

PALM LEAVES

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

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- Penn Dry Goods Market Days Pastor's Pause – Lifted Up Memorial Sunday
- Chicken BBQ Summer Music Chester County Migrant Ministry Easter Egg Hunt Pics

Pastor's Pause—Lifted Up

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 heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit

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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 to-

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wards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

(Acts 1:1-11)

The Scripture reading which begins this article is the opening of the book of Acts, and tells the story of the days following Jesus' resurrection, when he promises the coming of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost), and ascends into heaven. I love the imagery of the conclusion

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Y O U T H N E W S



May Birthdays



A Very Happy Birthday to...

Andrea Simon (5/6), Selia Werth (5/10)

Happy 18th Birthday to Emily Badman (5/7)

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



Sunday School Closing

Join us on Sunday, June 4th during the Sunday School hour, for a covered dish breakfast for the confirmands.



The confirmands will be doing a PowerPoint presentation, and we will have the Sunday School closing program.

Upcoming Sunday School Dates



- MAY 28TH - Last Day for Youth Sunday School classes
- JUNE 4TH - Covered dish breakfast for the Confirmands
 - - Combined Sunday School in Social Hall
 - - Sunday School Closing Program
 - - Confirmation
- JUNE 11TH - "Youth Sunday" worship service;
 - - Church Picnic after worship service. Bring covered dish to share.
- JULY 16TH thru JULY 20TH - Vacation Bible School 6:15pm-8:30pm
- JULY 23RD - Vacation Bible School Sunday during worship service

Church Picnic

To help us celebrate another wonderful year of growing together in faith, *Congregation*, please join us after worship on June 11th for a picnic. The Board of Christian Education will provide hot dogs and drinks. Everyone is invited to bring sides, snacks, or desserts.



Thank you to everyone who was involved throughout the Sunday school year in the many different ways that helped to keep our programs running.



The Class will be confirmed during worship on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th. Thanks to the Mentors for sharing their time and experiences with our Confirmands on their spiritual journey this year. God bless each one. Thanks also to the planning committee: Luanne Stauffer, Jean Ross and Pastor Nick Pence.



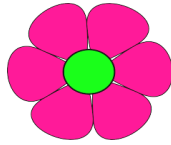
Jonas Kinsler and Dick Guldin

Margo May and Karen Schultz

Hans Muse and Brian Shelly

Nicholas Pence and Jeffrey Stauffer

Selia Werth and Renee Shelly



Holy Bible App by YouVersion

New Lent Bible reading plans such as 40 days of Lent, come to the upper room devotions, Finding Jesus, and many more.



Bible for Kids by YouVersion

The Big Picnic: each day's video teaches a memory verse, a key truth, and a song

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 18th

Hosensack Meetinghouse — July 16th

Kraussdale Meetinghouse — August 20th

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~ May 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 11:00a-12:00p Board of Music Ministry Meeting 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	2 Pastor Nick at Clergy Convocation 9:00a-12:00p Knotting Party 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 1:00p-2:00p Ladies' Aid Meeting 7:00p-8:00p Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting	3 Pastor Nick at Clergy Convocation 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 6:00p-6:30p Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal 8:30p-7:30p Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p-9:00p Senior Choir Rehearsal	4 Pastor Nick at Clergy Convocation 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:00p-8:30p Deacon's Meeting	5 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	6 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
	7 9:00a-10:00a Sunday School 10:15a-11:30a Music Sunday Worship Service 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	8 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 8:30p-7:30p Buildings & Grounds Committee 7:30p-9:00p Board of Trustees	9 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	10 Deadline for June Newsletter 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:30p-9:00p Senior Choir Rehearsal	11 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 1:30p-3:00p Staff Meeting	12 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
14 Mother's Day 9:00a-10:00a Sunday School 10:15a-11:30a Sunday Worship Service 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 	15 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:00p-8:00p Board of Christian Education Meeting 7:00p-9:00p Red Hill Band Board of Directors Meeting	16 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:00p-8:00p Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting 7:00p-8:00p Mission Board	17 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:30p-9:00p Senior Choir Rehearsal	18 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	19 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	20 Armed Forces Day 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 
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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 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 28th, please join us as we remember those friends and loved ones who we have lost over this past year.

