

PALM LEAVES

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

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Help us welcome back Pastor Nick on Sunday, September 7th at 9:00am in the Social Hall. Bring a covered dish/ breakfast item to share.



Students will also meet their teachers and visit their classrooms. We can't wait for the new Sunday school year to begin!!!



See you there!



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Youth Food Drive



Join us on Saturday, September 13th at Redner's Food Market in Red Hill to collect non-perishable items for Open Link of Upper Perk.

This is our annual youth community service project to serve people in our area. Please sign-up for an hour shift in the Narthex or see Barb Master.



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Y O U T H N E W S

Children's Church



Sign-ups

Please consider helping out with this very important ministry. One adult and one helper (4th grade or above) is needed each week. You may plan your own lesson or activity, or you may use the lesson given to you for your week. In the past books were brought in and read to the children such as *The Giving Tree* and *The Quilt Maker's Gift*. Wonderful Christian based lessons are found in these books. Thank you to all past leaders! The kids look forward to seeing you again!

Snack Donations

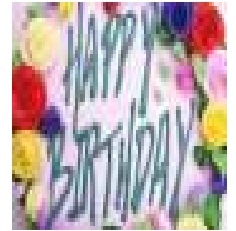
It's time to stock up on some tasty snacks. Please drop off snack donations in the Narthex. Some favorites are: popcorn, gold fish, pretzels, fruit snacks, frosted animal crackers.



September Youth Birthdays

A Very Happy Birthday to...

- Shane Raab (9/12)
- Owen Hoffman (9/21)
- Josie Kinsler (9/23)
- Hunter Korn (9/25)
- Thomas Colvin (9/29)
- Hayley Kriebel (9/30)
- Mackenzie Kriebel (9/30)



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

Children's Church Details



Children's Church will begin on Sunday, September 7th. Please keep in mind that the curriculum chosen is intended for the elementary level, ages 4 thru grade 4. Only one youth helper is needed, so please encourage your older child to sign up accordingly. There will be times when we are working on a service project and youth of all ages will be invited to participate. All the youth do a wonderful job with these projects!

Sunday School Teacher Meeting



All Sunday school teachers, please meet in the Library on Sunday, September 14th for information regarding upcoming dates and events.



September Schedule



September Opening Devotions
 Sunday, September 14th and
 Sunday, September 28th

September combined Sunday school
 No opening devotions. Go directly downstairs to the Social Hall
 Sunday, September 7th and Sunday, September 21st



UNITED S C H W E N K F E L D E R C H O I R

The United Schwenkfelder Choir will begin rehearsing for its 86th season on Monday evening, September 8th at the Central Schwenkfelder Church in Worcester, PA. This non-denominational choir, representing membership in over 30 churches from Montgomery and Bucks counties, will present a program of traditional and contemporary Christmas music at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 7th. The choir is under the direction of Ed Bieler and is accompanied by pianists Jane Cocks and Suzanne Williams, organist Peg Jacob, and a 17 piece instrumental ensemble. The Choir is always ready to welcome new members. Any individual who enjoys singing is welcome to participate and experience the harmonies and inspiration of Christian music. No auditions are required. Rehearsals are held in the air-conditioned Central Schwenkfelder Church, located on Valley Forge Road (Route 363), just north of Skippack Pike (Route 73) from 7:30-9:00 p.m. each Monday evening from September 8th until the concerts. For additional information, contact choir president Dennis Alderfer at (215) 393-9974.



S e n i o r C h o i r

Do you find yourself humming along with the car radio??
Do you sing to yourself in the shower??
Can you carry a tune in a bucket??



Would you like to learn how to carry a tune without a bucket??

If you meet any of these requirements, you belong in the Senior Choir!!

Come join the fun.

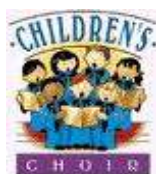
Rehearsals every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.



C H I L D R E N ' S C H O I R

Attention, past and potential Children's Choir members!! Whether you are a former member or someone looking to join our enthusiastic group, the new season is approaching quickly! We will begin practices on September 10th in the Adult Sunday School classroom at our regular practice time from 5:30-6:00. Our first performance will be October 12th. Again this year there will only be ONE children's choir.

Come on out and join in the fun!



One Ringy Dingy...

The junior bell choir is looking for a few new ringers for the 2014-2015 season. Children in grades 2-12 are welcome to come out and join us. We start practices promptly at 6:00 on Wednesday evenings and play in church on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Practice will begin Wednesday Sept. 3rd. No previous musical experience is required.

Contact Beth Croll
(bethcroll@comcast.net)
if you have any questions.



