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Palm Schwenkfelder Church

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Pastor's Pause — A Journey to Hope

Throughout the season of Lent, Holy Week, and in our Easter celebration, we are utilizing a cantata by Joseph Martin entitled "A Journey to Hope." Through our times of worship a different piece will be offered to guide us along our own journey to hope and the glorious resurrection of Christ. The inspiration for Martin's cantata comes from Spirituals, and this style of music serves as a great resource for this season of deep reflection, repentance, and renewal. Many of the spirituals in this cantata were born out of the struggle. dehumanization, and an-

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guish of slavery in the pre-Civil War era of our nation's history. Many musicologists suggest that spirituals like "Wade in the Water" in addition to having an important Scriptural base also served as encour-



agement and instruction for slaves to escape from captivity. The longing for freedom, both physical and spiritual, is evident in these songs of faith and reminds us of our own deliverance in Christ.

As part of our Journey to Hope, Sister Millicent Drake is also leading a weekly Bible Study based on the incorporated Scriptures in the cantata. The Brown Bag Lunch begins at 11:30 am, every Wednesday and will conclude on March 23rd. I pray

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that throughout this season we all may be inspired to embrace our hope in Jesus Christ more fully.

To conclude this newsletter article I share the foreword from the cantata:

"A Journey to Hope"

The journey begins.

One step of devotion, and the waters clap their hands in worship, splashing joy on the hearts of the faithful.

Another step, and Christ calls His disciples to service and ministry.

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March Youth Birthdays

A Very Happy Birthday to... Brent Master (3/1), Elias Gabel-Trippe (3/3), Andrew Kriebel (3/20), Blake Master (3/30)

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



Children's Church

Children ages 4 years thru 4th grade may go upstairs for a Bi-

ble lesson, snack, and activity or craft after the children's sermon. If your child has allergies/food allergies, please remember to notify the leader for each Sunday. Thank you to the congregation for the yummy snack donations. Thank you to the leaders who are carrying out a wonderful ministry!

Monthly Youth Hoagie Sales

Thank you for buying hoagies from the youth. For the combined January and February sales, the youth opted to donate \$150 to Relay for Life to help reach the Platinum goal and to donate \$195 to the First Monday Meal in March. Great job youth and congregation!

"Rejoice in the Lord Always; again I will say, rejoice!" Philippians 4:4

The youth are continuing to do a great job celebrating the joy they receive from God's love by sharing that joy with others and acting kindly

toward one another. Thank you for supporting this mission by helping kids see that they are acting kindly and that it makes a difference. May God's joy continue to ring out in your heart!



OPENING
DEVOTIONS ~ A
YEAR OF BIBLE
BIRTHDAYS
Opening devotions
continues to be the

gathering place for kids (Toddlers through 6th grade) before they go to their Sunday school classrooms. Here they will learn a different Bible verse and song each month. Thank you, Sunday school teachers, for helping.



Bible App for Kids: A Call to Action!

Help your kids connect each day and help them fall in love with God's Holy Word.

During this season of lent, read two stories per week with your children and have them share those two stories with me the following Sunday. I would love to hear what they learned. If you are unsure about the Bible app, please see me (Barb Master) and I

will help you with it. Or, they may read the stories from the Bible. Please see the complete list of stories on the bulletin board.



Teens & Adults ~ You Version Holy Bible App

Lent and Easter plans are updated on the Bible App. Some current plans include: Risen, Awed By Christ's Resurrection, 7 Words From the Cross, Seven Mile Miracle, The Story of Easter.

Teens ~ check out the youth plans. Some of the current plans are: Jonah Challenge, Samson Challenge, Parents, Friendship, Peer Pressure, Integrity, Depression, How To Pray.

Lent Service Transportation

If anyone (kids or adults) is in need of carpooling to the community Lent services, Maundy Thursday service, or Good Friday walk and lunch, please contact Barb Master at 610-295-2190.





Maundy Thursday

Youth, be sure to join us 7:00pm Thursday, March 24th, at Palm Church for the Maundy Thursday Worship Service.



Good Friday Walk

All youth and adults, join us Friday, March 25th, 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.





Good Friday Youth Lock-In

On Good Friday night there will be a youth lock-in. It will start at 6:00pm, with pizza for 5th grade and up. For more information, contact Barb Master at 610—295—2190





Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunts



Teachers ~ After opening devotions on Sunday, March 20th, youth Sunday school teachers will participate in an egg hunt, with the eggs being hidden by the youth. The winning classroom will win a Dunkin' Donuts party for their class. All classes will be treated to munchkins. The donut date will be Sunday, April 10th.

Good Luck!

Youth Egg Hunt ~ After worship service on Sunday, March 20th 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!



