

PALM LEAVES

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

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Pastor's Pause—*Tuning Our Hearts to God*

At the end of February we had the piano in the parsonage tuned. It was long overdue, and had gotten to the point that when the kids would play everything sounded off. When I would listen to them I could sometimes not tell if they were making a mistake or if the piano was just that far out of whack. Bob Kahle was scheduled to arrive at 9:00 a.m. Monday morning, to get the piano back in shape, so I grabbed my worship books and laptop to

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work out of the parsonage while he was tuning.

Strangely perhaps, I have always enjoyed listening to piano tunings. I have a hard enough time tuning the instruments that I play. My mandolin has eight strings, with two strings tuned to the same note, for a total of four notes that I have to deal with. Even with just the four notes, I am still extremely dependent either on electronic tuners or someone else with a better ear than mine. The piano has 88 keys and a corresponding string to each key which has to be brought into tune with all the others. All tuners have their own process and technique, but it involves isolating individual notes and either tightening or loosening the string to achieve the proper pitch. When you are listening to a piano being tuned, it is actually a cacophonous process of hearing notes out of tune and clashing with one another eventually being

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brought into alignment. But my favorite part comes towards the end of the tuning, because all of the tuners I have known like to play the instrument to evaluate its sound. You literally go from either something sounding a little off, or even being painful to listen to, to hearing beautiful music filling the house with harmony. As I listened to Bob tuning the piano in the middle of the Lenten season, I realized our hearts sometimes need a tuning as well. Indeed part of the spiritual journey which we are all on, calls us to recognize when things are out of whack, when (Cont. p.



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Y O U T H N E W S



April Youth Birthdays

A Very Happy Birthday to...

Parker Morasco (4/5), Aubrey Reinert (4/12),
Joseph Kinsler (4/13)

Happy 18th Birthday to Pierce Wright (4/10)

Please notify the church office if someone has been missed



C h i l d r e n ' s C h u r c h — A J o y f u l N o i s e



Children ages 4 years thru 4th grade may go upstairs for a Bible lesson, snack, and activity or craft after the children's sermon. If your child has allergies/food allergies, please remember to notify the leader for each Sunday. Thank you to the congregation for the yummy snack donations. Thank you to the leaders who are carrying out a wonderful ministry!



Opening Devotions ~ A Year of Bible Birthdays

Opening devotions continues to be the gathering place for kids (Toddlers through 6th grade) before they go to their Sunday school classrooms. Last month the youth learned of Paul's re-birth into Christianity, proclaiming Jesus by saying, "He is indeed the Son of God" Acts 9:20. They sang a song from Kingdom Rock VBS, "Here is our King".



**"Rejoice in the Lord Always; again I will say, rejoice!"
Philippians 4:4**

The youth are continuing to do a great job celebrating the joy they receive from God's love by sharing that joy with others and acting kindly to one another. Thank you for supporting this mission by helping kids see that they are acting kindly and that it makes a difference.
May God's joy continue to ring out in your heart!



M E M B E R N E W S

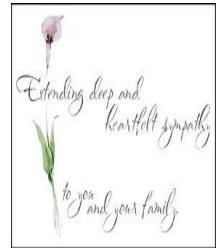


Congratulations to...

Ken and Kelly (nee Stauffer) Zaborowski
on the birth of their son Owen Stephen

Sympathies to...

...Joan Pusey on the death of her brother, Charles J. Stahl, III
...Leon Wohlbach on the death of his father, Leon, Sr.



Easter Egg Hunts

Thank you to everyone
who participated in both
Easter egg hunts last



month. Everyone had a
great time and all of the
time and donations were
greatly appreciated!

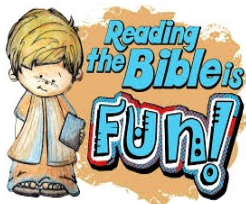
Open Link Lent Food Drive

Thank you for donating
to Open Link during
Lent. Your kind
donations are a blessing all year
round.