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~ September 2014 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  LABOR DAY	2 8:00a-11:30a Quilters 1:00p-2:00p Ladies' Aid Meeting 7:00p-8:30p Boy Scouts	3 7:30p-9:00p Senior Choir Rehearsal	4 6:30p-8:00p Boy Scouts of America - Patrol Leaders Council 7:00p-8:30p Deacon's Meeting	5	6
7 9:00a-10:00a Rally Day Sunday School 10:15a-11:30a Rally Day Sunday Worship Service	8 6:30p-7:30p Bld. & Grounds Committee 7:30p-9:00p Board of Trustees	9 8:00a-11:30a Quilters 7:00p-8:30p Boy Scouts 7:00p-9p Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting	10 5:30p-6:00p Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00p-6:30p Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30p-7:30p Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p-9:00p Senior Choir Rehearsal	11 	12	13
14 9:00a-10:00a Sunday School 10:15a-11:30a Sunday Worship Service	15 2:30p-3:30p Music Committee Meeting 7:00p-8:00p Board of Christian Education Meeting	16 8:00a-11:30a Quilters 7:00p-8:30p Boy Scouts 7:00p-8:00p Mission Board	17 5:30p-6:00p Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00p-6:30p Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30p-7:30p Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p-9:00p Senior Choir Rehearsal	18	19	20 
21 International Day of Peace 9:00a-10a Sunday School 10:15a-11:30a Gedächtnisstag Sunday Worship Service	22  International Day of Peace	23 Fall Begins 8:00a-11:30a Quilters 7:00p-8:30p Boy Scouts	24 5:30p-6:00p Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00p-6:30p Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30p-7:30p Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00p-9p Boy Scouts Board of Review 7:30p-9:00p Senior Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27 1:00p-3:00p Renninger/Marks Wedding
28 9:00a-10:00a Sunday School 10:15a-11:30a Harvest Home Sunday Worship Service	29	30 8:00a-11:30a Quilters 7:00p-8:30p Boy Scouts				



Holiday Bazaar

Date: Saturday, November 22nd, 2014

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 22nd, 2014 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 30th, 2014 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 22nd, 2014. Please reserve ___ table(s) for me featuring _____
Yes/No (circle) for electric.
Enclosed is a check for \$_____

Signature,



Harvest Home Sunday, September 28th

Please help us celebrate Harvest Home on Sunday, September 28th by bringing non-perishable food items. Food items may be brought to the church anytime and placed in the donation center in the Narthex.

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! \$4.00 for a pint & \$8.00 for a quart. Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's batch!



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Caspar's Corner— Day of Remembrance, 1914

The following account appears in the October, 1914 *Schwenkfeldian*. With Gedächtnistag (Day of Remembrance) services being held on Sunday, September 21st, we thought it would be appropriate to read about

“As you read, please note what has changed and what has stayed the same in the celebration...”

services 100 years ago. As you read, please note what has changed and what has stayed the same in the celebration of this noteworthy day in the life of The Schwenkfelder Church.

THE YEARLY MEETING

The 180th Anniversary Exercises of the safe arrival of the Schwenkfelders in America were held in the Towamencin church on September 24th. At 9.30 A. M. Rev. Levi S. Hoffman of Lansdale announced the German hymn: "Komm, O Komm du Geist des Lebens," after the singing of which the Devotional Exercises were conducted by Rev. Hoffman in the German language, by the

reading of Scripture and by offering prayer. The German Historical Sermon was delivered by Rev. Edwin S. Anders of Lansdale. In it he mentioned a number of the persecutions and imprisonments of the Schwenkfelders in Silesia and Austria and urged his hearers to cleave to the Faith as did those sturdy men.

After the singing of an English hymn Dr. O. S. Kriebel of Pennsburg delivered the English Historical sermon. He reviewed the events that led up to the flight of the Schwenkfelders from Silesia and Saxony and then made a plea for religious toleration and for an unfettered conscience. He emphasized this principle especially in view of the troubles that have recently befallen Europe. He emphasized the fact that without a practical application of good will and brotherhood and toleration, national peace cannot be permanent or secure. The Choir of the local church sang an anthem and then Rev. H. K. Heebner of Philadelphia spoke of "Historical Sites in the Life of Christ."

