

PALM LEAVES

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

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Pastor's Pause—Sabbath Time

On May 25th, Memorial Sunday, I will lead my last worship service before beginning my very first sabbatical. From May 26th to August 20th, I will be immersing myself in the life and ministry of my great grandfather, The Rev. Dr. John C. Peeler. I never met him, since he died when my mother was a young girl, but stories from my grandmother and colleagues in ministry who knew him greeted me at every stage of my calling

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and ordination process. Dr. Peeler ministered in several congregations in North Carolina and also served as the Dean of Men at Catawba College in Salisbury, NC.

During this time of rest, renewal, and study, I will be looking back a century ago to the time of his ordination, exploring the structure and organization of the Reformed Church, interviewing his surviving children, and connecting with the congregations and institutions which he served. Not coincidentally, this time of learning, in many ways, will draw me back to the roots of my own origin and serve as a lens to view my own life, ministry, and relationships.

While in Seminary, I had the opportunity to travel to Ghana for three weeks as a cross cultural experience. I was intro-

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duced to the Ghanaian concept of Sankofa while there. It is typically a representation of a bird with an egg in its mouth looking back from where it came, carrying the precious future forward, inspired by, instructed by, and honoring the past. I invite you as well to a time of sabbath rest and reflection on the pilgrimage of faith that has led you to this place of worship and

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Y O U T H N E W S



May Birthdays



A Very Happy Birthday to...

Andrea Simon (5/6), Emily Badman (5/7), Selia Werth (5/10),
Payton Keyser (5/28), Samantha Dingler (5/28)

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



Thank you...

To everyone who helped in all the various ways to make the Palm Sunday youth egg hunt fun and successful!!! And thank you to the teachers for sharing in some fun for our annual teacher egg hunt :-)



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. Time TBD



Sunday School Closing and Picnic

Sunday, June 8th will be combined Sunday school in the Social Hall.

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. We hope you can join us!



Last teaching day for youth Sunday school classes is Sunday, May 25th

Sunday School

Banner Planning Meeting, Relay for Life Youth Project

The following dates are scheduled to make the Relay for Life team banner: Friday May 2nd, 6:00pm, and Sunday May 4th, after worship. Please pack a lunch for Sunday.





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 are: *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 to read rating reviews to see if movies are appropriate for your children.



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 will be available soon. If you would like to volunteer, please see Barb Master or call her at 610-295-2190.

M E M B E R N E W S



Sympathies to...

- ...Barbara Kirwin on the death of her husband John
- ...Ed & Pauline Benfield on the death of Ed's father

Congratulations to...

- ...Eric & Kristina Long on the birth of their daughter, Harper Hennesy Long
- ...Nick & Michelle Yoder on the birth of their daughter, Shelby Leeann Yoder



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>DREAM BIG HOPE BIG RELAY BIG</p>				<p>1 9:00 am Staff Mtg. 2:00pm Office Closed 6:30 pm BSA Patrol Leaders 7:00 pm Diaconate</p>	<p>2 2:00pm Office Closed</p>	<p>3 2:00pm Titus/McGovern Wedding</p>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Music Sunday Worship Service</p>	<p>6:00pm Quilters Quilts for Chester County Migrant Workers</p>	<p>8:00am Quilters 1:00pm Ladies' Aid 2:00pm Office Closed 7:15 pm BSA Regular Scout Schedule</p>	<p>7:30pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>7:00pm Day School Board Meeting</p>		<p>Deadline for Articles & Information for the June Palm Leaves</p>
11 Mothers Day!	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p>9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Youth Sunday Worship Service</p>	<p>6:30pm Buildings and Grounds 7:30 pm Board of Trustees</p>	<p>8:00am Quilters 7:00pm Mission Board Regular Scout Schedule</p>	<p>9:00am Ladies' Aid Prep for Dry Goods Market 7:30pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>8:00am Embroidery Workshop 9:00am Ladies' Aid Prep for Dry Goods Market</p>	<p>10:00am Penn Dry Goods Market</p>	<p>6:30am Sunrise Worship Service @ Relay for Life 10:00am Relay for Life Begins 10:00am ##</p>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>9:00am Sunday Sch. 10:00am Relay for Life Concludes 10:15am Sunday Worship Service 3:00pm **</p>	<p>2:30pm Board of Music Ministry 7:00pm Board of Christian Ed.</p>	<p>7:00am Primary Elections 8:00am Quilters 7:00pm Missions Regular Scout Schedule</p>	<p>7:30pm Senior Choir</p>			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<p>9:00am Last Day of Sunday School Class 10:15 am Memorial Sunday Worship Service***</p>		<p>8:00 am Quilters Regular Scout Schedule</p>	<p>7:00pm BSA Board of Review 7:30pm Senior Choir</p>			



