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# PALM LEAVES

## Palm Schwenkfelder Church

### Special Points of Interest:

- Youth News      Big Honkin' Party      Bell Choir      Children's Choir      Senior Choir
- United Schwenkfelder Choir      Caspar's Corner—Two Schwenkfelder Governors of Pennsylvania, Part 1
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## Pastor Nick's Big Honkin' Party



*Taken from the official Pastor Nick Piñata Hitting Training DVD*



*"Maybe if I smile and walk slowly no one will notice that I'm taking my cleaning bottle and going home..."*



*"I knew I should not have tried to tie this knot. Dang it!"*



*"Well, I'm glad a lot of people are here, but...how am I supposed to get any food? "*



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Y O U T H N E W S

Sunday School Closing and Picnic



Kids rushing to get inside the Bounce-A-Rama



Beth Croll thanking Merris Ann Hoffman for her many years of teaching Sunday School



"Look Ma, I'm flying!"



July & August Birthdays  
A Very Happy Birthday to...



- Danielle Manley (7/18), Anya Schultz (7/20), Shaelyn Korn (7/25),
- Victoria Leh (8/05), Alexis Wright (8/07), Jovia Kinsler (8/13), Nicholas Pence (8/19),
- Kaitlyn Mundy (8/22), Job Kinsler (8/30), Phillip Badman (8/31)

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



Youth Movie Time

Youth from the 7-Up class went to the Grand Theater in April to watch the movie, *Son of God*. We plan to see more upcoming movies once they arrive at the Grand Theater. They include *Noah* (PG-13), *Dolphin Tale 2* (PG), *God's not Dead* (PG). Youth admission is free to all movies. Parents are encouraged to come but are not required. Please visit [www.kids-in-mind.com](http://www.kids-in-mind.com) to read rating reviews to see if movies are appropriate for your children.



One Ringy Dingy...

The junior bell choir is looking for a few new ringers for the 2014-2015 season. Children in grades 2—12 are welcome to come out and join us. We start practices promptly at 6:00 on Wednesday evenings and play in church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Practice will begin Wednesday Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. No previous musical experience is required.

Contact Beth Croll ([bethcroll@comcast.net](mailto:bethcroll@comcast.net)) if you have any questions.





## C H I L D R E N ' S C H O I R



Attention, past and potential Children's Choir members!!

Whether you are a former member or someone looking to join our enthusiastic group, the new season is approaching quickly!

We will begin practices on September 10<sup>th</sup> in the Adult Sunday School classroom at our **new** practice time from 5:30-6:00. Our first performance will be October 12<sup>th</sup>. As of now there will only be ONE children's choir.

Come on out and join in the fun!



## S e n i o r C h o i r

Do you find yourself humming along with the car radio??

Do you sing to yourself in the shower??

Can you carry a tune in a bucket??

Would you like to learn how to carry a tune without a bucket??

If you meet any of these requirements, you belong in the Senior Choir!! Come join the fun.

Rehearsals every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., beginning August 27th



## UNITED S C H W E N K F E L D E R CHOIR



The United Schwenkfelder Choir will begin rehearsing for its 85th season on Monday evening, September 8th at the Central Schwenkfelder Church in Worcester, PA. This non-denominational choir, representing membership in over 30 churches from Montgomery and Bucks counties, will present a program of traditional and contemporary Christmas music at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 7th. The choir is under the direction of Ed Bieler and is accompanied by pianists Jane Cocks and Suzanne Williams, and a 17 piece instrumental ensemble. The Choir is always ready to welcome new members. Any individual who enjoys singing is welcome to participate and experience the harmonies and inspiration of Christian music. No auditions are required. Rehearsals are held in the air-conditioned Central Schwenkfelder Church, located on Valley Forge Road (Route 363), just north of Skippack Pike (Route 73) from 7:30-9:00 p.m. each Monday evening from September 9th until the concerts. For additional information, contact choir president Dennis Alderfer at (215) 393-9974.

