

PALM LEAVES

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

Special Points of Interest:

- Youth News Spring General Conference Confirmation Class Announcement
- Caspar's Corner—Spring General Conference, May 20, 1916 Trustees' Tidbits
- Penn Dry Goods Market Days Pastor's Pause – Ascension Day Memorial Sunday
- Chicken BBQ Summer Music Chester County Migrant Ministry Easter Egg Hunt Pics

Pastor's Pause—Ascension Day

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have

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heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as

'...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

you saw him go into heaven.' (Acts 1:1-11)
The fortieth day of Easter on the liturgical calendar marks the observance of Ascension Day. Since that always falls on a Thursday, here at Palm we normally uplift (pun completely intended) the Ascension of Jesus Christ on a Sunday either before or after the actual date. The Scripture reading which opens this article is the account of Jesus' ascension according to Acts. Our Ascension Day
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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.



"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 to 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!

Children's Church – A Joyful Noise

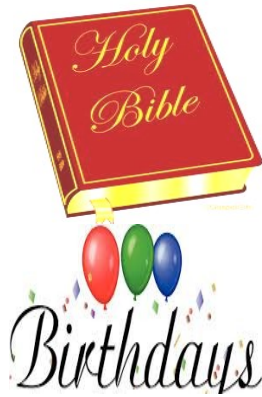


Children ages 4 years thru 4th grade may go upstairs for a Bible lesson, snack, and activity or craft after the children's sermon. If your child has allergies/food allergies, please remember to notify the leader for each Sunday. Thank you to the congregation for the yummy snack donations. Thank you to the leaders who are carrying out a wonderful ministry!

Upcoming Sunday School Dates

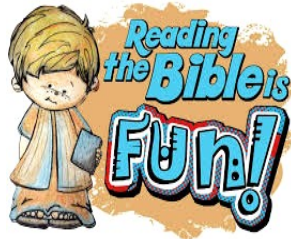


- MAY 29TH - Last Day for Youth Sunday School classes
- JUNE 4TH - "Youth Sunday" rehearsal 9:30 am - 10:30 am
- JUNE 5TH - "Youth Sunday" all kids lead the worship service.
Arrive at 9:00am for final rehearsal
- JUNE 12TH - Combined Sunday School in Social Hall, closing program.
- JUNE 12TH - Church Picnic after worship service. Bring covered dish to share.
- JUNE 19TH thru JUNE 23RD - Vacation Bible School 6:15pm-8:30pm
- JUNE 26TH - Vacation Bible School Sunday during worship service



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. In April the teachers read from the Scriptures of Luke about the birth of John the Baptist and about John the Baptist preparing the way of the Lord. The youth watched a biblical music video with John the Baptist and Jesus. The memory verse for the month was "...For you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways." Luke 1:76



Bible App for Kids A Call to Action!

New scripture readings are handed out each week in order to challenge kids to read (or listen to) God's Word outside of church. To tie in with April's opening devotions, we began with *The Beloved Son, Jesus is baptized*.

The 7 & Up class was given a devotional for April called Switch, Set Apart. This devotional reflects on what it means to be holy and live holy lives.

Teens & Adults ~ You Version Holy Bible App

There are many plans to draw you into God's Word. Find one that speaks to you. Some current plans include: Beauty Begins: Making Peace with Your Reflection, Hungry for God: Biblical Reflections on Food, 7 Laws of Love. For teen specific plans, check the youth section in the Bible app.



M e e t i n g H o u s e S e r v i c e s

Set Your Calendar...

Washington Meetinghouse Site — June 19th

Kraussdale Meetinghouse — July 17th

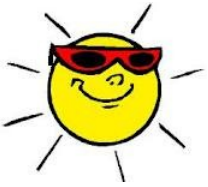
Hosensack Meetinghouse — August 21st

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~ May 2016 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pastor Nick Attending Event in North Carolina 9:00a-10:00a Sunday School 10:15a-11:30a Sunday Worship Service 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	2 Pastor Nick Attending Event in North Carolina 11:00a-12:00p Board of Music Ministry Meeting 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	3 Clergy Convocation 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 1:00p-2:00p Ladies' Aid Meeting 7:00p-8:00p Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting	4 Clergy Convocation 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 6:30p-7:30p Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p-9:00p Senior Choir Rehearsal	5 National Day of Prayer Clergy Convocation 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:00p-8:30p Deacon's Meeting	6 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	7 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
8 Mother's Day 9:00a-10:00a Sunday School 10:15a-11:30a Mother's Day Sunday Worship Service 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 	9 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 6:30p-7:30p Buildings & Grounds Committee 7:30p-9:00p Board of Trustees	10 Deadline for June Newsletter 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:00p-8:00p Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting 7:00p-8:45p Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting 7:00p-8:00p Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134	11 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:30p-9:00p Senior Choir Rehearsal	12 9:00a-10:30a Staff Meeting 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	13 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	14 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
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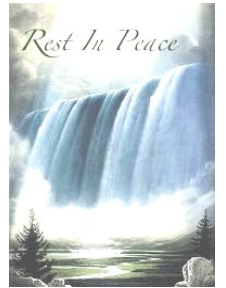
Spring is in the air, and summer will be here soon. This means our regular choirs get a break. Summer special music for Sunday worship services is being scheduled. If you know of anyone who would be willing to share their musical talent, please speak to anyone on the music committee, or sign up on the sheet outside the office



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



On Sunday, May 29th, please join us as we remember those friends and loved ones who we have lost over this past year.



