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KRAUSSDALE MEETING HOUSE

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2019

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.

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Rise Against Hunger

Prayer

Prelude

“Oor Ain Fireside”

Scott Skinner

***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 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 #498**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat what
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best seem

Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love. I love to tell the
 seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet. I love to tell the
 hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of

sto - ry be - cause I know 'tis true; it sat - is - fies my long - ings as
 sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from
 glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that

Refrain



noth - ing else can do.
God's own Ho - ly Word. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in
I have loved so long.



glo - ry, to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.



Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Take away our distractions, O God, so we may be confronted by your expectation of us. We realize that our busy striving after things has dulled our awareness of you. We have sought fulfillment in ways that deny you and hurt other people. Sometimes our success tramples the needy and brings ruin to the poor. Even our benevolence becomes self-serving. O God, we want to find our hope in the gospel. Help us, we pray. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music

“Bonnie Black Isle”

David Knox

Scripture

Acts 10:34 – 48 (NRSV p. 895; LP p. 1721 – 1722)

Children’s Sermon

***Hymn #470**

“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

1. Je - sus loves me, this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so!
 2. Je - sus loves me, he who died heav - en's gate to o - pen wide;
 3. Je - sus loves me! He will stay close be - side me all the way;

Lit - tle ones to him be - long: they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 he's pre - pared a home for me, and some day his face I'll see.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!
 *Cris - to me a - ma, Cris - to me a - ma,
 **Tsis a ki ke yu, Tsis a ki ke yu,

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.
 Cris - to me a - ma, la Bi - blia dice a - si.
 Tsis a ki ke yu, a khi no hih se ho.

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”

Roever & Korb

***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 giving to preaching, teaching, and outreach that move people toward Christian maturity. We offer ourselves as advocates for the poor and needy, as seekers of 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 #731**

“O Christians, Haste”

1. O Chris-tians, haste, your mis-sion high ful-fill-ing, to tell to
 2. Pro-claim to ev-ery peo-ple, tongue and na-tion that God, in
 3. Send her-alds forth to bear the mes-sage glo-rious; give of your

all the world that God is Light; that he who made all na-tions is not
 whom they live and move, is love: tell how he stooped to save his lost cre-
 wealth to speed them on their way; pour out your soul for them in prayer vic-

Refrain

will-ing one soul should per-ish, lost in shades of night.
 a-tion, and died on earth that we might live a-bove. Pub-lish glad
 to-rious; and all your spend-ing Je-sus will re-pay.

ti-dings, ti-dings of peace, ti-dings of Je-sus, re-demp-tion, and re-lease.

*Benediction

Postlude

“Amazing Grace” & Other Scottish Tunes

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today in honor of Wilmer Schultz’s birthday.

...Things of Interest to Our Palm Schwenkfelder Family...

This week, please keep in your daily prayers:

Paul Boyer, Deb Garlicki, Ray Davis, Robert Croll, Clyde Masemore, June Smoll, Carl Graber, Kenny Miller, Devon Hawkins, Ed Smith, Leon Wohlbach, Lynette Ware, Mary, Annabelle, and Brad Snow, Chandler Williams, Pauline Kloenne, Eric G., Roger Steele, Evelyn and Jack Bold, Mae Gerhart, Jill Schubert, Donna Weller, Ray Lepley, Dakota Laudenslager, Keith Miller, Anna Schloder, Jeremy Master, Liem Zbyszinski, Barry Slemmer, Jean Boreman, Bryan Schwoyer, Judy Yerger, Jacki Hensler, Deena Updegrove, Rebecca Himmelwright, Meg Lester, Willard Long, Lucile Jones, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Vern Weller, Mary Hartman, Jen Fries, Mary Jane Burianek, Dave Jaeger. 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.

The Deacons ask that you please check the Prayer List and let us know if there are any persons who no longer need to be on it. Also, if you know of someone who needs our prayers, you can submit their name to Dan Ferry in the church office by phone (215-679-5321) or by e-mail (palmadministrator@comcast.net). Remember, in order to respect people’s privacy, please be sure you have their permission before submitting their names for the prayer list.

Summer Sunday School for Children and Youth

For children and youth of all ages, a movie will be played in the Toddler Room while the Adult Summer Sunday School class is meeting. There will be an adult attending to the children and youth. Movies will be appropriate for all ages. Older youth may choose either the movie or the Adult Sunday School class. Summer Sunday School will run through August 25th. No Summer Sunday School on July 21st or August 18th.

Adult Summer Sunday School

For Summer Sunday School 2019, we will be studying a lecture series on the Old Testament led by Professor Amy-Jill Levine. Professor Levine is Jewish and teaches New Testament at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. And yes, you read that correctly, she is of the Jewish faith and teaches New Testament studies. She has served as a keynote speaker for the Clergy Convocation, and this lecture series is part of The Great Courses curriculum. Fitting the summer season, we will be casual in our approach, so feel free to pop in anytime, and all ages are welcome.

