MARCH 2017

PALM LEAVES

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

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Brown Bag Lunch Lecture
 Pastor's Pause
 One Great Hour of Sharing

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Pastor's Pause — Our Lenten Journey

March 1, 2017 begins the season of Lent this year, a forty day time period, excluding Sundays, which calls us to deepen our faith, reflect upon our lives, repent, and know God's grace in Jesus Christ. There are several opportunities for deepening our faith on our Lenten journey this year which I would like to share with you. Our journey begins with Palm's Ash Wednesday service on March 1st beginning at 7:00

During our regular noon time of prayer there will be **daily Scripture readings** available, to deepen our spiritual practice as we ex-

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plore God's Word as a congregation. These will be included in the weekly bulletin. There will also be a **Brown Bag Bible Study** starting at 11:30 am every Wednesday beginning March 8th, which Sister



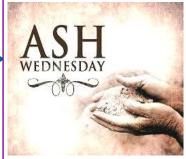
Millicent Drake will be leading, focusing on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Bring your lunch along and be ready to share in some fellowship and study.

Palm will also be participating again in the midweek Lenten series with several congregations in the Upper Perk Valley. We will again be partnering with St. Mark's, Pennsburg UCC, St. Paul's, St. John's, Frieden's, and welcome New Goshenhoppen UCC, East Greenville, to our mid-week series. This year we will be

In honor of (the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation)... this midweek Lenten series is built around Luther's Small Catechism.

utilizing "With Awe and Love: A Midweek Service Based on Luther's Small Catechism," which opens with the following Introduction:

The year 2017 marks the international observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. In honor of that anniversary, this midweek Lenten series is built around Luther's Small Catechism. The Small Catechism was designed as a teaching tool of the faith, not just within the church but in the home. (Cont. p. 3)







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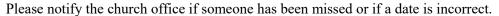
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March Youth Birthdays

A Very Happy Birthday to...

Brent Master (3/1), Andrew Kriebel (3/20), Blake Master (3/30)





Mentor/Confirmand Event Progressive Dinner for Confirmands and Mentors

On Sunday, March 19th (snow date March 26th), the confirmation class students and their mentors, along with Pastor Nick, will enjoy a Progressive Dinner. The class will meet at the church for appetizers at 4:30 p.m. Then they will travel to the home of Beth and Bob Croll for soup and salad. The main course will be at the home of Luanne and Jeff Stauffer. After dinner, the students and mentors will travel to the final location to enjoy dessert at the home of Lisa Stitt. They will then carpool back to the church, to be met by their parents at approximately 8:15 pm, unless other arrangements are made. Thanks to our mentors and parents for their donations of food for this special evening.



Lenten Journey (Cont.)

Luther intended for the home to be the place where faith was first shared and taught. To that end he created the Small Catechism: a simple explanation of the Ten Commandments. the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments. He included basic prayers for morning and evening, and suggested ways to worship, praise, and revere God during each part of our day.

All services will begin at 7:00 pm with refreshments following worship.



March 8th
The Ten Commandments
(Frieden's UCC, Sumneytown)

March 15th
The Apostle's Creed
(St. John's Lutheran
Church, Sumneytown)

March 22nd
The Lord's Prayer
(St. Paul's Lutheran
Church, Red Hill)

March 29th
Baptism
(Palm Schwenkfelder
Church, Palm)

April 5th
Holy Communion
(St. Mark's Lutheran
Church, Pennsburg)

I pray that this Lenten Season will be an enriching and reflective time for all those who walk this faithful journey.



ANNUAL MEETING: FRIENDS OF THE SCHWENKFELDER LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER

Sunday, March 26, 2:00 pm

VALLEY RESTAURANTS

Sunday, March 26, 2:30 pm

Anyone remember eating a steak at Ernie Stoudt's place or a hoagie at Balduzzi's shop, or a burger at Ruba Endy's Penn Cup, or a cone at Shelly's ice cream or....? We could go on and on naming favorite places to catch a bite to eat in the Upper Perk area over the years.

