

PALM LEAVES

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

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- *Caspar's Corner—Brotherly Love* *-Blood Drive* *Member News* *Holiday Bazaar*
- *Pastoral Relations Committee* *Brown Bag Lunch Lecture* *Pics: Harvest Home, Apple Butter, Bldg. Repairs*
- *Thanksgiving Eve Service* *Congregational Meeting* *Cookie and Pie Baking*

P a s t o r ' s P a u s e —

Well, it is that time of year again! Yes, that month when I promote men's health by growing some goofy looking facial hair, and occasionally talking other people into joining me! Having already done a mustache, a goatee, and mutton chops last year, it is time to select another facial hair challenge and this year's winner is... The Abe Lincoln Beard! Yes, in honor of our sixteenth president I will be growing out the hairs on my chinny chin-chin. I know already that people will say that I look Amish, and I in fact do not yet own a stove-pipe hat, but if it works who knows what lies ahead!

If you are not familiar with the Abe Lincoln beard, you can pull out a five dollar bill and see it modeled on our former president, and while you are looking at it you can also help decide how

long it will stay upon my face.

I continue to serve on the Advisory Board for the Upper Perk YMCA and would like to again raise some funds for the Y Annual

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The Abe Lincoln Beard!

Campaign, which provides financial assistance to individuals and families with limited income who want to have a Y membership. You, dear people of Palm (potentially along with the women in my family who really hate this time of year) have the opportunity to throw some money in one of two cans to either support the ongoing growth that will

be upon my cheeks, or to insure a preemptive shave before the end of the month. If at any point after the two week mark, \$750.00 more is collected in the shave it off bucket than the keep it bucket, my homage to Abraham Lincoln will be concluded, and my wife, and likely many others, will rejoice! However, if contributions to the shave it off can don't hit the differential mark, the beard will reach its full month long stature. And again this year, allow me to point out that the full month of November includes our community Thanksgiving Eve service, the Holiday Bazaar and the first Sunday in Advent. Also a top hat and beard could make an appearance at the United Schwenkfelder Choir Concerts, you just never know. I will also make public that for my own contribution to the Annual

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Y O U T H N E W S



H.E.R.O.
Helpful,
Enthusiastic,
Respectful,
Optimistic!



When you recognize heroic behavior among our youth, please let them know. Acts 20:35 and Luke 19:10, check them out!

November Youth Birthdays
A Very Happy Birthday to...



Tatum Korn (11/13),
Bridgette Wright (11/16),
Hans Muse (11/18),
Reid Hoffman (11/25),
Anja Muse (11/29),
Sabine Muse (11/30)

A Very Happy 18th Birthday to...
Megan Johnson (11/3),
Kali Kriebel (11/11)

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



Kid's Corner at the Holiday Bazaar

Be sure to stop by the Kid's Corner at the Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 19th for crafts, movie, and a prize drawing. Kids can stay while parents shop!



Harvest Home and Redner's Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who participated! Together we collected over 500 items to donate to Open Link.



Holy Bible App by YouVersion

Teens check out one of these current plans: Chasing Failure, How to Strengthen your Faith, or Fighting FOMO (it's what happens when everyone else's great day stops us from enjoying our own)

Kids (and parents can help) check out one of these current plans: Courageous Kids, Next Steps for Kids, Truth or Trash



Youth Chocolate Covered Pretzel Night

Join us Friday, November 4th from 6:00pm -9:00pm for our fun night of dipping pretzels in chocolate to sell at the Holiday Bazaar. Bring along a bag of pretzels and sprinkles.

Bible for Kids by YouVersion



Type in, "Bible for kids free" to begin your kid's journey with Christ. New format, same great stories! Great for kids who aren't reading independently. Interactive and fun for all ages!

CALLING ALL BAKERS! WE NEED YOUR HELP



Ladies' Aid is holding an Election Day Bake Sale on November 8th. Many homemade goodies will be needed. Best sellers are breakfast cakes, shoofly, apeas, funny cakes along with muffins, cookies & brownies. Please bring donations to



the church Monday evening 6:30-7:30 PM or any time Tuesday morning.



Painting the windows at Palm



Stone repair at Palm

Photos by Lee Schultz



Stone repair at Kraussdale Meetinghouse



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~ November 2016 ~

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



NOT an artist's rendering of Pastor Nick (although....)

Campaign last year I remained neutral on the facial hair question, but this year I make no such promise (just in case I really hate it or really like it).

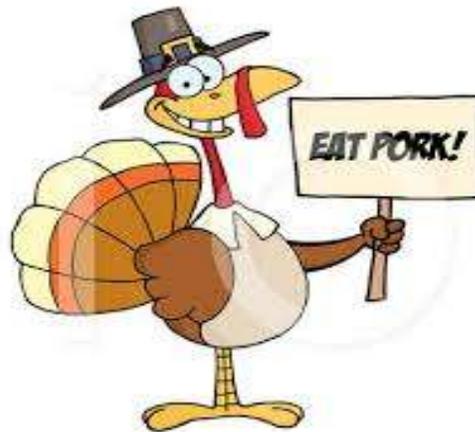
If anyone is interested in growing some facial hair along with me you are absolutely encouraged to do so, and it does makes for interesting conversations. In addition each Sunday during the announcements I will uplift a different aspect of men's health and in conjunction with our Y Annual Campaign will specifically address exercise as part of our healthy living. Thanks in advance for your support, encouragement and humor.
Pastor Nick

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Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 23rd
Friedens UCC Church
Sumneytown
1011 Church Road
Sumneytown, PA 18084
7:00pm



A Special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2016, immediately following the worship service to elect our church leadership and approve our budget for 2017 as well as a discussion of the Church's Memorial Garden. There will be copies of the budget in the narthex available before the meeting. Please be sure to attend this important meeting.