After the singing of a hymn the meeting adjourned for the noon and luncheon hour when the proverbial simple repast of bread, butter, apple butter and water were served on the benches of the basement of the church in memory of the midday meal eaten at the first Memorial Day exercises held in

Philadelphia on Sept. 24, 1734. The remainder of the luncheon hour was spent in social intercourse when greetings were exchanged between relative and friend who are seen but once a year when they assemble to celebrate this historical event.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon services were opened by the singing of the hymn, "In The Cross of Christ I Glory" after which Rev. D. G. Reinhold of Lansdale led in prayer, after which Rev. Harry Spink, of Philadelphia, who is at present temporarily serving as pastor of the

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Norristown mission, gave an address on the "Striking Characteristics of the Schwenkfelders," in which he said that Schwenckfeld and the Schwenkfelders were a green spot in the History of the Reformation. That the characteristics of

our leader were worthy of imitation. First of all Schwenckfeld was a gentle man at all times, and that the Schwenckfeld worship and services were not bound by doctrine and rule of bishop, but were founded on the precepts of Jesus Christ. Schwenckfeld was progressive, and was both before his time and beyond it. In all acts and works, like Jesus Christ, he was progressive in his ideas.

The Schwenkfelders have the material in their church for the foundation of a great denomination, therefore "Why should you not grow?" The fact that our New York churches which are magnificent in all their ornamentation and structure, with all their magnificent music, and ritualistic services are filled with empty pews instead of worshippers shows that the people do not desire a church that is bound by forms and ritual but they wish the simple Gospel of Christ, and "I have found nothing in your doctrine to hold back the preaching of Christ."

The Memorial Day Hymn written by Prof. Charles K. Meschter of Lehigh University was then sung after which Prof. Meschter gave an address on the subject "Harpersdorf Once More" which appears on another page [of the
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Casper's Corner (Cont.)

Schwenkfeldian]. The church choir then rendered an anthem entitled "Hide not thy Face" after which Rev. H. K. Heebner again entertained the audience by

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relating his experiences in Germany and especially giving an account of his visit to Wolfenbüttel with the Corpus Staff and his sojourn in Silesia during the past summer. As Rev. Heebner has written a number of letters describing his trip that appeared in the "Schwenkfeldian" and will give illustrated lectures describing his journey, in the various churches during this winter, at his request his address will not appear in the "Schwenkfeldian."

After the singing of another hymn the exercises were brought to close, thus ending the 180th annual "Gedachtnisz Tag" services of the Schwenkfelder Church.

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

Electronics Recycling Day



Be Environmentally Friendly
Electronics Recycling Day
Palm Schwenkfelder
Relay for Life Team



833 Gravel Pike, Palm, PA

Saturday, October 25th, 9:00am – 1:00pm

Recycle your old, unwanted or outdated electronics and appliances.

Smaller items are free.

Larger items and appliances carry a small fee.

Monetary donations will be accepted and go directly to the Palm Schwenkfelder Church Relay for Life Team.



Gedächtnistag

Be sure to join us for a very special combined Sunday School class on Gedächtnistag, Sunday, September 21st at 9:00 am. The 280th Day of



Remembrance (Gedächtnistag) celebration will be held at Olivet Schwenkfelder United Church of Christ later in the day at 3:00pm. The traditional meal of bread and applebutter will be served.



January 1 – July 31, 2014

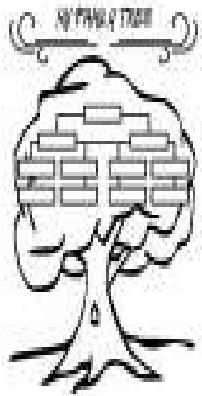
- Total Budget Income: \$158,573.41
- Total Budget Expenses: \$185,292.49

Note: Includes \$20,000 withdrawn from endowment interest; \$30,000 anonymous donation.

For the detailed income/expense report, please see Treasurer David Luz.

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Brown Bag Lecture with Hunt Schenkel

On Wednesday, September 10th at noon, come hear a talk by Hunt Schenkel entitled *Genealogical Resources at the SLHC and Online*. This talk will focus on the SLHC's collection of primary and secondary genealogical source materials such as church records, deeds, and land drafts, as well as books and other publications. The online resources discussion will highlight finding reliable genealogical sources through websites dedicated to family history. This portion will also include a non-scientific, layman's discussion of the possibilities (and impossibilities?) of DNA testing for ancestry.



Palm Schwenkfelder Harvest Buffet Dinner

October 4th, 2014 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Tickets: Adults - \$12.00
Children (6 - 12) - \$6.00
Under 6 - Free

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

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



Flowers and Bulletins

While the diaconate at Palm enjoys showing off their faux flower display every once in a while, they would like to remind members that there is one week still available to sponsor REAL flowers on the altar. Flower sponsorships are \$35 and the flowers are yours to keep after the service. Several weeks are also available for bulletin sponsorship (\$15).

The remaining open date for flower sponsorship is November 17
We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on these dates:

- September 8, October 13, 20,
- November 17, December 8, 22

Please sign up on the chart in the hallway outside of the office. And, thanks!