Owners may have changed or passed on, names for the eateries may have changed, and we certainly have changed with the passing years, but fond memories live on about the special foods, the friends, the good times, even the antics we shared at the eating places stretching from Sumneytown, traveling along Route 29, and ending in Hereford.

Larry Roeder will be the moderator and members of the Friends Board will comprise a panel to lead the discussion for this Back Porch Seminar. As always, audience members are encouraged to add their remembrances to these lively seminars.

Photos add immensely to a discussion, and we hope to have photos of many of the eateries and of people working at the shops. If you have any pictures to offer, or you know of someone who may have pictures to share, please contact the Heritage Center. Pictures will be carefully scanned and then returned to you.

What do you remember about Tony's Steak House? Kneule's Hotel? Charcoal Charlie? Lila Adam's Frosty Maid? Jacob's Restaurant? We want to hear about it!

Join us Sunday afternoon, March 26, 2017 at 2:00 pm in the Meeting Room at the Schwenk-felder Library & Heritage Center for some delicious reminiscing

Volunteers Needed for a New Endeavor

On Tuesday, March 21st, at noon, we will need volunteers to fold and sticker-seal the April Palm Leaves for mailing. We will be attempting for only the second time to bring our newsletter process completely in-house, but we can't do it without your help. Please consider coming out to help us on the 21st. Contact the church office to volunteer, or to just

find out more about this volunteer opportunity.

PALM LEAVES

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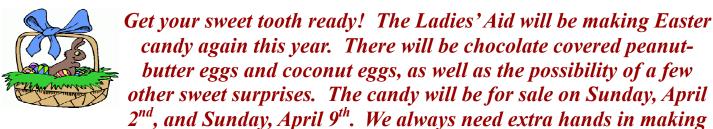
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Sympathies to...

...the family of Helen Miller

...the family of Edmund Kuhns



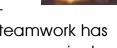
the candy so we are asking for help on Thursday morning March 30th at 9:00am to mix and roll the eggs, and also on Friday morning, March 31st at 9:00am and again Friday evening, March 31st at 6:00pm, to dip and package the eggs. Please make plans to join us for some sweet fun in the candy kitchen!!



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Many thanks to all who participated in the ACS Relay for Life Christmas Eve Luminary Project. With the generosity of our donors and the gifts of time provided by our volunteers we were able to create a beautiful and meaningful display for those who worshipped at Palm on Christmas Eve. Through this project your teamwork has



raised over \$1,300 toward our \$5,000 March 2017 goal. You are amazing!

T h a n k

Thank you to the members and friends of Palm's Ladies' Aid Society for participating in our annual Christmas Plant & Fruit Basket Delivery Project. With your help we were able to bring some Christmas cheer to so many of our church family who are unable to attend worship on a regular basis.



Caspar's Corner: Schwenckfeld's Portrait #3

In our first two pieces on Schwenckfeld's Portrait, we learned how Dr. Johnson, in Germany attending to the publication of the *Corpus Schwenckfeldianorum*, first learns about the portrait, tried



negotiating its purchase, commissioned a painted copy, and then returned safely to America after four long years in Germany during WWI. In this final segment we find the dreams of bringing the portrait to the US come true. The Schwenkfeldian of August 1919, pg. 149, describes the copy which Dr. Johnson brings home:

It was possible to secure a portrait of Schwenkfeld painted in oil on mahogany wood. This was done by a Wolfenbiittel artist Frau C. Beyer-Rose in 1918 after an original which was painted in 1556, or five years before Schwenkfeld's death. Never before was a portrait in oil shown in America and this is the only one now in the U.S.A. The original after which this was painted is in a private collection in Bavaria and can be secured if \$500 to \$1,000 are available for the purpose. Another oil portrait but of vastly inferior value is in the city library of Leipzig Germany, this was done by a Holland School.