PALM LEAVES

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Sympathies to...

...the family of Clara Graber
...the family of Doris Masemore
...Bill Ludlow on the death of his sister Lisa

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, March 13th and Sunday, March 20th. We always need extra

hands in making the candy so we are asking for help on Thursday morning March 10th at 9:00am to mix and roll the candy and also on Friday evening, March 11th at 6:00pm to dip and package. Please make plans to join us for some sweet fun in the candy kitchen!!!



Annual Report Available to View

The Palm Schwenkfelder Church Annual Report for 2015 has been posted to the church website. It can be found at http://bit.ly/1QfQGoz, or by going to www.palmschwwenkfelderchurch.com, rolling your mouse over the "About" tab, and then by selecting the "Present" page from the drop down menu.





Treasurer Report – January, 2016

	<u>January</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash on Hand 1/1/2016	\$35,761.03	\$35,761.03
Operating Income Received	\$19,894.61	\$19,894.61
Operating Expenses	\$34,786.33	\$34,786.33
Operating Cash on Hand 1/31/2016	\$20,869.31	\$20,869.31

Caspar's Corner: Elmer Johnson – Visit to Harpersdorf 1905 {Part 2 of 5}

In 1905 Elmer E. S. Johnson, his wife, and son together with friends Samuel Anders Anders and his wife Charlotte visited Harpersdorf. Fortunately, Elmer Johnson kept an extensive diary of his ex-



periences in Harpersdorf during the week of July 25 to August 1, 1905, which are being duplicated here and in the following 3 installments of Caspar's Corner.

Wednesday, July 26, 1905

This morning I went over to the Parsonage where Pastor Patschke laid the church book before me but he did not have any further book than 1722. I fell to work however & found a few good things for our work, S. A. Anders also came and we worked the book through down to 1728-30. We left it at noon since we did not find anything very definite. After dinner we set out for our first walk to the Viehweg. Past the Soldiers monument, whereon are inscribed such names as Anders, up the worn

place along this old path, whereon the ancient cowherd drove his cattle and the shepherd his flocks to graze. On both sides of the way farmers were cutting rye. The crops were indicative of a rich fertility of soil. Deep hollows were to the right of the road, from which sand and earth for building purposes and the like [had been taken]. The larks sang cheerily in the meadow; above the stillness of the air one heard the rattle of the reaper. Hardly a cloud floated so clear was the sky above. At last we came to the edge of the little grove. With bared heads and without a word we quietly entered this sacred field of the heroic dead. In unmarked and undistinguishable graves their bodies rest. There was a fearful conflict, but they bore away with them a victory of everlasting glory. After taking a number of pictures we rested on the sod by the Denkmal of 1863. Without plan or previous meditation, quite spontaneously, our souls were in harmony with it, we sang in the following order: 1) Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, 2) Nun danket alle Gott, 3) Jesus Lover of My Soul, 4) Nearer My God to Thee, 5) All Hail the

way we marched talking

about the events that took

Power of Jesus' Name. A prayer of thanksgiving and all joining in the Lord's Prayer and then the benediction. We sat upon the ground and ate dry bread, and as we sat and ate, it occurred to us that all this was in keeping with our tradition and yet none of us planned for it. We smoothed the sand about the base of the Denkmal and then Mr. Anders and I walked 18 steps from the corner

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stone to corner stone across the lot and 80 steps from stone to stone along the length. Meanwhile Mrs. Anders began to clear the walks of twigs and branches while Mrs. Johnson and Rolland ex-

amined the ground. Then we all joined in clearing the walks, even Rolland carried sticks to a mud hole in the road that goes by. After all this was done we were seated upon the grass and viewed the county. Eastward lay the valley of Pilgramsdorf with the Steinberg to the right. Northward beyond the range of stone hills and overlooking the roofs and spire of Harpersdorf and all the country around the ancient Gröditzberg lifted its head. Even the castle on its summit could be distinguished. Westward and in the valley lay Armenruhe, Langneundorf, etc. with the Heilige Berg beyond. South and Southwest the memorable Spitzberg and the Silesian Mountains with the Schnee Kopf [peak] in the distance. Probsthayn with its spire could be seen and many more. It was a glorious afternoon. One we shall not forget. The five of us were happy and very grateful that Providence had blessed us so that we might come and see the place where blood of our blood once struggled and resisted the attacks upon its unalloyed faith. We rose and slowly left the place for the village. We crossed to the neighboring rye field where we found a few sheaves behind a

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Caspar's Corner (Cont.)