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|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Earl Fox | Betty Krauss | Edmund Kuhns | |
| David Longacre | Helen Miller | Will Moyer | Mary Wilcox |

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 2017 - 2018 is being formed.



Confirmation

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 — Judge Christopher Heydrick

The Rev. Dr. O.S. Kriebel, in a private letter to the family, wrote this about Judge Christopher Heydrick on his passing in 1914:

As a Schwenkfelder body, we owe more to your father's example and deep interest in our affairs than we can ever express; and personally, I am under the deepest obligations to him for his

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wise counsel and for noble example and for invaluable assistance in our church and school enterprises. His most generous and disinterested contribution to our work must be regarded by all of us as precious in the sight of God and as a sacred offering to a worthy cause.

Who was this Judge who played such an

important role in The Schwenkfelder Church at the end of the nineteenth century?

Christopher Heydrick was the son of Charles and Mary Heydrick, the second of six children who lived in western Pennsylvania in Venango County. Charles' father was Dr. Christopher Heydrick, graduate of University of Pennsylvania in 1792, born in Chestnut Hill, PA, from where he moved with his family and practice in 1819 to western Pennsylvania. His father, Abraham Heydrick, was the son of Schwenkfelder immigrant Balthasar Heydrick who came to Pennsylvania in 1734. After graduating from Allegheny College in Meadville, PA, in 1852, Christopher found a teaching job in Kentucky where he was licensed to practice law. Shortly after, he moved back to Venango County where he built his law practice over the course of the next 50 years. In 1891, he was appointed to a term on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court after which time he was known as "Judge Heydrick."

While not a member of The Schwenkfelder Church, being an active member of the Presbyte-

rian Church, Judge Heydrick expressed a deep respect for his Schwenkfelder spiritual heritage. His involvement and enthusiasm for the various projects of the Schwenkfelders in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century had significant impact for The Schwenkfelder Church.

The first genealogical record of the Schwenkfelders, published in 1879, was enthusiastically promoted by Judge Heydrick. His profound interest in family history

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and, in particular, the story of the Schwenkfelders' persecution, flight and emigration to Pennsylvania so enthralled him that he was called upon to author the historical sketch which introduced the volume. His authority was so well respected that the editors of the 1923 *Genealogical Record of the Schwenkfelder Families* reprinted this article in that publication.

Shortly following the publication of that first genealogical record, the 150th anniversary in 1884 of the arrival of the largest group of Schwenkfelders was rapidly approaching and Judge Heydrick was once again involved. He joined with Governor John W. Hartranft in actively supporting a major celebration. Together, they reached out to a professor of church history at Hartford Theological Seminary to participate in this historic moment for the Schwenkfelders.

Following the Rev. Dr. Chester David Hartranft's passionate embracing of his heretofore unrealized Schwenkfelder connections, Judge Heydrick encouraged

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Caspar's Corner (Cont.)

Hartranft's call to publish the edited writings of Schwenckfeld in the *Corpus Schwenckfeldianorum*. He supported this project throughout the long years of preparation and re-

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ported a fervent proponent of the *Corpus* as the first volumes finally appeared.

He encouraged the purchase of Perkiomen School in 1892 and became a very vocal sup-

port for Rev. O.S. Kriebel as he built this small undertaking into the worthy institution it became by the turn of the twentieth century. Judge Heydrick provided the funds which sealed the deal with Andrew Carnegie to build a library on the school campus when that project seemed to be faltering.

Judge Christopher Heydrick inspired The Schwenckfelder Church to accomplish significant projects in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. His legacy still motivates the Schwenckfelders today.

