

PALM LEAVES

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

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Y O U T H N E W S



Wilcox Farms Youth Trip Friday October 5th



We will wander in 8 miles of trails through 25 acres of corn and warm up at a fire pit when needed! Bring your flashlight. Sign-up to bring a food item so we can roast marshmallows and enjoy hot dogs. We will need a few chaperones. Drop-off at the church is 5:30pm and parent pick-up at the church is 9:30pm. There is no cost to the trip. If your child is younger and you would like to attend **with** him/her, you are more than welcome to join us.



PASTOR'S PAUSE — MISSION MOMENTS



In reflecting on this past month, I was particularly struck by a missions' emphasis. On the Day of Remembrance, September 22nd, we experienced a first person dramatization of Flora Heebner, a Schwenkfelder Missionary to China who began her ministry in 1905. We learned of Flora's efforts in to battle poverty, opium addiction, and the degradation of women, while sharing the good news of the Gospel.

That afternoon we were hosted by the Schwenkfelder Missionary Church in South Philadelphia, and were treated to a delicious fried chicken dinner following our service and time of remembrance. A few days later, Palm was delighted to host Rev. Jeannette Sally, who shared with us her many stories of Haiti during her two years as a mis-



sionary there, and God's Spirit continuing to minister in a country still devastated by an earthquake and vast poverty.

On World Communion Sunday, October 6th, we will be hearing from our Mission Team that went to Massachusetts for an intensive learning and working experience at the Overlook Farm,



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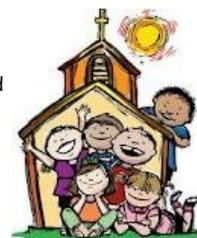
Open Link Food Drive

We are looking for youth and adult help on Saturday, October 12th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm to collect food at the Redner's Market in Red Hill. The food drive is a youth outreach program to spread awareness of our local hunger and to actively involve kids in helping those in need. One hour shifts are available. Please sign-up in the Narthex or see Barb Master.



Children's Church Update

Due to being unable to fill leader volunteer spots for this upcoming season, and due to the increase in the number of children attending, children's church has been slightly revised. We are extending the age of attending children to include 4th grade. We are asking that if your children are older than 4th grade that they do not attend children's church even though it was allowed in the past. It still remains that anyone in 4th grade or above can sign up once a month to be a youth leader. But, only one youth leader is needed per week, unless we are working on a holiday outreach for Frederick Home or Open Link. If there is no adult signed up to lead children's church, then it will state in the bulletin "no children's church today". There is a new sign-up sheet posted outside the church office. Our goal is to try to hold children's church twice a month instead of 4 or 5 times. We are trying to fill the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month since that is when most children are in church for choir and bell choir. Please prayerfully consider helping to keep this ministry going. If you have questions, please ask anyone on the Board of Christian Education or Barb Master.

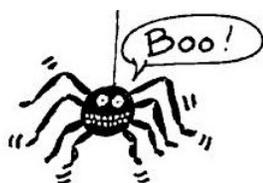


Kids Get Caught Being Kind!

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 for someone, or cleaning up after themselves or others. The acts are limitless! Once their card is completed, the card will be entered into a drawing and they will start a new one. created in Art class.



Boo at the Zoo!



Join us on Sunday, Oct. 27th after worship for a frightfully fun, not-too-scary trip to the Lehigh Valley Zoo. Dress in costume to trick-or-treat, encounter creatures, play fun games, and be surprised! \$9 for adults, kids 12 & under free.



CONFERENCE MEETING



The Fall General Conference itself will be held on **Sunday, October 20th** at 4:30 pm following the School of Christ at Central Schwenkfelder Church. This year the Conference will consider a Budget for 2014.

October Youth Birthdays



A Very Happy Birthday to...
Shawn Johnson (10/15)
Ethan Raab (10/15)
Kate Pence (10/27)

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

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!



PASTOR'S PAUSE — (CONT.)



a Heifer Project International affiliate. Also, as a wider community connection, Ariel Royer, daughter of Susan and Rev. Homer Royer, and member of New Goshenhoppen UCC, will be departing soon for Jordan as a Common Global Mission Board missionary.