Caspar's Corner—Brotherly Love

“To love everyone for Christ’s sake, to serve everyone as far as possible, to do good to everyone, to the poor most of all, that is brotherly love” – Caspar Schwenckfeld in a letter dated March 1532. [Document 128, vol. 4, *Corpus Schwenckfeldianorum*]

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Helping the poor has been a predominant Christian teaching for some two thousand years. Sincere Christians have practiced this commandment for centuries. There is no doubt that Schwenckfeld, his devotees, and all their spiritual descendants down to today have embraced and acted compassionately towards those in need – whoever they might be; whatever their need

might be.

Schwenckfelder refugees benefitted from the compassion of Dutch Mennonites while they were seeking a safe haven. Thousands of Guilders were collected and sent to Schwenckfelder families living in the refuge of Görlitz in the late 1720s. The story told by Christopher Schultz about the unselfish hospitality of the Byuschanse brothers toward the Schwenckfelders in 1734 by housing and feeding them in Haarlem before their voyage; by generously paying the passage for all 200 Schwenckfelders as well as providing a substantial gift of 224 Reichstaler to establish a charity fund for those in need after arriving in Pennsylvania.

Among the Schwenckfelder refugees in 1734 was Friedrich Schöps. Not much is known about this evident bachelor. The *Genealogical Record* devotes just over thirty words to his life [GR, p. 68]. A little searching through documents in the SLHC reveals a few other traces of this Schwenckfelder immigrant. His last will and testament reveals that he committed himself as early as 1708 to helping persons in

need. Every year he put aside a certain sum of money to dole out to persons in need – even when his own need become great. It seems possible that he continued to do that in Pennsylvania. When he died in 1762 he had no real estate, but specified in his will that all his personal goods be sold and the money given to those in need (Legal wills, VS 13).

There is some evidence that Friedrich Schöps was a friend of the Schwenckfelder medical practitioner Abraham Wagner, a man whose

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name might still be recognized today. He died in 1763, a year after

Schöps. Wagner, too, is known today for his compassion for poor and needy people. In his will Wagner bequeathed small amounts of money to his brother and other close friends. In addition, he specified that £20 should be given to the recently established hospital in Philadelphia. Moreover, he bequeathed funds for the purchase of hymnals and testaments, Lutheran and Schwenckfelder, for distribution to those who could not afford to purchase them. Finally, he ordered that 1/3 of his substantial estate be turned into cash. Three custodians were appointed to distribute this cash over a period of several years to anyone found in need.

Caspar Schwenckfeld urged his followers to love and do good to one and all. For centuries Schwenckfeld’s spiritual descendants have taken this admonition to heart. These few stories from the immigration period illustrate the beginnings of the Charity Fund as well as charitable works still being carried on by today’s Schwenckfelders.

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

Holiday Bazaar

Date: Saturday, November 19, 2016

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 a variety of baked goods. Light lunch will be available for purchase throughout the day. 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 Lillian Master at 215-679-6839.

We will also have the blood mobile here again this year. Please sign up to donate blood!
SAVE LIVES—DONATE BLOOD

NEW THIS YEAR---The planning committee has decided to add something new this year. We will be asking for donations of food or personal items to be donated to Open Link. Open Link is a social services organization located in Pennsburg, PA that, among many other programs, offers a community food cupboard to help our neighbors in need. Food and personal household items are always in need so please prayerfully consider donating to this very important mission. Since our youth do a food collection for this organization during the holiday season, we thought it might be nice to concentrate on personal hygiene or household items. Below is a list of items always needed:

Tooth Paste--body wash--deodorant--diapers (especially the larger sizes) baby wipes--shampoo--tissues--toilet paper-----laundry detergent--dish washing soap--paper towels



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Thank You!

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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
**Martin John the Younger: Early Silesian
 Schwenkfelder Leader**



November 9, 2016 noon

On Wednesday, November 9th, come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center to hear a presentation by Allen Viehmeyer about Martin John the Younger. This presentation is an introduction to the life and times of Martin John the Younger who lived from 1624 until 1707. John had many interests and talents including writer, publisher, hymnist, beekeeper, and medical practitioner. He is especially known as the author of the first history of the Schwenkfelders and he published a book about beekeeping. He traveled extensively in western Germany, visiting several people with whom he corresponded. His interest in religious faiths other than his own caused some difficulties between him and conservative Schwenkfelders.



