



PALM LEAVES

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

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Pastor's Pause — By Faith

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.
(Hebrews 11:1-3)

The first newsletter of the year always presents me with a challenge. When I write the article I am still getting ready for Christmas Eve, so Christ's birth is at the center of my thought

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process (hopefully). I can kick off the New Year with an attempt at an inspiring message to guide us through the year ahead. Epiphany will soon be upon us and the significance of the magi bringing their gifts to the Christ child is extremely relevant. But this is a combined newsletter and February 2016 will also begin the Lenten Season, with Palm holding our first midweek service on February 17th at 7:00 pm.

As faith would have it, our chosen theme this year I think draws all of those wonderful possibilities together. As you may have already figured out from the Scripture which began my article, our Lenten theme this year is "By Faith." Each week we will uplift one of the Old Testament heroes that the author of Hebrews gives us as an example of living by faith, and conclude with Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

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Week of Lent 1: The Faith of Noah
By faith, Noah built the ark, gathered the animals, watched the waters rise, and received the rainbow promise. How do we have faith in things not yet 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.

Children's Church ~ A Joyful Noise

Children's church is well under way! Ages 4 years thru 4th grade go upstairs for a lesson and snack after the children's sermon. Adult leaders are needed for this new year. Please consider helping out with this important ministry. If you have questions you may see any one of the Board of Christian Education members.

Parents ~ If your child has allergies, please notify the leader of the day.



Opening Devotions ~ A Year of Bible Birthdays

The youth have been having fun reading scriptures of great Biblical leaders "the early years." They have been learning a Bible verse and a song each month. All children (Toddlers through 6th grade) should be dropped off every morning in the Adult SS classroom (next to the church office) before going to their classroom.



MONTHLY HOAGIE SALE

Thank you for your continued support buying hoagies for lunch while supporting various causes. We were able to donate money to Animals in Distress, Open Link, as well as one of our local Girl Scout Troops, and we hope to donate to many more organizations and groups in the coming year. Thank you!



Acts of Kindness

We are continuing with the Acts of Kindness punch cards. Please feel free to make a punch in the card if you notice one of our youth acting kindly. Thank you.



M E M B E R N E W S



Congratulations to...

...Val and Brian Dority on the birth of their daughter Paisley.

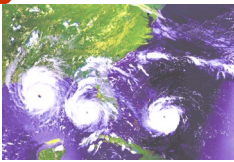


You Version Holy Bible App for Teens and Adults

This is a wonderful app for daily Bible reading. You can choose plans that focus on family, devotionals, youth, religious times of the year, reading partial Bible segments at a time, or a plan that helps you read the whole Bible so it doesn't feel cumbersome. It also includes some plans with music and some plans with videos. It keeps you on track and gives you many choices so you can choose what's right for you. Download the free app to any device. See Barb Master if you have any questions.

Bible App for Kids

Help your children fall in love with God's Word. Download the free Bible App for Kids on any device. See Barb Master if you have any questions.



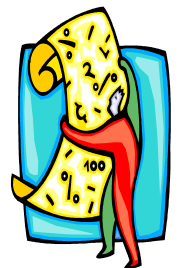
It's "that" season again; when snow, sleet, ice, wintry mix (whatever *that* is), and just plain old lousy weather can make getting to church difficult, or even dangerous. So, In the event of said crappy weather, please use the following media sources to find out if any events at the church have been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



www.palmschwenkfelderchurch.com WFMZ-TV Channel 69 www.WFMZ.com
WNPV Radio 1440 KYW Channel 3 www.KYW1060.com KYW Radio 1060
WPVI Channel 6 www.WPVI.com WCAU Radio 1210 WCAU Channel 10 www.WCAU.com






Annual Report

It's that time of year again. Well, Christmas and New Year's, 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 4th, 2016. If possible, please email your information to the church office. And if you have any questions, please direct those inquiries to Joanne Luz.








PALM LEAVES

~ January 2016 ~

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Caspar's Corner — The Irish Schwenkfelder's Bequest

In the February, 1910 *Schwenkfeldian*, we find this interesting account of Edmund Flinn and his bequest which helped establish an incorporated Charity Fund of the Schwenkfelder Society. The article is written by Rev. Elmer E. S. Johnson.

