

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2014

HOSENSACK MEETINGHOUSE

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship and Invocation

Hymnsing

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 96: Responsive Reading #307 on page 271 of Hymnal

Psalm 150

Hymnsing

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.**

Hymnsing

Call to Offering

Offering

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.**

Hymnsing

Benediction

Postlude

Thank You

We would like to thank Rev. David Luz for leading us in worship today.

Today's altar flowers are presented in loving memory of Gabrielle Croll by Bob & Beth Croll.

Today's bulletins are sponsored in honor of Carl D. Krause's birthday.

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:

Jen Fries, John Hathaway, Vera Boykin, Richard Hoffman, Clark Schultz, Bryan Schwoyer, Jean Gentry, Doris Masemore, Diana Atkins, Sharon O'Donnell, Caroline Haines, Michelle Eschbach, Wanda Gentry, Jane Shermer, Sue Carlin, Charlie Krauss, Kelsie Josie, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Vern Weller, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Barbara Kirwin, Karen Freed, Brad Hoffman, Donald Cook, Dave Jaeger, Robert Margerum, Mary and Harold Hartman, Helen Miller, Rob Ziegler, Kathy Bartman, 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 Mission Board.

On-Call

During Pastor Nick's sabbatical, there will be a schedule of ministers taking turns to be on-call for any emergency needs. Now through August 20th, Rev. Becca Stephens will be on call (484) 529 – 8369

Bible Study

How can God repent? Several leading translations assert that He did in 1 Samuel 15:35b. The online Bible Study will wrestle with this, one of several similar passages that we will encounter. Help us with the discussion by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

Summer Sunday School

The recent movie *Noah* will be viewed for discussion in Summer Sunday School. Viewing will be in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 AM on Sundays August 24th and 31st. We will make an effort to schedule a "make-up" showing for anyone needing one. The gathering is intergenerational. Parents, please exercise discretion as you would with any other movie. This is a spontaneously changed topic, not previewed for instruction. Viewing will begin promptly at 9:00am each time so we don't end the Summer with a "cliff-dweller."

A Fresh Take on School of Christ

Our upcoming School of Christ will take place on Sunday afternoon October 19, 2014 at Central Schwenkfelder Church. 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. [Oct. 19 is a BYE week for the Eagles. So, plan with confidence to attend this afternoon of Fellowship!]

Thank You

We would like to give a big thank you to all for their prayers, cards, and well wishes before, during, and after my triple bypass surgery. Also, thank you to Rev. Becca Stephens for her pastoral visits. A very special thank you to Rev. Homer Royer for his several visits during my hospital stay. Thank you.

Richard & Merris Ann Hoffman

Summer Music

There is one more open Sunday for summer special music. 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 of the office. Please see the chart on the bottom of page 5 for the remaining open date.

Treasurer Report: 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.

Nursery

There will be no church approved personnel to provide child supervision during the summer worship services in 2014. Attendants are welcome to use the nursery with their children, but are responsible for the supervision of their children. If anyone is interested in being available to provide child supervision please contact Gregg Hoffman.

Bulletin and Flower Sponsorships

There are several upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins. We have one remaining opening for flower sponsorship on:

November 30th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

September 14th and 21st; November 2nd

The cost for flower sponsorship is \$50, and the cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15.00. Please sign up on the chart in the hallway outside of the office. And, thanks!

Grand View Hospital Hospice

Grand View Hospice will be running a training program for volunteers this fall. Grand View Hospital Hospice, a trusted leader in palliative care for over 30 years, offers individualized care to terminally ill patients and their families in homes, personal care, assisted living, and nursing home environments. Care is provided through an Interdisciplinary Team and includes:

Physician directed pain and symptom control

Skilled nursing visits

Social worker visits

Home Health Aide visits

Emergency on-call services, 7 days/week, 24 hours/day

Chaplain services

Volunteer Services/Complementary Therapies; Massage, Music,

Pet Therapy

Bereavement Services

Our Hospice Volunteers are a vital part of our program. They are the “Heart of Hospice,” and through their caring support they help to meet the holistic care needs of our patients and their families.

Training for volunteers occurs twice a year. Volunteers are trained in Hospice philosophy, listening and communication skills, psychosocial issues of death, dying, and grief and the practical information necessary for assisting patients and their families in the home.

