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Palm Schwenkfelder Church

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Meet the Confirmands



Jonas Robert Kinsler

Jonas' birthday is December 30th. His parents are Cyndi and Richard Kinsler. Jonas has three sisters and two brothers:, Josie, Jovia, and Johanna, Joseph, and Job.

He also has several pets: three cats named Samuel, KK, and Clark, a dog named Amadeus, two birds (an African Cockatiel and a grey Parrott), as well as a collection of rodents (four guinea pigs and 12 rats). Jonas is an 8th grader at Upper Perkiomen Middle School. His favorite subjects are Science and Gym (particularly kickball). A couple of his favorite activities outside of school are computer programming and website design. His favorite team is the U.S. Olympic Swim Team and his favorite athlete is Michael Phelps. Jonas enjoys music, plays several instruments (baritone sax, viola, trumpet, piano, mountain dulcimer), and is in both the orchestra and the band at school. Even though Jonas doesn't have a favorite musical group, or a favorite book, or a favorite TV show, his favorite movies are the James Bond films, and Daniel Craig is his favorite 007. Some other things that might help you know Jonas a little better: he lives on a farm with lots of poultry; he takes care of the cats and chickens more than the turkeys and the ducks; he gets paid for cleaning; volunteers at SLHC on Thursdays and on weekends; and he is taking German classes from Allen Viehmeyer.





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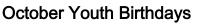
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Volunteers for Children's Church are needed

for the upcoming year. Please pick a Sunday to help out and put your name on the Sign-Up Sheet in the hallway next to the office. Volunteers are also needed for teaching Sunday School. Even if you can only help out one Sunday a month, that would be awesome!

Please see Lisa Stitt or Barb Master if interested.

Thank you all for your continued support of our Sunday School Program. Any time you can contribute is God's Blessing!!



A Very Happy Birthday to ...



Michael Kennedy 10/06, Ethan Raab 10/15, Kate Pence 10/27

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





Margo May

Margo's birthday is June 29th. Her parents are Corey and Greg May. Margo has a sister, Stacey. She has two greyhounds, named Gabe and Steve. Margo is an 8th grader at Upper Perkiomen Middle School. Her favorite subject is Social Studies. Her



favorite activities outside of school are hanging out with friends and seeing scary movies. Margo plays field hockey and runs track, her favorite sport to watch is field hockey, and her favorite sports teams are the U.S. Olympic teams. Margo likes poetry, and she used to be in the Children's Choir here at Palm. Her favorite singer is Taylor Swift, and her favorite book is *Dead*



is the New Black. Margo's favorite TV show is Bachelor in Paradise, and her favorite movies are the *Hunger Games* series of films. Some other things that might help you know Margo a little better: she is a really active person who loves to be outdoors; she is funny and makes it a point to be there for her friends.



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Hans Muse

Hans' birthday is November 18th. His parents are Sally and Greg Muse. Hans has two sisters: Sabine and Anja. He has a fish, two cats, and a Labrador Retriever. Hans attends Milford Middle School, and his favorite subjects are German and Geometry. His

favorite activities outside of school are working at a greenhouse, drawing, and hanging out with friends. Hans plays football, wrestles, and is on the track team. His favorite sport to watch is football, and his favorite team is Penn State. Hans likes drawing and painting, plays the

bass trombone, and is in both the jazz band and the concert band at school. His favorite band is the Beatles, his favorite book is *Slaughterhouse 5*, his favorite TV show is *Dr. Who*, and his favorite movie is *The Blues Brothers*. One other thing that might help you know Hans a little better is that he likes to eat.



Nicholas Pence

Nicholas' birthday is August 19th. His parents are Barbara and Nicholas Pence. Nicholas has a sister named Kate, and a brother named Andrew. He has a black Labrador Retriever named Jasper. Nicholas is in the 7th grade at Upper

Perkiomen Middle School, where his favorite subjects are Math and Science. His favorite activities outside of school are tennis and soccer, and he plays both tennis and soccer for fun. Nicholas' favorite sport to watch is soccer, but he doesn't have a favorite team. He plays the trombone, the



cello, the guitar, and he is in the middle school band. He has a wide range of music that he likes. Nicholas' favorite TV show is *Forged in Fire*, and his favorite movies are the *Harry Potter* series of films. Other things that might help you know Nicholas a little better: he's in the Boy Scouts, he likes pizza, and his goal is to snowboard in Vermont.



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Selia Werth

Selia's birthday is May 10th. Her parents are Liz Kennedy and Steve Werth. Selia has one brother, Michael. She attends Upper Perkiomen Middle School, where her favorite subjects are

Science, Social Studies, and ELA. Selia's favorite activities outside of school are dance, field hockey, singing, and acting. She plays field hockey, tennis, and she golfs. Selia's favorite sports to watch are football or soccer, her favorite team is the Eagles, but she's a fan of all the Philly teams. Selia plays the piano and the guitar, and she used to be in the Children's Choir here at Palm. She has varied taste in music, but her favorite books are *The Clique* series, her

favorite TV shows are *The Middle* and *The Goldbergs*, and her favorite movies are *Legally Blond* and *The Sound of Music*.







