



The SchwenKEY Connections

APRIL 2024 MONTHLY EDITION

LOVE GOD. SERVE OTHERS. GROW DISCIPLES.

Dear Church Family,

I trust that you've had a joyous Easter! What a wonderful time of the year this is to celebrate the great hope of our faith, that Christ has risen! With all the attention rightly being placed on Holy Week and Easter, I've not had the opportunity to share with you about my recent mission trip to Bucharest, Romania. For the 10 days away from you, I served at the Baptist Institute at Bucharest State University, which is well-known for training Baptist ministers in Bucharest. In the following, I would like to share how this trip was beneficial to the mission work of the church worldwide but also to our life at Central.

1. Christian education is one of the greatest needs on the mission field. In many places in the world, the church is growing, but it is a mile wide and an inch deep. In some places, the Bible has not been translated into the language of the people; in others there are Bible versions with lesser quality than our English versions or with incorrect ideas written in at places. On my latest trip, I was involved in a Christian education project that will likely bear fruit for years to come.

While Romania has Bibles in Romanian, the quality of many versions is either outdated or has misleading language. Furthermore, they do not have commentaries that look at Romanian translations and compare them with the original text of the Bible. You may know that I have been leading a group of Romanian professors and pastors on the production of Bible commentaries in the Romanian language. Commentaries are books that help pastors and Christian teachers understand the language and background for a Bible book. They are usually a first stop resource for pastors or teachers.

Because of this trip, there is renewed interest in this project. We have five commentaries that are currently being written by Romanian professors for the series. They are: Ephesians, Revelation, Romans, James, and Luke. Most importantly, the series will now be overseen by the Baptist Institute in Bucharest and by professors there. This will allow work with publishers and distribution to be easier. Furthermore, grant money may also be found for the project. I am very happy with this outcome.

2. It is important that Christian pastors are encouraged in their work. I met with eight students who were in previous classes that I had taught either in the Netherlands or in Romania, one of whom I had not seen for a decade. I sensed from each of these meetings that former students had their spirits lifted. It was pleasing to see the words of Proverbs 25:25 come to pass, which says, "Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." As we as a church had invested in these students years ago, it was good to help revive their spirits again.

3. An important place in world mission now is Eastern Europe with the war taking place in Ukraine. Countries like Romania, Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, and Moldova border Ukraine to the west and have received many refugees. Except for Moldova, these countries are all NATO members, which means that we are their allies and supporters in case of Russian aggression. With increased conflict in this area of the world, it was important for me to go and hear how others are responding to the war and hear their predictions for the future. The news that we hear about this part of the world is not always an accurate picture. These firsthand experiences have informed my perspective, which I will share in appropriate avenues.

4. Our church has been interested in refugee work. With over 6 million refugees from the conflict with Russia, this trip provided fresh contacts with people who are working with refugees. I met with two families who are assisting Ukrainian refugees living in Romania. I now see fresh avenues for our church being able to assist with Ukrainian refugees in Europe.

5. As your Minister of Mission and Theology, it's important to be fresh on the experiences of missionaries - such as speaking other languages, eating uncustomary foods, and dealing with cross cultural situations. During my trip, I experienced these anew, although this time in Romanian rather than Dutch. Many times the food was good, but sometimes not. Several times, I needed to step out and speak in Romanian rather than in English, even while preaching. It was good to be reminded of these hurdles for ministry. These experiences in March will continue to help in my work with our mission board.

Thank you for your prayers for my travels and time. I sensed that there were many open doors which can be credited to the grace of God and the prayers of his people.

With Christian Greetings,

Rev. Dr. Drake Williams

CHURCH NEWS

Congratulations to...

Seth & Carrie Loofbourrow who are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Teyla Jo who was born on January 14th.

Potter, Jerome who celebrated his 90th birthday on March 25th.

Shenkle, Peter & Marcy who will celebrate their 53rd anniversary on Wednesday, April 3rd.

Mayew, Stanley who will celebrate his 100th birthday on Wednesday, April 10th.

Zambella, Guy & Patricia who will celebrate their 69th anniversary on Tuesday, April 16th.

Clemens, Richard & Donna who will celebrate their 55th anniversary on Friday, April 19th.

Weigner, Betty Jane who will celebrate her 93rd birthday on Friday, April 19th.

