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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

*Call to Worship

Psalm 71:3, 5

God is our rock and our fortress, our refuge and strength.

God is our hope and our trust.

Praise the Lord!

*Hymn #52

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Hebrews 12:28, 29; Jeremiah 1:5; Luke 13:13

God of Life, you come to us as a consuming fire, and the one who has consecrated us before time. You promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving. But we forget, and yield to fear. We trust in the tangible rewards of this world, and neglect your promises. We confess that we are a divided people; we foster separations and

**widen rifts in our families, our communities, and in the world.
Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from
your presence. Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with
courage; through Jesus Christ who comes to save. Amen.**

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn Sing

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4 – 10; Luke 13:10 – 17

***Hymn #255** “Take My Life, And Let It Be”

Sermon

Special Music

The Badmans

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

***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**

Jeremiah 1:4 – 10

**Loving God, we rejoice that our lives are already consecrated
by you. Inspired by the knowledge of your love, giving thanks
for the gifts you offer us each day, we pray that these offerings
and our lives may further your kingdom on earth. Amen.**

***Hymn #136**

“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”

Postlude

***Benediction**

*All who are able, please stand.

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:

Alvera Heffner, 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, 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.

Bible Study

The online Bible Study will continue careful examination of 1 Samuel 28, beginning at Verse 8. Take part in the effort by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

August Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Jovia Kinsler (8/13), Nicholas Pence (8/19), Kaitlyn Mundy (8/22),

Job Kinsler (8/30)

Happy Eighteenth Birthday to Victoria Leh (8/05)

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.

MHP Update

Thanks to those whose donations have allowed the Migrant Hospitality Project to grow this summer. We are now able to serve up to four persons in our first household. There will still be transportation costs. A few items, like food and personal hygiene supplies, are dependent upon knowing exactly who is coming. The shipment, staged for one person, will have to be re-staged when we know how many are coming. Our partners at Church World Services say that the ability to handle a larger household makes it much more likely to be called, because it allows them to combine arrivals to stretch their housing budget.

Scholarship Awarded

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.

Old Church Items for Sale – Some Free

In our recent church cleanout, we identified several old items that we don't need anymore. They include an antique side table and piano/organ seat, solid oak chairs and desk, umbrella stands, a rocking horse from the toddler's room, and many more items. These items are on display in the Bell Choir room at the rear of the sanctuary. Pay what you think is fair. There are also several poster boards with photos of church members from 10 to 15 years ago... free for the taking.

Thank You

The congregation of Palm Schwenkfelder Church would like to express our appreciation to the Badman family for providing our special music today.

Summer Music

Summer is almost over (sorry, kids), but there is still one more week of Summer Music! If you know of anyone who would be willing to share their musical talent next Sunday, please speak to anyone on the music committee, or sign up on the sheet posted outside the church office.

Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsorships

There are still several opportunities to honor someone by sponsoring bulletins or altar flowers in their name. At last count, there were 2 opportunities for flower sponsorship, and 4 chances to sponsor bulletins still available for 2016.

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. 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.

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

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"Be the Church of the Month" Contest ContinuesIs your Church Participating?

"Be the Church of the Month" is an ongoing, church-wide contest inviting all UCC churches to participate by living out the statements of the UCC's popular "Be the Church" message.

The contest began June 1, with all churches received an email inviting them to participate and announcing the statement "Protect the environment." Churches were given until June 22 to submit information and any photos and video showing what they've been doing to make that statement a reality.

Congratulations to the "Be the Church of the Month" winner for August, *Ebenezer United Church of Christ in Sheboygan, Wisconsin!*

This contest is ongoing—on the first of every month, a new "Be the Church" statement will be announced, and submissions will be due by the 22nd of the month. The winning church earns the "Be the Church of the Month" title for the following month. All winning churches and their accomplishments will be featured on UCC social media and ucc.org, and they'll receive a prize from the "Be the Church" collection from UCC Resources.

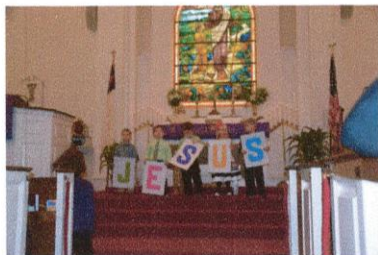
HOW TO ENTER "BE THE CHURCH OF THE MONTH" CONTEST

Go to http://www.ucc.org/be_the_church to discover the current statement being used and how to submit your entry!

Getting to Know:

St. John Hill UCC

620 Hill Church Rd., Boyertown, PA 19512



St. John-Hill UCC began its ministry to the folks of the Oley Valley over 250 years ago when it became apparent that a need for a worship space for the local farmers needed to be filled. Since then, Hill Church has served the communities of Bechtelsville, Boyertown, and the Oley Valley faithfully through love and respect for our Lord,

Jesus Christ. Our motto states, "They will know we are Christians by our love!"

Hill Church has been the meeting place for many folks through the years and continues to serve as the place where fellowship, faith, and love can be seen in all that we do. This year our Mission Team has remained local and tried to assist the local community through service and love. Over the last two years, the team has participated in Mission Trip Birdsboro to provide help to local families in need.

Beyond missions, we at Hill Church also love to eat. We hold several community suppers each year to feed the community and provide a place of fellowship. In May, we have our annual Ham Supper not to be outdone by our Buckwheat and Sausage supper in October and our annual Turkey Supper in November! All of these dinners are prepared and served by our members in our "eats house" or dining hall.

St. John-Hill has entered a time a discernment and transition as Rev. Christian Creyer has recently left to provide care for his family and to move back to the Allentown Area. We have also begun the process of revitalization through the Natural Church Development process. As St. John-Hill moves forward in this process, we ask you to hold the church and all of its members in prayer as the church moves through changes and transitions in leadership.



If you would like more information, please visit our website www.stjohnhillucc.org or call the office at (610) 367-8114. As always, peace and blessings to you.



Prayers are requested for St. John (Hill) UCC in Boyertown during their time of transition.

SUMMER MUSIC 2016

Date	Name
May 29	
June 5	
June 12 Peg Vacation /Youth Sunday	
June 19 Washington Meeting house	Suite Brass
June 26 Peg Vacation	VBS
July 3	
July 10	Gail Ferry
July 17 Kraussdale Meeting House	Gregory Ross
July 24	Doug Wallinger
July 31	
August 7	Dottie Heebner & Family
August 14	Bill Ludlow
August 21 Hosensack Meeting House	The Badmans
August 28	

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, August 21

9:45am Hosensack Meetinghouse – Refreshments Served

10:15am Hosensack Meetinghouse Hymn Sing Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, August 22

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Tuesday, August 23

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

Wednesday, August 24

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Thursday, August 25

9:00am Staff Meeting

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Friday, August 26

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, August 27

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, August 28

9:00am Summer Combined Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

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Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

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Tuesday through Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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Ministers: All Church Members

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Director of Music: Ed Bieler

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Senior Bells: Joanne and David Luz

Organist: Peg Jacob

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

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