A new training class will start on September 15, 2014, and will be held on Monday evenings 6:00pm – 9:00pm in the Hospice office. If you are interested in learning more about Hospice care, or to explore volunteer opportunities, please call Michelle Bongiovanni, RN, Volunteer/Bereavement Coordinator at 215 – 453 – 4149.

SUMMER MUSIC 2014

August 24	
August 31	Andrew McCartney

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PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

1441 Laura Lane, Suite 100, Pottstown, PA 19464
484-949-8774

August 17, 2014

Trying Something New...



After hearing **Rev. Cean James**, pastor of **Grace Christian Fellowship in southwest Philadelphia** describe their success with drive-thru healing prayers, eleven attendees at the annual PSEC Spring Meeting at Zion Blue Mountain UCC in Strausstown said they were going to take the idea back to their churches.

The next month, **Pastor Josh Fitterling** and several members of his congregation put up signs and waited for visitors in the church parking lot of **New Jerusalem Zion UCC in Lenhartsville**. The church is located along Route 737, and they were hoping they might attract visitors on their way to or from the Kutztown Folk Festival. They did. One woman saw the signs on her way to her destination and stopped on her way back to pray for her husband who is fighting cancer. She was touched that the church took time to offer its support. She said, "I love it. it's great. There are people in need of prayers every day."

Other ideas presented at the Spring Meeting include

- A community outing day with church members, families, friends, and neighbors at the beach, park...
- New ideas to collect food for food cupboard collections...
- Prayer shawl ministry - prayer shawls in pews...
- Sandcastle workshops - finding spiritual lessons in common objects; and more.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for the Fall Meeting on **November 8** at **St. Paul's (Amityville) UCC in Douglassville**.



Registration ends this week (Aug. 22) for VENTURES The Gift of Days and Years from Sep 23, 11 am to 25, 1 pm at Mariawald Renewal Center in Reading. Learn more and register online: <http://ventures2014.eventbrite.com>.



Embracing God's Call: From Isolation to Celebration

Join us and other sisters in ministry, both near and far, at the United Church of Christ African American Women in Ministry Conference 2014 from October 9-11 at the Franklinton Center at Bricks in Whitakers, NC. Online registration is available at ucc.org/aawim14 or contact the Franklinton Center at 800-345-1850. Scholarship funds are available. Complete the scholarship application form and review and download creative fundraising tips at ucc.org/aawim14.

Are you a history buff?

Do you like to hear stories about how we came to be where we are?

If so, you will enjoy ***Consecrated to the Unexpected: The Youth Caravan Movement in the Evangelical & Reformed Church***, the keynote address that will be presented by Rev. Richard Christensen at the annual meeting of the Evangelical & Reformed Historical Society on Sat., Sep. 27 at Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster. Registration from 12-12:45 pm (\$10 at the door). Welcoming and opening devotions begin at 12:45. To learn more, visit: www.erhs.info.



Two new Parish Papers available on the PSEC website

Are you looking for study topics for your fall programs? Consider Parish Papers, monthly publications by Herb Miller and Cynthia Woolever. The articles include facts, stories, and references for the topic of the month. The Sep. and Oct. issues address: "***Back to School: How Churches Can Partner with Local Schools***" and "***How Can We Prevent Suicide?***". To read these and other interesting topics, visit psec.org/resources/parish_papers.



If you attended Walking with God retreats in previous years or never had the pleasure, we invite you to attend ***Spirited Fruit***, our 16th annual Walking with God retreat from October 17 to 19 at the Mariawald Renewal Center in Reading. Register online: psec.org.



Sr. Nancy Iampietro is our keynote speaker and an international teacher and speaker in the area of spirituality. It has been said, "Sr. Nancy is one of the most knowledgeable, down-to-earth, informative teachers of spirituality!"

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES include registration at 4 pm. The "Spirited Fruit" program begins after dinner and is followed by evening prayers and time for fellowship.

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES include the "Spirited Fruit" program and workshops: Bible Study, "Spirituality of Wine," "Spiritual Gardening," and "Fruits of the Spirit" craft, etc. There will be free time for massage, hiking, resting and fellowship. Program will continue with Evening Worship and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES include Morning Prayers, Breakfast, Closing, "Spirited Fruit" Worship, Lunch, and Departure.