McCormick mower used to cut the grain. We met the owner of the field who was very kind and made us very welcome. We crossed the field to the place where Michael Schneider lived in 1727. Then came down the road. At #7 I saw a woman & on entering the backyard I greeted her. She was very kind and told me her husband's name was August Beyer. I told her that I would call some evening when he was home. Then we returned to the Hotel. Mr. A and I went down the dorf road past the Smithy by the Vogelbach on to the Catholic Chapel on the hill we entered the Pfarrei [parsonage] to speak [to the] priest but he was away. We then went down the hill to the Hof & found the old Meschter home now in the possession of Grüttner, the young man just married a week ago. We then returned through the meadow calling on an old widow Meschter, but got no information. We came home via the Chaussee after having had a chat with the blacksmith at the Smythy already mentioned. After Supper Mr. A and I went down to #8 to Oswald Ernst the present besitzer [owner] and here we found the Schöppen Bücher [real estate transactions] of Nieder Harpersdorf 1580-1771. This was the richest find we had yet made and promises great results. We chatted a while with the family then returned to the Gericht-Kretcham much elated over our find. We promised to call again on Friday and work through the books.

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

Lenten Journey (Cont.)

In the hushed and mysterious chant of the ancient rituals of Passover, they learn of a new Way; a thoroughfare paved with grace and mercy that leads through the wilderness and to the Promised Land.

A little further now, and Jesus calls to the sick, weary and burdened. Together they begin a parade of life, marching across the dusty landscape of Galilee.

The road delivers the pilgrims to the walled city of Jerusalem, filled with palms and psalms and shouts of "Hosanna!"

Just beyond the city walls, the winding path finds an upper room. The road-weary warriors of peace realize a moment to rest, refresh and reflect. In the

hushed and mysterious chant of the ancient rituals of Passover, they learn of a new Way; a thoroughfare paved with grace and mercy that leads through the wilderness and to the Promised Land.

The road will not be easy for the Savior, for it rises to a walled garden where despair meets conviction. The inner battle won, the cup gripped and drained, He rises to walk another weary trail.

Walking, falling, stumbling and bleeding, the Savior takes the Way of Sorrow, and the journey ends in gasps of forgiveness.

The path to a borrowed tomb is thought to be the final destination. But joy breaks free with the morning sun, and is greeted with rolling stones and rising hopes, as Jesus walks again, in the garden with His creation.

Christ is the journey, and He is the journey's end.

Amen!

Joseph M. Martin

Back to Back Bay - 2016



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 details, and



consider joining what is sure to be another memorable and moving adventure in Service.

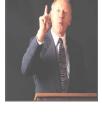
SLHC LECTURE SERIES



At the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center



Forrest Moyer, archivist at the Mennonite Heritage Center, Harleysville, recently spent six months cataloging Mennonite-related fraktur in the collection of the SLHC and MHC, under a grant from the Clemens Family Corporation. His work uncovered interesting new details about some pieces in the SLHC collection and explored the relationship between Mennonite and Schwenkfelder fraktur art, particularly in the Skippack-Worcester community.





Special Music

Be sure to mark your calendars! On Sunday, March 6th, come hear the Upper Perkiomen A-Choir as they share their talents with us during the worship hour. Then, on Sunday, April 24th, come join us as we celebrate Music Sunday with all of our talented musicians.





DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

On March 13, 2016, Daylight Savings Time will begin.

Don't forget to set you clocks ahead one hour!





Easter Dawn Worship Service

Greet the sun on Easter morning at our early service, at 7:00 am. We begin outside, then go into the sanctuary for worship. After the service, join us in Fellowship Hall for a Covered-Dish breakfast. A great way to start this special day!



It's still "that" season; 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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MISSION MOMENT: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Souad and Rahaf: Syrian Refugees

Souad Kasem Issa combs the hair of her daughter Rahaf, 9.She is a Syrian refugee in Amman, Jordan. She and her husband and six children fled the city of Homs as fighting there worsened in 2012. Their home in Syria has since been destroyed by bombing, and they are struggling to survive in Jordan's capital city, where they now live.

Our faith calls us to respond to people in crisis. Unfortunately, crisis such as war, disaster, changing climate or a devastated economy have forced millions of people over the years to seek safety as refugees.

Today, our world is facing a refugee crisis beyond anything we have seen in recent generations. At this moment, there are more refugees in the world than at any time since World War II. Millions of people are alive today only because they have escaped perilous situations.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is rooted in responding to Christ's call to welcome the stranger. The offering provides assistance beyond emergency food, water and shelter.

The United Church of Christ has stepped forward to serve as co-sponsors, mentors and friends to newly arrived refugees on behalf of the Church, helping people in need begin a new life free from violence, persecution, or a shifting climate. The offering provides financial support to help refugees, such as the Issa family, who are living in a country that's not their home. We are helping families begin a new life with hope for a better future.