**Regular
Tuesday
Scouts
Schedule**

6:30pm Brownies
7:00pm Boy Scouts

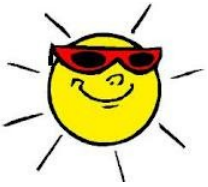
** General Conference of the Schwenkfelder Church @ Olivet Schwenkfelder UCC

*** Big Honkin' Party for Pastor Nick's 40th Birthday! Following the Worship Service

Penn Dry Goods Market



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 are being scheduled. If you know of anyone that would be willing to share their musical talent, please speak to any one the music committee.



M e m o r i a l S u n d a y



On Sunday, May 25th, please join us as we remember those friends and loved ones who we have lost over this past year.

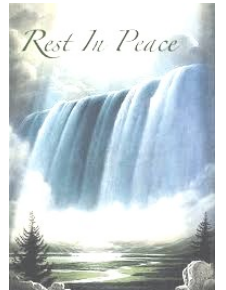
Naomi Kriebel

Marion Moser Bleile

Elva Reiter

Mae Schultz

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Confirmation Class

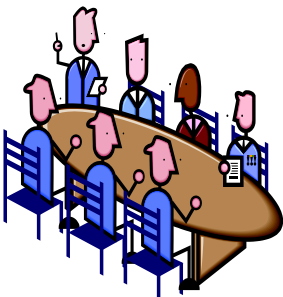


A Confirmation Class for 2014 - 2015 is being formed. Anyone entering 8th grade or higher is invited to share in this time of affirming and growing in the Christian faith. If you are interested or have any questions, please speak with Pastor Nick. In order to have materials for all participants, please contact Dan in the church office to register for the class. Thank you and may God bless this congregation upon our Confirmation journey.



Pastoral Relations Committee

The next Pastoral Relations Committee meeting will be held on Sunday, May 4th, after the worship service in the Contemporary Issues Classroom.



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Caspar's Corner — Solomon Schultz's Visit to Harpersdorf 1861—Part 2 of 2

Part 2 is the section of Schultz's letter that describes his exploration of the Viehweg.

“In the morning, according to arrangements made the previous evening, I accompanied a farmer

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who went out digging potatoes. His way was past the graveyard and I do not think that we at home have a correct idea of what constitutes the ‘Vieh-Weg’, at least I never had, before I saw it. Many, perhaps most, of the villages (Dörfer) have or have had such a ‘Vieh-Weg.’ It is nothing but a common, a piece of ground not cultivated and belonging not to a private individual or to any one person, but to the ‘Gemeinde’ [community], corresponding to our townships only being smaller. One cannot say that it is not fenced in, for there are no fences here