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Those familiar with the history of the incorporation of our Charity and Literary Fund in 1842 know that the bequest of Edmund Flinn to the Schwenkfelder Society Poor officers had considerable to do with it. We are told that Flinn was an Irish-American Schwenkfelder generally known as 'Neddy Flinn.' We do not know when he appeared in the Schwenkfelder community but on October 7, 1790 he married Maria Wiegner, a daughter of Christoph Wiegner, *Genealogical Record* p. 21 [of 1879]. On the 24th of September 1798 he purchased a tract of land in Lower Salford township, Montgomery County, Pa., from Godshalk Godshalks;

it is described as bordering on properties of Barny Freyer, Andrew Ziegler, Sr., Andrew Ziegler, Jr., and Jacob Reiff, containing about twenty-five acres of land. The buildings consisted of an old one story log house containing two rooms; to this was annexed one room built of stone; there was also a log-barn and an old fashioned well-sweep on the place. Here for nearly forty years lived Edmund Flinn, stone-cutter and small farmer. Many of the tombstones in the neighboring churchyards are of his carving. The late James Y. Heckler tells us that the modern way of writing Heckler is to be charged to the fact that Flinn changed the h to k on the headstone for the ancestor of the Heckler family.

In a copy of the *Journal von den Jahrlichen Einnahmen u. Ausgaben des Wohlthatigen Funds oder der Armen Casze Im Mittelern District 1790-1890* [Journal of the Yearly Income and Expenditures of the Benevolence Fund or the Poor Fund of the Middle District 1790-1890], we find that Edmund Flinn received 3 Pounds and 15 Shillings from this fund in 1797 to pay rent for Rosina Wiegner; although her name continues on the record to 1834, after 1801 Flinn's name does not

appear in connection with her own. The fact that his wife's sister for so many years had the benefit of this fund may have been one motive that led him to remember it in his will, signed in the presence of Samuel Kriebel and Israel Schultz May 20, 1831, and registered in Will Book 7 p. 527 at Norristown, PA. Benjamin Anders is named as executor. In it he bequeaths to his wife Maria his personal estate and "lot of land whereon I now

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dwel," consisting of fourteen acres of land; "and after her decease and just debts and funeral expenses is paid of it, it is my will what is left whatever real estate or personal or money is to go to the Schwenkfelder Society Poor Officer's hands to be for the poor of the Society."

On the 18th of January 1832 his wife died, and he on December 24th, 1836, at the age of 81 years. His will was proved and inventory filed four days after his death December 28, 1836, and the account, January 29, 1839. His personal property inventoried at \$126.42 while the account shows \$126.54 1/2. The sum of all amounts paid, "including \$250.00 paid Benjamin Anders for waiting and attending to the business of said testator for seven years during his life," was \$461.65. In pursuance of an objection filed by one N. B. Brown, a relative of Edmund Flinn's, a law-suit resulted. It was argued that the Schwenkfelders had no legal standing and so could not receive the balance of the estate. After a long struggle the Supreme Court handed down a decision in favor of the Schwenkfelder Society.

There has been considerable discussion of late as to the amount our Charity Fund realized from the estate of Edmund Flinn. The question has indeed been asked whether
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anything was ever received from it. According to a deed of sale under date of August 3, 1844, Casper Schultz and George Anders, Jr., Poor Officers of the Schwenkfelder Society, sold eighteen acres and twelve perches of land of the Flinn estate to David Zimmerman for \$675.00. In the Journal of the Charity Fund above cited, the officers charged themselves with \$50.00 interest money and \$59.00 on account of principal received from David Zimmerman in 1844; on May 1, they charge themselves with \$23.25 interest money received from David Zimmerman, and also with a bond \$629.00 against the same, payable as the bequest made by Edmund Flinn. In 1846 they received from David Zimmerman interest \$40.00. Thereafter no specification is made. However the total amount received up to and including 1846, as here indicated, would be \$801.65