Youth Lunch and a Movie

Youth in 5th grade and up, join us Saturday, April 16th
for lunch and a movie. We will be going to see
God's Not Dead II in Quakertown. There is no cost.
Please sign up in the Narthex.



Bible App for Kids A Call to Action!

Great job to the youth for getting in touch with God's Word during this
Lenten season. Many of our youth shared stories during opening
devotions.





Teens & Adults ~ You Version Holy Bible App

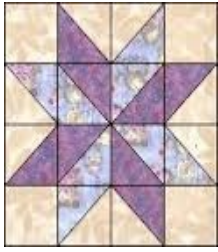
Check out new updated plans or use the app to read the Bible.



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~ April 2016 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	2 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
3 9:00a-10:00a Sunday School 10:15a-11:30a Sunday Worship Service 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	4 11:00a-12:00p Board of Music Ministry Meeting 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	5 9:00a-12:30a Knotting Party 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 1:00p-2:00p Ladies' Aid Meeting 7:00p-8:00p Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting	6 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 5:30p-6p Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00p-6:30p Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30p-7:30p Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p-9:00p Senior Choir Rehearsal	7 World Health Day 9:00a-10:30a Staff Meeting 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:00p-8:30p Deacon's Meeting	8 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	9 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 
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17 9:00a-10:00a Sunday School 10:15a-11:30a Sunday Worship Service 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	18 Tax Day (Taxes Due) 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:00p-8:00p Board of Christian Education Meeting	19 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:00p-8:00p Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting 7:00p-8:00p Mission Board	20 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 5:30p-6:00p Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00p-6:30p Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30p-7:30p Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p-9:00p Senior Choir Rehearsal	21 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:00p-9:00p Boy Scouts - Board of Review	22 Earth Day 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 	23 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
24 9:00a-10:00a Sunday School 10:15a-11:30a Music Sunday Worship Service 11-30a-12:30p Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	25 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	26 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:00p-8:00p Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting 7:00p-8:00p Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134	27 Administrative Professionals Day 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 6:30p-7:30p Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p-9:00p Senior Choir Rehearsal	28 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 	29 Arbor Day 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	30 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are



Quilters

The quilters at Palm Church are looking for help. They would like to continue quilting, but they need someone to coordinate the job. Actual quilting by the new coordinator would not be necessary, but would be appreciated. If interested, please speak to Shirley Miller.



Knotting Party

On April 5th, at 9:00 am, the Ladies' Aid will be sponsoring a Knotting party. No experience needed. Come and help make blankets for the migrant ministry project. Bring a bag lunch and stay for the Ladies' Aid monthly meeting at 1:00 pm.



Mark Your Calendars!

The Men of Palm Chicken BBQ



Join us on Saturday, June 11th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. for the best chicken BBQ east of the Mississippi! You won't want to miss this finger lickin' good time! Please contact a member of the Men of Palm for tickets, or see Dan in the office. And if you'd like to help out with the chicken BBQ, contact Tom Long at (267) 307-3512.

Pastoral Relations Committee

The Committee focus is to ensure optimum communication between the congregation and Pastor Nick and to that end, encourages questions or comments. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee: Jeff Stauffer, Dave Woodward, Gail Ferry, Lil Master, Ray Hausman, Doug Wallinger, Jean Ross, or David Luz. The next meeting of the Pastoral Relations Committee will be held Sunday, April 24th, after the worship service, in the Contemporary Issues Classroom.



February, 2016	February	Year to Date
Operating Cash on Hand -		
Start of Month/Year	\$20,669.31	\$35,761.03
Operating Income Received	\$32,200.22	\$52,094.83
Operating Expenses	\$25,955.74	\$60,942.07
Operating Cash on Hand - 2/29 /16	\$26,913.79	\$26,913.79

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Caspar's Corner — Elmer Johnson — Visit to Harpersdorf 1905 (Part 3 of 5)

In 1905 Elmer E. S. Johnson, his wife, and son together with friends Samuel Anders Anders and his wife Charlotte visited Harpersdorf. Fortunately, Elmer Johnson kept an extensive diary of his experiences in Harpersdorf during the week of July 25 to August 1, 1905, which are being duplicated here and in 2 additional installments.

