

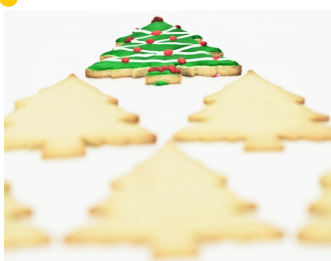


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Palm Schwenkfelder Church

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- *Flowers and Bulletins* *United Schwenkfelder Choir* *PRC Meeting* *Congregational Meeting*



Holiday Bazaar

Date: Saturday, November 23, 2013

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

It will be a fun-filled day of good food, good fellowship, and many crafters offering holiday shopping. The Ladies' Aid will sell the church afghan, the church collectible, cookbooks, chow-chow, and cookies by the pound. Light lunch will be served.

Holiday baked items are needed for the baked goods table. The cost to rent a table is \$20.00. If you would like to rent a table, volunteer, or if you have any questions, please contact the church office at 215-679-5321.



VOTE!...AND THEN EAT



The Ladies' Aid is holding an Election Day Bake Sale on November 5th. Donations of baked goods are needed. Smaller items such as cupcakes, muffins, smaller sized cakes and cookies are especially popular on Election Day. Please bring do-

nations to the church Monday evening after 7:00 p.m. or Tuesday morning. Thank you!



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Y O U T H N E W S

***Kids Get Caught Being Kind!***

Members of the Congregation are invited to catch kids being kind. When you see a child carrying out an act of kindness, let them know you caught them and tell them to make a punch on their *Acts of Kindness Incentive Punch Card!* The acts of kindness are left to your discretion. The act can be a smile, a kind word, a polite gesture such as holding a door for someone or helping to carry something, or cleaning up after themselves or others. The acts are limitless! Once their card is completed, the card will be entered into a drawing.

Our youth did a fantastic job working at the Ladies' Aid Harvest Dinner on October 5th.

They all earned 5 punches on their Acts of Kindness Incentive cards. Way to go Youth!

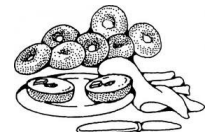
***Food Drive***

Thank you to everyone who came out to support us!

Thank you to Andrea Simon, Margo May, Stacey May, Andrew Pence, Nicholas Pence, Kate Pence, Victoria Leh, Brent Master, Blake Master, and parents for coming out on Saturday, October 12th to collect food for Open Link. We were able to collect 339 items to feed our local community.



***Thank you to everyone who donated snacks
for children's church :-)***

**Used Greeting Cards**

The 5th & 6th grade Sunday School class needs your help. They are looking for old/used greeting cards. They will use the pictures on the cards to help create a special book of Bible verses. Please drop off your used/unwanted cards in the designated box located in the Narthex coat closet. Thank you in advance for your help with this special project!

November Youth Birthdays

A Very Happy Birthday to...

Megan Johnson (11/3), Kali Kriebel (11/11), Tatum Korn (11/13),

Bridgette Wright (11/16), Hans Muse (11/18),

Reid Hoffman (11/25), Anja Muse (11/29), Sabine Muse (11/30)

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



Y O U T H N E W S (C O N T .)

Coming up in November...

Youth Chocolate Covered Pretzel Night



On Friday, November 8th from 6:00pm-9:00pm bring a bag or 2 of pretzels and join us in dipping them in chocolate. We will sell them at the Holiday Bazaar to raise money for Relay for Life and for the Philadelphia Mission Trip. Parent help is needed. If you are interested in sponsoring the cost of the chocolate, please call Barb Master at (610)-966-4293.



The Nativity Story Movie Night

For youth 5th grade and up Hosted by Lisa Stitt & Barb Master

Friday, December 13th at Lisa Stitt's house starting at 7:00pm.

Join us by the fire for hot dogs, s'mores, and fellowship!



Kid's Corner at the Holiday Bazaar

Look for the Kid's Corner at the Holiday Bazaar. Parents can shop while their children enjoy music, reading, toys and crafts. Please see Barb Master if you would like to volunteer.