and there are no fields surrounded by fences, and therefore no cattle run in the streets, but a piece of land in Berks County corresponding to a ‘Vieh-Weg’ here would have no fence around it; the cattle running in the streets would pasture there. On a ‘Vieh-Weg’ cattle, sheep &c are also pastured by those to whom it is convenient, and the pastor of the Gemeinde has by custom a special right to the grass that may grow here; if he wants it, he can have it, if not by right, by custom and politeness. It is easily understood why Nitschke does not want the ‘Vieh-Weg’ in Harpersdorf rented and cultivated. It would be taking away a part of his pasture. I am quite sure he does not care for the bones of the Schwenkfelders. In addition to the pasture, every one who needs sand for building, ground for filling up, sod &c. goes to the ‘Vieh-Weg’ and gets it without asking anyone or without paying for it. They tell me the ‘Vieh-Weg’ in question extends all the way from Harpersdorf to Probsthain, a distance of about a mile or a mile & a half. It is 25 yards wide varying very little if anything in width as far as I have gone in it. Very soon after entering it from Harpersdorf, is a large hole from which sand has been taken; this is partially cov-

ered again with grass and sod. Now come several more sandpits and when you have walked on perhaps as far as [500 yards] you see the graves, many of them as distinct as those in the best kept cemetery. They are covered with a short thick mossy sod, which is evidently very tough, otherwise the frost and rain of one hundred and twenty years would have destroyed all the little mounds. The ‘Vieh-Weg’ runs in a South East-

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erly direction; in looking towards the sun, the three regular rows of graves can be plainly seen. Here and there one of the rows is interrupted, there being for the space of three, four, or five graves no hillocks or mounds. But this must be only the appearance, un-

doubtedly there are graves, but the elevations have been leveled. At the margin of the patch taken up, some of the graves, or rather the elevations upon them, remain only of half the length, the sand-diggers having removed a part; this has not been done recently, for the sod is close. I noticed no stone at the ends. I walked over the ground twice, counting the graves; the first time I counted ninety four, the second time ninety six. I did not take in the level interspaces where also no doubt there are graves. Myriads of tiny blades of grass were each one holding up a crystal dew drop like so many jewels in the crowns of the silent sleepers below ‘resting only for a little season’; we are glad to have so much reason to hope ‘until their fellow servants also and their brethren who should be killed as they were should be fulfilled.’ The farmers who own and cultivate fields along this ‘Vieh-Weg,’ go over it to and from the fields with their farming implements, but you see only one recent desecration; the rut of a wagon passing over it several times. I remarked to some of the persons to whom I spoke concerning the matter that they ought not so to neglect these graves; that when they

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.

Kylene Bertoia Hart
671 S. Gulph Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Emily Ross
432 Chestnut Way
New Cumberland, PA 17070

Helen Pannepacker
Knoll Lane D5
Gilbertsville, PA 19525

SPC Guldin, Matthew
E Company, 2-10 Infantry Battalion
Second Platoon
495 Iowa Avenue Unit #52
Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473
(on back of envelope write: 2nd Platoon)

Solomon Schultz's Visit to Harpersdorf 1861

went into an ordinary churchyard they almost and often quite took off their hats in reverence (this is true). Over these graves they drove their wagons and pastured their cattle and from them took their land, yet from this neglected 'Vieh-Weg' a proportionally larger number will be called to heaven when the dead once arise than from their holy churchyards. If the Schwenkkfelders have one half the respect for their forefathers which they ought to have, and which I believe they have, they will endeavor to buy this small piece of ground, build a wall around it, and thus preserve it as a monument. I made inquiry, with this view, as to the price of land. One 'Morgen' is 100-120 thalers when well cultivated. On the 'Vieh-Weg' it would be worth fifty to sixty thalers. One fourth would

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include everything, say twenty thalers or fifteen dollars. Labor and material are very cheap. The trouble would lie in making the arrangements on account of its being public property as it requires the consent of many. One person suggested that it would be much easier to obtain consent to put a

wall around it without buying the land. I shall speak to Kadelbach about it and see what can be done. His parents and relatives live in Probsthain. If his professed interest in the Schwenkkfelders is sincere, he will certainly be willing to take a little trouble in this direction."

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

Pastor's Pause

this moment in your lives during this sabbatical, to immerse yourself in the life of another that we might be drawn deeper into our faith in Jesus Christ.

