



Happy Fathers Day



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Palm Schwenkfelder Church

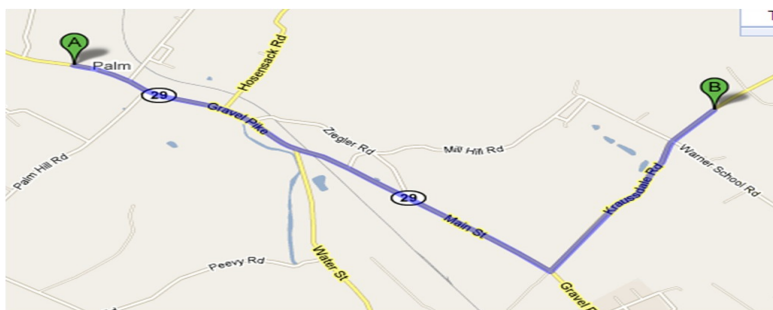
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Palm Schwenkfelder Church

**Please join us in worship:
Kraussdale
Sunday, June 22nd**

10:15am Worship Service



- Turn left out of the church parking lot and head east on PA 29S/Gravel Pike.
- After approximately 1.8 miles you will come to a light at Kraussdale Road.
- Turn left onto Kraussdale Road.
- In approximately 1 mile you will see a sign for Kraussdale Meetinghouse.
- The entrance to the parking area will be on your right

Salford Pilgrimage

Join us on Sunday, June 1st, at 6:00 p.m. at the Salford Meeting house for an evening of worship and fellowship as we revisit the past and look to the future. A social time with ice cream Sunday fixings will bring the pleasant evening to a proper close.

- South on Route 63 (Sumneytown Pike) through Harleysville
- Turn left onto Clemens Road
- Continue on Clemens Road until Yoder Road
- Turn left on Yoder Road
- Continue a short distance to Fretz Road
- Turn right onto Fretz Road
- The entrance to the meetinghouse site will be on your left, a bit after crossing the bridge over the Skippack Creek

{For more information on Salford Meetinghouse, turn to page 6}

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Y O U T H N E W S



June Birthdays

A Very Happy Birthday to...
Margo May (6/29)



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



Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday is the first Sunday in June, (June 1st). The 7-Up class is planning

the worship service and they are looking forward to sharing God's Word with the congregation. Practice will be held June 1st at 9:00am. There will also be a short practice for speaking parts on Saturday, May 31st. At 9:30am



Youth Movie Time

Youth from the 7-Up class will be attending the Grand Theater from time to time to see movies of Christian inspiration. Youth admission is free to all movies. Please bring money for refreshments. Parents are welcome to come, but are not required. Please visit www.kids-in-mind.com to read rating reviews to see if the movies are appropriate for your children.



Sunday School Closing and Picnic

Sunday, June 8th will be combined Sunday school in the Social Hall. The drawing will be held for our *Kids get caught being kind* program. After worship there will be a picnic in the Grove. The picnic is open to everyone. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish, dessert, or chips to share. Bring chairs or blankets. A few tables will be set up for eating. Weather permitting, there will be a fun surprise for the kids and the kids at heart. We hope you can join us!



Jungle Safari VBS

VBS is only a few weeks away! This year it will run from June 22nd thru Thursday, June 26th

From 6:00pm-8:30pm. The kids will be using recycled items and making them into musical instruments. If you could save the following items, we would greatly appreciate it—

- soup size empty tin cans
- cardboard paper towel & toilet paper tubes
- metal jar lids (eg. from baby food, jelly, relish, spaghetti sauce, etc.)

There will be a box marked VBS donations in the Narthex. Thank you so much for your help!



Registration forms are available in the Narthex. You may also email Barb Master at kb3master@yahoo.com. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Barb Master via email, or call her at 610—295—2190.



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 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



Spring is in the air, and summer will be here soon. 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.



Mark Your Calendars! The Men of Palm Chicken BBQ



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.



Time to Make the Chow Chow!

The Ladies' Aid will be making Chow Chow on July 25th & 26th. This process will actually start on July 7th, when we will be cutting up cucumbers for pickling. Then we will need **many hands** on July 25th 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 26th. This endeavor is no small task and will take many hands. Please save these dates & consider helping with this Ladies' Aid sponsored project.