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Thursday, July 27, 1905
This morning we placed Rolland in a little wagon, filled a grip with butter-sandwiches, etc. The five of us took the post road to Probsthayn. We arrived there about 10:45 am and immediately proceeded to the Parsonage but Pastor Schiller was not at home. So we went to the Cantor Sachse who received us very kindly. He remembered Rev. O.S. Kriebel. He lamented the fact that the

Schwenckfelders were driven out of this country. He said that with them the finest spiritual qualities disappeared. He took us into the church which is very old more than 600 years and a part of it very much older. The decorative painting is splendid. Arms of old families hang about the church. We walked over the burying ground. There is an old fir tree there that is over 1000 years old & hard by is the ancient bell tower. Then we bade farewell to the Cantor and went up to the Spitzberg even unto the summit thereof where we obtained a fine view of all the country round about. The peak is more than 1500 feet above the level of the sea and the top is nothing but a huge, rough rock. There are 400 stone steps that wind to the top from the little Restaurant halfway up. I took a picture of the country in the direction of Harpersdorf. We started back & after coffee at the Restaurant we went through woods and swamp toward the Harpersdorf Feldhäuser. After a long but delightful tramp we came at last to the edge of the grove that skirts the meadows in which the famous Feldhäuser of Harpersdorf and Armenruh are located. A more beautiful spot we have not seen in all Germany. We made for the road where we spoke to an old man and his wife who were binding grain. They told us that in one of

the houses there lived a Scholtz family, in another a Heydrick and in another a Hoffrichter. We went down the road and stopped at Heydrick's back in the field but they did not know any information to give. Then we called on Hoffrichter and he barely remembered that he came from the Schwenckfelders. Then we came home via the path that crosses the Vogelbach by Hoffrichters and came through the clump of trees hard by & entered Ober

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Friday, July 28, 1905
This morning S. A. Anders and I began work on the Schöppenbücher [real estate transactions] we found here and made numerous synopses of deeds. Nearly all of them relate to the houses of our fathers. We began with 1683 and work[ed] down. We worked until nearly 1 pm. Then we came home for dinner. We resumed our work at 2 pm and worked until near 5 when we returned to the Gasthof [inn] and then set out for Armenruh where we called on Frau Wilhelm Bormann, Bauunternehmer [contractor]. It was at her father's home that Rev. O.S.K. took pictures and she is on the pictures. She also showed me pictures of HWK & the group of mothers from HWK's book [*The Schwenckfelders in Pennsylvania, 1904*], etc. Her husband was not at home. From her I went to find her brother Ernst Bormann, Zimmermann [carpenter]. We found him at work upon a new barn. He was immensely pleased to see us. We arranged to have him come and meet us at his sister's home in Armenruh on Sunday after dinner and then go to a Herr Gerlach for some old letters. We then came back to Harpersdorf. We stopped to see Herrman Bormann in Ober Harpersdorf who was also descended from the Bormann family of our
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history. He is a Bauergutsbesitzer [farm owner] of 50 Morgen [ca. 50 acres]. He said that he had some old papers from his father who used to be Scholze for many years. We promised to come again to see them. Then we came home. This evening we also visited Gustav Seipt in OH, the bookbinder. He was very pleased to see us, so was his wife while we sat at supper Frau Beer told me that August Beyer had been here and wanted us to come to see him. That he had some papers. She also said that Otto Goldmann in Neuweise had a Chronical on the Schw. Also that in the Gemeinde at Zobten were to be found some things & with the Graf [count] in Zobten. After Supper we went to see August Beyer who lives at #7 a "Stelle mit einem Pferde" [a place with a horse]. His father and grandfather lived at #66 Mittle Lang Neundorf, where Oswald Meschter now lives. His grandfather was a geb. [born] Jäckel had his great=grandmother was a geb Dorn. He also told me that Frau Druse just above the Parsonage here, was a geb Lützel & and a descendant of the Dorn family. The last woman by name of Dorn married an Arnholdt. Both Mrs. Mr. Anders went with me & we were immensely impressed with the fine character of the people both parents and daughter & son. They still have within them the old Schwenckfeldian Spirit. Indeed one feels it in every remaining family of the descendants of our faith. Every one we speak to is delighted with what we seek to do and show us every kindness. Last night a young man by the name of Ferdinand Jaeckel living in #112 NHDrf told me his father was Ferdinand Jaeckel who was the son of Johann Karl Ferdinand Jäckel. Through him I also met the man living in #37, he is very old & says that his house was the 1st Schwenckfeld house in NHDrf. and used to be the "Förster's Haus" [forester's house].