Special Summer Music

Summer is here! It's the time of year that our choirs take a much needed break. We are looking for anyone who would consider sharing their musical talents with the congregation during our summer worship services. There is a chart posted in the hall outside the office. Please prayerfully consider signing up for a Sunday (or two). Spread the word to others --we would love to fill up those Sunday mornings with special music!! Praise God with music! Thank you! The Music Committee

Red Hill Band Annual Pops Concert

The Red Hill Band will be presenting our 3rd Annual Pops Concert from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 28, 2019 at the New Goshenhoppen Park Band Shell, located on West Third Street in East Greenville. This annual event is one of the newest Red Hill Band traditions and has quickly become one of our most popular. Fans of all ages will enjoy selections that include music from the popular Game of Thrones series in addition to Elton John and even Justin Timberlake! As always, admission is free (in case of rain, the concert will be moved to St. Philip Neri Church in Pennsburg). For more information, visit us at www.redhillband.com.

Dock Mennonite and The Schwenkfelder Church

The General Conference of Schwenkfelder Churches is pleased to announce a new partnership with Dock Mennonite Academy in Souderton and Lansdale. The Academy provides Christian education at a high educational standard and encourages its students to live a life of purpose (website: <https://www.dock.org/>). This new arrangement will allow students from Schwenkfelder congregations to attend the Academy with reduced tuition rates. It will also mean that some pastors from our Conference will be involved at Dock some this year, and we will even host a Schwenkfelder lecture there later this spring. It is not too late for students to enroll for this coming academic year. You can apply online or call (215) 723-1196 for early childhood through grade 8 or (215) 362-2675 for grades 9 – 12. If you pursue this opportunity, please make certain to mention that you are from a Schwenkfelder church when you contact the school. This will allow you to take advantage of our partnership tuition plan with Dock. Other financial assistance may be available in addition. If you would like further information within our Conference about this new partnership, you may contact Rev. Dr. Drake Williams at Central Schwenkfelder Church. His email address is: dwilliams@cscfamily.org

Mission Trip to Puerto Rico

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude and appreciation to everyone who helped make my mission trip to Puerto Rico possible. We did some very good work and helped several people who are still recovering from the effects of Hurricanes Irma and Maria more than 18 months after they hit the island. It was my honor and privilege to represent not only the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, but Palm Schwenkfelder Church as we repaired buildings and structures damaged by the storms, and helped people reclaim their lives and communities and recover their identities. Some time in the near future I will share my experiences on this mission trip with the congregation. Stay tuned for an announcement about my presentation. And thank you again!!

Dan Ferry

Stewardship Report

Yearly Giving through **June**

| | Actual | Budget | Difference |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Offering Envelopes | \$107,774.25 | \$120,000.00 | (\$12,275.75) |
| Faith Budget | <u>\$ 500.00</u> | <u>\$ 17,179.98</u> | <u>(\$16,679.98)</u> |
| Totals | \$108,274.25 | \$137,179.98 | (\$28,905.73) |

Altar Flowers and Bulletins

Sponsorship opportunities for upcoming months include the following dates:

Flowers: September 1st & 22nd; October 13th (one bouquet)

Bulletins: September 8th, 15th, & 29th; October 13th

Please note that the flower and bulletin charts are posted in the hallway outside of the office. The cost for sponsoring bulletins is \$15 per week, and the cost for each flower arrangement is \$25 or two arrangements for \$50. If you wish to sponsor both arrangements on one date, please sign up on both flower charts for your chosen date.

Did You Know...?

This is where we list items of interest to members and visitors. If you have any items to add, please call or email Dan Ferry in the church office. Thank you.

Did You Know...?

- **CCTV** – We broadcast the Sunday worship service on closed circuit televisions in both the Nursery and the Adult Sunday School Room.
- **LARGE PRINT** bulletins are available from an usher. **LARGE PRINT** Bibles are also available for use during worship services, located on the table to the left between the front and back sections of pews.
- Listening devices are available for those who would like them. Please see an usher to assist you.
- A fully accessible restroom is located in the hallway, across from the office. A baby changing table is there, also.
- There are greeting cards on the podium as you enter the sanctuary. Anyone is invited to sign – you don't need to be a member of the congregation to add your name to the well wishes. Donations of greeting cards to this project are welcomed and needed, especially Get Well and Sympathy cards. Please see Nancy Hoffman with your donations, or place them on the podium shelf.
- There are two yellow and green bins at the back of the parking lot for recycling your office paper and newspaper. The church benefits from these collection, along with helping the environment.
- In case of an emergency, there is an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) located in the rear of the sanctuary, in the alcove where the mailboxes are and where the sound system is kept.