Markley, Gloria who will celebrate her 96th birthday on Monday, April 22nd.

O'Brien, Sam & Beverly who will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Thursday, April 25th.

Our Sympathies go to...

The family of David Plager, who passed away on Tuesday, March 5th.

Notes of Appreciation

"My most sincere thank you for the beautiful flowers Karen Faber delivered to me on Sunday. I enjoyed our time spent together and am enjoying the flowers more than I can express. Thank you for thinking of me. God bless." Janet Stanley

"Thank you so much for the beautiful altar flowers from the 9:00am worship service on March 10th. Joanne Lepping-Irvine delivered them and we had a wonderful visit. It's so nice to be remembered."

Blessings, Wilma & Llew Werley

"Dear Church Family, We are so grateful for the beautiful church flowers and for Karen Roth who delivered them. Thank you too for all the lovely cards you have sent and for remembering us and praying for us during Phil's treatments."

Love, Noreen & Phil Heisey

"Many thanks for the Valentine card from the Awana kids!! Much appreciated."

Sincerely, Marlene Hann

Prayers

for the church

Pray for believers all over the world who are celebrating the resurrection of our Savior today, especially those who are being persecuted for their faith in Christ.

Pray for Central's involvement in the Manna Run this coming Saturday – that we would represent the light and hope of Christ to our community.

Please lift up all those who are new to Central's boards and committees that they would serve in the strength and wisdom of the Lord.

Ask the Lord to bless and give wisdom to our Board of Ministries and their chair, Gary Baltozer.

for missions

Pray for Alex and Janae Siford at Penn State DiscipleMakers as they continue to seek ways for God to work in student's hearts and lives. They have the opportunity to reach college students and share God's Word, not just with them but then these students can share the Word with others. Then students become disciple-makers.

Pray for Rev. Tui Shishak and his son Zingrin and wife Louise as they continue to carry on the work of Patkai schools. They are educating many young people with a Christian emphasis that will enable them to be disciples to many more.

Pray for Kwashie and Davi Amenudzie with Crossworld as they serve in Togo, West Africa. Pray for their successful training programs, for the teaching staff to have wisdom and vision and for the students to make use of what they have been taught and that they will come to faith in Christ through their ministries.

Pray for Israel and the Jewish people as the War against the terrorist organization Hamas in Gaza continues in its sixth month. Pray for wisdom and boldness for Jewish believers there in sharing their faith with those around them. Pray, too, for the innocent civilians in Gaza who are suffering immeasurably as the war continues, especially for the small communities of Palestinian Evangelical Christians in Gaza who are experiencing persecution from all sides, including Hamas and their fellow Palestinians who are Muslims.



MISSION MOMENTS

JOY RANCH

Joy Ranch sends appreciation for this congregation's long support as a partner in the task God has set on them to make an enormous difference in the lives of their children. They are blessed to have 13 amazing young people living there full-time. Their ages range from 10 to 18 years old with a wide range of life challenges and backgrounds. In many cases it is a major contrast for the children to now know a different kind of love because of their experience at Joy Ranch. They are taught about God's love and the knowledge that it is life-changing. Pray for the staff to be successful as they seek to guide each resident to a deeper understanding of God's love.

CROSSWORLD

Crossworld reports they just finished the January missionary training session with 21 missionary students from Togo and Ghana. The Mission Perspective and other support, development and communication courses were taught. They also taught skills for water management by drip irrigation and how to use local materials to install these systems. This will help families feed themselves and perhaps be able to sell some vegetables to earn money. Reports from students were shared about the work in villages under their care. Some walk miles each week to assist others and teach the Word of God.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Christian Endeavor shares how groups from around the world celebrated CE Prayer Day at the beginning of February. Special emphasis was given to equipping young people to lead times of prayer and worship in their local churches. This was done in unique ways in every culture and community. Praise God for the way He's moving in mighty ways through CE around the world.

THE SIRINIDES

The Sirinides have enjoyed their time in the States. They participated in four mission conferences, shared with five gap year students who are in Athens now, joined a home Bible study group, spent time with friends, and helped their daughter move to a new home. They believe these are all reminders of God's many blessings. They continue to work through challenges with the healthcare system to meet Tim's current concerns. They found ministry opportunities here to serve the homeless in Paterson, NJ and to share the gospel with them in word and deed. Returning to Athens, they have full spring and summer schedules. The 100th year anniversary of 2nd Evangelical Church of Athens is in April. They will host 30 former refugees who came through Helping Hands years ago for "Together for Encouragement". They will be coming from Western Europe, Canada and the US.