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Holiday Bazaar Date: Saturday, November 19, 2016 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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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, chowchow, 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.

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





CRAFTERS ARE STILL NEEDED!!!

You are invited to participate in the Palm Schwenkfelder Church Ladies' Aid Holiday Bazaar on Saturday November 19, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Doors will open at 7:00 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 Lillian Master, 2439 Treichler Rd, Palm, PA 18070 by September 30th, 2016 to reserve your table. Or call me at (215) 679-6839.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely, Lillian Master

Yes, I would like to be part of your Holiday Bazaar on November 19^{th,} 2016. Please reserve _____ table(s) for me Featurina Yes/No (circle) for electric. Enclosed is a check for \$_ Signature,

Caspar's Corner—The Taiku Ladies' House

For nearly 40 years, The Schwenkfelder Church was a fervent supporter of a mission in China. The work of Schwenkfelder missionarv Flora Heebner in Shansi province, impacted nearly every

For nearly 40 years, The Schwenkfelder Church was a fervent supporter of a mission in China... of Schwenkfelder missionary Flora Heebner in Shansi province...

member of the church during that time. These mission highlights are extracted from the November, 1914 Schwenkfeldian.

The Shansi Mission was established by a group of Oberlin College graduates in 1882. The work increased steadily and by 1900, eighteen missionaries including four children were on the field. In this same year the Boxer rebellion sought to exterminate Christians and Christianity from China. Fourteen of the eighteen missionaries were killed and the remaining four would have suffered a like fate had they not been away on furlough. The Oberlin community was profoundly moved on hearing of the destruction of the "New Oberlin" in China. Miss Flora K. Heebner then a student in Oberlin and a Student Volunteer for the Foreign Field, was stirred deeply as she heard from two refugee native Chinese of Shansi studying at Oberlin.

The re-growth of the mission since its destruction in 1900 was rapid. Four years after the bloody rebellion, the church in Shansi had already doubled its membership. The Chinese schools of eight counties of Shansi were taken over by the mission at the Government's request. The hospitals in two mission stations were enlarged and busy with patients. Kindergartens for the children and adult women's classes fulfilled a strategic service. The literati ---the learned class of the province, gave their official sanction to the educational and health care work carried on by the Mission. It

was a timely service at this time that the Schwenkfelders rendered in making possible a home for the single women of the Mission in Tai Ku, Shansi province.

The idea of a home for single women missionaries began at the annual meeting of the Mission Board in Norristown, April 22, 1913. It was moved by Rev. Levi S. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. William K. Heebner, "that the sum of \$1,000.00, bequeathed by

... "that the sum of \$1,000.00...be given... for the erection of a house in Tai Ku Hsien, Shansi, China, for the missionary of our Church, Miss Flora K. Heebner and the single Mission associated with her."

the late William Y. Meschter to the Mission Board of the Schwenk-

felder Church, be given to the Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior, of the American Board, for the erection of a house in Tai Ku Hsien, Shansi, China, for the missionary of our Church, Miss Flora K. Heebner and the single women of the Mission associated with her." The motion was carried unanimously. The result of this motion was the completion of the new house for Miss Heebner in 1914, at a cost of \$3,500.00.

A letter was received from Miss Heebner in which she rejoices at the completion of the house, giving her for the first time since her coming to China in the fall of 1904, a "sure dwelling place." A photo sent by Miss Heebner shows that the house was commodiously and substantially built, in accordance with the policy of the American women of the Board, who in the 103 years of experience in mission work in foreign lands, recognized the wisdom of safeguarding the health of their missionaries. They estimated that the house will stand "at least 100 years." The (Cont. p. 7)

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Caspar's Corner (Cont.)

framed picture of William Y. Meschter, whose bequest made this project possible, hung in a conspicuous place in the new house, a lasting tribute to this generous Christian gentleman.

Miss Heebner writes, "It was a big surprise to learn that the late W. Y. Meschter had left a legacy to our Mission Board, and later that this same legacy was to be the nucleus of our Taiku single

"It was a big surprise to learn that the late W. Y. Meschter had left a legacy to our Mission Board (and it would be)...the nucleus of our Taiku single women's house..."

women's house. It is the policy of our American Board to put up good sized, and commodious houses, for some-

times they are almost made to serve the purpose of institutions. They need to have room enough to take in families sometimes. And when a growing work like Fenshow and Taiku constantly demands more single women Missionaries it seemed the part of wisdom to build for the future. All through the summer of 1914 and into the winter they worked. Rains were copious before the roof was on and we wondered whether it ever would dry out when finished. The carpenters finished their work through the winter and this past summer the painters have done theirs, so that now we are moving into it. I am so glad the house is built, that it is as big as it is, and that from henceforth the single women shall have a home and be no longer mistakenly taken for the second wives of the Missionary in whose family they have happened to be in."