**PAID LEAVES**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 8:00a-11:30a Quilters 7:00p-8:30p Boy Scouts	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30p-8:00p Boy Scouts of America - Patrol Leaders Council	<b>4</b> Independence Day 	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:00a-10:00a Combined Sunday School  10:15a-11:30a Sunday Worship Service  3:00p-3:30p Mission Team Leaves for Long Branch, NJ	<b>7</b> 12:30p-2:30p Ladies' Aid Making Chow Chow	<b>8</b> 8:00a-11:30a Quilters  7:00p-8:30p Boy Scouts  7:15p-8:30p Boy Scouts of America Troop Committee Meeting	<b>9</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Lecture Series at SLHC	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 5:00p-6:00p Mission Team Returns from Long Branch, NJ
<b>13</b> 9:00a-10:00a Combined Sunday School  10:15a-11:30a Sunday Worship Service	<b>14</b> 6:30p-7:30p Bld. & Grounds Committee 7:30p-9:00p Board of Trustees	<b>15</b> 8:00a-11:30a Quilters  7:00p-8:30p Boy Scouts  7:00p-8:00p Mission Board	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 10:15a-11:30a Washington Meeting House Site Sunday Worship Service	<b>21</b> 7:00p-8:00p Board of Christian Education Meeting	<b>22</b> 8:00a-11:30a Quilters 7:00p-8:30p Boy Scouts	<b>23</b> 7:00p-9:00p Boy Scouts Board of Review	<b>24</b> 1:00p-3:00p Ladies' Aid Washing the Jars for Making Chow Chow	<b>25</b> 1:00p-3:00p Ladies' Aid Making Chow Chow	<b>26</b> 7:30a-10:30a Ladies' Aid Making Chow Chow
<b>27</b> 9:00a-10:00a Combined Sunday School  10:15a-11:30a Sunday Worship Service	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 8:00a-11:30a Quilters 7:00p-8:30p Boy Scouts	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

# AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> International Friendship Day  9:00a-10:00a Combined Sunday School  10:15a-11:30a Sunday Worship Service	<b>4</b> 6:00p-8:00p United Choir Reading Session	<b>5</b> 8:00a-11:30a Quilters  1:00p-2:00p Ladies' Aid Meeting  7:00p-8:30p Boy Scouts	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:30p-8:00p Boy Scouts of America - Patrol Leaders Council  7:00p-8:30p Deacon's Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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<b>17</b> 9:45a-10:15a Refreshments Served  10:15a-11:30a Hosensack Meeting House Sunday Worship Service	<b>18</b> 7:00p-8:00p Board of Christian Education Meeting	<b>19</b> 8:00a-11:30a Quilters  7:00p-8:30p Boy Scouts  7:00p-8:00p Mission Board  7:00p-8:00p Music Committee Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Pastor Nick Returns from Sabbatical	<b>23</b> 3:00p-5:00p Long/Rivas Wedding
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## Caspar's Corner – Two Schwenkfelder Governors of Pennsylvania, Part 1

While most Schwenkfelders of the nineteenth century living and worshipping in the rural communities of Montgomery County shied away from public office, other descendants of the eighteenth century immigrants actively sought seats in local and state offices. Two prominent Schwenkfelder descendants who served Pennsylvania as Governor were John Hartranft and Martin Brumbaugh. This first of two Caspar's Corners introduces us to General John F. Hartranft, Governor of Pennsylvania for two terms of office from January 1873 to January 1879.

Fondly remembered as "Old Johnny" by the rank and file of the troops he commanded, John Frederick Hartranft became the second of Pennsylvania's Civil War heroes to become governor after the war. He was born near Pottstown in

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New Hanover Township, Montgomery County, on December 16, 1830, the only child of Samuel Engle Hartranft, a landowner, and Lydia Bucher. His immigrant ancestor, Tobias Hartranft, settled this part of Montgomery County and successive generations farmed in this location.

John Hartranft briefly attended Marshall College in Mercersburg, Franklin County, before transferring to Union College in Schenectady, New York, to study civil engineering, along with studies in arts and the classics. After graduating in 1853, he worked briefly as a civil engineer for the Mauch Chunk and Wilkes-Barre Railroad before returning to Norristown to help his father in his business before accepting a position as a deputy sheriff in Norristown. While in Norristown, he read law under the tutelage of James Boyd of the Norristown Bar and then in the office of the Honorable A. B. Longaker. He was admitted to the practice of law in 1859.

In 1854, Hartranft married Sallie Douglas Sebring (1835–1914) of Easton, daughter of a judge, and with whom they had six children.