HEBREW CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Rev. Roger Wambold is in regular direct communication with Hebrew Christian Fellowship Affiliates in Israel who report that as a result of the overwhelming stress of the war on every aspect of daily life, many Israeli Jews are much more open to a Gospel presentation. Roger reports that HCF is involved in a number of projects to produce fresh materials and resources to assist Gentile Christians in talking about Jesus to their Jewish friends, neighbors, relatives and co-workers.

What's Happening



CONGREGATIONAL INSTITUTE

In the summer, the Congregational Institute at Central Schwenkfelder Church is offering a special one week class on early church history from June 3-7. Early church history crystallized many important convictions that our church as well as the broader Christian church hold today. Thoughts from this time period were invaluable for forming the opinions of Caspar Schwenckfeld. Anyone from our church is welcome to attend for a day or for the week. The class will also include a few field trips. See the Institute's website at: <https://www.congregationalinstitute.com/>.



INFANT/CHILD DEDICATION



Dedicating a child is a special time for Christian parents to ask God to help them in raising their child and to dedicate themselves as parents to God. If you would like to have your child dedicated in April or May, please contact the Church Office. You will be able to choose the Traditional or Contemporary Service.



PRAYER VIGIL

On **Saturday, April 27th** from 1:00pm to 4:00pm our church building will be open for a "Walk Through Prayer Vigil". This is a little different from past prayer vigils in that you can arrive anytime between those hours, walk at your own pace through all three floors of our renovated building and pray over the new spaces and classrooms. Please enter through the new entrance by the porte cochere. Guide sheets will be available to indicate the spaces and how they will be used. Central is blessed for this renovation and revitalization of our building to be possible. We have much to be thankful for and much to be in prayer over. Let's praise God for all this made possible through Him.

Ringers Workshop

April 7 - May 12, 2024, 10:15-10:45am

All (at least 8 years old) are welcome to come and learn the basics of ringing handbells. Experience in church choir, school music and instrumental lessons are helpful but not required. You don't have to sing in choir to ring! If you can count to 4 (possibly 6!) and keep a steady beat, you're a good candidate!

Rehearsals will be held in the new Music Room on Sunday mornings 10:15-10:45am (between the worship services) beginning on April 7 and continuing through May 12. Parents are welcome to join and learn about bell ringing also. We will be aiming to ring a song in worship in May, and, depending on interest, continue the group in the fall.

Please contact Trish Simpson if you and/or your children would like to participate in the workshop (610-584-1141, pjsimpson616@gmail.com).

ALL ABOARD 'TEAM CENTRAL' at the MANNA RUN

2024 Race to End Hunger on April 13th

SCAN ME!



Get involved, so the love and light of Christ at Central Schwenkfelder shines bright in our community!

As an opportunity to bless those in our community who are experiencing hunger and connect with the wider community, we are putting together a team to participate in this year's Manna on Main Street Race to End Hunger. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate regardless of age or ability! Whether you want to walk, run, or help at our booth, we can use everyone's help! Scan the QR Code to join or donate!

For more information and to register as part of "Team Central", contact John Bickel at john.bickel@scouting.org

Matthew 5:16 - "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Come join the fun! The 10th WCF Yard + Bake Sale will be held on June 8, 2024, from 8 am to 1 pm in the church parking lot. A \$10 fee will be charged for each space. Sellers can supply their own tables or rent 8-foot tables for \$5 each. Cars can be parked behind or next to the assigned space. Sellers keep their profits. Contact Barbara Bucher at 215-896-1346 or e-mail to bkaybuch@aol.com to make your reservation for a space! Baked items are requested for the bake sale. Please deliver baked items to the church kitchen on the morning of June 7 or to the sale on June 8.

WCF Yard & Bake Sale

COMING UP SOON

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 2, 2024

Join us for a time of prayer for our country. The event will be held outside (weather-permitting).