M E M B E R N E W S



...*Congratulations to...*

- ... Sean & Jessica (Croll) Mason on the birth of their daughter Makayla Rose
- ...Ken & Kelly (Stauffer) Zaborowski on the birth of their daughter Megan Madison

...*Best Wishes...*

...on the marriage of Joshua McGovern & Nicole Titus



PALM LEAVES



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:00am Rehearsal 10:15am Youth Sunday Worship Service 6:30pm Salford Pilgrimage	2	3 8:00am Quilters 1:00pm Ladies' Aid 7:15 pm BSA Regular Scout Schedule	4	5 9:00 am Staff Mtg. 6:30 pm BSA Patrol Leaders 7:00 pm Diaconate	6	7
8* Pentecost 9:00am Closing for Sunday School 10:15am Sunday Worship Service* 11:30am ** 3:00pm ***	9 6:30pm Buildings and Grounds 7:30 pm Board of Trustees	10 8:00am Quilters 7:15 pm BSA Regular Scout Schedule	11 	12 7:00pm Day School Board Meeting	13	14 Men of Palm Chicken BBQ
15 Father's Day 9:00am Combined Sunday School 10:15am Sunday Worship Service	16 2:30pm Board of Music Ministry 7:00pm Board of Christian Ed.	17 8:00am Quilters Regular Scout Schedule	18	19	20	21 
22 10:15am Kraussdale Sunday Worship Service 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School Begins	23 6:15pm Vacation Bible School	24 8:00am Quilters 6:15pm Vacation Bible School 7:00pm Missions Regular Scout Schedule	25 6:15pm Vacation Bible School	26 6:15pm Last Night of Vacation Bible School	27	28 1:00pm VBS Presentation at Frederick Living
29 9:00am Combined Sunday School 10:15 am Sunday Worship Service	30					
* Pick-Up Anthem during Worship by the Senior Choir and joined by all who wish to sing ** Sunday School Closing Picnic	*** Upper Perki- omen Baccalaure- ate at St. John's Sumneytown	Regular Tuesday Scouts Schedule				
		6:30pm Brownies 7:00pm Boy Scouts				

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:

May 27th — June 8th

Rev. Becca Stephens

June 9th — June 30th

Rev. Chuck Romanowski
(19th and 20th Chuck will be at the shore and
Rev. Barbara Pence will cover)

July 1st — 13th

Rev. Ron Krick

July 14th — 26th

Rev. Becca Stephens

July 27th — August 3rd

Rev. Homer Royer

August 4th — 10th

Rev. Becky Eisenhart

August 11th — 20th

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:

June 1 – Youth Sunday (Praise Team)

June 8 – Rev. Wanda Craner

June 15 – Rev. Deb Timmins

June 22 – Kraussdale – Rev. Frances Chester

June 29 – Rev. Frances Chester

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

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



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 in providing Disaster Relief for the Victims of Superstorm 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, member of the Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey www.lsmnj.org who 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.

Caspar's Corner — The Salford Schwenkfelder Meetinghouse

Each June, we join together as a denomination at the old Salford Schwenkfelder Meetinghouse for the Salford Pilgrimage. In honor of that occasion, we found the following information about the grounds in the October, 1913 issue of *The Schwenk-*

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feldian, on pages 185 – 191. It is written by Charles K. Meschter of Bethlehem, PA. We thought these few excerpts from the article would be worth noting.

On the morning of August 15, 1913, my brother and I drove to the Schwenkfelder graveyard in Lower Salford particularly to see the graves of our paternal ancestors there. While we were looking around, the venerable and much-to-be-respected Mr. Isaac K. Kriebel came to us from his adjoining farm. Among other things he told us of the schoolhouse once upon the grounds. To him I owe many of the following facts, although at the time I did

not know that I should repeat them today.

Only a few feet from the west corner of the Lower Salford Schwenkfelder Meeting-house there begins a rectangular depression in the ground eight by twelve ordinary steps, or about twenty by thirty feet; and the rectangle parallels the length of the meeting-house. This sunken earth marks the foundation of the old schoolhouse on Schwenkfelder property at this place. A stone in a gable of the schoolhouse bore the date of 1828, and this was the year in which the building was erected. This stone is now to be seen in the north-east gable of the Salford Meeting-house.

The walls of the schoolhouse were built entirely of stone. This stone, as well as the tablet containing the year, was built into the walls of the present meeting-house, although additional stone was required for the new structure. The outer walls of the schoolhouse were pebble-dashed. In the northwest wall there were three windows, the middle one being set somewhat higher than the other two. In each of the remaining walls there were two windows. In the south east wall there were two doors only a few feet apart. The schoolhouse had two doors for the reason that the interior had a partition, which in case of necessity, like very cold weather, shut off a part of the room-space; where-

upon each apartment conveniently had its door.

