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The land where the Hosensack Meetinghouse and cemetery stand was originally owned by Hans Heinrich Yeakel. Hans Heinrich purchased 500 acres of land in the Hosensack Valley on December 23, 1761. The story goes that he attended the sale of this large tract of land, traveling on horseback from Macungie, where his family lived at the time. When questioned about his ability to pay, he went to his saddlebags and pulled out sufficient cash to pay the entire sum.

Several years later, the land was divided equally among his four sons, into farms that each had a stream running through it. Hans Heinrich died in 1781.

In the summer of 1790, a combined school and meetinghouse was erected on one acre and twenty-five perches of ground obtained by the trustees of the Society of Schwenkfelders from two of Hans Heinrich's sons, George and Jeremiah Yeakel. This log structure was the first place for public worship built by the Schwenkfelders in America. At one end of the building a schoolroom was partitioned off, equipped with benches and tables, where the "Hosensack Academy" was conducted. Prior to this time, both school and worship had been conducted in private homes. The school was open to all students, not just Schwenkfelders.

The log structure was replaced with a more modern plain stone building in 1838. The stone meetinghouse was remodeled in 1893 and was used until the Palm Schwenkfelder Church was dedicated in 1911.

An interesting feature is that on one side of the room there are hat racks under the pews. The men sat on that side, and the women on the other. Next to the short pews stood pot-bellied stoves, which probably burned wood or coal for heat. As at the other two meetinghouses, if money was needed to pay bills, deacons stood at the back door with hats in hand to take the collection as the congregation left the building after worship.

The first recorded burial in the Hosensack Cemetery was that of Peter Gerhard, husband of Schwenkfelder Susanna Seibt, in 1791. The three Schwenkfelder immigrants buried here are from the Yeakel family, the earliest in 1793.

Hans Heinrich, along with a few other family members, is buried at the Yeakel Private Cemetery, also known as the Hans Heinrich Yeakel Cemetery. The small square plot is not far from the meetinghouse, just off the intersection of Station and Treichler Roads on the dividing line between two adjoining farms. It was the highest point on the property owned by Hans Heinrich Yeakel.

As part of the Bi-Centennial celebration of 1934, monuments were erected at each burial ground known to hold the remains of Schwenkfelder immigrants. In front

of each grave site was placed a small stone marker, engraved with his or her immigrant number, as assigned by the authors of *The Genealogical Record of the Schwenkfelder Families*, published in 1923. The monument on the grounds of the meetinghouse lists the names of immigrants buried at the Hosensack and Yeakel Cemeteries. A series of memorial services was held, including unveiling the monuments, reading of brief biographical sketches, and decorating of the individual immigrant graves with flowers.

In 1930 the Palm Schwenkfelder Church trustees purchased land along the Hosensack Creek, across the road from the meetinghouse, then owned by Nathan Schultz. Nathan was the grandfather of Bill Schultz and Verna Badman. Later that same year, Nathan died. Irwin Shelly, father of Ida Mae and Howard Shelly, purchased the farm and agreed to the plans for the picnic grove. When Nathan's estate was settled, the purchase money was returned to the church and became the Hosensack Endowment Fund. In 1932, the Ushers' League cleared the land along the creek and then maintained the grove to be used for picnics and meetings held there.

The name "Hosensack" literally means "trousers or pants pocket." Legend tells that it got its name from a man who went into the valley and lost his way. He wandered around among the heavily wooded hills all day and night. When he finally found his way out, he said it was as dark as a pants pocket in there, and there was no way of getting out except for the hole you went in. But being Pennsylvania Dutch, instead of "pants pocket" he used the word "Hosensack."

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Martyrdom/Abide with Me”

*Call to Worship

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.

Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, even unto the end.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn #94

“Come Thou Fount”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All-knowing God, we know you understand us more deeply than we understand ourselves. You know how much the cares of this life weigh us down. Our thoughts and actions are often very shortsighted. We take so much for granted, failing to value the wonder of life all around us, the gift of family and friends, the amazing reality of your Spirit dwelling within us. We want to be like good soil, receiving the seed of your word with understanding that nourishes roots of trust and joy. Free us from all that keeps us from bearing fruit for you. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Special Music

“The Rose of Kelvingrove”

David Knox
performed by Greg Ross

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

Genesis 25:19 – 34 (NRSV p. 19; LP p. 38 – 39)

Children’s Sermon

*Hymn #87

“Nearer, My God, to Thee”

Sermon

“Our Birthright”

*Hymn #274

“Softly and Tenderly”

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Call to Offering

Offertory

“Amazing Grace”

***Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Accept our offering of praise and our offering of ourselves, O God, along with our tithes and contributions toward our church’s mission. You have given us life and guidance for living. You have made us partakers of your own Spirit. We rejoice in the opportunity to receive and share your Word. May the ministry in which all of us have a share bear much fruit, bringing in an abundant harvest for your realm. Amen.