The Journal further shows the following items of expense:

- 1843, April 18, Paid witnesses in the case of N. B. Brown vs. Flinn's Estate - \$92.17
- 1844, May 17, Paid attorney's fee in the case of Brown vs. Executors of Flinn's Estate - \$ 50.00
- Paid board for witnesses to said case -\$5.40
- 1845, May 1, Paid costs of writing and recording mortgage for David Zimmerman - \$3.41
- 1849, April 10, Paid a debt for E. Flinn's Estate on demand of N. B. Brown - \$99.49

This makes the total amount expended \$250.47 According to these figures, and including the interest on the principal for the time between 1846 and 1849, the Charity Fund had a net benefit of at least \$660.00 from the Flinn Estate.

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

Installation of Officers

On January 10th, 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.



(P a s t o r ' s P a u s e C o n t .)

Week of Lent 2: The Faith of Abraham

By faith, Abraham journeyed to an unknown land, trusted in God's promise of a son, and offered up that son as a sacrifice. When faith means taking a risk, how do we respond?

Week of Lent 3: The Faith of Moses

By faith, Moses chose the hard path to follow God's call. How does our faith affect the choices we must make?

Week of Lent 4: The Faith of the Israelites

By faith, generations of Israelites wandered the wilderness, entered the promised land, heard the words of the prophets, and suffered persecution. Amid life's joys and difficulties, how do we persevere in our faith?

Week of Lent 5: Jesus, the Perfecter of Our Faith

Enduring the cross, Jesus became "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." How does the way of the cross define our faith?

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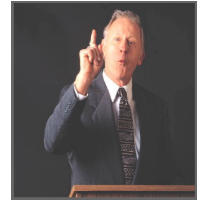
As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, begin together a New Year in God's love, journey and offer our gifts, hearts and lives to Christ, may we all walk by faith, and know that we do not walk alone.



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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



Wednesday, January 13, 2016 noon

Goshenhoppen Mission Research
Brown Bag Lecture with Ron Thren

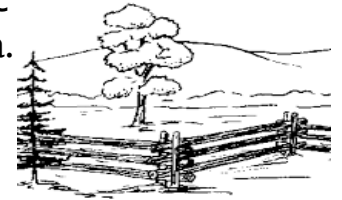
A brief overview of the background, approach and results of the latest re- search cycle into the history of the Goshenhoppen Mission (Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Bally). The findings continue to add to our under- standing of mission history dating back to 1741.

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 noon

Fences on the Farm

Brown Bag Lecture with Bob Wood

Eighteenth and nineteenth century fencing practices in Germanic Pennsylvania.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, February 21st, immediately following the worship service. At this meeting the Trustees will present the Annual Report for 2015.

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The Mission Board is looking for Members to form a Mission Team for the next Trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. The trip is scheduled to run from



July 30 through August 7, 2016. So whether you are a “Seasoned Veteran,” or have never been on a Mission Trip before; be on the lookout for further de- tails, and consider joining what is sure to be another memorable and moving adventure in Service.



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 7th**. The valentines will be delivered

(in some cases mailed) in time for Valentine's Day, February 14th.

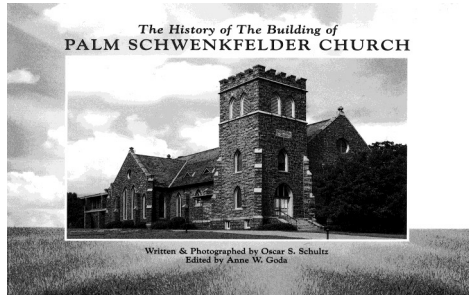
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 Lucille Berky
 Perma Bower
 Jean Gentry
 Clara Graber
 Alyssa Guldin
 Heinz & Mary Jane Herrmann
 Pauline Kloenne
 Betty Krauss
 Ron & Bonnie Krick
 Erma Kriebel
 Edmund & Grace Kuhns

Meg Lester
 Doris & Clyde Masemore
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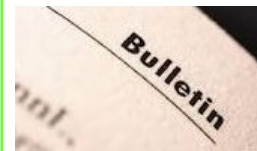


100th Anniversary Book

"The Building of Palm Schwenkfelder Church"



This special anniversary book is still 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!*



Altar Flowers and Bulletins

The Deacons would like to thank the members of Palm for sponsoring bulletins and real flowers every Sunday for the 2015 calendar year! Everyone who did sponsor, please remember that bulletin sponsorships are \$15, flower sponsorships are \$50, and the flowers are yours to keep after the service. Please sign up for 2016 on the new charts in the hallway outside of the office. And, thanks!