We truly celebrate all of these stories of faith, and uplift those who have and will respond to God's calling to go forth and live the Good News. But I pray that we might also be inspired by their examples and stories, as we realize that we are all missionaries, called in Jesus Christ to share our lives, to offer our gifts, and to give witness to the Holy Spirit's continued work and presence wherever we find ourselves in God's world.

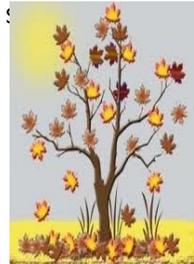


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	1 1:00 pm Ladies' Aid Society Regular GSA Schedule	2 Regular Choir Schedule	3 9:00 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Boy Scouts PLC Meeting 7:00pm Diaconate Meeting	4	5 4:00 pm Harvest Dinner

6 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worldwide Communion / Mission Moment Worship Service	7 6:30 pm Buildings and Grounds Committee 7:30 Board of Trustees	8 8:00 am Quilters 7:15 pm Boy Scout Cmte. Meeting Regular GSA Schedule	9 12:00 pm SLHC Brown Bag Lecture Regular Choir Schedule	10 7:00 pm Day School Board Meeting	11	12
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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





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.

You are invited to participate in the Palm Schwenkfelder Church Ladies' Aid Holiday Bazaar on Saturday November 23, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. to set-up, please have everything cleaned-up by 4:30 p.m. and not before 2:30 p.m.

There is a \$20.00 fee for a 3x8 table, \$2.00 additional fee if electricity is needed. Please return the bottom portion with your check payable to Palm Ladies' Aid. Send to Shirley Miller, 1275 Buck Road, Pennsburg, PA 18073, (215) 679-9191 by September 29th, 2013 to reserve your table.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Shirley Miller

Yes, I would like to be part of your Holiday Bazaar on November 23, 2013. Please reserve ___ table(s) for me featuring _____

Yes/No (circle) for electric.

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____

Signature,



M E M B E R N E W S

Congratulations to ...

Ken & Sarah (Badman) Linsinbigler on their wedding September 21st
Randall & Allison Stauffer on their wedding August 10th



Sympathies to...

Nida Oswald

on the death of her mother



Happy Birthday to...

Bob Jones on his 90th birthday October 5th
Tom Dunn on his 70th birthday October 8th



Welcome to...

Val (Kern) Dority

Congratulations to ...

Brian & Val Dority on the baptism
of their daughter Piper Mae Dority



Marc & Christine (Glenn) Brouwer on the birth of their son Rowen Glenn Brouwer



Caspar's Corner— Day of Remembrance in Germany, 1949

In the November 1949 issue of the *Schwenkfeldian* we find a letter from Wolfgang Knörrlich in Germany. Herr Knörrlich was the leader of the group of refugees from Harpersdorf (now Twardocice) in Silesia who were forced to leave

**Herr Knörrlich
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their homes and possessions behind for resettlement in western parts of Germany at the end of the Second World War. He wrote a letter of help addressed to the "Schwenkfelders in Pennsylvania" to Wayne Meschter and The Schwenkfelder Church in 1946. The church rallied to this call for help and responded with a significant effort of sending care packages across the Atlantic to this small band of refugees in war ravaged Germany. The following letter shows the deep appreciation they felt towards our forefathers of the mid 20th century who answered Jesus' chal-

lenge when he said, "as you did it to the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." Matthew 25: 40. We are still in contact with the Knörrlich family who, almost 70 years later, still express their appreciation for the much needed help this letter describes.

