

PALM LEAVES

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

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Pastor's Pause—The Importance of Remembrance

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Sometimes, in the midst of daily routines,



schedules, events and my to-do list, I forget to remember. Perhaps you may have had that experience as well. I don't consider myself old enough to claim "Senior moments," but there are often times when, due largely to the amount of clutter in my brain, that I will lose track of something. What I did with my keys, where I laid

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my wallet, and if I fed the dog are all questions I ask myself on a fairly regular basis. Inevitably those questions arise when my mind is on something else, while I am doing these routine practices. It is not that I have actually forgotten the item or action, it's more that I didn't take the time to actually process, or even think about what I was doing. I forget to remember, to truly pay attention. The Scripture which begins this article is part of Paul's own sacramental theology

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Y O U T H N E W S

Welcome back to Sunday School!! We're looking forward to an amazing year at Palm!



Sunday School Rally Day

Come out for Rally Day on Sunday, September 11th, to kick off the new Sunday school year.



Opening Devotions this year will focus on Bible Heroes!
Lots of fun facts and crafts with these special Heroes.

This year the First Sunday of every month will be a combined Sunday School for all youth of all ages in the Social Hall. There will be fun Bible Stories and craft time.

Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in signing up there is a Sign Up sheet in the hallway next to the office.



Children's Church



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!!



Other Dates to Remember

September 18th – Fire Drill (rain date October 2nd)

September 25th – Day of Remembrance – Combined Sunday School—Meet in Social Hall

October 2nd will be the first Combined Class and Lisa Stitt will teach that class.



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)

Happy 18th Birthday to Hayley Kriebel (9/30)

Happy 18th Birthday to Mackenzie Kriebel (9/30)

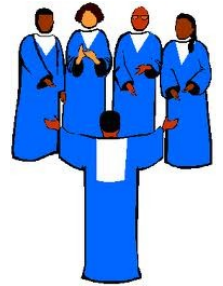
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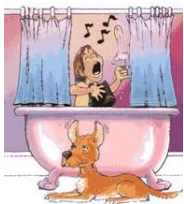
UNITED

S C H W E N K F E L D E R CHOIR

Welcome All Singers



Another year has quickly flown by and we are getting ready to begin rehearsals for our 2016 concerts, which will be our 86th Season! Two concerts will be presented on Sunday, December 4th at 2:30 and 7:30 pm at Central Schwenkfelder Church in Worcester, PA. Again this year, we will give an encore concert at Schwenckfeld Manor on Monday evening, December 5th. The United Schwenkfelder Choir is an ecumenical, non-denominational group that will begin rehearsing on Monday nights at 7:30 pm starting on September 12th. Rehearsals are held at the Central Schwenkfelder Church and will continue every Monday evening until the concerts are presented in December. On October 10th our rehearsal will be at Palm Schwenkfelder Church. The choir will once again be directed by Ed Bieler. Piano accompanists will be Jane L. Cocks and Suzanne Williams. Each year the choir welcomes new singers and no auditions are required! Singers representing 30+ area churches are members. All vocal parts are needed, so please encourage your friends, neighbors and fellow church members to join us this year! All are welcome!



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., beginning August 31st



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~ September 2016 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				1 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	2 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	3 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
4 9:00a-10:00a Summer Combined Sunday School 10:15a-11:30a Sunday Worship Service 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	5 Labor Day 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 	6 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 1:00p-2:00p Ladies' Aid Meeting 7:00p-8:00p Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting	7 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 6:00p-6:30p Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30p-7:30p Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p-9:00p Senior Choir Rehearsal	8 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:00p-8:30p Deacon's Meeting	9 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	10 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
11 Patriot Day 9/11 9:00a-10:00a Sunday School Rally Day 10:15a-11:30a Sunday Worship Service 12:00p Getting-to-Know-You Luncheon @ the Stauffer's 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	12 11:00a-12:00p Board of Music Ministry Meeting 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 6:30p-7:30p Buildings & Grounds Committee 7:30p-9:00p Board of Trustees United Choir Rehearsal @ Central	13 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:00p-8:00p Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting 7:00p-8:45p Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting 7:00p-8:00p Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72246	14 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 6:00p-6:30p Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30p-7:30p Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p-9:00p Senior Choir Rehearsal	15 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 	16 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	17 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 1:00p-4:00p Callodonato Wedding
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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 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 Lillian Master at 215-679-6839.