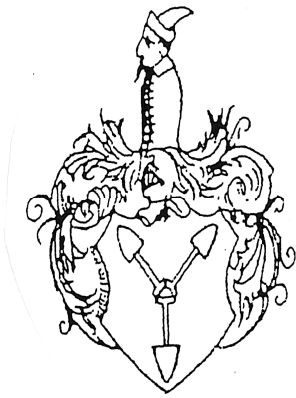


World Communion Sunday

Please join us on October 5th as we celebrate World Communion Sunday. On the bread plates will also be gluten-free wafers for those with gluten sensitivity.



A Fresh Take on School of Christ



Our upcoming School of Christ will take place on Sunday afternoon October 19, 2014. The theme will be "Faith Journeys", and this gathering will help us recognize where and how the Holy Spirit has been with us in our individual lives. Schwenckfeld believed that sharing these experiences in small groups helped to nurture believers. We hope that, through small-group sharing, believers will be more aware of God's presence, grow stronger in faith, and become more at ease in sharing with non-believers. Mark your calendar and look for more information in the next newsletter.



Massive Schwenckfelder Giveaway!

The Schwenckfelder Library & Heritage Center will be giving away free gifts of books and prints relating to Schwenckfelder heritage during the week of September 23rd to celebrate the 280th Gedächtnistag. Stop by Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm or Thursday 9:00 am to 8:00 pm to pick up your free gift. This giveaway coincides with the PA State Senate's "Schwenckfelder Thanksgiving Day of Remembrance Resolution" which will be introduced on Wednesday, September 24th. Come and celebrate your Schwenckfelder heritage!



M E M B E R N E W S

Sympathies to...

- ...Ray Davis and Mary Jane Herrmann on the passing of their sister Catharine Renninger
- ...Richard and Jayne Longacre on the death of Jayne's sister Barbara
- ...the family of Harold Smoll

Congratulations to...

- Rick and Adrienne (Long) Rivas on their wedding August 23rd
- Kristen Meitzler & Chris Oswald on their wedding



Congratulations to...

- Nicholos & Michelle Gaber Yoder on the baptism of their daughter Shelby Leeann Yoder



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T R U S T E E T I D B I T S

The Board of Trustees has been quite busy the first half of 2014. The following projects have been completed or are in progress:

- A new propane-fired boiler is currently being installed. Yes, we will have heat by those first chilly mornings of the fall! Prior to the removal of the old boiler, all the asbestos was removed from around the unit.
- Several trees have been removed at the Kraussdale and Hosensack meeting-houses.
- The parking lot received a paint job!
- New emergency lights (replacing the old units) were installed in the social hall.
- New LED light bulbs have replaced the old filament light bulbs in the sanctuary ceiling. We should garner some electrical savings from this decision.
- The old shed at the edge of the eastern boundary of the church grounds has been removed.
- Cracks in the masonry on the church tower will be repaired this fall.
- Rubber roof on the education wing has been newly caulked due to some spring-time leaks. Ceiling damage in the upstairs men's bathroom from this leak has been repaired.
- Bids are currently being gathered for replacing the roof on the Hosensack meetinghouse. We hope to have a new roof in place this fall.
- Wall pockets have been installed in the Sunday School rooms to enable teachers to store roll books and other items necessary for our fire drill procedure which was begun in 2013.
- Modifications to the Palm Country Day School by-laws have been completed.

A special thank you to Kevin Master who continues to do a fantastic job overseeing all of the maintenance issues that arise in our church properties, through his company ABE Maintenance.

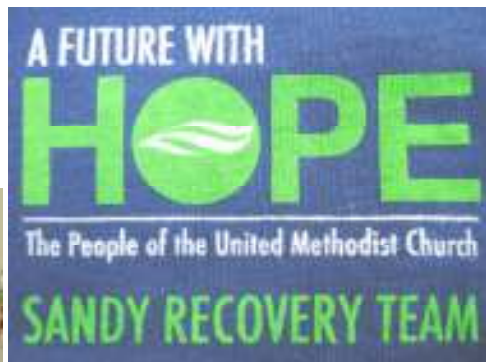
Mission to Long Branch



Pictures: Lee Schultz



On October 26th at 3:00pm here at Palm Schwenkfelder Church, the Board of Music Ministry will be hosting "The Dogs of Falkner Swamp" Enjoy an afternoon of lively, fun and inspirational music.



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SAVE THE DATE!

September 7th — Rally Day

September 21st — Day of Remembrance

Afternoon Worship Service at Olivet

September 28th — Harvest Home Worship Service

October 4th — Harvest Dinner

October 5th — World Communion

October 19th— School of Christ

October 25th— Electronics Recycling

October 26th— Mission Moment

October 26th— The Dogs of Falkner
Swamp



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*