***Hymn #136**

“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Traditional Tunes”

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of Austin Fox by Marilyn Roznowski and family.

Mission Statement of PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH:

Our task is to proclaim the Living Word of God, which empowers us to care for and share with our community and the world.

Vision Statement of PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH:

Serving the glorious God, claimed by Jesus, and inspired by scripture, honoring our history, with renewed commitment we will reach out to our community and the world through worship, spirit enriching programs, and outreaching mission.

...Things of Interest to Our Palm Schwenkfelder Family...

This week, please keep in your daily prayers:

Cole Schantzenbach, the family of Pat and Scott Fried, Judy Yerger, Jacki Hensler, Erin Beighley and family, the Weinder family, Rochelle Ginder Manuel, Deena Updegrave, Rebecca Himmelwright, Joe and Sue Cooper, Verna Badman, Shelby Yoder, Renee Shelly, Jeff Treichler, Eleanor Guldin, Ernie Guldin, Leon Wohlbach, Meg Lester, Willard Long, Samantha Hossler and Ryan Woods, Lucile and Bob Jones, Sheryl Tomlin, Carmen Davis, Mae Gerhart, Alvera Heffner, Dorothy Parker, Marian Fox, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Martha Wolford, Devon Hawkins, Kerm Goda, Vern Weller, Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Mary Hartman, Jen Fries, Reverend Ed Winslow, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Dave Jaeger, Betty Pope. Please also keep in your prayers the men and women serving in the United States Military. This month from our Schwenkfelder Prayer List we uplift the Diaconate of Palm Schwenkfelder Church.

Summer Music

Spring is in the air, and summer will be here soon. This means our regular choirs get a break. Summer special music for Sunday worship services is being scheduled. If you know of anyone who would be willing to share their musical talent, please speak to anyone on the music committee, or sign up on the sheet posted outside the church office.

Bible Study

The first football game, 2 Samuel 2:12-17, will be the topic for this week's online Bible Study. Take part by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

H.E.R.O.

Helpful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Optimistic!

When you recognize heroic behavior among our youth, please let them know.

Acts 20:35 and Luke 19:10, check them out!

Holy Bible App by You Version

New Lent Bible reading plans such as 40 days of Lent, come to the upper room devotions, Finding Jesus, and many more.

Bible for Kids by You Version

The Big Picnic: each day's video teaches a memory verse, a key truth, and a song.

July Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Jovia Kinsler (08/13), Nicholas Pence (08/19), Kaitlyn Mundy (08/22),

Job Kinsler (08/30)

Helping Hands

Look for the Helping Hands box located in the narthex. This is a new youth mission.

MHP Is On-Deck.

We have not been officially activated, but have been alerted that families from Central Africa are expected. Cash donations are appreciated. Anyone willing to help with the moving please let a Deacon know.

Migrant Hospitality Project

Thank you to all who have supported MHP throughout the year. Financial support and donated time and furnishing have us ready to serve a household of up to four legal, Christian exiles fleeing persecution from anywhere in the world. Cash donations are still appreciated, in anticipation of moving costs and final items that depend on demographics of the actual clients. Please mark your donations "Migrants."

Thank You

The congregation of Palm Schwenkfelder Church would like to thank Greg Ross for sharing his musical talents with us today.

Mark Your Calendar! It's Time to Make Chow Chow

Donations of new or used pint and quart canning jars are needed (no wide mouth or mayonnaise jars). The Ladies' Aid will be making Chow Chow on September 15th & 16th. We will need many hands to help wash & count jars & chop fresh vegetables on September 15th, 9:00 am – noon. The monumental task of canning will start at 8:00 am on September 16th. This endeavor is no small task and will take many hands. Please save these dates & consider helping with this Ladies' Aid sponsored project.

Treasurer's Report – June 2017

	<u>June</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash on Hand		
Start of Month/Year	\$33,416.54	\$ 65,440.30
Operating Income Received	\$29,335.50	\$137,816.35
Operating Expenses	\$18,231.73	\$158,736.34
Operating Cash On Hand		
As of 6/30/2017	\$44,520.31	\$ 44,520.31

Did You Know...?

