

PALM LEAVES

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

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Pastor's Pause—*Blue Mind*

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a

spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'
(John 4:7-14)



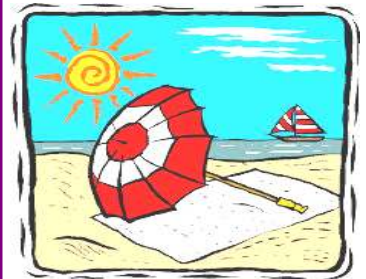
In August, the Pence family will once again be heading to the shores of North Carolina for our week at the beach. I am always surprised as summer draws near how much I look forward to being at the ocean, the peace, enjoyment, and playfulness it brings out in me. I don't think it is a coincidence that most of the activities I choose for my regular exercise have me in or around water, where I also find that same sense of calm and refocus. It turns out that I am not alone in that experience, and there have been some studies done on the phenomenon.

Wallace J. Nichols, in his book *Blue Mind: The Surprising Science That Shows How Being Near, In, On, or Under Water Can Make You Happier, Healthier, More Connected, and Better at What You Do* (Little, Brown and Company, 2014.) explores the "remarkable effects of water on our health and well-being." *Washington Post* writer Nicola Joyce comments that "Blue Mind" refers to "the neurological, psychological, and emotional changes our brains experience when we are close to water."

In my own experience, I would describe it as that thing that happens



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Y O U T H N E W S

Welcome back to Sunday School!! We're looking forward to an amazing year at Palm!



Sunday School Rally Day

Come out for Rally Day on Sunday, September 11th, to kick off the new Sunday school year.



Opening Devotions this year will focus on Bible Heroes !
Lots of fun facts and crafts with these special Heroes.

This year the First Sunday of every month will be a combined Sunday School for all youth of all ages in the Social Hall. There will be fun Bible Stories and craft time.

Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in signing up there is a Sign Up sheet in the hallway next to the office.



Children's Church



Volunteers for Children's Church are needed for the upcoming year. Please pick a Sunday to help out and put your name on the Sign-Up Sheet in the hallway next to the office. Volunteers are also needed for teaching Sunday School. Even if you can only help out one Sunday a month, that would be awesome! Please see Lisa Stitt or Barb Master if interested.

Thank you all for your continued support of our Sunday School Program. Any time you can contribute is God's Blessing !!

Other Dates to Remember

- September 18th – Fire Drill (rain date October 2nd)
- September 25th – Day of Remembrance – Combined Sunday School
Meet in Social Hall
- October 2nd will be the first Combined Class and Lisa Stitt will teach that class.



August Birthdays

A Very Happy Birthday to...



Jovia Kinsler (8/13), Nicholas Pence (8/19), Kaitlyn Mundy (8/22), Job Kinsler (8/30)
Happy 18th Birthday to Victoria Leh (8/05)

Please notify the church office if someone has been missed or if a date is incorrect.

M E M B E R S H I P



...Sympathies to...

... the family of Earl Fox
... the family of Betty Krauss
... the family of David Longacre
... the family of Mary Wilcox



S e n i o r C h o i r

Do you find yourself humming along with the car radio??

Do you sing to yourself in the shower??

Can you carry a tune in a bucket??

Would you like to learn how to carry a tune without a bucket??

If you meet any of these requirements, you belong in the Senior Choir!!

Come join the fun.

Rehearsals every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., beginning August 31st




UNITED

S C H W E N K F E L D E R
CHOIR

The United Schwenkfelder Choir will begin rehearsing for its 88th season on Monday evening, September 12th at the Central Schwenkfelder Church in Worcester, PA. This non-denominational choir, representing membership in over 30 churches from Montgomery and Bucks Counties, will present a program of traditional and contemporary Christmas music at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 4th. The Choir is always ready to welcome new members.

