

PALM LEAVES

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

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- Caspar's Corner—Schwenkfelder Society 1883 "Dogs" Concert Pics Confirmation News
- Penn Dry Goods Market Days Pastor's Pause—The Coming of the Spirit Memorial Sunday
- Chester County Migrants Meeting House Tour Pics Chicken BBQ Summer Music

Pastor's Pause—The Coming of the Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each

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one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'
(Acts 2:1-13)

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Pentateuch, all of which are attributed to Moses. We now refer to Pentecost as the birthday of the Church, due to the fulfillment of Christ's promise of the Holy Spirit to those gathered there in Jerusalem so long ago. From this amazing, perplexing moment of the Holy Spirit empowering the disciples to proclaim God's deeds of power in languages they could not possibly have known, the Christian Church was given birth.



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Y O U T H N E W S



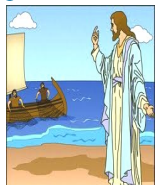
May Birthdays



A Very Happy Birthday to...

Andrea Simon (5/6), Emily Badman (5/7), Selia Werth (5/10)

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



Music Ministry and Choir ☺ May Kindness Look-Out

Please help us catch those kids being kind! Punch cards are located in the Narthex. You may punch the fish card yourself or you may ask the youth to punch the fish card. Thank you for helping!

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" Matthew 4:19

Thank you to the Ladies' Aid, the Men Of Palm, and all church members for taking the time to recognize youth acting kind in March.

Children's Church

After the children's sermon all children from 4 years of age thru 4th grade are invited upstairs to participate in children's church. Parent pick up is upstairs in the children's church room. A snack is provided, so please advise the leader if your child has food allergies or food restrictions.

LOCK-IN



Confirmation Retreat/Lock-In

Friday, May 22nd and Saturday, May 23rd

The Confirmation class is invited to join us on a mini spiritual retreat with fun and fellowship at Palm Church starting Friday evening at 6:00pm and ending Saturday morning around 11:00am. Please sign up during Sunday school class.



Upcoming June Events

- Youth Sunday rehearsals - Saturday, June 6th at 2:00pm and Sunday, June 7th at 9:00am
- Salford Pilgrimage - Sunday, June 7th, 6:00pm-7:00pm
- Sunday School closing program and after worship picnic for all - Sunday, June 14th
- Vacation Bible School - Sunday, June 21st thru Thursday, June 25th
- Family Camp Out - Friday, June 26th
- VBS songs as special summer music during worship - Sunday, June 28th





Camp Discovery ~Vacation Bible School

We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19



Journey down the trails of Camp Discovery and step out in faith! Explore Bible truths that point to Jesus, our True North. Kids discover that God has a plan and a purpose for us. He calls us to serve our neighbors. Join us on Sunday, June 21st thru Thursday, June 25th 6:15—8:30pm. Registration is on Sunday, June 21st at 6:00pm or you may pre-register by filling out a form and handing it in to the church office. Our program is for ages 4 years through 5th grade. Older youth volunteers are welcomed to help.

Camp Discovery

VBS Registration Form
 Palm Schwenkfelder Church
 Sunday June 21st - Thursday June 25th, 2015
 6:15pm to 8:30pm
 Age 4 years thru 5th Grade

Child's Name _____
 Age _____ Current Grade _____
 Child's Name _____
 Age _____ Current Grade _____
 Mother's Name _____
 Father's Name _____
 Phone Number _____
 Email _____
 Home Address _____

Medical Concerns or Allergies _____

Emergency Contact:
 Name _____
 Relationship to Child _____
 Phone _____
 Child's Physician Name & Phone _____

Please check all that apply:
 -----yes, my child will perform at church
 -----yes, I would like to help during VBS week
 -----yes, I can donate items for VBS



Camp Discovery Friday Night Family Camp Out

The fun continues on Friday, June 26th, with a family camp out in the church grove. A parent must attend with their child/children. Bring your own tent and sleeping bags. Let us know if you need to borrow a tent, we will see who has one to loan.