Donald Baumer

Anna Bieler

Clara Graber

Carolyn Long

Jean Long

Doris Masemore

Howard Master, Sr.

Harold Schwoyer

Charles J. Stahl III

Lisa Ludlow Voltaw

Diane Wise

Leon Wohlbach Sr.

Earl Yerger

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

A Confirmation Class for 2016 - 2017 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.

Caspar's Corner — Spring General Conference, May 20, 1916

The June 1916 *Schwenkfeldian* editorial begins: "The Spring session of our General Conference held in the Palm Church on May 20, was one of the shortest sessions held since the adoption of the new Formula of Church Government [adopted in 1909]. As all the departments of the church were reported to be in good running or-

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der, the business of the Conference was conducted with great dispatch." As our Spring General Conference is being held this month, this Caspar's Corner will take a look at what happened 100 years ago.

After being called to order at Palm Schwenkfeldier Church, the first order of business was the

assurance that all Districts were represented with delegations – Districts at this time included the Upper District (Palm Church) Middle District (Central Church), and the Philadelphia District. As Norristown Church was still a mission at this time, they were operating under the authority of the Mission Board. It was reported that all Boards and church Departments were "flourishing" and combined church membership for the year was given at 1,072, an increase of 29 over the preceding year. Total running expenses for all the churches reached \$5,044.87, an increase over the \$4,606.90 as reported at last year's Conference.

A report was presented by Rev. Levi Hoffman, Pastor Middle District, regarding the mission in Lansdale: the Sunday School and religious services, which had been begun in the early part of 1916. Following this enthusiastic report, it was the "unanimous opinion of the Middle District and the General Conference of May 20th that Mission Work be started and supported in Lansdale." A following article states that shortly thereafter, "the Mission Board as the au-

thorized agents of the General Conference, has purchased a lot in Lansdale on the North East Corner of Main Street and Towamencin Avenue, as a site for a future church edifice." Surely a dramatic action for a short General Conference session!

Officers of Conference were re-elected for another year of service: Moderator, Elmer K. Schultz, Secretary, Jesse H. Snyder, Jr., Treasurer, Amos S. Anders; Board of Trustees: Middle Dis-

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trict, Hiram K. Kriebel and David K. Heebner, Upper District: Benneville S. Schultz and Milton S. Schultz, Philadelphia District: George K.

Heebner and Harry C. Miles; Board of Publication: Charles S. Anders; Board of Missions: Joseph K. Schultz; Board of Charities: Wm. H. Anders; Board of Trustees of Perkiomen Seminary: Elmer K. Schultz, Daniel M. Anders, Josephus Gerhard, and William H. Seipt.

The following actions are reported to have happened one after the other with little discussion:

- The Conference adopted a resolution of appreciation for Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker (former Pennsylvania Governor) for the interest he has always manifested in Schwenkfeld History, and expressed their sympathy for him during his present illness, and the hope for his speedy recovery.
- It was decided to hold the next General Conference in the Palm Church on Saturday, October 21, 1916.
- On account of September 24, coming on Sunday this year, it was decided to hold the annual Memorial Day services

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Caspar's Corner (Cont.)

text, in the Worcester Church on Saturday, September 23, 1916.

- The Chairman of the Historical Library Committee reported that ten Memorial Library Cases had

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been subscribed for with three more expected to be subscribed to shortly. One, it was noted, was subscribed by

the end of Conference.

The final note regarding the 1916 Conference was that during the evening session (when was an "evening session" a part of the Spring General Conference?), "some very fine music was rendered under the direction of Miss Freda Kriebel, after which Dr. Isaac Sharpless, president of Haverford College gave an address on William Penn and the early history of the settlement of Pennsylvania by the Quakers."

A short business meeting, perhaps, but a full Conference session was held.

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

Pastor's Pause (Cont.)

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as Jesus is lifted up leaving the disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, sets the stage for the next phase of God's continued plan of salvation. Ten days after the Ascension, this year on May 15th, we celebrate Pentecost and the birthday of the Christian Church.

Years ago, in many farm communities, Ascension Day was a big deal. It was one of the few times when

farmers would do as little work as possible, which is as close as a farmer can come to a day off. While many of the traditional observances of Ascension Day have slipped into obscurity, it is still an important time for us in this season of resurrection, to be reminded of Christ's promise of the Holy Spirit. Easter and Ascension Day lead us to Pentecost, and our new birth as Christ's Church. May Ascension Day this year be a time of preparation for us as we more fully welcome the Spirit into our lives and this blessed community.



