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# KRAUSSDALE MEETING HOUSE

## SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2016

The story of the Kraussdale Meetinghouse begins with the life of Anna (Heydrick) Krauss. Anna Krauss, born about 1675, and her husband, Melchior Krauss, left Silesia in 1726 with their children and settled in Herrnhut, Germany. On April 19, 1733 they embarked on the long journey to Pennsylvania, but a month later, Melchior died in Haarlem in The Netherlands. Widow Anna and her five children continued on their journey to Pennsylvania, along with two other Schwenkfelder families, arriving in Philadelphia on September 28, 1733.

Her eldest son, Balthasar Krauss, married Susanna Hoffman, and they lived on a farm near Kraussdale. Anna resided here with his family.

Burials at the Krauss farm had taken place for many years before any buildings were erected for worship and education. Anna Krauss was buried at Kraussdale in 1755.

The land was passed down to Balthasar's son, Balthasar, Jr., and then to Balthasar, Jr.'s youngest son, George, with the following stipulation: "Except one acre of land which shall belong to the graveyard (including the same) for a meeting house, if ever Schwenkfeldians shall intend to build one there, which said graveyard and one acre of land shall be free for the use of the said Schwenkfeldians with free Ingress, Egress, and Regress to and from the same forever."

In other words, his stipulation was that the cemetery continue to be accessible to the Schwenkfelders, and the land around it be available to them for the building of a meeting house. In accordance with this, George Krauss conveyed the acre of land to the trustees for the Society of Schwenkfelders. Over time, several parcels of land were added to this property.

There is some question as to the year when the first Kraussdale Meetinghouse was built, 1815 or 1825. In 1813, John Krauss, eldest son of Balthasar, Jr., wrote a vigorous petition praying the Schwenkfelders to erect a meeting house on this ground, particularly because of the frequent use of the burial ground, where many Schwenkfelders already had been laid to rest.

The first meeting house was a rough stone building with the joints painted white. This building was used for both school purposes and divine worship, and served for fifty years, until it was replaced with a brick structure. In 1900, the building was remodeled, and later, the brick was covered with white stucco.

The first Christian Endeavor Society of the Schwenkfelder Upper District was organized in the Kraussdale Meetinghouse in 1894, with Elmer E. S. Johnson as president.

Regular worship services were discontinued here when the Palm Schwenkfelder Church was dedicated in 1911.

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. 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. There are a total of eleven Schwenkfelder immigrants buried here, as the large granite monument indicates.

There is a unique variety of unusual trees on the meeting house grounds, planted in the early 1900's under the direction of Elmer K. Schultz, an amateur horticulturalist. He is buried in the mausoleum on the Palm Schwenkfelder Church Cemetery.

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prayer

#### Prelude

“Farewell to Govan”  
performed by Gregory Ross

#### \*Call to Worship

Come, people of faith, trusting God’s steadfast love.  
Take refuge in the eternal presence.

**We want to acknowledge God first in our lives.**

**We seek to rely on a power beyond ourselves.**

Gather in silent awe before the source of all things.  
Climb God’s holy hill, giving thanks.

**It is not easy to have faith in one we do not know.**

**It is frightening to realize God’s sovereign power.**

Know that Christ is in the image of the invisible God,  
the one in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

**We are the church, gathered in Christ’s name.**

**We are the body of Christ, seeking to live faithfully.**

#### \*Hymn #62

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3. To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish - but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of hope and glory, through Christ hear our prayer and renew a right spirit within us. Hostility rages and battles continue; warfare is not ended and lives are lost. We yield to suspicion; our envy creates enemies. We confess that Christ came to create a new order, yet we continue complacently to dwell amid strife. O God, have mercy upon us. Amen.**

### **Time of Personal Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

#### **Scripture:**

Colossians 1:15 – 28 (NRSV p. 956 – 957; LP p. 1842 – 1843)  
Luke 10:38 – 42 (NRSV p. 845; LP p. 1624)

### **Children's Sermon**

#### **\*Hymn #519**

“It Is Well with My Soul”

1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like  
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -  
 3. My sin— O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, my sin—not in  
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to  
 sur - ance con - trol: that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -  
 part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no  
 back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."  
 tate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well  
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is  
 scend: "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 well with my soul,