Sunday School Calendar

- Sunday, May 31st – Last teaching day for Sunday School teachers
- Sunday, June 7th – Youth Sunday during worship with a rehearsal at 9:00am
- Sunday, June 14th – Combined Sunday school – closing program

Banner Planning Meeting, Relay for Life Youth Project

The dates to paint the new Relay banner are Sunday, April 26th and Sunday, May 3rd

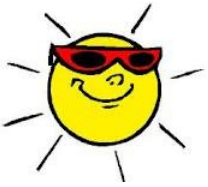


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~ May 2015 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00a-10:00a Sunday School 10:15a-11:30a Sunday Worship Service 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	4 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	5 Pastor Nick at Clergy Convocation (Lancaster) 8:00a-11:30a Quilters 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 1:00p-2:00p Ladies' Aid Meeting 7:00p-8:30p Boy Scouts	6 Pastor Nick at Clergy Convocation (Lancaster) 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:30p-9:00p Senior Choir Rehearsal	7 Pastor Nick at Clergy Convocation (Lancaster) 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 6:30p-8:00p Boy Scouts of America - Patrol Leaders Council 7:00p-8:30p Deacon's Meeting	8 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	9 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 
10 Mother's Day Deadline for June Newsletter 9:00a-10:00a Sunday School 10:15a-11:30a Sunday Worship Service 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	11 11:00a-12:00p Board of Music Ministry 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 6:30p-7:30p Bld. & Grounds Committee 7:30p-9:00p Board of Trustees	12 8:00a-11:30a Quilters 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:00p-8:30p Boy Scouts 7:00p-8:00p Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 7:15p-8:30p Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting	13 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:30p-9:00p Senior Choir Rehearsal	14 9:00a-10:30a Staff Meeting 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	15 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 10:00a-5:00p Penn Dry Goods Market at SLHC	16 Armed Forces Day 9:00a-12:00a Relay for Life (Upper Perkiomen High School, Red Hill, PA, United States) 10:00a-4:00p Penn Dry Goods Market at SLHC 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
17 9:00a-10:00a Sunday School 10:15a-11:30a Sunday Worship Service 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 3:00p-5:00p Spring General Conference @ Palm Schwenkfelder Church	18 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:00p-8:00p Board of Christian Education Meeting	19 8:00a-11:30a Quilters 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:00p-8:30p Boy Scouts 7:00p-8:00p Mission Board	20 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:30p-9:00p Senior Choir Rehearsal	21 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	22 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 6:00p-Comfirmants Lock-In Begins	23 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 11:00a-Confirmands Lock-In Ends
24 9:00a-10:00a Sunday School 10:15a-11:15a Pentecost/Confirmation/ Communion/Memorial Day Sunday Church Service 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	25 Memorial Day 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 	26 8:00a-11:30a Quilters 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:00p-8:30p Boy Scouts 7:00p-8:00p Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop	27 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:00p-9:00p Boy Scouts Board of Review	28 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	29 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	30 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
31 9:00a-10:00a Last Day of Sunday School Classes 10:15a-11:30a Sunday Worship Service 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	 					

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 any one on the music committee, or sign up on the sheet outside the office



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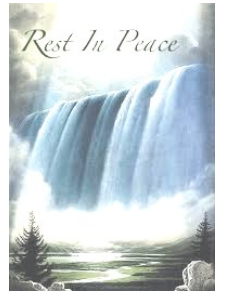


On Sunday, May 24th, please join us as we remember those friends and loved ones who we have lost over this past year.

Bernard Beard Sue Carlin Pam Gibbons

Robert Hartman Charles Krauss Blanche Schultz

Clark Schultz Leslie Stull Fern Wolf



A person need not be a member to be remembered.

If you would like to add someone's name to this list, please contact the church office.



C o n f i r m a t i o n C l a s s N e w s



This has been a busy year for the class! Along with their mentors, they toured the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center on February 1st. Thanks to Director David Luz and Dr. Allen Viehmeyer for the interesting "Behind the Scenes" tour.

On March 15th, it was a fun evening as the students and mentors traveled from place to place for their dinner. Our Progressive Dinner began with appetizers at the church, followed by soup and salad at the home of Corey and Greg May, the entrée at the home of Luanne and Jeff Stauffer, and the grand finale of dessert at the home of Lisa and John Stitt. Many thanks to the hosts and their helpers: Barb Master, Barb Pence, Sue Simon, and Jean Ross.

A tour of the meeting house sites was held on April 19th. After worship and a brown bag lunch in the social hall, the class and mentors traveled to Washington, Hosensack and Kraussdale. Thanks to the tour guides, Waldo Johnson and David Luz.

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Caspar's Corner — Schwenkfelder Society 1883

In the memorial booklet for Oscar Schultz Kriebel, 1863–1932, the author outlines the state of the Schwenkfelder church at the time that Kriebel left home in 1883 to begin the academic training that prepared him for service in the Schwenkfelder church. Here is a reprint of those conditions.

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- ooo0ooo—
- The Schwenkfelders were a Society not a Church.
 - The places of worship were meeting houses not churches.
 - There was a rotation of services at three different meeting-houses by three ministers [in the Upper District].