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

School of Christ



<u>God Pokes</u> <u>and</u> <u>God</u> <u>Sightings</u>

Join us for the annual School of Christ on Sunday October 16th at 3:00 PM at Central Schwenkfelder Church. He pokes us individually. Sometimes that is just so we will see His Hand in stunning changes in the world and in His Church. Sometimes it is so we will take part directly. Help us celebrate the Mighty Works of the Lord in our own lifetime! What should we tell our children and grandchildren? Bring them! They may ask questions that we never imagined.

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.



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SLHC LECTURE SERIES



Brown Bag Lecture with Allen Viehmeyer Wealth, Poverty, and Charity Among Early Pennsylvania Schwenkfelders



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October 12, 2016 noon

Most communities, ranging from large to small, have high, middle,

and low income earners. The first generation Schwenkfelder immigrant community was no exception. This presentation brings insights into wealth and poverty among the Schwenk-felders in Silesia and Pennsylvania as well as their charitable endeavors.



Flowers and Bulletins

There are several upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins.

Dates available for flower sponsorship: November 13th and 20th Openings for bulletin sponsorships:

October 30th, November 20th, and December 25th.

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. Make checks payable to "Palm Schwenkfelder 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!



World Communion Sunday

Please join us on October 2nd as we celebrate World Communion Sunday. On the bread plates will also be gluten-free wafers for those with gluten sensitivity.





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The Society of the Descendants of the Schwenkfeldian Exiles

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ANNOUNCES ITS

ANNUAL FALL MEETING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2016

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 Program with Gregg Perry - Clockmaking in the Style of the Pennsylvania Dutch (Southeastern PA)

The Society invites all members to their annual meeting at 2:00 pm and the public to the program following at 2:30 pm. The presentation will focus on construction, materials, surface finish, proportions, and ornamentation of 18th - 19th century Pennsylvania tall case clocks produced by the Pennsylvania Dutch in southeastern PA. A tall case clock in the Heritage Center collection will be visually dissected to extrapolate on all key points.

Gregg Perry has been a builder of high end, period 18th century furniture and clock case copies for the past 35 years. For the last 16 years he has been a practicing full time horologist (a person who makes clocks and timepieces) in his Topton, PA studio. He has studied two years at the NAWCC School of Horology, one year at the British Horological Institute, attained a graduate certificate from the Louvre in France in wooden artifact conservation and has been an apprentice in 12 European countries in the last 12 years.

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TRUSTEES' TIDBITS

- The Board of Trustees has just committed to having the stone wall at Kraussdale Meeting House completely restored; repointing of the flagstone cap, relay stone in the collapsed areas, and repoint the entire wall. This is a substantial expense, over \$16,000. We have some members offering to help financially but would welcome additional donations.
- We are in the midst of preparing the 2017 budget. We encourage our Boards, Committees, and members to speak to Moderator Joanne Luz or Treasurer David Luz if you know of any increases or unusual financial needs that need to be considered.





Harvest Home—Sunday, October 9th

Please help us celebrate Harvest Home on Sunday, October 9th by bringing nonperishable food items. Food items may be brought to the church up until and including October 9th and placed in the donation center in the Narthex.

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



On Rally Day kids had fun coming up with other heroic words that start with the letters in our acronym. This year, kids will be heroes too, learning how they can act with their friends and their church community. We talked about Acts 20:35 and Luke 19:10, check them out! When you recognize heroic behavior, let them know.

Harvest Home Food Drive

Palm youth is pairing up with the Deacons to collect food for Open Link. Please feel free to bring in





non-perishable food items or toiletries each Sunday now thru October 9th, at which time the items will be blessed.



Holy Bible Арр by YouVersion

YouVersion Bible app has many features. Every day you receive a

"Verse of the Day" that uplifts a Bible verse. There are devotionals covering a variety of topics for adults, teens, and kids. You may also choose a plan to read the entire Bible in a year. You can watch videos and find friends that are also reading the Bible app. Simply go to your app store and type in "youversion bible app free" and download to begin!

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.

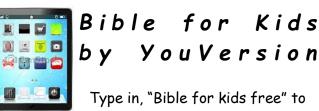
The following giving options are available:

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.



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!

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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 may have moved,

or if any of the addresses listed appear to be incorrect, please call the office to let us know. Thank You.







Laity Sunday October 30, 2016

On Sunday, October 30th, we will hold Laity Sunday. Worship will be led by Ken Jacob, along with 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.

CALLING ALL BAKERS! WE NEED YOUR HELP

Ladies' Aid is holding an Election Day Bake Sale on November 8. 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.



August, 2016

Starting operating cash on hand Start of Month/Year Operating Income Received Operating Expenses Ending Operating Cash on Hand (08/31/16)

<u>August</u>	Year to Date		
\$ 67.83	\$ 35,761.03		
\$26,727.00	\$180,445.04		
\$18,947.05	\$208,358.29		
\$ 7,847.78	\$ 7,847.78		

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October 2nd — World Communion October 9th — Harvest Home Worship Service October 10th — United Choir Rehearsal at Palm October 16th — School of Christ and Fall General Conference October 30th — Laity Sunday



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