When the Civil War began, already serving as Colonel of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, Montgomery County Militia, he was given command of the Fourth Pennsylvania Volunteers from Montgomery County. This regiment, com-

prised of ninety-day enlistees, humiliated Colonel Hartranft at the Battle of Bull Run on July 21, 1861, by walking away because their enlistments expired that same day. Although Hartranft stayed to fight, his personal reputation was called into question, until he commanded a new regi-

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ment by November, the 51st Pennsylvania Volunteers. Learning the lessons of the previous embarrassment, Hartranft gained the respect of his men. In December 1863, after a grueling campaign, relatively high loss of life, and facing new battles, Hartranft's men were again approaching the



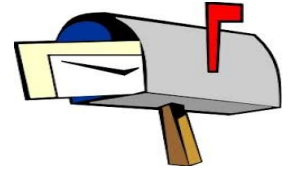
*Statue of Col. Hartranft at the State Capitol in Harrisburg*

end of their enlistments. A speech by Hartranft extolling the virtues of the Union's grand cause is credited with the men reenlisting. Despite his reputation of good judgment through twenty-three battles, Hartranft was not promoted to general until after his forces crushed the last significant counterattack by the Confederate army in March 1865.

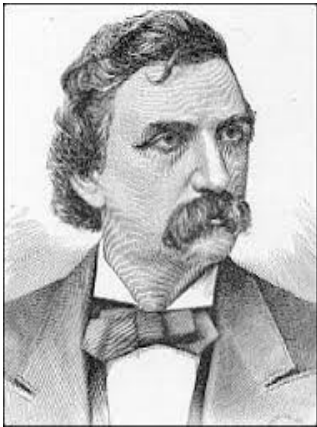
Having switched from the Democratic to the Republican Party, he served as auditor general for Pennsylvania under Governor Geary from 1866 to 1873 and was subsequently elected Governor in the 1872 election. The end of the industrial boom that supported the Civil War and the Panic of 1873 brought economic decline which lingered on in Pennsylvania through both of Governor Hartranft's terms, but he was able to keep state finances stable. In contrast to Governor Geary, he had no objection to the expanding  
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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.



## Two Schwenkfelder Governors of Pennsylvania, Part 1 (Cont.)



*Governor  
John F. Hartranft*

influence of the Pennsylvania Railroad and other industrial interests, although he did advocate improved opportunities for laborers by way of vocational education.

In the election of 1875, Hartranft won his second term by a narrow margin. Hartranft had a dream of a smoothly functioning industrial democracy with reasonable opportunity for manual laborers to rise through their own efforts. He sought knowledge about labor relations from European experi-

ence, proposed recognition of labor unions, and the arbitration of claims. He helped western Pennsylvania improve river commerce and draw attention to the emerging and lucrative new oil industry. He also created the Insurance Department to protect policyholders, supported state hospitals for the insane, advocated municipal reform, and implemented the changes brought about by the state Constitution of 1874. Hartranft's first term in office had been under the Pennsylvania Constitution of 1838 and his second term was under the Constitution of 1874.

Although Governor Hartranft was not an adherent of the Schwenkfelder Church, it was while serving his terms as Governor that he discovered he was a descendant through a correspondence with Daniel Schultz. After learning of this connection, the Governor took a great deal of interest in tracing out his genealogy and collecting

data on the Hartranft family. Governor Hartranft also brought to the attention of the Schwenkfelders his distant cousin, the eminent scholar of Hartford Theological Seminary in New Haven, CT, the Rev. Dr. Chester David Hartranft.

Additional information on Governor Hartranft can be found at the Pennsylvania Historical and Mu-

seum Commission website and in the *Genealogical Record of the Schwenkfelder Families*. Next month: Governor Martin Brumbaugh.



*John F. Hartranft  
Community School in  
Philadelphia*

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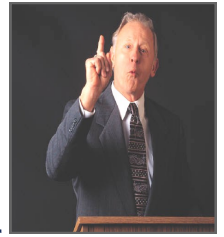
*Caspar's Corner is provided monthly to The Schwenkfelder Church by the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center.*

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



Brown Bag Lectures Series  
Schwenkfelder Library and  
Heritage Center



On Wednesday, July 9th, at noon come hear the lecture by Candace Perry entitled *Taking the Waters*. This lecture highlights the history of 19th century water cures in Pennsylvania, focusing on the spas and sanitariums that were established in the mountain above Wernersville, Berks County from 1849 to 1963. This is a fascinating story of alternative medicine and the many intriguing and unexpected individuals who were practitioners and proponents of it.

On Wednesday, August 13th, come hear the lecture by Kathy Lesieur entitled *May Kind Remembrance Picture Me, Montgomery County Samplers*. The creation of needlework samplers played a large part in many young girls' education in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. We will look at samplers made in Montgomery County and discuss the various influences, both religious and social, that went into the making of them, both at home and at school.