With economic struggles in Germany creating great need, Dr. Hans Krauss, owner of the Schwenckfeld portrait, once again reaches out to Dr. Johnson with a letter in March 1922 asking him if he is still interested in the portrait and if so then please make an offer. Dr. Johnson follows up with a reply in May of 1922 with an offer of \$150. Then a year of silence passes until a letter arrives from Dr. Krauss in July 1923 stating that he will take \$150 for the Schwenckfeld portrait.

It was delivered to *Corpus* publishers Breitkopf & Hertel in Leipzig, Ger-

many, who then had the portrait shipped to the United States. In August 1924, 11 years after Vicar Adolf Wessler found it, the portrait was presented to the Amos Schultz Family Union meeting at the home of Joseph K. Schultz in Niantic. The Reunion paid for the portrait and presented it to the Schwenkfelder Library. The August 1924 Schwenk

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feldian writes, "Dr. E. E. S. Johnson then presented the original 16th Century oil portrait of Caspar von Schwenkfeld and told of his efforts extended over many years to succeed in purchasing it."

In 2003, the Heritage Center had the painting

conserved by art conservator Amanda Burdan of Philadelphia. Amanda wrote the following about this very important piece of Schwenkfelder history

The inscription on this portrait names the sitter, Caspar Schwenckfeld von Ossig, his age, 66, and the year, 1556. Schwenckfeld was living around Ulm at the time, where this painting was likely executed. In Germany, an adherence to a Late Gothic style, even after the onset of the Renaissance is common, explaining the stiff frontality of the work, the inclusion of an inscription, and coat of arms. The portrait presents Schwenckfeld as a scholar, bareheaded. wearing plain robes, and holding a book. By 1556, Schwenckfeld was in ill health, suggesting this portrait may be a reflection on his own mortality. Although the style suggests the anonymous artist was trained, his work does not display the virtuosity of the known masters of the period. Affiliation with (Cont. next page)

Caspar's Corner (Cont.)

Schwenckfeld, an outspoken reformer censured by the church and local authorities, was particularly risky, indicating that the artist was perhaps a friend or follower.

Because of the Protestant Reformation, painting in Northern Europe was markedly different from Italian Renaissance art of the same period, particularly in terms of subject matter. Protestants discouraged the religious imagery so closely affiliated with Italian Renaissance art. In adhering to stricter interpretations of the Bible, the limited iconography of Protestant imagery focused on Biblical characters such as the apostles and evangelists, rather than the host of Catholic saints and martyrs. Artists in the North found new markets for their talents with the rising demand for portraiture created by a secular merchant society. Portraits like this one became a middle class mark of accomplishment.

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



Lenten and Holy Week Schedule



Wednesday, March 1st
Palm Schwenkfelder Church
Ash Wednesday Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8th Friedens UCC – Sumneytown at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15th St. John's Lutheran – Sumneytown at 7:00 p.m.

> Wednesday, March 22nd St. Paul's Red Hill at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29th Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5th St. Mark's Lutheran – Pennsburg at 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 9th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 10:15 a.m.

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

Maundy Thursday, April 13th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14th 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, April 16th 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



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



At the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center

Tales from the Schwenkfelder Genealogical Record

Presented by Candace Perry March 8, 2017 noon

The *Genealogical Record of the Schwenkfelder Families* is acknowledged by some professional genealogists to be one of the best anecdotal genealogies ever written. The stories hidden in its pages can now be further explored and delved into thanks to internet research. Heritage Center Curator Candace Perry will take you on an illustrated trip to discover some of the most fascinating stories of the people you'll meet in this amazing family record.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

On March 12, 2017, Daylight Savings Time will begin.

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



Annual Report Available to View

The Palm Schwenkfelder Church Annual Report for 2016 has been posted to the church website. It can be found by pasting this link into your browser http://bit.ly/2lQogrP or by going to www.palmschwenkfelderchurch.com, rolling your mouse over the "About" tab, and then by selecting the "Present" page from the drop down menu.