While I am away, there will be several clergy serving on-call for any pastoral emergen-

cies. The coverage dates are as follows:

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

I look forward to returning to Palm in August and sharing with you my sabbatical experiences. May God bless us all in these times of renewal and learning.

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Penn Dry Goods Market

at the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center

Come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center on Friday, May 16th, from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Saturday, May 17th, from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm to experience the Penn Dry Goods Market. The traditional definition of "dry goods" is textiles, clothing and other related merchandise. At the **PENN DRY GOODS MARKET** you can shop with fantastic dealers who will be featuring antique and vintage textiles, including needlework, quilts, coverlets, linens, clothing, buttons and textile-making equipment ranging from spinning wheels to pin cushions! Our dealers will also have selections of wonderful American antiques from their inventories-there's a little something for every taste. We have opened up the first floor gallery, meeting room and the library for our dealers-a great space that is handicapped accessible!

The **PENN DRY GOODS MARKET** is an amazing opportunity to learn from noted experts in textile history. In 2014 we will be offering a superb roster of speakers on a wide variety of topics, ranging from Amish quilts and Quaker samplers to the costumes of *Gone with the Wind*. Register early as seating is limited.



Can Anyone *Knot* Help?

This is a call to all women, men, and children who can tie their shoelaces. Help is needed to knot quilts for the Chester County Migrant Workers. We began working on the quilts back on Tuesday, April 8th, have worked on them each Tuesday from 8:00am—11:00am for the last several weeks., and we'll be working on them Monday, May 5th and Tuesday, May 6th. You can come for just a little bit, or you can stay and help the whole time. If you have a favorite pair of scissors, you are welcome to bring them. Thread and a large-eye needle will be provided. Please come out to support a good cause and enjoy some good fellowship while you're at it.



Mark Your Calendars!

The Men of Palm

Chicken BBQ

is coming!

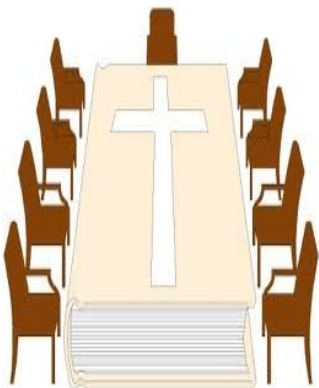
Join us on Saturday, June 14th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. for the best chicken BBQ east of the Mississippi! You won't want to miss this finger lickin' good time! Please contact a member of the Men of Palm for tickets, or see Dan in the office. And if you'd like to help out with the chicken BBQ, contact Tom Long at (267) 307-3512.





Spring General Conference

The Spring General Conference of the Schwenkfelder Church will be held on Sunday, May 18th, at Central Schwenkfelder Church. The meeting will begin at 3:00 PM and will be followed by a light supper. The Annual Meeting's business will include the election of officers, reports on Conference activities, announcements, and a report and discussion on the status of the Perkiomen School situation. Please attend and learn about our Conference activities.



You're invited to a...
Big Honkin' Party!

Come celebrate
Pastor Nick's 40th Birthday!

What: Pig Roast



When: Sunday, May 25th, After the Worship Service

Where: Church Grove

Please Bring: Lawn Chairs Side Dishes and Desserts Needed



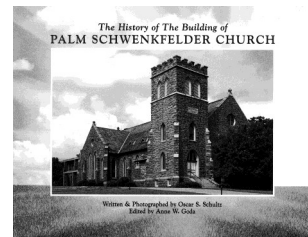
Flowers and Bulletins

Due to rising costs, the donation amount for Sunday altar flowers will be \$50. The new price became effective on January 5, 2014. Your participation in sponsoring flowers defrays the cost to the church and brightens our sanctuary with beautiful flowers each Sunday. Sponsorship of bulletins remains at \$15 per week. Please sign up for the date(s) of your choice on the new charts posted in the hallway by the church 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!