**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**

“Highland Cathedral”  
performed by Gregory Ross

**\*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**

**Through our offerings, loving God, we proclaim Christ to the world. We dedicate all we are to preaching, teaching, and outreach that move people toward Christian maturity. We offer ourselves as advocates for the poor and needy, as seekers for justice, as stewards of hope. We turn from false securities to put our confidence in you, that the mystery of your glorious Word may be opened up among all your people. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #549**

“Near the Cross”

1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross: there a pre - cious foun - tain,  
 2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
 3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
 4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all, a heal - ing stream, flows from Cal - vary's moun - tain.  
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ows o'er me.  
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*

In the cross, in the cross, be my glo - ry ev - er,

till my rap - tured soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.



**Postlude**

“Amazing Grace”  
performed by Gregory Ross

**\*Benediction**

\*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today in honor of our children and grandchildren by Ethel and Frank Soffa.

**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:**

The family of David Longacre, the family of Earl Fox, Dorothy Parker, Carmen Davis, Sharon Stevens, Pierce Wright, Sarah Gentry, Jack Bold, Marian Fox, Helen Miller, Ray Fox, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, David Dotterer, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Wanda Gentry, Beth Cleverly, Martha Wolford, Becky and Kraig Kimmel, Marvin Zeisloft, Gladys Hoffman, Bud Johnston, Betsy Yoder, Devon Hawkins, Kerm Goda, Vern Weller, Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Donald Long, Mary Hartman, Alice Davis, Jen Fries, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Dave Jaeger, Robert Margerum, Rob Ziegler, John Hathaway, 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.

### **Bible Study**

The online Bible Study in 1 Samuel 28 will focus this week on verses 1 – 2, which advance the story of David. Take part by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

### **July Youth Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to...

Danielle Manley (7/18), Shaelyn Korn (7/25)

### **Teens & Adults ~ You Version Holy Bible App**

Current plans: Beauty Begins: Making Peace With Your Reflection, Hungry for God: Biblical Reflections on Food, 7 Laws Of Love, A Daily Word For Parents with Ron Hutchcraft, Acts of Repentance

**Teens** ~ Current plans: Switch TV Presents: ReNew, Set Apart, Anger, Identity, How To Be The Church

### **Donations for the Migrant Hospitality Project**

Offerings to support the Migrant Hospitality Project are welcomed. Please mark "Migrant" on your Envelope to direct your donation. Thank you.

### **Summer Music**

Summer has arrived! 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. A list of the remaining open dates can be found on page 9 of this bulletin.

### **Thank You**

We would like to express our appreciation to Gregory Ross for providing our special music today.

## **Spring Cleaning Dumpster**

The dumpster has arrived! We ask that all groups take advantage of the time during the weeks that the dumpster is here (**from now until Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**) to examine all areas of the church and make use of the dumpster to dispose of old, broken, unwanted, and unusable things that have been collecting and cluttering up our spaces.

Thank you,  
The Board of Trustees

## **Salford Pilgrimage**

The Salford Pilgrimage has been rescheduled. Join our Schwenkfelder churches on **Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**, at the historic Salford Meeting House in Harleysville for worship and a hymn sing at 6:00pm. All are welcome to stay for ice cream afterwards.☺

## **Special Meeting of the General Conference of The Schwenkfelder Church**

A special meeting of the General Conference of The Schwenkfelder Church has been called for **Sunday, July 31, 2016 @ 6:00 PM**. The meeting will be held in the Salford Meeting House immediately preceding the Salford Pilgrimage celebration. The sole purpose of the meeting will be to ratify the motions presented at the May 22, 2016, Spring General Conference: namely the approval of the previous year's minutes and the election of Board members to Executive Council and Advanced Living. The meeting is necessitated because the May 22, 2016, meeting of Spring General Conference lacked a quorum. The 34 members in attendance at that meeting did vote unanimously in favor of all motions presented. It is anticipated that this special meeting will be brief.

## **Sponsorship Opportunity**

There are still several opportunities to honor someone by sponsoring bulletins or altar flowers in their name. Dates generally fill in within weeks after the charts are posted. At last count, there were 3 opportunities for flower sponsorship, 8 chances to sponsor bulletins still available for 2016, and of those opportunities, 1 is still available in the month of July and one in the month of August. If anyone would like to sponsor flowers or bulletins for an upcoming Sunday, sign-up charts are on the wall outside the Church 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.