**January 1 - May 31, 2014**

<b>Total Budget Income:</b>	<b>\$131,110.91</b>
<b>Total Budget Expenses:</b>	<b>\$141,695.86</b>

**Note:** Includes \$20,000 withdrawn from Endowment Interest and a \$30,000 anonymous donation.

For the detailed income/expense report, please see Treasurer David Luz



**Time to Make the Chow Chow!**

The Ladies' Aid will be making Chow Chow on July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. This process will actually start on July 7<sup>th</sup>, when we will be cutting up cucumbers for pickling. Then we will need **many hands** on July 25<sup>th</sup> to help wash & count jars & chop fresh vegetables (time to be determined). The monumental task of canning will start at 7:30 AM on July 26<sup>th</sup>. This endeavor is no small task and will take many hands. Please save these dates & consider helping with this Ladies' Aid sponsored project.



# Palm Schwenkfelder Church

Please join us in worship:

## Washington Meeting House Cemetery

### Sunday, July 20th

(please bring lawn chairs)

### 10:15am Worship Service

(County Line Road & Kutztown Road)

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Please join us in worship:

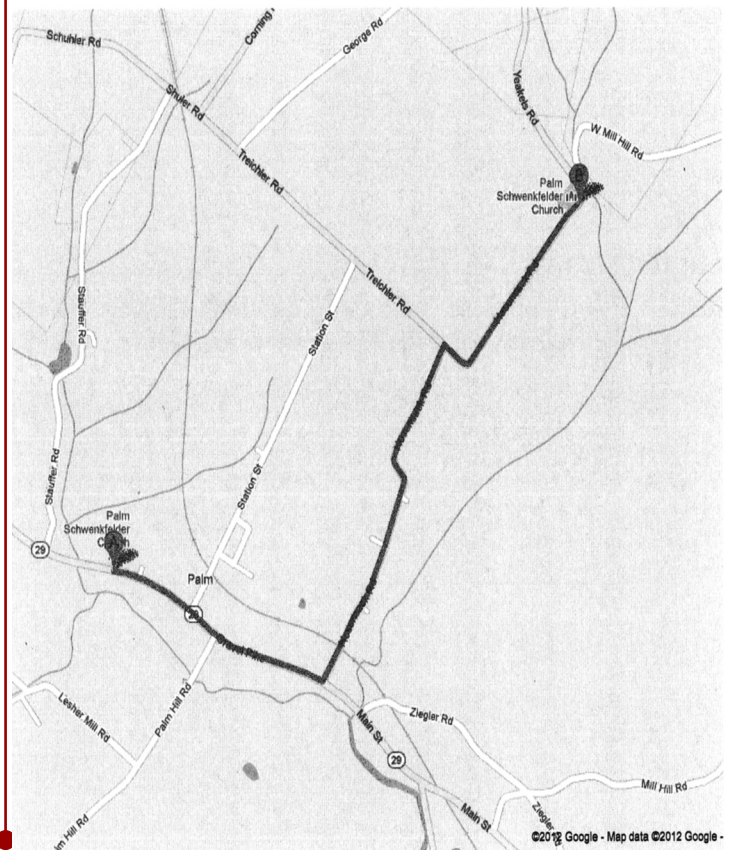
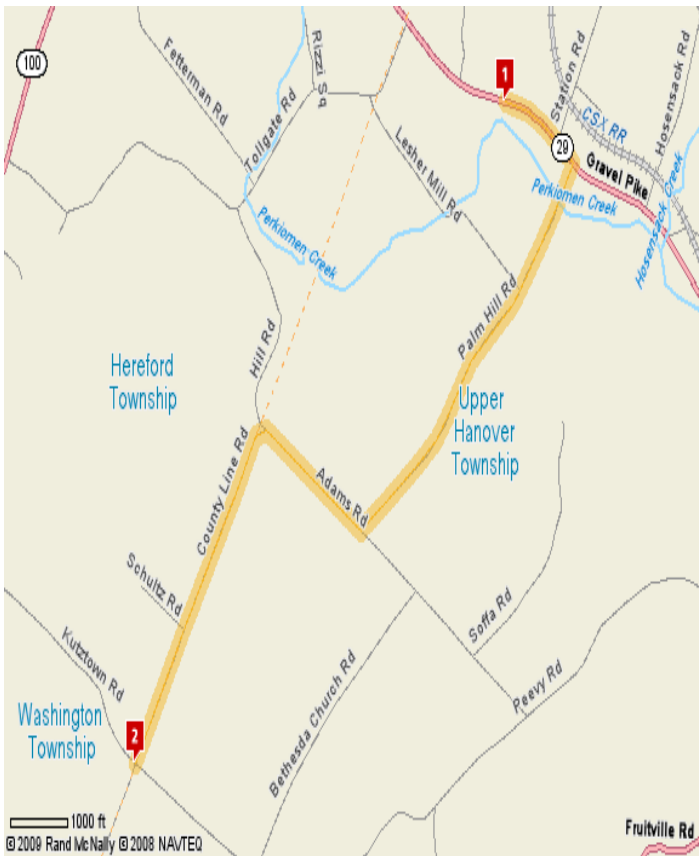
## Hosensack Meetinghouse