Our Refugees in Germany Celebrate "Memorial Day" (Letter from The Knoerrlich Family) (22c) Gummersbach/Rhineland, Kirchstr. 1, British Zone, September 25, 1949

Yesterday there was a meeting once again of our exile congregation about which the enclosed address of greeting gives information. I called this meeting intentionally for the 24th of September because I know that you too meet on this day. We remembered you with love and sincerity, and I beg that you acquaint the pastors of your church with this paper at your convenience. The packages, numbers 90 and 91, rich in content, as well as your letter number 85 have arrived here [Ed. note: each package and letter sent during this time was numbered so as to keep track of their arrival]. With the contents of the packages we can again give pleasure to many people, especially with the 30 meters of material which is well adapted to the making of table covers, curtains, shirts, and the like, and likewise with the fine and necessary bed linens. For

this assistance I would like to express also my personal thanks, because we have permitted ourselves to be counted among the needy in this respect for we will soon have to leave Gummersbach and move to Vollmerhausen, to my school place. The government of Cologne demands that I as teacher also live there where I teach the children. A modest dwelling is being built in the attic of the school, and after the completion of this dwelling, which is expected to be the end of October, we will have to say farewell to our

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good Frau Rinn and settle in Vollmerhausen. Gratifying as it is in itself, that we will have an official dwelling, there are new cares connected with the change of residence. The furniture which Frau Rinn put at our disposal we will naturally have to leave behind and secure other furniture for ourselves. We must buy stoves, washtubs, and other household utensils, and moving entails various financial expenditures. How we shall accomplish all this is still a mystery to me. Therefore, we thank you

very especially that by your latest assignment we are relieved of the anxiety of securing pillow cases and sheets. We have no permanent place here and I must continue to wander. The provisions for the Harpersdorf folks will not suffer through our change of residence, for Vollmerhausen is situated centrally as is Gummersbach and is easily reached from every place in the region, so that the Harpersdorf friends can find me at any time. My future address will be: Vollmerhausen, Kreis Gummersbach— Schule. My wife says thanks especially for the sugar for she was suffering through lack of sugar in her housekeeping. On September 8, 1949, a package from Pennsburg reached me. Unfortunately the name of the sender was mutilated so that it has been impossible for me to thank the kind donor. The first name was "Fred." Perhaps it would be possible for you, dear Mr. Meschter, to give me the family name which apparently began with an "H." Now I must close my letter for today for I am called to the hospital by a sick exile. With hearty thanks we greet you and yours and also Mrs. Schultz. Our best wishes also to Mr. Wilbur Kriebel and Mr. Frank Arnold. Did their return trip transpire desirably? Sincerely yours, The Knoerrlich Family.



Heifer Project Farm Mission Trip June 25-29, 2013



On Tuesday, June 25th, the Palm Church Mission Team headed out to Rutland, MA to

spend several days at the Heifer International Project Farm. The Heifer Project Farm is a working farm that uses sustainable techniques to raise their crops and farm animals that is then taught to developing communities around the world to help them raise themselves out of poverty and provide food for themselves and their communities. Our Mission Team stayed in tents, used a military style of showering to conserve water, participated in the chores twice a day which was feeding and watering the farm animals, discussed the issues of world hunger and poverty and sustainable solutions, helped with service projects around the farm, spent the night in a Global Village to experience the challenges of daily living with an inadequate income, and ate our meals made from the organically raised produce and animals. Needless to say, we slept well each night!

Two highlights of the trip other than feeding and watering the animals and their offspring were the educational time and the Global Village experience. It is a community commitment to participate in the Heifer Project. We applied the process to our own church community. To be able to do this we studied the Heifer Cornerstones for just and sustainable development and created our own cornerstones, learned about the inequalities and the challenges of having to live without adequate means through games that helped us gain new insights to the unjust distribution of resources compared to the distribution of the population, community setbacks do to outside factors such as natural disasters and unstable infrastructure. We defined our own needs that our church can address in our community and put together a plan as to how we can carry out our project in real and definitive ways. Once we returned we presented our projects to the Palm Mission Board who is beginning to explore these projects further.

The Global Village experience was a one night stay in a shelter that you would find in a community in which the Heifer Project works. Our group was split into two "families:" one stayed in Kenya and the other in Appalachia. It was a night with no electronics, watches or electricity. We had to bring in our water and one set of clothes and the bedding we would need for the night. Each of us was given a role to play in our family and only the head of the household could read (there was a set

of guidelines for us to follow), one person was elderly, one injured and couldn't work, one pregnant, a toddler, and able bodied people. We had to go to market to barter our food. Once at our site, we had to build a fire, make our food and clean up. This was a bit challenging as we had a lot of rain during the week and the wood was damp. But we did it!