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Saturday, July 29, 1905

This morning we went to Ernst's #8 and resumed our work on deeds. We plodded along until noon. Again after dinner working down to about 1721. At 3 pm we went to the Pastor Patschke who laid before us the Church book of 1699–1721. We then looked over the list of Schwenckfeld marriages and found a great many of the Schwenckfeld names only copied such as were of immediate interest to us, S.A. [Samuel Anders] & myself not having time to do more. Then we left it – to be finished on another day & went up to Hermann Bormann calling on Seipts on the way. Bormann laid his fathers papers before us but we found next to nothing of our history. Some tax & lists of 1748 which were of interest on account of the names. Then we

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returned and called on Frau Druse who is a descendant of Melchior Dorn. She showed us an Erläuterung of 1771 and a very large book of Sermons all written. Title is gone but Sermons resemble Hiller and to our great surprise we found Melchior Dorn's great armchair here on the back (front) of which is cut M.D.

Sunday, July 30, 1905

We went to church here this morning. The big church had only a comparatively few attending member. We sat in Frau Beer's pew on first Gallery facing pulpit...Pastor Patschke preached a very good sermon. He exhorted parents to labor with their children in things spiritual.

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We ate pigeons for dinner after which we set out for Wilhelm Bormann's home in Armenruh. We met Frau Bormann's brother Ernst there also. The latter went with S.A.A. and myself along the post road to Lang Neundorf; we walked through it as far as Oswald Meschter's place #66. On the way we passed Fleischer [butcher] Wilhelm Beier's house in which Pater [Father] Regent lived while persecuting the Schwenckfelders. We also met Fleischer Beier. We also stopped to see Frau Gerlach in Armenruh from whom we expected to get certain letters. But she could not find them, promised to do so until we returned. We called on Oswald Meschter & family. He lives in what was once the largest or one of the largest estates in Lang neundorf. Before him it was owned by Melchior Beyer of August Beyer #7 in Nieder Harpdrf. Johann Gottlieb Kriebel owned it until 1805 when he sold it to Johann Christoph Beyer, who sold it to his son Melchior Beyer, who sold it to August Meschter who sold it to Oswald Meschter but only 16 Morgen of the Gut [estate] as originally constituted now remains, so badly it has been cut up. In the wall of the living room of Meschter's house is:

J x GL x K = Johann Gottlieb Kriebel 1804. Oswald Meschter's father was a Schmiedemeister [blacksmith]. He showed me an old deed of the smithy #57 L Hdrf. now possession of Richard Scholz. It evidently was a Meschter smithy for a long period of time. Melchior Beyer bought this smithy April 2, 1737. His heirs sold it to Abraham Meschter, with the adjoining garden, July 13, 1758. Oswald Meschter's wife is a geb [née] Schöps. After chatting for a long while he took us back [to] the Viehweg [at Lang Neundorf] some

distance away from his home where on a little knoll he showed us where are buried many of the Schwenckfelders. Potatoes and rye now grow on the spot, but Meschter remembers that in his boyhood graves could still be seen. His ancestor on the Beyer side August Beyer of N Hdrf #7 is his uncle, several generations removed saw the last person carried out and buried out there. It overlooks the dorf [village] beyond but no sign remains to indicate that here noble martyrs sleep. The plow and the reaper pass over the spot. Hard by on a green lawn military