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.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Sincerely,
Lillian Master

Yes, I would like to be part of your Holiday Bazaar on November 19th, 2016.

Please reserve ___ table(s) for me

Featuring _____

Yes/No (circle) for electric.

Enclosed is a check for \$_____

Signature, _____



Harvest Home Sunday, October 9th

Please help us celebrate

Harvest Home on Sunday, October 9th by bringing non-perishable food items. Food items may be brought to the church between September 11th and October 9th and placed in the donation center in the Narthex.



Bell Choir *One Ringy Dingy...*

Junior Bell Choir practice will begin Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00 pm. New members are always welcome, youth in 3rd grade and older. The junior bell choir will be a part of Sunday worship on the 3rd Sunday of the month in October, December, February, and on Music Sunday this year.

Caspar's Corner—Schwenkfelder Petitions for Tolerance

Schwenkfelders, especially Schwenkfelder researchers, have known for a very long time that shortly after a Jesuit mission to convert the Schwenkfelders to Catholicism was initiated in Harpersdorf at the very end of 1719 a delegation

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consisting of Christopher Hoffmann, his son Balthasar Hoffmann, and Balthasar Hoffrichter spent about five years in Vienna, Austria, working with the Imperial Court to present petitions to the Catholic Emperor for tolerance of the Schwenkfelder faith. These efforts seem to be described first by Balthasar Hoffmann in a so-called "Letter" to his three children dated 1750 (See *The Tumultuous Years*, pp 38–45).

Although the existence of petitions had been known for a very long time, they had never been lo-

cated. Sometime in the early 1970s Schwenkfelder scholar Fritz Richter (d. 1986) began a search for these petitions. In 1977 he joined a Schwenkfelder tour to the homeland in Silesia. At the tour stop in Vienna he established a contact with the archivist at the Haus, Hof, und Staatsarchiv, where he thought these documents might be archived. In 1982 Richter returned to the archive with Sherman Gerhard. Searching through boxes of archives did not flush out the petitions. Richter then learned that, "The petitions you are seeking were handed over to and housed in the Palace of Justice at the beginning of this century. The Palace burned out almost completely on July 15, 1927, when Socialist forces attacked Government forces. A few boxes containing petitions were saved and they are housed now in the 'Allgemeine Verwaltungsarchive'. I suggest you inquire there." Fritz visited the archive that afternoon, but again in vain. At that point Richter decided that the petitions must have been destroyed in the 1927 Palace of Justice fire. Accordingly, there had been no further searches for the petitions.

Amazingly, copies of these petitions were found right here in the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center in Spring 2016, not in some European deposi-

tory. The petition documents in our collection are most certainly not the actual petitions presented to the Emperor nor do they seem to be copies of such petitions. Instead, they appear to be drafts that were prepared to be finalized and lavishly written for a ceremonial presentation. These draft petitions are bound in a manuscript book once owned by Melchior Schultz. It came into our collection through Rev. Dr. O.S. Kriebel.

The actual number of different petitions presented to the Emperor is unclear. The source for the number is Balthasar Hoffmann's description of the process in

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Vienna in his 1750 "letter" to his children. Literally he says, "[we], sometimes in an audience, sometimes by prostration, submitted petitions seventeen times" (*The Tumultuous Years*, p. 41).

The question becomes whether there were seventeen different petitions or whether some petitions were submitted more than once.

There are four different petitions in our collection. The first one is addressed to Emperor Charles VI and the second one, surprisingly, is directed to the Empress Elisabeth. Perhaps the delegation (or, more likely, some court official) thought she might be willing to intercede with her husband on behalf of the protestant Schwenkfelders. The Empress had been a protestant before her marriage to Charles VI and, even though she had converted to Catholicism, she was rumored to be a crypto-Protestant after their marriage. The last two petitions, like the first one, are addressed to the Emperor.