March 2015

Operating Cash On Hand Start of Month/Year
 Operating Income Received
 Operating Expenses
 Operating Cash On Hand - 3/31

March

\$26,898.79
 \$25,342.36
 \$22,849.71
 \$29,391.44

Year to Date

\$35,761.03
 \$77,437.19
 \$83,806.78
 \$29,391.44

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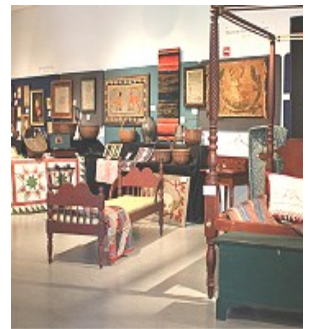
Penn Dry Goods Market

at the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center

“The Penn Dry Goods Market is a special kind of antiques show and sale. It features antique and vintage textiles plus things that might have been found on the shelves of an old dry goods store. More than an antiques show, it is built around two days of lectures on textile history and workshops, attended by people from all parts of the country.”

~Lita Solis-Cohen Maine Antique Digest, August 2014

Come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center on Friday, May 13th, from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm , and Saturday, May 14th, 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!

Special Exhibit

Within and Without: The Art of the Book

During the Penn Dry Goods Market, be sure to visit the special exhibits in the ground floor galleries. Opening April 10, 2016, is *Within and Without: The Art of the Book*. It will feature the artistry of bookbinding, manuscript books, book illustrations, and both fraktur and printed bookplates from our permanent collection. This is a special opportunity to view the extraordinary treasures from our permanent collection, from the 17th century onward.

For our Penn Dry Goods Market textile fans, we'll also be featuring our Schwenkfelder Townscape wool embroidered pictures in the ground floor galleries, accompanied by artifacts that are depicted in the Townscapes. It's "I Spy" on a grand scale!



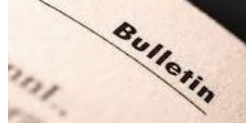
Spring General Conference

The Spring General Conference of the Schwenckfelder Church will be held on Sunday,

May 22nd, at Schwenckfeld Manor.

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, and announcements, Please attend and learn about our Conference activities.



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: August 7th & 14th; September 18th; October 2nd & 9th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

May 29th; July 31st; August 7th, 14th & 21st
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 Schwenckfelder 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!



Salford Pilgrimage



On Sunday, June 5th, Join our Schwenckfelder churches at the historic Salford Meeting house in Harleysville for worship and a hymn sing at 6:00pm. All are welcome to stay for ice cream afterwards. If you are interested in attending, please look for sign-up in the next few weeks to be posted outside of the church office.



Mark Your Calendars!

The Men of Palm

Chicken BBQ

is coming!



Join us on Saturday, June 11th 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.

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Photos by Lee Schultz

M E M B E R N E W S



Sympathies to...

- ...Nathaniel Wise on the death of his mother Diane Wise
- ...Paul Schwoyer on the death of his brother Harold Schwoyer
- ...Leroy Long on the death of his wife Carolyn Long

Congratulations to...

Darrell T. Manley who became a State Certified Firefighter I, Vehicle Rescue Certified, was voted West End Fire Fighter of the Year 2015, just became a Nationally Certified E.M.T., and was 1st in his E.M.T. class. Darrell will graduate from Pottsgrove High School this June.



Chester County Migrant Ministries



Chester County Migrant Ministries Donations Drive



Since the 1970s, migrant farm workers, and their families, have arrived in the area to harvest a variety of crops. 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.

Palm Schwenkfelder Church participates in the annual drive to collect basic necessities. Palm

Schwenkfelder Mission Board would like to invite you to participate in our annual drive through **May 22, 2016.**

Current needs include:

Health Kits: 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. Other items needed: new/used blankets (used blankets must be clean and in good condition), first aid kits, paperbacks, Spanish/English dictionaries, and Bibles. Please place all items at the Migrant Ministry Display by Sunday, May 22, 2016. Furthermore, a list of necessities will be posted on the Mission Board's information center in the Narthex. Thank you for your assistance, as all donations are welcomed 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 S

- Due to a lack of a dumpster, our church cleanup day was postponed. Please watch for news of the rescheduled date.
- The church no longer has a use for and is selling, at a \$1.00 a piece, 60 watt, 130 volt, incandescent light bulbs. Look for a box with bulbs in the narthex. Place your money in an envelope and drop in the lock box on the church office door.
- After a cleanup of fallen trees, there is a pile of wood available on a first come first served basis at the Hosensack Grove.

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SAVE THE DATE!

- May 8th* — Mother's Day
- May 13th*
and 14th — Penn Dry Goods Market
- May 15th* — Pentecost
- May 22nd* — Spring General Conference @
Schwenckfeld Manor
- May 29th* — 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*