Coming up in December... Youth Outing

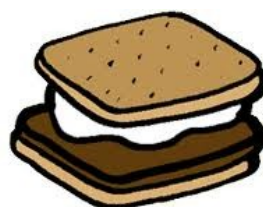
On Sunday, December 8th, after worship, bring spending money for lunch followed by a trip to Worcester, Pa. to see the



United Schwenkfelder Choir performance. Please see Barb Master or the event flyer in the Narthex to sign up.

Older Youth Fire Pit

Older youth 5th grade and up, join us at the home of Lisa Stitt on Friday, November 15th from 7:00pm—9:00pm outside by the fire pit in fellowship making



's'mores and just having fun! Sign-up in the Narthex to let us know you're coming.

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November

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3 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Laity Sunday Worship 11:30 am PRC Meeting	4	5 ** 7:00 am Election Day Bake Sale 8:00 am Quilters 1:00 pm Ladies' Aide 6:45 pm BSA	6 Regular Choir Schedule	7 9:00 am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Diaconate Meeting 7:00 pm Day School Board Meeting	8 6:00 pm Youth Making Chocolate-covered Pretzels	9
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10 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Sunday Worship Service	11 6:30 pm Buildings and Grounds Committee 7:30 Board of Trustees	12 8:00 am Quilters 6:45 pm BSA Regular GSA Schedule	13 Regular Choir Schedule	14 6:00 Upper Perk Kicks Club Banquet	15 9:00am Ladies' Aid Cookie Baking	16 9:00am Ladies' Aid Cookie Baking
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17 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Sunday Worship Service	18 2:30 pm Board of Music Ministry Mtg. 7:00 pm Board of Christian Education Mtg.	19 8:00 am Quilters 7:00 pm Missions Board Mtg. Regular GSA Schedule	20 Regular Choir Schedule	21 7:30 pm United Choir Instrumental Rehearsal	22	23 Holiday Bazaar
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24 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Reign of Christ Sunday Worship Service	25	26 8:00 am Quilters (No Children's Choir) (No Junior Bells) Regular GSA Schedule (*See Below)	27 7:30 pm Thanksgiving Worship Service @ Palm	28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! 	29	30 
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****Tuesday the 5th**
Regular GSA schedule

***Tuesday the 26th (Cont)**
6:30 Senior Bells
7:30 Senior Choir
7:15 pm BSA Committee Mtg.

Regular Tuesday Girl Scouts Schedule
6:30pm Brownies
6:45pm Boy Scouts
7:00pm Daisies
7:00pm Cadettes

Regular Choir Schedule
5:30pm Children's Choir
6:00pm Junior Bells
6:30pm Senior Bells
7:30pm Senior Choir





United Schwenkfelder Choir 84th Annual Concert Sunday, December 8, 2013 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Central Schwenkfelder Church Worcester, PA

The United Schwenkfelder Choir will present its 85th annual concert on Sunday, December 8, 2013. The 80-voice, non-denominational choir, representing membership in 30 churches from Montgomery and Bucks counties, will perform a program of traditional and contemporary Christmas music at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Central Schwenkfelder Church, located on 2111 Valley Forge Road (Route 363), Lansdale, just north of Skippack Pike (Route 73). A free will offering will be taken. For additional information, contact choir president Dennis Alderfer at 215-393-9974, or www.unitedchoir.org.



L u m i n a r i e s f o r C h r i s t m a s E v e

Every Sunday from November 24th until December 13th, you will have the opportunity to contribute \$5.00 per line for a luminary to decorate the church driveway on Christmas Eve. This is one of the fundraisers for the Palm Schwenkfelder Church Relay for Life Team. Your contribution may be made "in honor of" or "in memory of" friends or loved ones. There will be a special insert in the Christmas Eve bulletin acknowledging your gifts. Please place your order in the office lock-box before the deadline of Sunday, December 16th, or order your luminaries at the Relay for Life Team table located in the Narthex after worship services until December 16th. You can fill out the form included in this bulletin to place your order. And then put your order form, along with your check, in the drop box on the door of the church office. Please make checks payable to: PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH - Memo: Relay for Life Team

The Upper Perkiomen Relay for Life will be held May 16th – 17th, 2014.