The arguments put forth in these petitions for tolerance of the Schwenkfelder faith are striking. The delegates appealed to the Emperor's sense of mercy. "Now that the year of grace has come to an end and we will be a sect, which His Imperial and Royal Majesty will no longer tolerate, which will place us in the most painful condition and cause a most acute crying, lamenting, and the pouring of many thousand tears of woe among young and old, children and parents, pressures us to submit a most

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Casper's Corner (Cont.)

subservient request to Your Imperial and Royal Majesty to give us asylum and to throw ourselves down again and again in deep humility and most subservient prostration in front of your most holy throne of mercy and plead imploringly for God's sake to hear our plea for Austrian clemency for our extreme concern made from the bottom of our hearts and may mercy grant us few and poor that we would like to be tolerated in our doctrine and faith and continue to remain free according to our understanding and allow our descendants to enjoy this freedom, every housefather in his home to serve God with his family."



Emperor Charles VI

For more information about these petitions, join Dr. Allen Viehmeyer at the Brown Bag Lunch lecture at the Heritage Center on Wednesday, December 14 at noon.

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

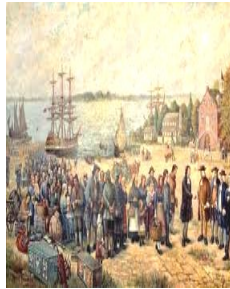
Gedächtnistag

Everyone is welcome to join us during the Sunday school hour on Day of Remembrance for a special slide show.

Rev. David Luz will present an illustrated talk on significant Schwenkfelder sites in Poland and Germany. Through pictures from his past Heritage Tours to the Schwenkfelder Homelands, Dave will explain why these sites are significant to us as Schwenkfelders and how they appear today. Sites will include the Gemeindehaus, the Spitzberg, the Viehweg, Groditzberg Castle, Harpersdorf, and Görlitz. If you have never made the trek to the homelands of our spiritual forefathers, this is your chance to see sites in their country of origin.



Then at 3:00 p.m., Palm will host our sister Schwenkfelder churches for the 282nd annual Day of Remembrance celebration of The Schwenkfelder Church. After a message by Rev. Leslie Kearney we will partake in the traditional meal of bread and apple butter.



We hope you will be in attendance on Gedächtnistag - our special day of thanksgiving for safe passage to the New World in 1734.

M E M B E R N E W S



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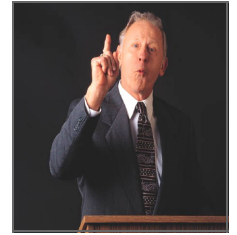
... the family of David Longacre



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

Cider: Pennsylvania's Once and Future Favorite
Presented by Mark Turdo



On Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at noon, come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center to hear a presentation by Mark Turdo. He is the museum curator, cider researcher, and guest cider maker for Blackledge Winery, and he will discuss cider making in Pennsylvania, including its importance, who made it, who drank it, and how it is being rediscovered today.



Flowers and Bulletins



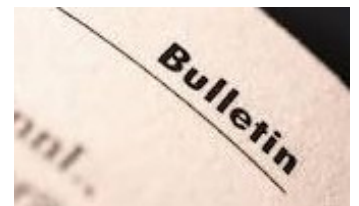
There are several upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins.

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

Dates available for bulletin sponsorship are:
September 11th, October 30th; November 6th & 20th

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.

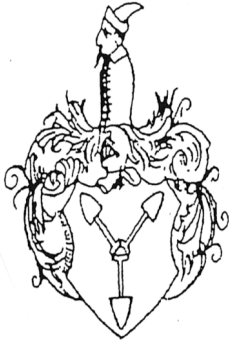
Thanks for your support!



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.





School of Christ

Sunday, October 16th
3:00 pm

The School of Christ will take place on Sunday October 16th at Central Schwenkfelder Church from 3:00pm to 5:00pm prior to the General Conference meeting.

Chow-Chow for Sale!

Get a pint. Get a quart. Get a pint AND a quart. Get *two* pints and *two* quarts. Get some for yourself. Get some for friends. Get some to take to parties. Get some to bring along to barbeques. Get some to give as gifts. Whatever you do, just get some!
On sale now in the church office.



S c h o l a r s h i p A w a r d e d

We extend our congratulations to Victoria Anne Leh, recipient of the 2016 Endowment for Continuing Education scholarship award. Victoria is enrolled as a Biology major in a four year Bachelor of Science degree program at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, TX. This course of study will precede a two year Master of Science degree program, as Victoria plans to pursue a career as a Physician's Assistant.