100th Anniversary Book *"The Building of Palm Schwenkfelder Church"*



This special anniversary book is 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!*

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UPPER PERKIOMEN RELAY FOR LIFE

May 17th & 18th---Upper Perkiomen High School

Join in the fun! Support your team! Fight Cancer!



Inspired by the bravery of those who suffer from this terrible disease, and in memory of those who have lost their battle against cancer, our Relay For Life Team understands the importance of fund-raising for the fight against cancer. We organize many fund-raising activities through out the year; however, our biggest and most popular fund-raiser is our "Super Raffle." Because of the generosity of many, we have once again been able to put together a raffle filled with many valuable prizes. The tickets are \$5.00 each and will be available for sale from mid April until the end of the Relay. Please consider purchasing a ticket or two. Maybe YOU could be a lucky winner! You do not need to be in attendance to win.

The Palm Schwenkfelder Church Relay For Life Team thanks the following for their generosity & support in this very important mission.

Prizes & Sponsors for the raffle are as follows:

1. \$400.00 Gift Card for Boscov's-Master Supply Line
2. \$300.00 Gift Card for Cabella's- Hoffman Financial Services
3. Weber Gas Grill—Maidencreek TV & Appliance
4. \$100.00 Gift Card for Amazon—David & Carol Woodward
5. \$50.00 Gift Card for Weis Markets- Palm Ladies' Aid
6. \$50.00 Gift Card for Herbein's Garden Center—Palm Ladies' Aid
7. \$50.00 Gift Card for Olive Garden Restaurant—Ed & Kathy Bieler
8. \$50.00 Gift Card for Red Lobster Restaurant—Ed & Kathy Bieler
9. \$50.00 Gift Card for Wawa—Alex Jalow's Plumbing & Heating
10. \$50.00 Gift Card for Carriage House Restaurant- Gene Dolloff
11. \$30.00 Gift Card for Wing Man Restaurant-Greg & Corey May & family
12. Hand crafted Wooden Bowl-Made & donated by Nancy Rourke-
13. Hand crafted Cutting Board & Rolling Pin-Made & donated by Ed Goehring
14. Hand made Toddler Blanket—Made & donated by Sarah Linsenbigler
15. Longaberger Basket-donated by Pete & Evonne Glen
16. Antique serving bowl-donated by Pete & Evonne Glen
17. Framed Floral Print-donated by Pete & Evonne Glen
18. Stangle antique serving plate- donated by Pete & Evonne Glen
19. \$10.00 Longacre Dairy Bar Gift Card- donated by Brian & Renee Shelly

Chester County Migrant Ministries



It's time again to collect items for the Chester County Migrant Ministries' Health Kits. About 200 people per month visit the Chester County Migrant Ministry Office for assistance. Most immigrants in this area are Mexicans, and they are coming to America for jobs, better educational opportunities, better care for their children, and a better life in



general. The Mexican immigrants come to America with very little to start with and have many needs. This is where we can help by providing the simplest necessities to help make their lives easier.

The Schwenkfelder Conference Mission Board and our Church's Mission Board invite you to participate in gathering blankets and health kits for the farm workers program in Chester County. For the kits, we need:

Toothbrushes/toothpaste, bath towels, wash cloths, disposable razors, soap (Ivory, med. size), pocket mirrors, toilet paper, plastic coffee cups, heavy plastic ware, shaving cream, combs and women's feminine products. In addition we need — new or used blankets (used blankets must be clean and in good condition), first aid kits, paperbacks, Spanish/English dictionaries and Bibles. Please bring these items to church and place them by the Migrant Ministry Display by Sunday, May 11, 2014. Thank you for your help.



CHECK OUT OUR



WEB SITE!

Check Out Our Updated Church Website



Have you looked recently at 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."

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SAVE THE DATE!

May 4th — Music Sunday
May 11th — Youth Sunday
May 16th
and 17th — Penn Dry Goods Market
May 17th
and 18th — Relay for Life
May 18th — Schwenkfelder General
Conference
May 25th — Memorial Sunday
— Pastor Nick's Big Honkin'
Party



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*