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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.



WFMZ-TV Channel 69 www.WFMZ.com WNPV Radio 1440 KYW Channel 3

www.KYW1060.com KYW Radio 1060 WPVI Channel 6 www.WPVI.com

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Brown Bag Lecture with
Allen Viehmeyer



On Wednesday, October 9th at noon, come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center to hear a lecture on Joshua Schultz (1808-1892) who was the most important Schwenkfelder preacher in the second half of the nineteenth century. He was called by the Society of Schwenkfelders to become a minister, which caused a deep rift between him and his father and brother. Schultz was instrumental in the publication of the *Constitution* of the Society and participated in several other projects undertaken by the Society. One of the last self-taught ministers, he served the Schwenkfelders for nearly fifty years, dying during the eulogy for one of his parishioners.



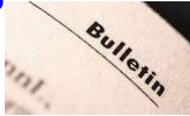
Palm Schwenkfelder Harvest Buffet Dinner

October 5th, 2013 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Tickets: Adults - \$10.00
Children (6 - 12) - \$6.00
Under 6 - Free

Menu: Roast beef, turkey, filling, gravy,
glazed carrots, green beans, apple sauce,
homemade pepper cabbage, rolls, beverages
and dessert

Palm Schwenkfelder Church Ladies' Aid Society
Route 29, Palm, PA
215-679-5321



Flowers and Bulletins

There are still open dates this fall for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins. We have openings for flower sponsorship on: November 17th
We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on: October 13th and 20th, November 17th
The cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15.00, and for flowers it's \$35.
Please sign up on the chart in the hallway outside of the office. And, thanks!



School of Christ

You are invited to attend the annual School of Christ at 3:00 PM on Sunday, October 20th, at Central Schwenkfelder Church, 2111 Valley Forge Road, Lansdale. This year's theme is Faith in Art. The School of Christ is an opportunity for members of all the Schwenkfelder congregations to gather and share their faith.



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"

Perkiomen School Update

The Executive Committee of the General Conference of the Schwenkfelder Church has provided a summer update regarding the Perkiomen School. The update also includes a request for the donation of funds to help cover the legal expenses incurred to date. The update has been copied and is available for all those interested in the Narthex.

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, Lee Schultz, Rev. Nick Pence, or Ed Bieler.

The following giving options are available:

The **Patron** level requires a contribution of \$2 or more

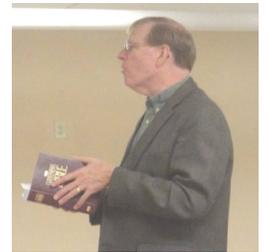
The **Contributor** level requires a contribution of \$10 or more

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, November 10th.