Our scholarship recipient is a graduate of Brandywine Heights High School, where she ranked tenth in her class of 156 students and achieved a 3.95 grade point average. Her extracurricular high school activities included band, chorus, field hockey, student council, Student Connections Committee, Eco Action Club and German Club. She also served as the Treasurer of her senior class. During her final year of high school, Victoria was accepted into the college-level Medical Health Professions Program. In addition to her academic curriculum at Brandywine, she studied during weekday mornings at the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences, at the Reading Hospital's shadowing program, and at the local campus of Penn State University. She is also a member of the Health Occupations Students of America and has participated in the National Youth Leadership Forum in Medicine.

Victoria has attended Palm Schwenkfelder Church for seventeen years. She has participated in Vacation Bible School, our Youth Groups, the Relay for Life Team, all age levels of choir and all age levels of the handbell program. She has also volunteered at church functions including the Chicken Barbecue, the Holiday Bazaar and the Harvest Dinner, and has helped with fundraisers for various church groups. Her community service includes participation in the Girl Scouting program, and work as a CPR and First Aid certified lifeguard at Hawk Mountain Boy Scout Camp. We ask for God's blessings on Victoria as she pursues her academic goals.

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Christmas Stockings

The Ladies' Aid needs your help to fill Christmas stockings. We make a total of 75: 25 go to Pennsburg Manor, and 50 go to Norristown State Hospital. We try to put at least 6 items in each stocking. We would appreciate monetary gifts so that we can purchase the items and keep all the stockings the same. You can give your gifts to anyone on the committee:



Miriam Hausman, Sandy Kriebel, Sally Wright, Ruth Weaver, Ethel Soffa.



TREASURER'S REPORT

July, 2016

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash On Hand		
Start of Month/Year	\$18,840.93	\$ 35,761.03
Operating Income Received	\$15,092.75	\$153,718.04
Operating Expenses	\$33,545.85	\$189,091.24
Ending Operating Cash on Hand 7/31	\$ 387.83	\$ 387.83

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




Confirmation Class

The Confirmation Class/Mentor "Getting to Know You Picnic" will be held on Sunday, September 11th, at the home of Jeff and Luanne Stauffer. Parents, you can pick-up your students after the picnic at 3:30pm at the church.



TRUSTEES' TIDBITS

- We wish to thank each church member who helped in the recent Church cleanup. In particular, Trustees Doug Wallinger, Brian Shelly, Andy Kriebel, Walt Master and Joanne Luz, with the help of Kevin, Blake, and Brent Master, spent numerous hours going through various areas of our Church.
- We are looking for a church member to be our representative to the Palm Country Day School. Speak with our Moderator, Joanne Luz, if you would consider offering your time for this.



Pastor's Pause—*The Importance of Remembrance (Cont.)*

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shared with the church in Corinth. Those words, “Do this in remembrance of me,” heard also when we share in communion, have always been for me a significant commentary on the importance of remembrance in the Christian faith. We need to be reminded, and to remind ourselves, that our lives and our moments are sacred gifts of God, and that the Christ who called us to faith, still calls us to faithful living. Sometimes I forget to remember that the world does not revolve around me, that the things filling my mind might not be what God would have me concerned about, and that my perspective often needs to be broadened if I am to catch a glimpse of God’s vision. Sometimes, I forget to remember.

Sunday, September 25th, at 3:00 pm we are delighted to once again host the Day of Remembrance here at Palm Schwenkfelder Church. This opportunity to commemorate the arrival of the Schwenkfelders upon the shores of the new world and to share the simple meal of bread and apple butter, is also a time for us to gather together and be reminded of God’s hand at work in our own lives, to remember the providence that has guided each of us to this present moment. My hope, for you and me, is that we don’t forget to remember, and grounded in our faith continue to live as the body of Christ.



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SAVE THE DATE!

- August 31st* — Senior Choir
September 7th — Junior & Senior Bell Choirs
September 11th — Rally Day
September 25th — Day of Remembrance
Afternoon Worship Service at Palm
October 2nd — World Communion
October 9th — Harvest Home Worship
Service
October 16th — School of Christ



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