- The Day after Christmas, Easter, Whitsuntide, Good Friday, and Ascension Day were observed with worship and cessation from work.
- Services were held on Thanksgiving Day. [Today called "Day of Remembrance"]
- Attendants at church services in many cases were not enrolled as church members.
- Ministers had no college or Seminary training and served without remuneration.
- Sermons were in German.
- In Church services the orthodox church year was followed. Sermons quite frequently were based on the gospel lesson of the day which the worshippers had committed to memory as young people in the Kinderlehr [confirmation classes].
- Young people were not organized and rarely attended business meetings of the church.
- Instrumental music was not used in church services.
- Sunday School took a winter vacation through January, February, and March.
- International Sunday School lessons had been adopted but a few years before.
- Funerals held in the forenoon were followed by feasting at the home of mourning.

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- Coffins were made by undertakers as needed; caskets made by machine and carried in stock were unknown.

- A Schwenkfelder Historical Library was not dreamed of.
- General Conferences were held in the afternoon only. Automobiles and cement roads were unknown. Conferences were poorly attended in consequence.
- Women did not have the right to vote either as citizens or as church members and did not take part in conference proceedings.
- There was a decided difference concerning the use of Sacrament between the so-called Upper and Lower District threatening a split of the body.
- The transition and transformation that followed involved conflict, conference, conciliation, the brunt of which others bore and suffered vicariously.

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

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.

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P a s t o r ' s P a u s e (C o n t .)

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we too continue to proclaim God's glorious deeds of power as we share together in the ministry of Jesus Christ. This Pentecost Sunday we also welcome new life into the membership of Palm Schwenkfelder Church through the act of Confirmation. As these young men and women commit themselves through their baptismal promises and the affirmation of those promises made for them, may

we all once again renew our own commitment to the Church of Jesus Christ, and open ourselves to the guidance of the Spirit.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares: that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
(Acts 2:14-21)



February 2015

Operating Cash on Hand
Operating Income Received
Operating Expenses
Operating cash on hand

February

\$ 6,836.57
\$10,869.48
\$27,077.62
\$ (9,371.57)

Year to Date

\$ 6,836.57
\$24,773.70
\$63,471.05
\$(31,860.78)

March 2015

Operating cash on hand
Operating Income Received
Operating Expenses
Operating cash on hand

March

\$ (9,427.82)
\$38,048.97
\$26,314.63
\$ 2,306.52

Year to Date

\$29,325.78
\$62,822.67
\$89,841.93
\$ 2,306.52

Please note that February's report is a corrected report. I discovered errors in the numbers I used and in the format I was using for the report which are now corrected. I apologize for the errors and assure you that now the formulas and the data are correct. Please do not hesitate to speak with me with any questions.
David Luz

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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 15th, from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Saturday, May 16th, 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 2015 we will be offering a superb roster of speakers on a potpourri of topics, ranging from Baltimore Album Quilts, Gothic Clothing, and Berlin Wool Embroidery to the costumes of *The Wizard of Oz*. Register early as seating is limited.

C o n f i r m a t i o n C l a s s N e w s (C o n t .)

The Class will be confirmed during worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th. A special "thank you" to the Confirmation/Mentor Committee: Luanne Stauffer, Jean Ross and Pastor Nick Pence, and our mentor and student teams this year:

Joseph Kinzler - Tom Long Job Kinzler - Richard Guldin Andy Kriebel - Jeffrey Stauffer
 Blake Master - Bob Croll Stacey May - Beth Croll Kaitlyn Mundy - Karen Schultz
 Kate Pence - Gail Ferry Andrea Simon - Tammy Long



Mark Your Calendars!
The Men of Palm
Chicken BBQ
 is coming!



Join us on Saturday, June 13th 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.



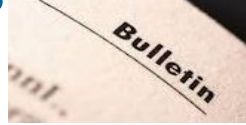
Spring General Conference

The Spring General Conference of the Schwenkfelder Church will be held on Sunday, May 17h, here at Palm Schwenkfelder Church. The meeting will begin at 3:00 PM and will be followed by a light supper. Donations of desserts will be needed for the meal.

The Annual Meeting’s business will include the election of officers, reports on Conference activities, announcements, Any lingering concerns or questions regarding the settlement between The Schwenkfelder Church and the Perkiomen School will be addressed. Please attend and learn about our Conference activities.



Meeting House Tour



Flowers and Bulletins

Your participation in sponsoring flowers defrays the cost to the church and brightens our sanctuary with beautiful flowers each Sunday.

