the challenges and difficulties we face and anticipate, as those captured by God's own love, called by name, chosen as vessels of heal-

ing grace, and sent forth to bear the light of Christ.

In this New Year, may we, the living stones of the Church, and disciples of Jesus Christ, join in hopeful celebration, as God's Spirit continues to be poured out upon us and leads us to the New Day of God's kingdom.

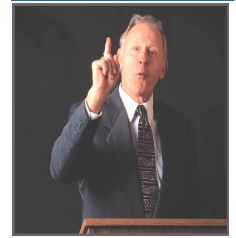
Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built-into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

(1 Peter 2:4-5)



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

At the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center



Wednesday, January 8th, 2014 noon
Schwenkfelder Cemeteries
Brown Bag Lecture with Jerry Heebner

Where are the cemeteries and why are they located there? Who is buried under some unique looking grave markers? Find answers to these questions and others as we "Dig into Schwenkfelder Cemeteries."

Brown Bag Lecture, Wednesday, February 12th, 2014 noon
Pennsylvania Esoterica: Tradition, Cosmology and Healing in the
Dutch Country
With Patrick Donmoyer



This presentation will explain the historical and cultural roots of traditional customs, rituals and folkways known among the Pennsylvania Dutch as Basucheri, or Powwow. Extensive use of original primary source manuscripts will provide the viewer with a survey of ritual applications of prayers and processes used primarily for the healing and protection of humans and their domesticated animals. Images of ritual objects, inscriptions, blessings and procedures will demonstrate the broad-reaching scope of folk customs in Pennsylvania throughout 3 centuries and into the present day.



A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, February 16th, immediately following the worship service. At this meeting the Trustees will present the Annual Report for 2013.



Do you enjoy music? Please consider joining the senior hand bell choir as we need a couple more ringers. We will be glad to teach you. Musical experience is not necessary. If you have questions please feel free to contact Joanne Luz at 215-679-8237 or just show up for our next regularly scheduled practice,

Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 6:45 PM. Note there is no bell rehearsal 12/29 or 1/2.





Valentine's Day Wishes

Please prepare valentine cards or treats for the church members listed below. You may make your own cards, or use store bought cards. Place the cards in the Valentines box in the Narthex by **February 9th**. The valentines will be delivered (in some cases mailed) in time for Valentine's Day, February 14th

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| Anna Bieler | Margaret Schultz |
| Betty & Charles Krauss | Meg Lester |
| Bryan Schwoyer | Sue Carlin |
| Carol Shafer | Verna Badman |
| Clara Graber | Betty Pope |
| Dora Mohr | Brad Hoffman |
| Doris & Clyde Masemore | |
| Donald Cook | |
| Dorothy Trumbauer | Clark Schultz |
| Erma Kriebel | Earl Yerger |
| Gladys Hoffman | Alyssa Guldin |
| Harold Smoll | Adam Walter |
| Helen Miller | Louise Watt |

Card Shower

Please help us celebrate Sue Carlin on the occasion of her 80th birthday with a card shower. Sue's birthday is February 15th.



Please send your cards to Sue at:
Frederick Living
1123 Magnolia West
P.O. Box 498
Frederick, PA 19435



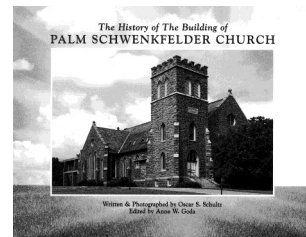
Flowers and Bulletins

Due to rising costs, the donation amount for Sunday altar flowers will be \$50. The new price is effective beginning 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!*

PALM LEAVES

Mission Trip to Long Branch, NJ

Dates: July 6-12, 2014

Nature of Work: Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief

Costs: The cost is \$80 per person for the week at the facility and food while there. This cost does not include the cost of transportation or food while traveling.

Deposits: An eighty dollar deposit is required to hold your place for the trip. This can be made in two payments of forty dollars. The first half of the deposit is due by Sunday, January 26, 2014 and the second is due by Sunday, March 30, 2014. Please make your check out to **Palm Schwenkfelder Church** and write “**Mission Trip**” in the memo. If you would like to go on the trip but find it cost prohibitive, please contact Bob Croll.

Second Deposit

I am making my second deposit of \$40 for the mission trip to Long Branch, NJ due 3/30/14.

Name: _____

Please fill out the information below and put it with your deposit of eighty dollars, either made in one payment of eighty dollars or two payments of forty dollars. The first deposit is due by Sunday, January 26, 2014 and the second by Sunday, March 30, 2014. Please make your check out to Palm Schwenkfelder Church and write “Mission Trip” in the memo. Thank you.

Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

I am going on the mission trip. I am making a deposit of
___ \$80 ___ \$ 40 (due 1/26/14 and second deposit of \$40 due 3/30/14)

Volunteer Signature: _____

Parent Signature (If volunteer is under 19 years old): _____

O u r N e x t M i s s i o n T r i p

H u r r i c a n e S a n d y R e l i e f M i s s i o n T r i p



The Palm Schwenkfelder Mission Team will be heading to Long Branch, NJ, July 6 – 12, 2014 for Hurricane Sandy Relief work. The Team will be working through the United Church of Christ and with our partner Lutheran Social Ministries. We will be staying at Long Branch Covenant Church in Long Branch. The cost per person (16 and older) is \$80 and includes meals, although team members will want to take along spending money. To be a part of the Mission Team, please fill out a deposit slip and make a deposit of \$40 or \$80 by January 26, 2014. The second deposit of \$40 is due March 30, 2014. Please make checks out to Palm Schwenkfelder Church and write "Mission Trip" in the memo. For more information, please be in touch with Bob Croll.



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!

January 12th — Installation of Officers
February 2nd — Souper Bowl Sunday
— Youth Hoagie Sale
February 7th — Troop 79 "Lock -In"
February 16th — Congregational Meeting



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*