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~ August 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 11:00a-12:00p Board of Music Ministry Meeting 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	2 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 1:00p-2:00p Ladies' Aid Meeting 7:00p-8:00p Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting 7:00p-8:00p Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134	3 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	4 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:00p-8:30p Deacon's Meeting	5 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	6 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 
	7 International Friendship Day Pastor Nick On Vacation 9:00a-10:00a Combined Sunday School 10:15a-11:30a Sunday Worship Service 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	8 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 6:30p-7:30p Buildings & Grounds Committee 7:30p-9:00p Board of Trustees	9 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:00p-8:00p Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting 7:00p-8:45p Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting	10 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	11 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	12 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
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21 Pastor Nick Back From Vacation 9:45a-10:15a Refreshments 10:15a-11:30a Hosensack Meetinghouse Worship Service 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	22 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	23 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are 7:00p-8:00p Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting	24 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	25 9:00a-10:30a Staff Meeting 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	26 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are	27 12:00p Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
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***Please join us in worship:
Hosensack Meetinghouse
Sunday, August 21st
9:45am Refreshments
10:15am Worship Service***

(Yeakel Road and Hosensack Road, Palm, PA)



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Caspar's Corner – The Committee on the Future of The Schwenkfelder Church

Discussions arise periodically around the question: "Will there be a Schwenkfelder church in the future?" These questions have been asked and discussed almost since the first efforts at organizing resulted in a Schwenkfelder Society in 1782. In the early 1960s, especially serious thought was given to this question, by a committee appointed to explore the question in depth, which promoted a number of programs to stimulate thinking about this question.

After the issue was raised at several meetings of the Schwenkfelder General Conference, the following motion was approved at the conference held on May 20, 1961: "I move the appointment of a Study

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Committee to determine the thinking of our people on the question of the future of the Schwenkfelder Churches and to make specific recommendations to General Conference at the Spring 1962 meeting." Moderator J. Herbert Weber (Norristown Church), then appointed the following people to serve on the committee: Wilbur Seipt (Chairman), Rev. Jack R. Rothenberger (Secretary), Rev. Martha Kriebel, William Schultz, John Moyer, Paul Bieler, Rev. Harvey K. Heebner, William Ayres, Willard Bergey, Waldo Johnson, Carl Quade, Rev. Eric T. Braund, Lester Heebner, Rev. Robert J. Gottschall, J. Herbert Weber (ex Officio), Wilbur Kriebel, Harold Beideman. The committee began a series of meetings on December 28, 1961.

They reported the following progress:

At an early meeting it was decided that the Unity of Christ's Church is to be the basic motivation of our Committee. Because our church is small, the Committee felt it would seem advisable to have a wider outreach and fellowship. Furthermore, we are convinced that our

Church has something to add in the search for the Ecumenical Church in the world of today. However, we need to find ways of making our witness known to ourselves as well as to others.

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Two church-wide efforts resulted from these committee discussions. First, a panel of three people, with Moderator Weber presiding, visited each church. The panel

and topics consisted of Wilbur Seipt (Central) who spoke about "the Life and Times of Schwenkfeld", John Moyer (Palm) who spoke about "the Teachings of Schwenkfeld" and the Rev. Jack R. Rothenberger (Pastor, Lansdale), who spoke about the "Ecumenical Ideal". The presentations occurred in the Sunday School hour of each church with Rev. Rothenberger bringing the sermon on that day with an ecumenical theme. The content of these addresses was then printed in the September-October 1962 issue of *The Schwenkfeldian*.

The second church-wide result was a special panel presentation at the 1962 Day of Remembrance services consisting of Dr. Selina Schultz (Editor, *Corpus Schwenckfeldianorum*), Mr. Andrew Berky (Director, Schwenkfelder Library), the Rev. Dr. J. Maurice Hohlfeld (Schwenkfelder Missionary) and the Rev. Jack R. Rothenberger (Pastor, Lansdale Church) speaking to this general topic in a round table forum. The committee hoped that these two efforts would stimulate

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Flowers and Bulletins

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

October 9th; November 13th & 20th.

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

August 21st; September 11th, October 9th & 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. Thanks for your support!



The Committee on the Future (Cont.)

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Schwenkfelder church members to re-study and think about their Schwenkfelder tradition.

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committee made a careful study of a variety of denominations, noting similarities and differences. The committee noted a long association with the Congregational Christian Church (at that time already a part of the United Church of Christ (UCC)), especially through Mission Board work, Hartford Seminary Foundation, and the publication of the *Corpus Schwenkfeldianorum*. Exploring this further, they engaged in a discussion with a representative of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of UCC about the organization and purpose of the UCC.

While no Schwenkfelder denominational changes resulted from these lengthy discussions, three points were raised for future action: the need of a document for members of the

church to read summarizing the findings of the committee; the formation of small groups to discuss the study document; and a referendum of all the people of the churches regarding the future of the denomination.

Around this time, four of the five Schwenkfelder churches – Palm, Lansdale, Norristown, and Philadelphia – affiliated in a working relationship with the United Church of Christ while maintaining their first allegiance to their “mother” denomination, The Schwenkfelder Church.