FIRST 2024 THRIFT STORE SALE

May 18, 2024

Come out and browse thousands of treasures. Proceeds will go towards missions! The Thrift Store will be open every third Saturday from May to October from 9AM to noon.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY/ PENTECOST

May 26, 2024

9:00am - Patriotic Service (FH) where we honor our servicemen and women and veterans.

10:30am - Connect Service (SANC)

11:45am - All Church picnic at the Anders Pavilion

Saturday Morning Work-In - April 6, 2024 9AM - Noon

As many of you are already aware, the Third Saturday Thrift Shops sales have become a vital resource for raising mission funds. Last year the TSTS sales brought in \$28,000 for the WCF's mission efforts. But, as this wonderful ministry has grown, so has the need for more workers. And so we are going to set up Saturday Morning Work-Ins. On the first Saturday of each month, we will gather to work in all sale areas in the Barn and Granary: Clothing Reruns, Children's Toys and Clothing, Books and Attic Treasures. From 9AM until Noon folks will be sorting, pricing, and setting out donations. Please, please consider joining this dedicated group. We hope that by making the work hours of all areas standardized, it will make it easier for people to remember when we are working and to plan to come out and help. We cannot emphasize enough what an incredible undertaking these sales are, and what a phenomenal blessing it is to be able to help so many. This is important mission work that everyone in the congregation should consider helping with. Absolutely everyone is welcome. Let us join as the loving church family that we are and serve our Savior together. We truly hope to see you there!



Have any nice hangers you no longer need. Clothing Reruns might be able to use them. We are specifically looking for longer, plastic ones - 17 inches or longer. These make it much easier to hang all the wonderful donations we receive and also makes the work easier as the clothing does not slip off them as easily as our customers flip through the garments. Clip pants hangers would also be gratefully received. Please see the photo. Please just drop any suitable hangers off on any Sunday as you would your clothing donations. ALSO, clothing donations do not need to be pre-hung on hangers. That was a COVID-era precaution we took to protect our workers. Thank you so much for all your generosity!!!



Building on the Foundation

Praise for the Past + Faith in the Future

Five years ago, our congregation decided to undertake a transformative project to ensure that our church building would support our missions both today and in the future. The R4 project was "built on the foundation" laid 70+ years ago by our church's founders, who sought a way to create not just a house of worship but a center for community life.

Mark your calendar to celebrate the completion of those renovations during Dedication Weekend, May 3rd through 5th! Check the R4 Website (centralschwenkfelderr4renovation.org) for more details!

FRIDAY, MAY 3RD, 6:30 TO 9PM JOIN OUR REUNION!

- Stop by to see what the "buzz" is all about!
- Wander through the renovated spaces
- Enjoy live music and refreshments in our new social area, the Gathering Grounds Café, mingling with friends old and new
- Come for a quick visit or stay for a while – all ages welcome!

JOIN OUR REUNION!

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH, 11AM TO 2PM COMMUNITY DAY

- Take a tour of the extensive renovations.
- Live musical performances
- Games and activities for all ages, including Inflatables
- Key event timing:
 - 11:30 – Cornhole (Kids – K-5th grade); Can Jam (Ages 12+)
 - 12:00 – Flour Sack Races (Kids); Volleyball (Ages 12+)
 - 12:30 – Ladder Ball (Kids); Cornhole Tournament (Ages 12+)
- Use the QR code to register for the Cornhole Tournament – prizes will be awarded!
- "Touch" a fire truck
- Picnic Food and Kona Ice Truck – bring along a folding chair or picnic blanket!

COMMUNITY DAY

CORNHOLE REGISTRATION



BRUNCH REGISTRATION



SUNDAY, MAY 5TH, 9AM TO NOON REJOICE WITH US!

- 9am – Dedication Worship Service
 - Featuring Central's instrumental and vocal choirs, including the performance of an original composition by Erik Texter, "Dear Lord a Precious Gift we Bring"
 - Guest speaker Johnny Pons*
 - * See next page for further details
- 10am – Join us in Fellowship Hall for a catered Brunch – please use the QR code to register to attend by April 21st
- 11:15am – Renovation Celebration featuring live contemporary music from Central Worship

REJOICE WITH US!