We are starting a new feature in our bulletins entitled "Did You Know?" Items of interest to members and visitors will be listed. If you have any items to add, please call or email Dan Ferry in the church office. Thank you.

Did You Know...?

- LARGE PRINT bulletins are available from an usher. LARGE PRINT Bibles are also available for use during worship services, located on the table to the left between the front and back sections of pews.

- Listening devices are available for those who would like them. Please see an usher to assist you.
- A fully accessible restroom is located in the hallway, across from the office. A baby changing table is there, also.
- There are greeting cards on the podium as you enter the sanctuary. Anyone is invited to sign – you don't need to be a member of the congregation to add your name to the well wishes.
- Donations of greeting cards to this project are welcomed and needed, especially Get Well and Sympathy cards. Please see Nancy Hoffman with your donations, or place them on the podium shelf.
- There are two yellow and green bins at the back of the parking lot for recycling your office paper and newspaper. The church benefits from these collections, along with helping the environment.

Did You Also Know...?

- If you require assistance with steps to the downstairs Fellowship Hall, a stair glide is located to the left of the back pews in the sanctuary.
- The Ladies' Aid Society collects "Save-A-Tape" from Redner's Market and receives a rebate based on how much is spent. You need to get a "Save-A-Tape Card" from Redner's to participate in the program. There is a wooden box in the Narthex for this purpose – please put your receipts in the slot. Thanks!

Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsorship

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

Upcoming dates for flower sponsorship:

September 3rd, 17th, & 24th; October 1st & 8th

Upcoming dates for bulletin sponsorship: July 30th;

September 3rd, 10th, & 17th; October 8th & 22nd

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Church Break-Ins

Due to the recent increase in church burglaries in our area, we thought it would be a good idea to share some church safety plans.

DO NOT leave money in the church; always make deposits immediately following any kind of a service or event where money is collected. If you must leave money at the church, make sure you have a safe that is bolted down to the floor.

Install motion sensitive lights-thieves generally do not like to be in the spotlight.

Turn all computer monitors OFF at the end of each day. The glow from a monitor is sure evidence that a computer is located inside that room.

If you have a security system, upgrade it to include motion sensitive cameras. If you don't have a security system, consider installing one.

If you have copper pipes, paint or tin them. This makes them useless to recycle facilities.

Cable lock your laptops to the desk. Although a cable can be broken, it makes it more difficult for a burglar to take and might deter him long enough to chase him away.

Keep outside doors locked when holding meetings. Often burglars will get in to a building while there is a meeting going on and will just hide until everyone leaves.

Make regular back-ups of your hard drives. If your computer is stolen, at least you will have all your data to restore to another computer. Also, use a two-tiered password system or data encryption to protect sensitive information stored on your computer.

Protect the area around your air conditioners with theft deterrent cages and tamper resistant screws. Also, there are audible alarms that will sound if an attempt is made to move an outside AC unit or if they cut a line that result in the loss of refrigerant.

Keep all landscaping away from places where a burglar might attempt to break in. Do not give them a place to hide.

Take a look at the most valuable possessions in your church.

What can you do to protect them? Is your insurance coverage high enough to replace them, if they are taken?

Take a look at your deductible. Would it be worth the price of your deductible to implement some safety measures?

There is no way to stop a burglar from breaking in if they want to. However, if you make it difficult enough for him or her to get in; it just might make them reconsider if it is taking too long for them to gain entry. If they do get in, the harder it is for them to get to what they are looking for, again, the better the chance that they will get spooked and leave empty handed. Keep this in mind when considering how safe your church valuables are.

If you have any additional suggestions or recommendations in relation to keeping our churches safe from burglars, please contact Tammie Wisniewski at tammie@psec.org or call her at the conference office at 484-949-8774 X304.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, July 16

10:15am Hosensack Meeting House Worship Service
12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
6:15pm Vacation Bible School Begins

Monday, July 17

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
6:15pm Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 18

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
6:15pm Vacation Bible School
7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting
7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134
7:00pm Mission Board

Wednesday, July 19

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
6:15pm Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 20

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
6:15pm Vacation Bible School Ends

Friday, July 21

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, July 22

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, July 23

9:00am Sunday School
10:15am Sunday Worship Service
12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday – Thursday 12:00pm – 5:00pm

Friday 12:00am – 4:00pm

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