*Palm Schwenkfelder Church Relay for Life Team
Luminaries for Christmas Eve*

Donor's Name _____

Phone No. _____

"In Honor of" 1. _____
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"In Memory of" 1. _____
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Cost Per Line: \$5.00

Total Donation: \$ _____

*Please make checks payable to: PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH
Memo: Relay for Life Team*



Visitors to the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center can gaze upon a very old, slightly rusty looking padlock, somewhat larger than an adult hand and about 2 inches thick with a key 5 inches in length, which is displayed in a small, clear box mounted under the panel depicting Caspar Schwenckfeld becoming a reformer. The label informs visitors that the lock and key come from the Protestant church in the town of Lüben in Silesia (now Lubin in Poland), having

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Caspar's Corner — Lüben Lock

been acquired by Elmer E. S. Johnson. The lock and key supposedly date from the 16th century.

The church was probably the parish church of St. Nicholas in



Lubin, which is located a short distance from Ossig, the site of the Schwenckfeld estate. Very early in the 1520s Schwenckfeld became a lay preacher, bringing the message of the Reformation to many towns and villages. The church in Lubin was one of those churches where he preached occasionally in the pulpit of a priest whom he had converted to the Reformation.

Knowing the significance of this particular church in Schwenckfeld's life, Schwenkfelder descendant and scholar Elmer E. S. Johnson visited Lubin and the parish church in 1905 while on an extended tour of Silesia, visiting Breslau, Liegnitz, Ossig, Goldberg, and many other

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Schwenkfelder sites in addition to the ancestral village of Harpersdorf. The following is an excerpt from his diary where Johnson describes his visit to the church and the gift of the padlock and key on Thursday, August 3, 1905.

Then we went to the church of Lüben where Schwenckfeld preached. The castellan [caretaker] who is there for 36 years was very kind in showing the church to us. The church is over 600

years old and is in a fine state of preservation. Indeed it too is as it was in Schwenckfeld's day. I mounted the pulpit with many thoughts running through my mind. I took two pictures of the interior. The Castellan presented two very old locks to us as mementos both of which were used in the church and run back beyond the days of C.S. the Sacristy is Romanesque and is the oldest part of the church. A very old wooden chest made from one piece of wood, very large and massive and dating from ancient Catholic times is still to be seen in the church. After slipping two Marks into the castellan's hand we went out and photographed the exterior.

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

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www.biddingforgood.com/peterbeckercommunity

TRUSTEE TIDBITS

In an effort to enhance communication between the congregation and the Board of Trustees, we are launching a new regular installment called "Trustee Tidbits"

Announcing the resurrection of the "Over the Hill Gang"

The Board of Trustees would be thrilled to have this group of volunteers once again tackle some of the small jobs around the Church and its properties, thus saving hundreds of dollars in labor costs. If interested, please talk to Walt Master.

The church needs you!



It's "that" season again; when snow, sleet, ice, wintry mix (whatever that is), and just plain old lousy weather can make getting to church difficult, or even dangerous. So, In the event of said crappy weather, please use the following media sources to find out if any events at the church have been postponed or cancelled.



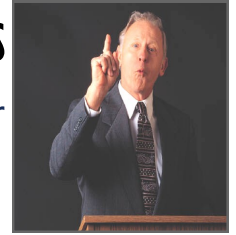
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S L H C L E C T U R E S E R I E S

Brown Bag Lecture with Allen Viehmeyer

*A Visit to Harpersdorf as told by Elmer and Rolland Johnson*
HARPERSDORF
 THÜRINGEN

On Wednesday November 13th at noon, come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center to hear *A Visit to Harpersdorf as told by Elmer and Rolland Johnson*. The last week of July 1905 was a momentous occasion for Elmer, Agnes, and Rolland Johnson as they visited the ancestral home village of their forefather George Schultz. Johnson spent nearly two weeks in Harpersdorf searching for information about his family in church and legal records. He talked with many local people about the Schwenkfelders, and, of course, he visited the Viehweg burial site. Johnson records his experience and information in his diary, and Agnes, as spokesperson for Rolland, does the same. Hear about their visit through the words they recorded.