The schoolhouse was perhaps somewhat higher than the present sheds, perhaps eighteen feet to the point of the roof. The roof itself was of shingles. The chimney was built of brick. For those of us who know the present meetinghouse at that place it is suggestive to compare the plan and style of it and of the schoolhouse—for instance, the three windows on the west side, the middle one

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slightly raised; the two windows at the two ends; two doors; the partition. Not only was the schoolhouse used for school purposes, but it also afforded the Schwenkfelders of that region a place in which to have their church services. In the Lower Salford Meeting-house stone and memo-

rial tablets alone are not preserved from schoolhouse days. From that time dates the old wood stove in the vestibule for women in the meeting-house, and the several backless benches throughout it inform us of the amount of comfort that the pupils and worshippers in the old schoolhouse had. Furthermore, the Balthasar Heydrick hymn book, used in the schoolhouse church services, is in use in the present meeting-house. As this schoolhouse was near the Towamensing Township line, "it was extensively patronized from that township," says Edward Mathews in his *History of Towamensing Township*. Indeed it is of interest to us to know that not a few Schwenkfelder boys and girls attended this pioneer institution. Our familiar Schwenkfelder Mr. Isaac K. Kriebel attended there. My father, as well as two of his brothers and one of his sisters, obtained his first education at the school.

The school ground in general extended from the present fence in front of the meeting-house to the back of the sheds, from the cemetery fence adjoining the meeting-house to a line ten steps from its southwest end, all these being present landmarks. This was a tract of reasonable size on which to bat ball before the days of the scientific "nine." As there was no fence

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



Wednesday, June 11th, Noon

The Iron Collar

A Historical Novel about the Schwenkfelders



Come hear Dr. Allen Viehmeyer present and discuss *The Iron Collar*. It is the English translation by Andy Berky of a historical novel written originally in German by Fedor Sommer (1864-1930) and published in Halle, Germany, in 1911. It is a fictional account of what happened to the Schwenkfelders in Harpersdorf between 1718 and 1740. What is a major theme running throughout the novel? Can you separate fact from fiction in this novel set in the writer's native Silesia?



The Salford Schwenkfelder Meetinghouse (Cont.)

enclosing the legal playground, the pupils had the run of the adjoining woods; and these must have furnished exquisite delight. Indeed the present splendid woods must have laughed with those children at play. Playing in the graveyard was prohibited. In those days no lane led to the schoolhouse meeting-house, but instead a person wishing to go to the place had to find his way through the forest. Those boys already had the impulse of the present-day athletic student. They played bat-and-ball, corner ball, tagger, and blindman's buff. On rainy days inside they often played slip the ruler or bum-sock. This is best understood if played. Foot races were sometimes the sport. Young Isaac Kriebel, and Young Josiah Heckler, now the watchmaker at Mainland, Pa., one time ran one of these races from the school ground, through the woods, to the opposite

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fence. The object was to see who could be at the fence first. Mr. Kriebel modestly told me that he had won; but he had to do it by taking long jumps at the end, he said. In corner ball the teacher George Alderfer would help play, Mr. Kriebel remarked and added, but when school was called Alderfer would say to the boys: You have played ball hard, now study as hard as you played. These games have

alas been superseded; but it is pleasant for some of us, who have grown to man's stature, to recall that they continued to our public school days and that we played them all many times. As to the games of the girls in the school, they often among themselves played tagger. Sometimes girls and boys played this game together. It seems that fewer girls then relatively attended school than boys. The absurd opinion was prevalent among some persons that it was not necessary for girls to be educated. I know of a well-known Schwenkfelder wife and mother, having died several years ago, who never attended any school.

We have heard that the schoolhouse was built in 1828 and that for some time it served a double purpose. As a school it ceased to exist about 1850. This was due to the "school law adopted about 1850" and the county superintendency law in 1854. These two

laws changed the manner of schoolkeeping. After them this Lower Salford school proved "inferior and insufficient" (says Mathews in the book already quoted), whereupon it was discontinued, but the building was used for church purposes until 1869. At the base of the little triangular roof overhanging the men's door of the Salford Meeting-house there is painted in black the year "1869." This is the date of the erection of the meeting house and also the date of the end of the schoolhouse. The present meetinghouse, we see, uninterruptedly continues, the older schoolhouse. The Reverend George Meschter, my grandfather, was the last preacher responsible for services in the schoolhouse church. He also continued his services twenty-seven years in the present building, one year before his death, 1887. Mr. Isaac Kriebel remarked that when he had service alone, he often preached two hours.

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

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SAVE THE DATE!

- June 1st* — Youth Sunday
— Salford Pilgrimage
- June 8th* — Pentecost
— Pick-Up Anthem During Worship
— Sunday School Closing Picnic
- June 14th* — Men of Palm Chicken BBQ
- June 22nd* — Kraussdale Worship Service
— VBS Starts
- June 28th* — VBS Presentation
@ Frederick Living



Rev. Nicholas L. Pence, *Pastor*
Rev. Ronald Krick, *Pastor Emeritus*
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