As we respond generously, may we recognize that in giving, we are on a personal journey to live in Christ's image!



Altar Flowers and Bulletins

There are several upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins. Dates available for flower sponsorship are:

April 17th; May 1st and 29th. We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on: March 6th; May 29th.

The cost for flower sponsorship is \$50.00, and the cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15.00. Please sign up on the chart in the hallway outside of the 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!



What's the Buzz at Advanced Living?

The collaboration known as North Penn Commons is moving along very

nicely. You can view the live camera feed by going to www.northpenncommons.org.

We have given out over 350 admission applications and received over 150 and still counting. In March there will be a lottery drawing for these 60 apartments.

There has been a One Four All capital campaign launched. We're at \$4.3 million in pledges, cash and securities. Our goal is \$6 million. Anyone interested in this campaign, contact Bill Brown at Advanced Living, or your conference rep, Eugene Dolloff or Shirley Miller.

Our Home Care services is growing, making it possible for our residents to age in place.

A renovation project to our older buildings will start soon. It's important we maintain what we have along with projects for the future of our senior citizens.

Our Derstine 2 building was featured in a business publication. It's posted on the Narthex bulletin board along with a picture of North Penn Commons.

PALM LEAVES

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 is posted in the Narthex. Donations of desserts are needed. Please bring desserts to the Palm church kitchen either on Sunday, or on Monday morning. 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!



LADIES AID EASTER FLOWERS **ORDERS AND MONEY DUE BY MARCH 13, 2016**

	Quantity	<u>Each</u>	<u>Price</u>
6" Mums – Assorted Colors		x \$7.00 =	\$
3 Bloom Hyacinths – Asst'd Colors		x \$7.00 =	\$
4 Bloom Tulips – Asst'd Colors		x \$5.00 =	\$
6 Bloom Tulips – Asst'd Colors		x \$7.00 =	\$
4 Bulb Daffodils		x \$8.00 =	\$
White Lilies		x \$8.00 =	\$



Grand Total for Order = \$

Given in Honor of:

Given in Memory of:

- Make checks payable to "Ladies Aid Society"
- Place all completed orders in the lockbox on the door to the Church Office.

Name:	Telephone:

Please note: All flowers will be used to decorate the church on Easter Sunday. Each person is responsible for picking up their flowers after the church service on March 27, 2016.





The members of Palm's Ladies' Aid Society express their deepest appreciation to Shirley Miller, who has chaired our Holiday Bazaar event planning for more than twenty years. Shirley has recently announced her retirement from this important position. The bazaar has been an annual success largely due to her offering of cheerfulness, enthusiasm and countless hours of organizational work. We have been truly blessed by her willingness to tackle this important fundraiser, which benefits our church and its greater mission. Thank you, Shirley!



<u>Lenten and Holy Week</u> Schedule

Wednesday, March 2nd Pennsburg UCC at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9th St. John's Evangelical Lutheran – Sumneytown at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16th St. Paul's Lutheran – Red Hill Church at 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday, March 20th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 10:15 a.m.

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

Maundy Thursday, March 24th Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 25th 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, March 27th 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



What's for Lunch During Lent: Brown Bag Bible Study

During our 2016 Lenten schedule we are delighted to host a brown bag lunch Bible study led by Sister Millicent Drake. This Scriptural study is framed upon the Joseph Martin Cantata, <u>A Journey to Hope</u>, and invites us to explore the Biblical foundations of Lent, leading us through Holy Week and the celebration of Christ's Resurrection. The Brown Bag Bible Study will take place every Wednesday, at 11:30 a.m., beginning February 10th and finishing March 23rd. Please feel free to join the study as your schedule allows.



TRUSTEE TIDBITS

- Thank you to Kevin and his crew for the monumental task of clearing the church driveways and parking lot after the January snow storm.
- To improve the church office functioning, we will be holding more closely to the newsletter article deadline, the 10th of each month. Late submissions will be added only as time and space allows.
- With our 2015 Annual Report, our members received a member directory. Please notify our church office if you are aware of an inaccuracies or if you should know the contact information for a member that is listed without contact information.
- A thank you to each of you who have contributed to our church. Acts 20:28 "Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood."

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SAVE THE DATE!

March 2nd — Community Lenten Service @

Pennsburg UCC

March 9th — Community Lenten Service @ St. John's

Evangelical Lutheran—Sumneytown

March 16th — Community Lenten Service @ St. Paul's

Lutheran—Red Hill

March 20th — Palm Sunday

— Youth Easter Egg Hunt

March 24th — Maundy Thursday Service

March 27th — Easter Dawn Worship Service

— Easter Communion Worship

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