## **Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsorships**

There are several upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins. Dates available for flower sponsorship are:

October 9<sup>th</sup>; November 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

July 31<sup>st</sup>; August 21<sup>st</sup>; September 11<sup>th</sup>, October 9<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>;

November 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

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.

## **Treasurer's Report**

### June, 2016

	<u>June</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash on Hand Start of Month/Year	\$18,743.52	\$ 35,761.03
Operating Income Received	\$15,834.84	\$138,625.29
Operating Expenses	\$15,737.43	\$155,545.39
Operating Cash on Hand - 6/30	\$18,840.93	\$ 18,840.93

### **Job Opportunity at Central Schwenkfelder Church**

The Central Schwenkfelder Church is seeking a part-time secretary (34 1/2 hours per week) to join our church office staff. Candidates should have strong organizational skills, be proficient with Microsoft Office applications, have an aptitude for technology and a keen attention to detail as well as good people skills. Responsibilities include but are not limited to answering phones, preparing various communications such as the weekly bulletin and announcements, maintaining the Garden of Memories records and maintaining all social media. If you're interested in this position, please submit your resume to Leslie Reyburn-Shisler at [lreyburn@cscfamily.org](mailto:lreyburn@cscfamily.org).

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Supporting at risk children and elders with the love and services they deserve is one of the greatest gifts of kindness you can share.

Through your support, the Global Ministries Child and Elder Sponsorship Program partners with agencies and churches all over the world to provide services that create opportunities and affirm dignity.

Please consider making a life changing difference for both you and a child or elder.

***Child Sponsorship Opportunities***—The Child Sponsorship program works closely with partner organizations that have long-established links with the UCC and Disciples. Collaborating with partners, your gifts to Child Sponsorship provide food, basic health care, clothing and in some cases housing, school fees, uniforms, books and training.

***Elder Sponsorship Opportunities***—Global Ministries Elder Sponsorship centers assist elders who have no place to live and no family to care for them. Your sponsorship of an elder helps provide shelter, medicine, and meals. Elders are given the opportunity to live out their lives in dignity and solace in an environment where they feel loved and cared for.

For more information on these Global Ministries Programs, please use the following web address: [http://www.globalministries.org/child\\_sponsorship](http://www.globalministries.org/child_sponsorship)

## Getting to Know :

### Trinity United Church of Christ

17 N. Centre Ave., Leesport, PA 19533



Trinity United Church of Christ dates back to February 1867 when citizens of Leesport met to design building plans for Reformed and Lutheran denominations to worship. The five building committee members reported in March 1867 that they had \$3,631 donated to begin construction which subsequently started in July of the same year with a corner stone laying ceremony. Having no formal congregation, the members of the building committee served as the foremen of the project. The church was incorporated November 7, 1867 as 'The Trinity German Reformed and

Evangelical Church of Leesport.' In 2017, the Trinity UCC congregation will hold a 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

Present day, the Trinity United Church of Christ of Leesport is led by Pastor Deborah Schwartz. In addition to weekly services, worship is held each first Saturday of the month at 5 pm. The Saturday services are open for anyone who cannot attend worship on Sunday morning or for those who appreciate a more informal experience. Trinity UCC members frequently hold game day events on Sunday afternoons in the winter and local hiking trips during the summer which are open to the community.

Trinity UCC sanctuary houses weekly Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Girl Scouts, and Weight Watchers meetings. Congregation members frequently give of their time volunteering for local community events such as Relay for Life, Leesport Community Days and the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry.



Prayers are requested for Trinity United Church of Christ in Leesport and Rev. Deborah P. Schwartz.

# **This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

## **Sunday, July 17**

10:15am Kraussdale Meeting House Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Monday, July 18**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Tuesday, July 19**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134

7:00pm Mission Board

## **Wednesday, July 20**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Thursday, July 21**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Friday, July 22**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Saturday, July 23**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Sunday, July 24**

9:00am Summer Combined 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 through Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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## **Serving You at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

Ministers: All Church Members

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Organist: Peg Jacob

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