### Sunday, August 17th

### 9:45am Refreshments

### 10:15am Worship Service

(Yeakel Road and Hosensack Road)



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# *Hurricane Sandy Relief Mission*



The Palm Schwenkfelder Mission Team will be traveling to Long Branch, NJ this summer (July 6 to 12, 2014) to partner with "A Future With Hope" [www.afuturewithhope.org](http://www.afuturewithhope.org) in providing disaster relief for the victims of Super-Storm Sandy. "A Future With Hope" hosts volunteer groups, through a network of congregations and community groups, to achieve their goal to repair/rebuild 500 homes. Their focus is on the elderly, low-income, and those with disabilities.

The Team this year consists of 14 members who will be hosted by the Long Branch Covenant Church, which is a member of the Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey. [www.lsmnj.org](http://www.lsmnj.org)  
They will be providing the housing & meals during our stay.

As in years past, you are invited to be a part of the team through your financial support of the trip. Please stop by the Team table in the Narthex where you will have the opportunity to purchase the "hardware" which will be used in our project and to check on the completion of our "house"; or, if you prefer, you can participate by indicating "Mission Trip" in the "Other" portion of your Giving Envelopes.

The Palm Schwenkfelder Mission Team thanks you for your continued support of its efforts and the ongoing Mission of Palm Church.

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## **List of On-Call Ministers and Guest Preachers**

### **On—Call**

*Here is a list of the ministers who will be on-call during Pastor Nick's sabbatical:*

July 1<sup>st</sup> —13<sup>th</sup>

Rev. Ron Krick

July 14<sup>th</sup> —26<sup>th</sup>

Rev. Becca Stephens

July 27<sup>th</sup> — August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Rev. Homer Royer

August 4<sup>th</sup> —10<sup>th</sup>

Rev. Becky Eisenhart

August 11<sup>th</sup> — 20<sup>th</sup>

Rev. Becca Stephens

### **Guest Preachers**

*Here is a list of the ministers who will be performing worship services here at Palm during Pastor Nick's sabbatical:*

July 6 – Dr. Drake Williams, III

July 13 – Rev. Ron Krick

July 20 – Washington Cemetery

(Historic Sermon of O.S. Kriebel)

July 27 – Rev. Deb Timmins

August 3 – Historic Sermon of Martha Kriebel

August 10 – Rev. Mike Tannous

August 17 – Rev. David Luz (Hymn Sing) Hosensack



## Confirmation Class



A Confirmation Class for 2014 - 2015 is being formed. Anyone entering 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Beth Croll. In order to have materials for all participants, please contact Dan, in the church office, **by July 6th** to register for the class. Thank you and may God bless this congregation upon our Confirmation journey.



## S u m m e r M u s i c



Summer has officially begun. This means our regular choirs get a break. Summer special music for Sunday worship services is being scheduled. If you know of anyone who would be willing to share their musical talent, please speak to anyone on the music committee, or sign up on the sheet posted outside the office. There are three remaining dates available (please see the chart below).



### Check Out Our Updated Church Website



Have you looked recently at [www.palmschwenkfelderchurch.com](http://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."

## SUMMER MUSIC

July 6	Ethel Soffa & Peg Jacob
July 13	Dottie Heebner & Family
July 20 <i>Washington Meeting House</i>	
July 27	Bill Ludlow & Peg Jacob
August 3	Betty Hildenbrand
August 10	Gail Ferry
August 17 / Hymn Sing <i>Hosensack Meeting House</i>	-----
August 24	
August 31	

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## SAVE THE DATE!

- July 4th* — Independence Day
- July 6th* — Mission Team Leaves
- July 7th* — Ladies' Aid Making Chow-Chow
- July 12th* — Mission Team Returns
- July 20th* — Washington Meeting House Site
- July 24—26th* — Ladies' Aid Making Chow-Chow
- August 17th* — Hosensack Meetinghouse
- August 22nd* — Pastor Nick Returns from  
Sabbatical
- August 23rd* — Long/Rivas Wedding
- August 27th* — Senior Choir Rehearsal



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*