*Schwenkfelder Life in Pennsylvania before 1780*

On Wednesday, December 11th at noon come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center to hear *Schwenkfelder Life in Pennsylvania Before 1780*. Schwenkfelders in eighteenth century Pennsylvania lived a life that was in some ways similar, some ways different than the life they abandoned in Germany. This illustrated slide lecture looks at a variety of their life experiences and attempts to convey what life among the Pennsylvania Schwenkfelders was like during the colonial period. Some of the topics covered are contacts with Silesia, homes, occupations, religious practice and family life.

***Ladies' Aid Christmas Stockings***

We are asking for your help again this year for monetary donations. We make 75 stockings each year and try to fill each of them with at least 5 items. With your donations we can do this. Thank you in advance.

Ethel Soffa, Sandra Kriebel, Miriam Hausman, Sallie Wright, Ruth Weaver.

Pastor's Pause—Lift Every Voice and Sing

On November 3rd we will gather for worship utilizing the All Saints Day texts from the Revised Common Lectionary, and on that Sunday we will sing a song that I have been patiently waiting to introduce here at Palm. Now I know that many of you absolutely love it when we sing completely new hymns (please read with my humorous tone in mind), and I will point out that there is a Pastoral Relations

*This hymn was
“...first read by 500
school children as
an introduction for
their honored
guest, Booker T.
Washington...”*

Meeting immediately following the worship service which was already scheduled (hopefully read with humorous tone in mind once again), but in my Pastor's Pause for this month I wanted to share a

little about the hymn we will be learning and singing together.



Lift Every Voice and Sing was written in 1899 by poet, educator, lawyer, and civil rights activist James Weldon Johnson. According to Wikipedia it was actually first read by 500 school children as an introduction for their honored guest, Booker T. Washington, in 1900 celebrating the birthday of President Lincoln. Johnson's brother John would write the music for the hymn in 1905, and the song was copyrighted in 1921. I was first introduced to this hymn sometimes referred to as the African American National Anthem at a gathering for African American students on the UNC campus, and was immediately captured by the power of its words and its persevering melody that continues, even in darkness, to uplift our

souls. Please take a moment now to read and reflect upon this beautifully inspiring poem, and I look forward to lifting our voices together as we sing a new song of our praise to God.

*Lift every voice and sing, till
earth and Heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of
liberty;*

*Let our rejoicing rise, high
as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the
rolling sea.*

*Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught
us,*

*Sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought
us;*

*Facing the rising sun of our
new day begun,
Let us march on till victory
is won.*

*Stony the road we trod, bit-
ter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope
unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have
not our weary feet
Come to the place for which
our fathers sighed?*

*We have come over a way
that with tears has been wa-
tered;*

*We have come, treading our
path through the blood of the
slaughtered;*

*Out from the gloomy past, till
now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our
bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years, God
of our silent tears,*

*Thou Who hast brought us
thus far on the way;*

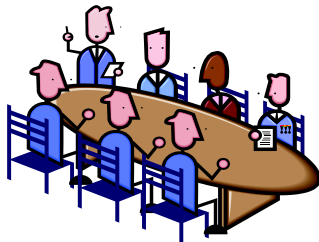
*Thou Who hast by Thy might,
led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path,
we pray.*

*Lest our feet stray from the
places, our God, where we
met Thee.*

*Lest our hearts, drunk with
the wine of the world, we
forget Thee.*

*Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our
native land.*

Pastoral Relations Committee



The next Pastoral Relations Committee meeting will be held on Sunday, November 3rd, after the worship service in the Contemporary Issues Classroom.

Laitry Sunday November 3, 2013



On Sunday, November 3rd, we will hold Laitry Sunday. This year the sermon will be delivered by Doug Wallinger and worship led by the lay people of Palm Schwenkfelder Church. We celebrate the many gifts that have been bestowed upon the members of this congregation and look forward to all joining in celebration of Christ's continued call to ministry for each and every one of us.