and often festivities are held and the sunken cow path passes on over the neighboring hills. We turn back toward the village after having stood for a moment where the bodies of many Schwenckfelders were buried. Rain began to fall and we bade Meschter farewell and hastened by a winding path across the meadow in the direction of Armenruh. We called again at the Gerlach home who remembers HWKriebel & soon were back at Wilhelm Bormann's. I met him then for the first time. He began at once by saying that of the money sent him he had a few Marks & some Pfennig left. I told him to keep it and keep the

place in order this fall. Also asked him about building a wall about it. He said he would make a new estimate for me. Agnes, Rolland, Mrs. Anders had remained there while we went to LHdrf but in our absence they had to take Rolland home and put other clothes on him. But while we sat there they returned. Bormann showed us the book of HWK [Schwenckfelders 1904] but said he could not read it. We explained some of the pictures of them. Then we wrote postals to OSK & HWK all signing them. Also a man by name of Ernst Scholz who met HWK at the Gasthof at Armenruh signed it. A rain seemed to be coming up and we set out for home. We came as far as Heinrich Riedel's home #144 Ober Harpersdorf where we turned in just in time to avoid a fearful downpour. Over the door of this filthy house and on the inside lintel are carved G. F. M. 1755. The rain soon subsided and we came home. We met Frau Seipt in front of her home in OHdrf. After dinner today I walked down the dorfstrasse [village street] & and stopped at #18 NHdrf. where I met widow Christiana daughter of Christian Gottlob Menzel who died in 1882 aet [Latin for aged] 81, and widow of Samuel Teichler who died 1893 aet 72. She herself is now 72½ years. She had heard from her people that she too was a descendant of the old Schwenckfelders. She has a beautiful spirit in her. Ernst Bormann told me that Pater Milan lived in Nieder Harperdorf in which or over the door of which is carved Michael Schneider den 22 July Anno 1723. This is No. 140 NHdrf.

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SLHC LECTURE SERIES

*At the Schwenkfelder Library
and Heritage Center*



How the Pretzel Survived Prohibition, and other Twisted Tales

Presented by Candace Perry

April 13, 2016 noon

Come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center on Wednesday, April 13th at noon to hear a presentation by Candace Perry entitled *How the Pretzel Survived Prohibition, and other Twisted Tales*. One of the most significant contributions of the Pennsylvania Germans to the American food is the pretzel. But when "zwei lager und ein pretzel" (two beers and a pretzel) were outlawed, the fate of the pretzel may have been doomed. SLHC curator Candace Perry will discuss how the pretzel survived prohibition and became one of America's favorite snack foods, plus a brief history of pretzel making in Pennsylvania and more in this illustrated lecture.



Relay For Life

Thank you to the many members of Palm's church family who contributed to the American Cancer Society's 2016 Relay for Life. Our Relay for Life Committee is deeply touched by your continued generosity and financial support.

Through your efforts, our church has qualified as a "Presenting Sponsor" for this year's Relay to be held on May 14th, at Camelot Park in Upper Hanover Township.



Altar Flowers and Bulletins

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

Dates available for flower sponsorship are:

August 7th & 14th; September 18th; October 2nd & 9th

Openings for bulletin sponsorships:

June 5th & 12th; July 31st; August 7th, 14th & 21st

The cost for flower sponsorship is \$50.00, and the cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15.00. 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!

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we are out of harmony with God and one another. The challenge then becomes opening our hearts so that we can be tuned to God's Spirit. It is a process, to be sure, which takes longer than the 88 keys of a piano, but when we find that proper faithful tuning the music which results is even more beautiful to behold.

As we venture forth together in the Easter season, celebrating the resurrection of Christ, may our hearts all be tuned to God, bringing forth in us the new life promised us by our faith.

'Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel according to all that he promised; not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke through his servant Moses. The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our ancestors; may he not leave us or abandon us, but incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances, which he commanded our ancestors. Let these words of mine, with which I pleaded before the Lord, be near to the Lord our God day and night, and may he maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires; so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no other. Therefore devote yourselves completely to the Lord our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day.'
(1 Kings 8:56-61)



What's the Buzz at Advanced Living?