Caspar's Corner is provided monthly to The Schwenkfelder Church by the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center.

VBS



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May, 2016	May	Year to Date
Operating Cash on Hand Start of Month/Year	\$11,238.57	\$ 35,761.03
Operating Income Received	\$24,185.95	\$122,790.45
Operating Expenses	\$16,681.00	\$139,807.96
Operating Cash on Hand - 5/31	\$18,743.52	\$ 18,743.52
June, 2016	June	Year to Date
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

Confirmation Class for 2016 - 2017



A Confirmation Class for 2016 - 2017 is being formed.

Anyone entering 8th grade or higher is invited to share in this time of affirming and growing in the Christian faith. If you are interested or have any questions, please speak with Pastor Nick.

In order to have materials for all participants, please contact Dan in the church office to register for the class. Thank you and may God bless this congregation upon our Confirmation journey.

W a s h i n g t o n M e e t i n g H o u s e



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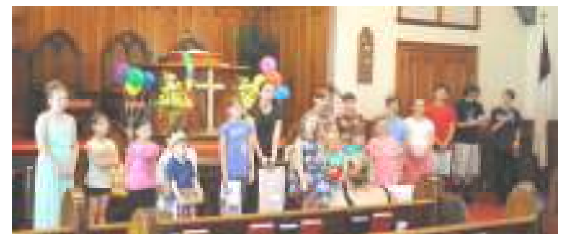
Blue Mind (Cont.)

when I get out on the paddleboard, go for a bike ride around Green Lane Park, hit the pool at the YMCA, or am at the beach. At first there are a million and one things on my mind, a sense of feeling overwhelmed and stressed clouding my ability to be fully present. But when I get out on the water or in it, that sense of being overwhelmed and stressed, the million and one things filling my mind, after about five minutes, stop being overly present, so that I can breathe and be more fully aware of God's presence. I have always felt drawn to water, and I do not believe that it is a coincidence that the sacrament of Baptism



uses water as its symbol of claiming, blessing and cleansing. I also don't believe it is coincidence that in the passage which begins this article Jesus refers to himself as *Living Water*. I hope that we might all find some time to reconnect with our Blue Minds, but even more that we all may drink deeply from the Living Water of Jesus Christ.

Sunday School Closing Party



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S L H C L E C T U R E S E R I E S



Funeral Customs and Practices in the 20th Century

Presented by Jerry Heebner
August 10, 2016 noon

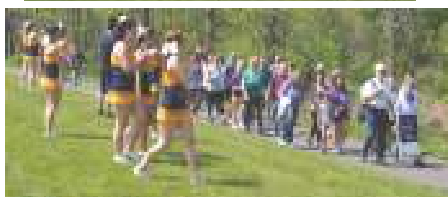


Come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center at noon on Wednesday, August 16th, to hear a presentation by Jerry Heebner entitled *Funeral Customs and Practices in the 20th Century*. This presentation will focus on the ideas and traditions associated with death and funerals in the local area.



Christmas Stockings

The Ladies' Aid needs your help to fill Christmas stockings. We make a total of 75: 25 go to Pennsburg Manor, and 50 go to Norristown State Hospital. We try to put at least 6 items in each stocking. We would appreciate monetary gifts so that we can purchase the items and keep all the stockings the same. You can give your gifts to anyone on the committee: Miriam Hausman, Sandy Kriebel, Sally Wright, Ruth Weaver, Ethel Soffa.



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S u m m e r M u s i c



Summer is in full swing. This means our regular choirs are on break. There is only one remaining open date for Summer special music for Sunday worship services. 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 office (please see the chart below).



SUMMER MUSIC PERFORMERS—AUGUST

August 7	Dottie Heebner & Family
August 14	Bill Ludlow
August 21 Hosensack Meeting House	The Badmans
August 28	

Address Changes/Updates



Church members are welcome to contact the church office to obtain other church member's recent address changes and updates.



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

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SAVE THE DATE!

<i>August 21st</i>	— Hosensack Meetinghouse
<i>August 31st</i>	— Senior Choir Rehearsal
<i>September 11th</i>	— Rally Day



Rev. Nicholas L. Pence, *Pastor*
Rev. Ronald Krick, *Pastor Emeritus*
Barbara Master, *Youth Director*
Dan Ferry, *Church Administrator*
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