R4 CAMPAIGN UPDATE \$6,554,435

Although the original fundraising goal of \$6.5 million has been met, project costs are now anticipated to be up to \$6.6 million. Therefore, fundraising continues to cover additional costs and to potentially add components or features to the project which may have been eliminated due to budgetary reasons. The committee is grateful for the generosity which has already been shown for the R4 project and will appreciate additional financial support as they work to bring this project to a successful conclusion.



ORIGINAL COMPOSITION TO BE PERFORMED AT DEDICATION WORSHIP SERVICE

On May 5th, the Chancel Choir will joyfully present, "Dear Lord a Precious Gift We Bring," an original musical composition by church member Erik Texter during the Dedication Worship Service.

When the original church building was dedicated in 1952, Pastor L. S. Hoffman, using three familiar hymn tunes, composed new texts so the hymns would apply to the dedication of a church. The congregation sang these three hymns with new texts in that dedication service. Erik has taken those dedication texts as written by Hoffman and woven them into an anthem incorporating two different hymn tunes, ARLINGTON and EVENTIDE. Erik's music remembers the original dedication through the texts, rebuilds those texts using other hymn tunes and new musical material, and offers the church a new anthem that calls us to "renew our inner selves."

Erik's musical piece was written for choir, piano, and organ. Erik has participated in the church music program throughout his years at Central, graduated from West Chester University as a music composition major, and currently attends New York University as a graduate student in music technology.

Introducing Rev. Johnny Pons

I still remember the sense of nervousness when Nathaniel climbed up into the school bus on his first day of kindergarten. The bus's steps seemed as tall as he was. Was he ready for the challenge of all-day school? Was I ready for the challenge of him starting public school? Many of you have faced a similar, but even greater sense, of anxiety when you dropped your son or daughter off to college for the first time. You may not have slept well, you possibly cried, and you hopefully prayed.

Johnny Pons, and his wife Kathy, have been an answer to prayer for hundreds of parents who sent their children to Penn State University. For 28 years, Johnny Pons faithfully served the Lord as the campus minister for New Life Student Fellowship. By the grace of God, I was connected with Johnny and New Life on my very first weekend at PSU. A "New Lifer" named Scott had met Whitney (Simpson) Cairns at C.E. Work Camp that summer and convinced Whitney that she had to check out the group. Thankfully, Whitney extended that invitation to me. Johnny and I quickly connected over shared interests like baseball & PSU football and both of us achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. During my freshman year, Kathy gave birth to their fourth son, so dinners at the Pons' house felt a little bit like home.

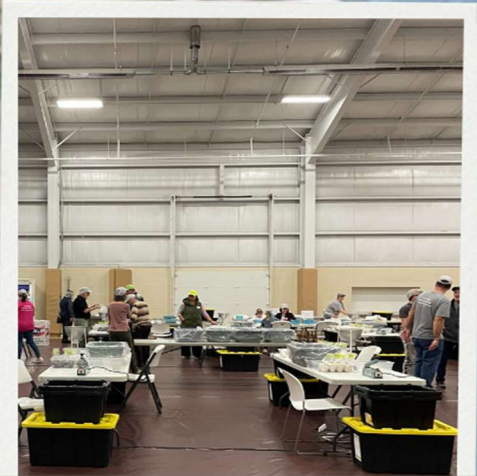
Through Johnny, Kathy, and their New Life ministry, I observed, learned, and developed important spiritual disciplines such as personal Bible study, corporate prayer, scripture memorization, accountability, and evangelism. But most of all, I learned that God doesn't want me to know about Him and His Word, as much as God wants me to love Him, His Word, and His people. Two years after Whitney and I first met Johnny, Geoff Cornish joined us in New Life. A "pipeline" of sorts from Central to New Life had begun, and Johnny really came to enjoy and appreciate this small German Protestant denomination from Southeastern PA which he never learned about in seminary. I reached out to quite a few Schwenkies, as Johnny still affectionately refers to us, for their reflections on Johnny and Kathy.