The collaboration known as North Penn Commons is moving along very nicely. You can view the live camera feed by going to www.northpenncommons.org.

We have given out over 350 admission applications and received over 150 and still counting. In March there will be a lottery drawing for these 60 apartments.

There has been a One Four All capital campaign launched. We're at \$4.3 million in pledges, cash and securities. Our goal is \$6 million. Anyone interested in this campaign, contact Bill Brown at Advanced Living, or your conference rep, Eugene Dolloff or Shirley Miller.

Our Home Care services is growing, making it possible for our residents to age in place.

Our Derstine 2 building was featured in a business publication. It's posted on the Narthex bulletin board along with a picture of North Penn Commons.

TRUSTEES' TIDBIT

Are you ready for spring cleaning? Consider volunteering for some spring cleaning at the church and meeting houses on Saturday, April 9th. Possible chores include picking up branches at the meeting houses, straightening tombstones on the church cemetery, and clearing out some of those areas at church that seem to accumulate stuff we never use. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Or contact Kevin Master if you want to volunteer or have questions.



*Brunner's Bakery
Advertisement Calendar*

**Brunner's Bakery and Home Delivery
Back Porch Seminar
Schwenckfelder Library and Heritage Center
Sunday, April 3, 2016, 2:30**

The retail route salesman, those skilled sellers or hucksters, brought dairy products, baked goods, meats, and other items directly to your door. The regular visit of the home delivery driver-salesman provided one with the ease of shopping at home while spending a few minutes with a friend. It was an opportunity to share local items of interest, gossip, or hold solid debate on just about any issue.

Many folks remember the Metros, Divcos, and other unique looking vehicles that made up the fleets of the local businesses. The milkman made his delivery in the early hours. The baker brought fresh bread and sweet treats that were guaranteed to enhance kitchen tables (and waistlines). The butcher couldn't bring his products into your home for display, so he used his peculiar sounding horn to summon you to his vehicle.

One of the local businesses that gave us home delivery was Brunner's Bakery. Located at 246-248 Main Street in East Greenville, it was operated by Christian, John, and Joseph Brunner, Jr. for forty-two years.

According to a newspaper account, they came to East Greenville in 1927 when the bakery was purchased from Robert G. Mohr. They took it from a horse-drawn wagon business in 1927 to a thriving enterprise that employed over 100 area residents in the 1960s. The bakery ceased operations in 1969 and was sold a year later to a Philadelphia-based wholesale baking business.

This "Back Porch Seminar" will present an opportunity to hear from a panel of people who served the community with home deliveries. Hear about the challenges and adventures they faced as they made their deliveries, and some of the amusing stories that they accumulated during their years of service.

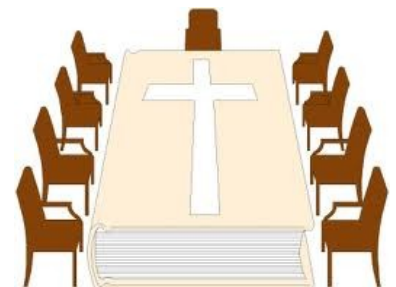
The panel will be moderated by Larry Roeder, who worked as a driver's helper in the early 1960s. The panel will include Joe Brunner, who worked as a driver-salesmen and was a son of one of the original co-owners, Joseph Brunner. In addition, Neil Brunner, driver-salesman and baker who is the son of another of the original co-owners, John Brunner.

Also on the panel will be men who worked as drivers and drivers helpers: Harold Schultz, a helper in the 1940s; Robert Christman, a helper from 1949 through 1952; and Arlen Christman, who worked as a driver from 1960 through 1964.

This seminar promises to be a nostalgic and fun-filled trek into the past. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.



Spring General Conference
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The Schwenckfelder Church
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April 5th — Ladies' Aid Knotting Party
April 16th — Youth Lunch and Movie Outing
April 24th — Music Sunday Worship Service
April 24th — Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting



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