Mariawald Renewal Center is situated on beautiful peaceful grounds in Reading, PA. It is advertised as "A Bed & Breakfast for the Soul" and is moderately handicapped accessible. To learn more, visit: www.mariawaldrenewal.com or call Wanda Craner 484-949-8774 x 303. We look forward to seeing you in October.



Prayers are requested for St. Paul's UCC, Fleetwood and Rev. Patrick W. Morris Sr.



Thank You For Lending a “Helping Hand” to Bethany Kids!

THANK YOU! Bethany has started a new program to help young kids who have been abandoned or abducted from their families to provide them a safe place to live and grow. They are currently in need of the following items as many of the kids will only have the clothes they have on. Their ages are from 5 – 14 years of age. Your support in helping to provide them a brighter future is so appreciated!

Boys Sizes – Small, Medium

Socks
Boxer Shorts
Jeans (all sizes)
Sweatpants
T-Shirts – Solid Colors
Sneakers (all sizes)
Church attire and shoes (all sizes)
Coats
Sweaters
Pajamas

Girls and Misses – Sizes X-Small, Small and Medium

Socks
Sports Bras
Panties
Jeans (all sizes)
Shorts
T-Shirts – Solid Colors
Shoes – all sizes
Sneakers – all sizes
Pajamas
Sweat Pants
Church attire and shoes (all sizes)
Sweaters
Coats

Kids Craft Projects and Kits
Markers, Crayons, Colored Pencils
Coloring Books
Soccer Balls

Pillows and Pillow Cases
Twin Blankets
Fleece Throws
Blankets
Bath Towels
Kid Friendly Soap, Shampoo and Conditioner
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
Hairbrushes & Combs



1863 Bethany Road, Womelsdorf PA 19567

The official registration and financial information of Bethany Home Inc. and Bethany Children's Home Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

COME & CELEBRATE

Vintage Rods and Classic Wheels SHOWCASE



Saturday, August 23 • 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
(rain or shine)

Please join us for an afternoon to enjoy classic cars, muscle cars, and motorcycles!

- Free Admission
- Live entertainment by Elvis (Dean Garofolo) and DJ Rich
- The nostalgic 50's Café will be open for lunch

Bring your own car or motorcycle - Free registration!

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The Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society

ANNUAL MEETING AND LECTURE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

HAFER CENTER, SCHAFF LIBRARY SECOND FLOOR

555 WEST JAMES ST., LANCASTER, PA 17603

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY REV. RICHARD CHRISTENSEN,
“CONSECRATED TO THE UNEXPECTED: THE YOUTH CARAVAN
MOVEMENT IN THE EVANGELICAL & REFORMED CHURCH”

The E & R Church began participating in the National Youth Caravans in 1948 and from the very start specified that each caravan team be interracial and interdenominational. The first four-person team trained at Eden Seminary and then spent ten weeks in the field serving Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan. Please join us in celebrating this forgotten yet innovative program. Many caravan participants have donated materials to the archival collection which will be on display during the meeting.

Registration: 12:00-12:45 pm (\$10 at the door)

Welcome and Opening Devotions: 12:45-1:00 pm

Remembrance of Rev. Dr. Lowell Zuck

Honoring Retired Archivist Rev. Richard Berg

Lecture and Reflections from Caravan Participants: 1:00-2:15 pm

Break: 2:15-2:30 pm

Annual Meeting: 2:30-3:00

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, August 17

9:45am Refreshments Served

10:15am Hosensack Meeting House Sunday Worship Service

Monday, August 18

9:00am Board of Music Ministry

7:00pm Board of Christian Education Meeting

Tuesday, August 19

8:00am Quilters

7:00pm Boy Scouts

7:00pm Mission Board

Friday, August 22

Pastor Nick Returns from Sabbatical

Saturday, August 23

3:00pm Long/Rivas Wedding

Sunday, August 24

9:00am Combined Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

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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

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Pence

Pastor Emeritus: Ronald R. Krick

Director of Music: Ed Bieler

Children's Choir: Gail Ferry

Children's Choir Accompanist: Joan Pusey

Junior Bells: Beth Croll

Senior Bells: Joanne and David Luz

Organist: Peg Jacob

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

Youth Director: Barbara Master

Sexton: Kevin Master 484 – 358 – 1684

Greeter: Rick Jones

Ushers: Anne Goda, Victoria Leh, Lee Schultz, Matthew Wright

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208