"Johnny and Kathy Pons have been wonderful mentors in my life and their influence carries downstream impacts to the benefit of my whole family. The Biblically-grounded "Heart Attitudes" that Johnny and Kathy taught have become principles of living that remain a daily target. Johnny and Kathy are an excellent example of a Godly marriage - in fact their names are almost inseparable to the hundreds of students they influenced. This is one of many reasons why Angie and I asked them to officiate our wedding in 2006." Geoff Cornish

"Johnny introduced me to a new way to study the Bible, to love the word as the source of life, the importance of fellowship, and the power of prayer. He helped me grow in my faith as I grew as a person during my young adult years. So many of the lessons he taught us have stuck with me to this day. I'll be forever grateful for the faithful service and tireless leadership of Johnny Pons." Katie Greco

As you can see, I have a deep love and appreciation for Johnny and Kathy Pons, which is shared by quite a few PSU alumni from our church. This feeling is indeed mutual. When I asked Johnny to be the guest speaker for our Renovation Celebration, he said he was deeply honored, because of his "genuine love for Central Schwenkfelder." Johnny and Kathy left Penn State in 2018 and moved to Nashville to be closer to his parents. Johnny continues to invest his time and heart into college-age young adults. He has a growing ministry to the almost 100 Honduran students at Trevecca University and many post-college young professionals living in the Nashville area.

I believe that Johnny's message to us on May 5th will be very important to us as a church. In over 30 years of evangelizing and discipling young adults, Johnny is reminded that God and His Word are eternal and unchanging. But as a church and believers, how we engage our culture needs to adapt if we want to introduce our neighbors to Jesus and His Church. Johnny has worked through these challenges in his own ministry, and also serving as a lay leader in his home church. I hope that you'll give a warm welcome to Johnny and Kathy Pons as they worship with us on May 5th, and I hope you come prepared with an open mind, a ready heart, a sharpened pencil, and a blank notepad.



UNTO Meal Packing Event

The Mission Board would like to thank Central's family and friends for donating their time and efforts to this year's Unto PackHope event on March 3rd. With 150 volunteers, we were able to pack 39,000 meals and 6,000 packets of vegetable seeds. The 39k meals is enough to feed 271 families of 5, or a total of 1,355 people being sustained for a month.



Soup's On!



CHILDREN'S Ministry Christian Education



Missionary Visit

The children loved Jane and Mark Krupp sharing about their mission trip to Honduras. In particular, they enjoyed seeing pictures of the Honduran children with the school supplies donated by the Awana kids. As a thank you, the Honduran children sent beautiful drawings for all of our kids.

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**GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A
WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS**
ROMANS 12:2

Join us on April 14th as we announce our 2024 VBS theme!!!



EASTER EGG HUNT

Over 75 kids and their families joined us for a fun egg hunt and more! Many thanks to the Children's Choir for starting off the evening with a great song, to Freddy Hill for the Easter eggs, and to Rosaleen Preston for bringing Daisy, her pet bunny.



APRIL SCHEDULE

- April 3rd Awana @ 6:30pm (CCC)
- April 10th Awana Hawaiian Night
- April 17th Awana @ 6:30pm (CCC)
- April 24th Awana @ 6:30pm (CCC)



Adult Ministry

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



April 18th

The Central Schwenkfelder Book Club is reading *A Rose in A Ditch* by Julie Henning. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 18 from 7:30-9:00, and everyone is welcome. Our meeting takes place over Zoom. You can acquire the book on Amazon. If you would like more information, please contact Dr. Drake at dwilliams@cscfamily.org.

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study invites you to join them on Saturday mornings. Please contact Peter Colvin at pcolvin33@gmail.com or Andy Ramsey at andyjramsey@gmail.com or check our Facebook page to see where we are meeting on any particular Saturday. You can find us by searching Central Schwenkfelder Church Men's Bible Study on Facebook.

Thursday Night Virtual Community Group

STARTING APRIL 4TH @ 8:30PM VIA ZOOM

CONTACT PETER COLVIN AT PCOLVIN33@GMAIL.COM TO SIGN UP!

THE BOOK OF

First THESSALONIANS

Living for Christ in a Culture that Doesn't

What is God's will for our lives, and why is it important to know? In this eight-session series, Pastor Ben Stuart shows us that Jesus calls us to live our faith openly, letting the world see our allegiance to him. When we are being faithful, pressing against culture, others can't help but notice. As we live confident of our good future in God's kingdom, we show the world where—and in whom—their hope lies.



Young Families' Spring Fling playdate

Saturday, April 20th | 11am-2pm | CCC

All Central young families (families with the youngest in 5th grade or younger) and families who don't have a church are encouraged to come! This playdate will have an Easter/Spring theme! Central will provide some food and Pastor Julian will send out an email with a list of items parents can provide to help make this a great time.