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

Pastor's Pause (Cont.)

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to our passage, the disciples standing there gazing upward and not sure what to do next. I imagine them with their mouths hanging open and blinking from the sunlight, but even more the glory of God.

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. However this year, in conjunction with the 500th

Reformation Anniversary, Palm will host an Ascension Day event on May 25th, beginning at 6:00 pm. The Valley Choral Society, under the direction of Pat Conrad, will be participating in the festivities, and weather permitting we hope to have tethered hot air balloon rides available for the adventurous among us. The time will conclude with a brief worship service around dusk.

My prayer is that Ascension Day will be an uplifting time for us both physically and spiritually, so please mark your calendars and be a part of the celebration on May 25th. Lifted up by the Spirit, may we offer our praise to God.



March 2017

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

March

\$42,961.47
\$26,385.36
\$24,028.41
\$45,318.42

Year to Date

\$65,440.30
\$69,446.86
\$89,568.74
\$45,318.42

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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 19th, from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Saturday, May 20th, 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!



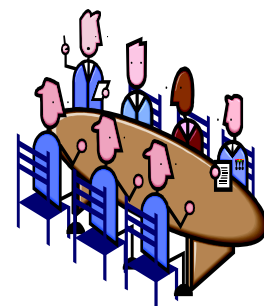
Special Exhibit

Bloomin'/Blumen: Flowers in Pennsylvania German Textiles and Folk Art

During the Penn Dry Goods Market, be sure to visit the special exhibits in the ground floor gallery. Opening April 8, 2017, is *Bloomin'/Blumen: Flowers in Pennsylvania German Textiles and Folk Art*. Whether you're coming to the Penn Dry Goods Market or visiting any time in the spring and summer of 2017, make sure to see the special exhibit we'll be featuring in the ground floor gallery, Bloomin'/Blumen. Pennsylvania Germans loved flowers, and they bloom everywhere - on samplers, on Berlin wool embroidery, on quilts, fraktur and more! The walls will be lined with gorgeous interpretations of many varieties of flowers in needlework, watercolor and ceramic. And sometimes, these flowers and gardens even carried symbolic meaning - look for more information in the exhibit.

Pastoral Relations Committee

The Committee is committed to ensuring optimum communication between the congregation and Pastor Nick and to that end, encourages questions or comments. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee: Jeff Stauffer, Dave Woodward, Gail Ferry, Lil Master, Ray Hausman, Doug Wallinger, Jean Ross, or David Luz. The next meeting of the Pastoral Relations Committee will be held Sunday, May 7th, after the worship service, and it will be held in the Contemporary Issues Classroom.





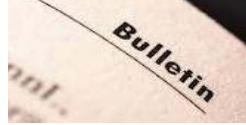
Spring General Conference

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

May 21st, at Central Schwenckfelder 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, 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:

May 28th; June 4th & 11th; August 6th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

May 7th; June 4th & 11th; August 6th & 13th

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 4th, 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 a 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 10th from 4:00 to 6:00 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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E a s t e r E g g H u n t



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C a n d y M a k i n g



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Music Sunday



Join us on Sunday, May 7th, as we celebrate Music Sunday with all of our talented musicians.



Chester County Migrant Ministries



Chester County Migrant Ministries Donations Drive

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 aid 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 7-14, 2017**. 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. **“Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help” Isaiah 58:7.**

T R U S T E E S ' T I D B I T

- We ask that everyone follow our cemetery rules as posted on the sign near the edge of the church parking lot. In particular we want to emphasize that no glass or ceramic is placed on the cemetery. Glass and ceramic are prone to breaking and cause safety concerns and issues for mowing.

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SAVE THE DATE!

- May 14th* — Mother's Day
May 19th
and 20th — Penn Dry Goods Market
May 21st — Spring General Conference @
Central Schwenkfelder Church
May 28th — Memorial Day Sunday Worship
June 4th — Pentecost



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