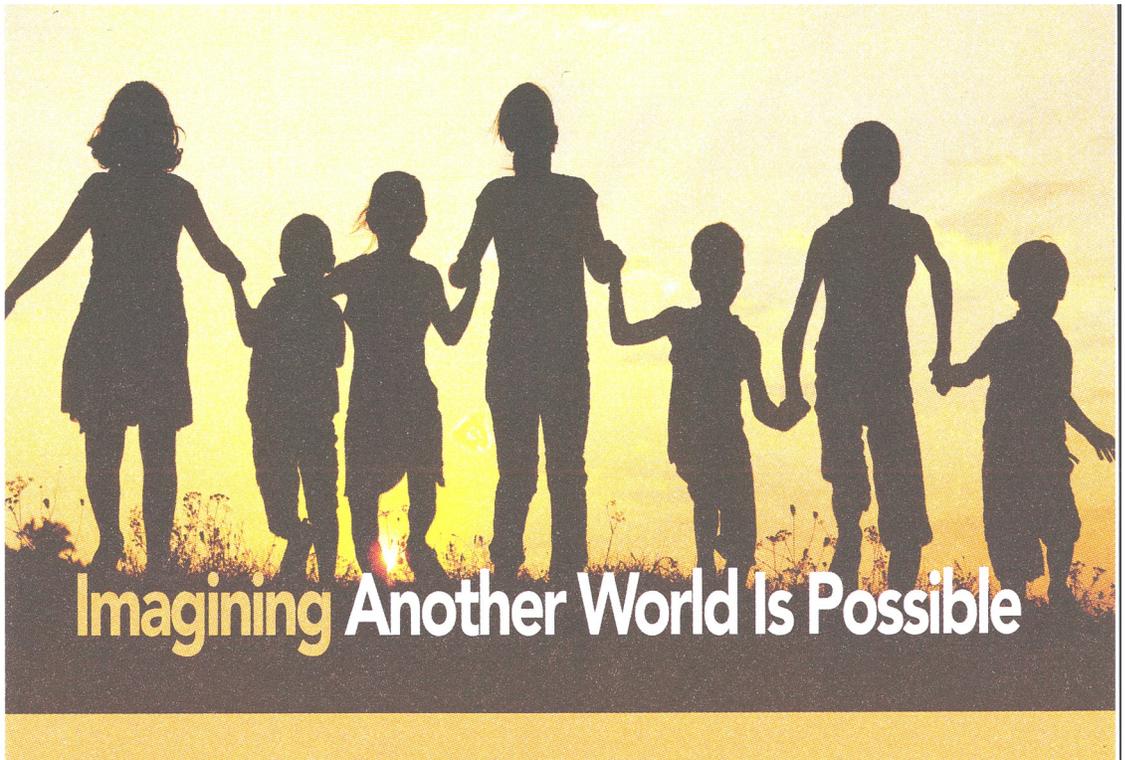
Don't forget to support the choir with your attendance at this year's performances. Mark your calendar for the concerts which will be held Sunday, December 8th at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Central Schwenkfelder Church.



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***N e i g h b o r s I n N e e d
I m a g i n i n g a W o r l d W i t h o u t
D i s c r i m i n a t i o n a n d O p p r e s s i o n***

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on Sunday, October 6th, 2013, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.



**Heifer Project Farm Mission Trip
June 25-29, 2013
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Each family had to have their baby during the experience and take care of it. Should the baby die, we had to stop everything and mourn for a set amount of time. Fortunately, we kept our babies alive. Each family was given a scenario that a family in a non-industrialized country or a poverty ridden area like Appalachia might have to face, discuss the possible solutions (none of which were great), and chose the solution we as a family would take. In the morning we had to make our breakfast, again challenging due to that rain we had during the night, and make it to chores on time.

The entire Heifer International Farm Project was an experience that raised our awareness of our connectedness to each other and our environment and how what we do as individuals and communities affects other communities and the world around us in good ways and bad. We finished the week feeling committed to practicing our own sustainable living and reaching out into our community and the world to address issues of hunger and poverty.

The Society of the Descendants of the Schwenkfeldian Exiles

ANNOUNCES ITS

ANNUAL FALL MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2013

2:00 pm – Annual Fall Meeting & Election of Officers

Meeting Room, 1st Floor
Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center
105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg, PA

**2:30 pm – “Early Twentieth Century Photographs of Silesia and Germany”
presented by Dr. Allen Viehmeyer**

Schwenkfelders, especially Dr. Elmer E. S. Johnson, traveling in Germany and Silesia prior to World War I took numerous photos, now deposited in the archives of the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center, of the sites they saw and the people they met. These include Harpersdorf and a number of other small Schwenkfelder villages. Especially interesting are photos of the countryside taken from the Harpersdorf Church tower. Come and experience a journey back to ancestral Schwenkfelder landscapes through a slide presentation of these photographs.

Viehweg Monument 1863 – 2013



Original



Damaged



Restored

2013 marks the 150th anniversary of the placing of the Viehweg Monument in Harpersdorf, Germany – now Twardocice, Poland. The Viehweg Committee is hoping to raise \$15,000 through 100 donations of \$150. The funds will be used to meet current and future needs of care for the monument.

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SAVE THE DATE!

October 4th — Youth Trip to Wilcox Farms
October 5th — Harvest Dinner
October 6th — World Wide Communion
Worship Service
October 12th— Youth Food Drive @ Redner's
October 21st— School of Christ
October 21st— General Conference Fall
Meeting
October 27th— Exile Society Meeting



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*