YOUNG ADULT AFTER CHURCH LUNCH

APRIL 21ST | 12:00PM | HENNINGS

YOUNG ADULT GUYS AND GIRLS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME OUT AND ENJOY LUNCH TOGETHER AT HENNINGS. PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR JULIAN TO LET HIM KNOW YOU ARE COMING AND TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS!



Soup's On!

All divorced men and widowers are warmly invited to a soup social on the 2nd Thursday of most months from 12-2pm in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy lunch, fellowship, encouragement, and a talk regarding a topic of interest. You are also welcome to bring a friend!

To RSVP for the next Soup's On which will be on April 11th, please contact the church office at 610-584-4480 or email pastorsassistant@cscfamily.org on or before April 8th.

Ladies - if you are willing help by serving, or preparing or bringing food for these events, please contact Ruth Baltozer at gbaltoze@verizon.net.



Shmooze, News & Views

The spring series of Shmooze, News, and Views **begins Tuesday, April 2**, and continues every other Tuesday through June 11, for a total of six Tuesdays, with a 3:00-4:30 session and an identical 7:00-8:30 session each time.

Now in its tenth year at Central Schwenkfelder Church, SNV (as it is abbreviated) or just "Shmooze" (as it is affectionately known) is an informal get-together which includes chit-chat and fellowship ("shmooze") while "noshing" on Jewish baked goods home-made by Phyllis Wambold, "news" updates from Israel, the Jewish world, and Jewish Gospel ministry, and "views" of the Old Testament Scriptures and their relevance for us today and in the future, focusing this term on the Old Testament Book of Judges in a series of studies entitled "Stout-Hearted Men and Women."

A cordial invitation is extended for everyone to attend. Each session is a stand-alone designed to benefit those able to attend only one, several, or all of the gatherings. It is not necessary to register or sign up; just show up!

ALSO, studies presented in previous sessions by Rev. Roger L. Wambold, along with his "Bagel-Side Chats" about subjects related to Israel and the Jewish people, can now be heard regularly on the Hebrew Christian Fellowship podcast, "Ancient Words, Modern Message," now available from your favorite podcast platform or simply by google-ing the podcast name.

For additional information, contact Roger at 610-564-5387 or by e-mail at RLWPMW@aol.com.

Youth Ministry

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



All families, youth and young adults should mark your calendars for agape festival 2024. Agape festival is 4 nights of outdoor camping and 3 days and nights of worship music, inspired speakers and kids area in mount union, PA.

Please contact Pastor Julian or scan the QR code for more information. You can purchase tickets for free, the cost is to cover church expenses for the trip. Please RSVP to Pastor Julian if you plan to attend!



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ONE NIGHT
APRIL
15TH!

We are excited to have Lansdale Life Band here to lead worship with us!

THE UNION'S APRIL SCHEDULE	
1	No Meeting - HAPPY EASTER!
8	6:30pm - Union Network Meeting (CCC)
15	6:30pm - Union Network "One Night" Meeting (CCC)
22	6:30pm - Union Network Meeting (CCC)
29	6:30pm - Union Network Meeting (CCC)




July 16th-17th

MISSION & BEACH OVERNIGHT

Come serve with us at Cecil and Grace Bean's Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, July 16th. We will have a sleepover at the Community Center afterwards, and all head to Ocean City, NJ beach for a day on Wednesday. More details to follow. Cost: \$65

Opportunities to Serve



Got a Great
**STRAWBERRY
SHORTCAKE
RECIPE?**

Looking for 3 volunteers to help create the shortcakes for the dessert buffet at the Dedication Weekend "Reunion" open house on May 3rd. **It will be a berry good time!**

Contact Sue McGinnis:
215-680-8582
sustrats@gmail.com

Happy Hollow

Donations for Happy Hollow have been most appreciated. However, during renovations the collection process has become a challenge at times. Therefore, the following are alternative suggestions for ways that you can continue to help: A monetary donation allows Rev. Duncan to purchase the items he feels are needed. If you would like to contribute, please make your check out to Central Schwenkfelder Church with Missions-Happy Hollow on the memo line and enclose it in a mission envelope if possible. We would also appreciate donations of desserts for the meal that is served. Individually wrapped cookies, brownies, etc. would be a great help. Volunteers to help at Happy Hollow are also needed. The dates are the fourth Saturday of the month. Departure time is 10:15am and returning by 2:00pm. Please contact Sandy Desirey @ 610-220-9434 or at sandydesirey@verizon.net if you would like to join us on a Saturday at Happy Hollow. Please also speak to Sandy if you would like to donate desserts so that we can arrange a pick up or drop off at the church. Please do not call the office. Thank you for your wonderful support of this ministry!