TREASURER'S REPORT

September 2016

	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Starting Operating Cash On Hand	\$ 7,847.78	\$ 35,761.03
Operating Income Received	\$34,389.57	\$214,834.61
Operating Expenses	\$21,402.56	\$229,760.85
Ending Operating Cash On Hand	\$20,834.79	\$ 20,834.79



Annual Report Submissions



Yes, it's just about that time of year. Annual reports from all Church committees are due in the office no later than January 10th, 2017. If possible, please e-mail your report to the church office. Any questions should be directed to our Moderator, Joanne Luz.



Miller Keystone Blood Drive

Mark your calendars for the Miller Keystone Blood Drive sponsored by the Palm Mission Board on Saturday, November 19th, 2016. The blood drive is from 9:00 AM to 1:00 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.



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, November 6th, after the worship service, and it will be held in the Contemporary Issues Classroom.



M E M B E R N E W S



Sympathies to... the Simon family on the passing of Will Moyer

Congratulations to...

Brian and Valerie Dority on the baptism of their daughter Paisley
Ken and Kelly Zaborowski on the baptism of their son Owen



R e c e n t G o i n g s O n



Harvest Home collection

Photo by Lee Schultz



Carol and Gladys making apple butter



Kathy and Andy helping out, too

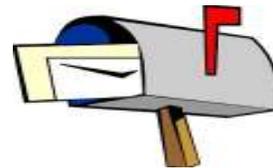
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Address Changes/Updates



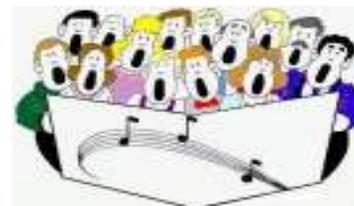
As a service to our members, any address changes that come through the office will now be listed in the Palm Leaves. If you have any information on members who have may have moved, or if any of the addresses listed appear to be incorrect, please call the office to let us know. Thank You.



TRUSTEE TIDBITS

- Remember that all items for our Palm Leaves newsletter need to be submitted by the 10th of the month.
- In the new year we are looking for a small group of faithful volunteers to prep the newsletter monthly for mailing. This is needed as, with the help of the Schwenkfelder Library, we are going to bring the process back in-house to save money. Please speak with Dan, 215-679-5321 if you will help.
- Please save the date, December 11th, for our annual "Special Congregational Meeting". The meeting will immediately follow the worship service. The agenda is the election of our church leadership and our budget for 2017 as well as a discussion of the Church's Memorial Garden.

Help Support the United Schwenkfelder Choir



The United Schwenkfelder Choir is seeking your financial support in order to carry out its ministry of music. If you wish to be a donor, please contact Beth Croll, Anne Goda, Bill Ludlow Lee Schultz, Rev. Nick Pence, or Ed Bieler.

The following giving options are available:

- The **Patron** level requires a contribution of \$5 or more
- The **Contributor** level requires a contribution of \$10 or more
- The **Sponsor** level requires a contribution of \$25 or more
- The **Business Card** level requires a contribution of \$35 or more, along with your business card which will be slightly reduced and reproduced in our concert program.

The deadline for all donations is
Sunday, October 30th

Don't forget to support the choir with your attendance at this year's performance. Mark your calendar for the concerts which will be held Sunday, December 4th at 2:30p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Central Schwenkfelder Church.



The Ten Thousand Villages International Crafts Festival will be held at the Upper Milford Mennonite Church, 6450 Kings Highway South, Zionsville, on Friday, November 11th, noon – 8:00pm, and Saturday, November 12th, 8:00am – 4:00pm. All income from sales benefits Ten Thousand Villages who provides vital, fair income to Third World artisans by marketing their handicrafts in North America. Wheelchair accessible. Credit cards accepted. Bake Sale available.

For [more](#) information, call 610-966-2733; email ummchurch@ptd.net; or www.ummchurch.org



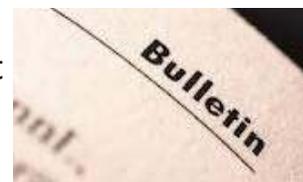
Flowers and Bulletins

There are still several opportunities to honor someone by sponsoring bulletins or altar flowers in their name. At last count, there were 2 opportunities for flower sponsorship, and 1 chance to sponsor bulletins still available for 2016.

Dates available for flower sponsorship are:
November 13th & 20th

Date available for bulletin sponsorship is:
December 24th

The cost for flower sponsorship is \$50, and the cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15. Please sign up on the chart in the hallway outside of the office. You could also call or email the office, or drop a note in the office drop box. Any Deacon or Church Officer will help you with any questions about the process. Getting your name in an available slot will hold the date for you.



United Schwenkfelder Choir 88th Annual Concert Sunday, December 4, 2016 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Central Schwenkfelder Church Worcester, PA

The United Schwenkfelder Choir will present its 88th annual concert on Sunday, December 4, 2016. The 85-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.

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SAVE THE DATE!

- November 6th — Pastoral Relations Committee*
November 8th — Election Day Bake Sale
November 11th — Veteran's Day
November 19th — Holiday Bazaar
— Blood Drive
November 23rd — Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
@ Friedens UCC Sumneytown
November 24th — Thanksgiving Day



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