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Free Community Dinner



Palm is Hosting the First Monday Community Meal at Pennsburg UCC on March 7, 2016

The Deacons at Palm Church are sponsoring a free community meal at Pennsburg UCC on Monday, March 7th. We will provide, prepare and serve dinner. Last year was a success with serving ham, so it was decided to serve ham again. Volunteers are needed: 6 people to cook and prepare the meal between 3:00 – 6:00pm, and 8-10 people to help serve, box up leftovers and cleanup from 5:45-7:45pm. Monetary donations and food donations will be needed. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex at a later date. If you would like to help cook or serve the meal on March 7th, or make a monetary or food donation, please see Kevin or Barb Master. Youth are welcome to help!



“Change Our Hearts” Offering



In conjunction with the First Monday Community Meal that Palm will be hosting on March 7th, we will be having a special change offering during the months of February and March to help offset the costs of this meal. So during these months please remember to bring in all your extra change (or bills), for another successful meal!!



Souper Bowl Sunday

The Ladies’ Aid will be selling soup after the worship service on February 7th.



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



The Ladies’ Aid Epiphany Party will be held on Tuesday, January 5th. We will start at noon with a covered dish lunch, and we will take up a monetary gift collection for Open Link. Following our lunch we will hold our monthly business meeting.

Migrant Hospitality Project



Christian Exiles Are Fleeing Persecution

Let's help rescue some Exiles! The Deacons at Palm have arranged a partnership with Church World Service (CWS) that will allow all of us to play a role in solving the problem. We will begin by serving as a Hospitality Team for legal, Christian refugees arriving in our area. CWS is one of nine agencies certified by the US State Department to receive refugees. It is difficult not to be distracted by news reports, but it should be noted that it will be another two years before current Syrian exiles can be expected. Meanwhile, we seek to minister to a Brother or Sister from anywhere in the world who has made it through the process and arrives as a stranger in need. Please watch for announcements polling our congregation for specific needs. In the meantime, please include this mission in your prayers. Ask the Lord to guide us and ask how He wills each of us to participate.

Donations for the Migrant Hospitality Project

Offering to support the Migrant Hospitality Project is welcomed. Please mark "Migrant" on your Envelope to direct your donation. Thank you.

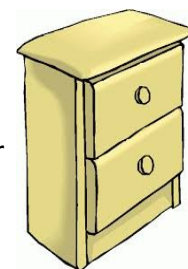


Migrant Hospitality Team

Would you like to be part of the Migrant Hospitality team? We want to make sure that you are included! Drivers, cooks and movers are needed for arrival day. Occasional help will be needed collecting items in preparation. Volunteer forms for these roles are available in the Narthex.

Donations of Furniture for MHP

Can you help us furnish a safe place for arriving Christian exiles? Please let us know. Forms for you to list possible items that you wish to donate are available in the Narthex. They can be turned in to any Deacon or placed in the mail slot on the Church Office door. The picture painted for housing is small. Specified items are crucial. Limited space may be a factor for other items.



TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>November, 2015</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Starting Operating Cash On Hand	\$ 1,950.48	\$ 29,325.78
Operating Income Received	\$21,248.50	\$259,653.47
Operating Expenses	\$19,529.40	\$285,309.67
Ending Operating Cash On Hand	\$ 3,669.58	\$ 3,669.58

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SAVE THE DATE!

January 5th — Ladies' Aid Lunch and Epiphany Party
January 10th — Installation of Officers
February 7th — Souper Bowl Sunday
February 7th — Troop 79 Banquet & "Lock -In"
February 21st — 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*