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General Synod Affirms Review of Manual on Church

The United Church of Christ's General Synod has called for a review of "the processes for birthing, admitting, strengthening, revitalizing, and releasing congregations." By a vote of 369 to 230 with 86 abstentions, the Synod in June asked the UCC Board to convene a working group "to produce a Manual on the Local Church to help congregations live into their covenantal responsibilities and privileges under the UCC Constitution."

A UCC Manual on Church already exists, and a process is already underway to form a working group to revise it. "I am glad for the General Synod's recognition of the importance of the project, which is what this resolution does," said the Rev. Chris Davies. She heads the UCC's Faith Education, Innovation and Formation Team (Faith INFO), which is leading the revision process. "The General Synod's requests will be incorporated into the fabric of how the working group, when they begin, understand their task."

Faith INFO issued a churchwide call in May for nominations to the working group, to represent diverse segments and roles within the UCC. Nominations were due July 1. The Manual on Church was last revised in 2004.

The Synod's June 24 resolution also asks the working group to review the Constitution of the UCC for inclusive language and for clarity, balance and consistency on such matters as local churches' autonomy and their covenant with the wider church. It originated in the Southwest Conference and was melded with a similar resolution brought by the Southern California Nevada Conference.

"As a living Body, the Body of Christ, the Church is ever-growing and becoming new," the resolution says. "It has been said that we do not know what the Church of the future will be. Ongoing dialogue like the conversation called for in this resolution will help us discern and shape our future Church."

During a hearing on the resolution, the Rev. Bill Lyons, conference minister of the Southwest Conference, said his conference had encountered legal issues over its desire to admit two "faith communities" that were not traditional congregations. He noted that there was a "disconnect," between the Manual on Ministry and the Manual on Church, regarding "covenant and accountability." "Ministers", he said, "can be subject to fitness reviews, but churches aren't. He said it was important

not to suggest answers, but to "open a denomination-wide conversation on this."

An amendment from the floor sought to delete several lines from the resolution, including a reference that would have required a review of the process of "releasing" congregations from covenant with the UCC. However, Lyons appealed to the parliamentarian, arguing that the amendment would have changed the intent of the resolution, and the parliamentarian agreed, ruling the amendment out of order. Delegates then voted to approve the resolution.

Delegates accepted the recommendation of another committee to table a related resolution from the Southern California Nevada Conference that called for the UCC Board to provide guidance on how associations and conferences could release congregations from membership in the UCC. Committee chair Jim CastroLang, pastor of First Congregational UCC in Colville, Wash., noted that the resolution "was a scary thing" for some committee members, particularly those who are LGBTQ+ or African-American, who were concerned that the resolution could "open the door to approved oppression." It recommended no action on the resolution. Delegates approved a motion to table it.

UCC Offers Local Churches New Website Design and Hosting Service

More than 1,500 of the United Church of Christ's 5,000 congregations do not have websites. Those that have one may not be attracting as much traffic as they could. Now the UCC's national ministries are offering help.

A new service called [UCC Everywhere](#) is offering local churches free web design, funded by the offerings they already make to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) and by the denomination's Shaping Our Future Campaign. "After the initial development phase, UCC Everywhere sites are hosted by the national setting for a reasonable monthly cost during this pilot phase of the project," said UCC Web and Digital Strategist Chris Gabriel in announcing the service June 24 at the denomination's General Synod in Milwaukee.

Each month, 370,000 people use the phrase "churches near me" in internet searches, Gabriel said. "If your church website is not optimized to appear at the top of search engine results, you are lost to the majority of faith seekers in your geographic region who are actively searching the internet for a church, some of them right now," said Cynthia Bailie, director of the UCC's Office of Philanthropy, Technology, Identity and Communication, who, along with Gabriel is starting up UCC Everywhere.

People interested in information on the service can visit ucceverywhere.org or send an email to Cynthia Bailie, bailiec@ucc.org, or Chris Gabriel, gabrielc@ucc.org.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, July 21

10:15am Kraussdale Meetinghouse Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Psalms 29–30; Acts 23:1–15

Monday, July 22

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Psalms 31–32; Acts 23:16–35

Tuesday, July 23

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Psalms 33–34; Acts 24

7:00pm Cub Scout Pack 79 Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

Wednesday, July 24

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Psalms 35–36; Acts 25

Thursday, July 25

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Psalms 37–39; Acts 26

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Board of Review

Friday, July 26

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Psalms 40–42; Acts 27:1–26

Saturday, July 27

Pastor Nick on Vacation

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Psalms 43–45; Acts 27:27–44

Sunday, July 28

Pastor Nick on Vacation

9:00am Summer Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Psalms 46–48; Acts 28

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