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Miller Keystone Blood Drive

Mark your calendars for the Miller Keystone Blood Drive sponsored by the Palm Mission Board on Saturday, November 23rd, 2013. The blood drive is from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

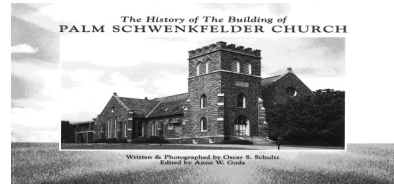
You can sign up on the mission board to hold a time convenient for your schedule. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Thank you for your support.



100th Anniversary Book

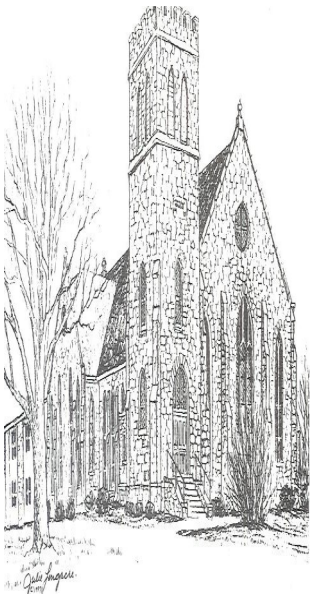
"The Building of Palm Schwenkfelder Church"



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!*

*Thanksgiving
Eve
Service*

Wednesday,
November 27th
Palm
Schwenkfelder
Church
833 Gravel Pike
Palm, PA 18070
7:30pm



Chow-Chow for Sale!

Get a pint or quart , or get a pint AND a quart, or get *two* pints and *two* quarts of that perfect Dutchy side dish. But whatever you do, get some chow-chow before it's all gone!



A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, December 8th, immediately following the worship service to approve the 2014 budget and to elect new officers. Along with this copy of the 2014 budget, there will be copies of the budget in the narthex available before the meeting. Please be sure to attend this important meeting.

C O N F E R E N C E M E E T I N G

PSEC Fall Meeting - November 9

9:00am—4:00pm at New Goshenhoppen UCC
1070 Church Road, East Greenville 18041

Come all and hear about how the Holy Spirit is working in Pennsylvania Southeast Conference. Join in the celebration of God's love and guidance as we move together into the future.



[Registration](#) is now available. Please register prior to October 31st. Take advantage of a reduction on ticket prices during Early Bird registration Oct 10-24. Regular fees apply from Oct 25-31. Please note that due to catering deadlines, we are unable to offer lunch to those who do not register by October 31st.

[Meeting materials](#) are currently available on the PSEC website "Resources" page and will be posted thru the meeting day as necessary.

Church Administrators or Leaders: When registering all participants from your church, please use each individual's full home and email addresses so that each participant receives the link to the meeting materials (or paper copies).

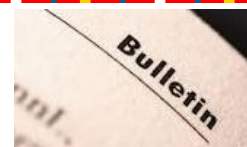
Childcare is available for ages infants through 10 years from 9 am-12 Noon and 1-4 pm (Caregivers will break for lunch from 12-1 pm.) Use the "Childcare" ticket to register each child needing childcare and complete the [Child Care Medical Release Form](#) that is also available on the "Resources" page of the PSEC website.

We look forward to seeing you on November 9!

Flowers and Bulletins



We have flower sponsorship for all of the Sundays for the rest of 2013. Thanks to everyone for their support! But there are still open dates this winter for sponsorship of our Sunday bulletins. We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on: November 17th, December 22nd and 29th. The cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15.00. Please sign up on the chart in the hallway outside of the office. And, thanks!



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SAVE THE DATE!

- November 5th* — Election Day & Bake Sale
- November 8th* — Chocolate-Covered Pretzel Making
- November 9th* — PSEC Meeting @
New Goshenhoppen UCC
- November 15th* — Older Youth Fire Pit
- November 15th & 16th* — Cookie Baking
- November 23rd* — Holiday Bazaar
- November 24th* — Reign Of Christ Sunday
- November 27st* — Thanksgiving Service @
Palm
- November 28th* — Happy Thanksgiving!



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Barbara Master, *Youth Director*
Dan Ferry, *Church Administrator*
Kevin Master, *Sexton*
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