Dates available for flower sponsorship on: June 14th; July 12th; August 2nd and 16th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

June 14th and 21st; July 19th; August 9th and 16th

The cost for flower sponsorship is \$50, and the cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15.

Please sign up for the date(s) of your choice on the 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!



Pictures?

The Publication Committee of the Schwenkfelder Church is requesting help from church members in compiling a collection of meeting house photos. We welcome photos throughout the years including those depicting special occasions, celebrations, services and other gatherings. We’re happy to accept any format (hard copies/digital) and will return after scanning and/or saving. If known, please include the date, occasion and names of anyone pictured. Please contact:

For Palm—Joanne Jalowy (610.845.9087) or Luanne Stauffer (215.679.8889)

For Central—Linda Grisdale (215.368.7534)

For Olivet—Everett Tyson (610. 279.3198)



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RELAY FOR LIFE "GIFT CARD SUPER RAFFLE" !!!



The May 16th Upper Perk Relay for Life is rapidly approaching. Your help is needed once again to make our Palm team's popular Relay for Life "Super Raffle" a success. (In 2014, our raffle alone raised over \$1,000. for the American Cancer Society.) So that we will be able to offer as many prizes as possible, please consider a donation to our team toward the purchase of gift cards, or donate a gift card of any denomination. Cards for restaurants, retail stores, Visa, sporting events, movies, etc. will all make great prizes. Kindly submit your donation to Lillian Master or Kathy Bieler no later than May 3rd. Your gift will be acknowledged on our team's "Super Raffle" Big Board at the Relay event. Raffle tickets may be purchased any time between May 4th and the evening of the Relay for Life. The cost of each ticket will be \$5.00. Together we can make our "Super Raffle" a great success!

Dogs of Falkner Swamp Concert



M E M B E R N E W S



Sympathies to...

...Josh and Nicole McGovern on the passing of Josh's father

Congratulations to...

Kenneth and Sarah (Badman) Linsinbigler on the baptism of their daughter Faithann



Chester County Migrant Ministries



MISSION MOMENT: CHESTER COUNTY MIGRANT MINISTRY



Pennsylvania holds many wonders for the intrepid explorer. While rich in history, there are numerous unexpected facts that will amaze many of its residents. Did you know Kennett Square, PA is the “Mushroom Capital of the World?” Furthermore, over 51% of the mushrooms harvested in the United States come from Southern Chester County. In our busy lives, we may not give much thought as to how these tasty, earthy morsels end up in our grocery stores, and subsequently on our dinner tables. The answer is simple – migrant farm workers. Since the 1970s, migrant farm workers, and their families, most immigrating from Mexico, have arrived in the area to harvest a variety of crops, particularly mushrooms. These hard-working individuals often start as early as 4am and harvest the crops all day, every day. Most of these migrants live and work year-round in the area, and they arrive with very little to their names. Typically, they come unprepared for the colder northern temperatures. In addition, the majority have not learned English, which makes it difficult to ask for help and receive various services to help them assimilate into their new communities. The Pennsylvania (PA) Council of Churches has long been a supporter of the Chester County Migrant Ministry to provide aide to the migrants through a variety of services, including: provision of basic necessities, medical care, immigration legal services, spiritual guidance, and education, which also includes learning English. Palm Schwenkfelder Church, a member of the PA Council of Churches, participates in the annual drive to collect basic necessities, which are then donated to benefit the migrant workers. As servants for our Lord, Palm Schwenkfelder Church will participate in the annual drive, from **May 3-17, 2015**. A list of necessities will be provided in upcoming Sunday bulletins, as well as posted on the Mission Board’s information center in the Narthex. All donations are welcome and greatly appreciated. **“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God” Hebrews 13:16.**



T R U S T E E S ’ T I D B I T

Suburban Waste Services, Inc. is now the new owner and operator of the Paper Retriever program which was formerly operated by Abitibi. Please continue to utilize the yellow paper containers located at the rear of the church parking lot as the rebate program is active once again. Remember, do not put any type of plastic or cardboard in the containers. Also, if you recycle shredded paper, please put it in a paper bag to place inside the container so the tiny pieces do not spill on the ground or inside the bin. Thank you for your environmental stewardship.

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SAVE THE DATE!

May 10th — Mother's Day
May 15th
and 16th — Penn Dry Goods Market
May 16th — Relay for Life
May 17th — Spring General Conference @ Palm
May 24th — Pentecost, Confirmation &
Memorial Day Sunday 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*