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.



www.palmschwenkfelderchurch.com WFMZ-TV Channel 69 www.WFMZ.com

WNPV Radio 1440 KYW Channel 3 www.KYW1060.com

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MISSION MOMENT: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

In 1946, in an effort to seek relief and reconstruction funds during and following World War II, Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, the presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church at that time, broadcasted a nationwide challenge to people of faith to raise "one million dollars in one hour", and the challenge was achieved. In 1949, hoping to find the same level of success using the Bishop's fundraising model in the United States for domestic and international disaster and aid relief projects, church leaders representing multiple denominations created a scripted national radio program entitled, "One Great Hour", which debuted on March 26, 1949, and in 1950 the new title, "One Great Hour of Sharing" was used for the first time. Over these many decades, One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) has been through many transitions, but the goal of raising funds for disaster relief, development, and humanitarian aid, through special gift offerings to be used around the world has remained an unwavering mission. In 2016, the United Church of Christ received over \$2.2 million for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Every dollar was used to help people and communities living in critical situations worldwide. On March 26, 2017, Palm Schwenkfelder Church will participate in the special gift collection for One Great Hour of Sharing, for which this year's theme is, "You are Here." During a time when many in the world are experiencing strife and sorrow, their pleas seeking His comfort and assistance are echoed around the world, as they gaze to the Heavens above and cry aloud where God may be, we know he is near: "The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth," Psalm 148:18.



Altar Flowers and Bulletins

There are several upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins.

Dates available for flower sponsorship are: February 26th, March 19th; May 7th, 14th, & 28th

Dates available for bulletin sponsorship are: February 26th; March 1st (Ash Wednesday) & 5th; April 30th; May 7th

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!

500th Anniversary Service Project













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PALM LEAVES



Palm is Hosting the First Monday Community Meal at Pennsburg UCC on March 6, 2017

The Deacons at Palm Church are sponsoring a free community meal at Pennsburg UCC on Monday, March 6th. We will provide, prepare and serve dinner.

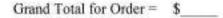
Volunteers are needed: 6 people to cook and prepare the meal between 3:00 - 6:00pm, and 8-10 people to help serve, box up leftovers and cleanup from 5:45-7:45pm. Monetary donations and food donations will be needed. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. Donations

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 26, 2017

	Quantity	Each	Price
6" Mums – Assorted Colors	x	\$7.00 =	\$
3 Bloom Hyacinths - Asst'd Colors		\$7.00 =	\$
4 Bloom Tulips - Asst'd Colors	>	\$5.00 =	\$
6 Bloom Tulips - Asst'd Colors		\$7.00 =	\$
4 Bulb Daffodils	>	88.00 =	\$
White Lilies	>	\$8.00 =	\$





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 April 16, 2017.







Donations of Finger Foods

After the Community Lenten Service held at Palm Schwenkfelder Church on March 29^{th} , we will be serving refreshments. If you would like to contribute to the selection of delicious treats, please bring your food donations to the kitchen before the church service. Thank you.



500th Anniversary Service Project (Cont.)













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

During our 2017 Lenten schedule we are delighted to again host a brown bag lunch Bible study led by Sister Millicent Drake. This Scriptural study is focused on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, 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 March 8th. Please feel free to join the study as your schedule allows.



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In a March, 1910 letter home from Wolfenbüttel Germany where he was living with his family as he worked on the *Corpus* Schwenckfeldianorum, the Rev. Dr. Elmer E. S. Johnson wrote, "The new church project [our beloved Palm Church] seems to progress. Adam Krauss writes of the 'fair success' they have had; that remark made me smile for I thought it was a wonderful success as we all did. He has had misgivings lest this big plant would at one time or another prove a burden to our people. I believe if they maintain the spirit they now enjoy it will result only in blessing. Providence is kinder than we mortals sometimes are willing to acknowledge." As your Board of Trustees continues to care for the church building, Dr. Johnson's words encourage us to realize what a blessing our church is and continues to be for us and for future generations.

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SAVE THE DATE!

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@ Palm Schwenkfelder Church

Rev. Nicholas L. Pence, Pastor Barbara Master, Youth Director Dan Ferry, Church Administrator Kevin Master, Sexton Ed Bieler, Director of Music Peg Jacob, Organist