Migrant Worker Kits

Women's Christian Fellowship will once again be putting together Migrant Workers Kits and are asking for your help. Our Schwenkfelder General Conference Mission Board sponsors the collection of the kits and blankets for the Chester County Migrant Ministry.

The collection box will be in the church narthex or lobby. The specific items needed are listed below. If your family, small group, Sunday School or board would like to put together a complete kit(s), please put the items in a bag and clearly mark if the kit is for a man, woman or child. The items/kits need to be at the church by May 1st. No time to do the shopping, no problem. Any monetary donations can be put in Barbara Bucher's church mailbox and additional items will be purchased.

Here are the specific items that are needed.

Men's, Women's and Children's Health Kits:

- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Floss
- Soap (ivory- medium)
- Comb
- Disposable Razors
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Lotion
- Plastic Coffee Cup
- Bath Towel
- Wash Cloth
- Toilet paper
- Shaving Cream
- Heavy plasticware
- Pocket Mirror
- Band Aids
- Women's Feminine Products (Pads)

Additional Items:

- BLANKETS: New blankets are greatly needed.
- FIRST AID KITS, PAPERBACKS - Spanish/English & New Testament Bibles

Moderator's Musings



Who is that masked man (or woman)?

Like many kids, Nathaniel enjoys dressing up. Often this involves masquerading as a superhero. Usually I'll get dragged into this, and even though it feels silly, I'll do my best to play along. What makes dress-up play so appealing to kids? I think it's the idea that they can transform into someone they'd like to be – a princess, a ninja, a superhero, a knight. This “alter ego” allows us to pretend we have an identity or abilities that we otherwise lack. Without the mask, I'm just Peter Parker or Bruce Wayne; but with the mask, I'm now Spiderman or Batman.

If we're being honest, many of us adults prefer to live behind a mask. We see our faults, our flaws, our fears, and our failures – and we try to hide them from the world. Instead of being our authentic self, we try to adopt our own alter ego. Uncomfortable with our true self, we try to project an image where we're “o.k.,” confident, free from sin, struggles, doubts, and fears.

If you joined us in worship on Youth Sunday, weren't the testimonies of Becca Texter and Maddie Churches such an amazing breath of fresh air? I have tremendous respect, admiration, and appreciation for these two young ladies. In front of the entire congregation, they shared their personal struggles and doubts. But they shared something more; they shared how Jesus Christ worked in their hearts and minds to bring them through difficulty into a much deeper relationship with their Savior.

In a healthy church, this type of openness occurs freely and regularly. We can be honest with one another about who we are, and who we aren't. This allows us to live authentically without fear of condemnation or judgement. But also, the Lord uses our testimony as an encouragement and comfort to others. Most importantly, when we are willing to humble ourselves before others, God will use that to bring glory to His name.

Let's be the church where we don't have to hide our shortcomings. Let's follow the inspiring example of our teens and choose not to live behind a mask. Instead, let's seek to unashamedly let the light of Jesus Christ shine through us as He brings us through the sanctification process of conforming us more and more into His likeness each day, even the messy ones.

If this got you thinking, I highly recommend the book *TrueFaced* by Bill Thrall, Bruce McNicol, and John Lynch. It was tremendously helpful and encouraging to me, and I think it will bless you too.

God Bless you on your journey to be more like Jesus,

Peter

A child holding a large orange pumpkin. The text "Happy Days Preschool" is overlaid in a white, cursive font.

Happy Days Preschool

Are you looking for a preschool program that is family oriented with an excellent curriculum? Happy Days Preschool registration is open for the coming 2024-2025 school year! Please share this wonderful preschool opportunity with your friends and family!

Questions? Contact the director at:
happydayspreschool.director@gmail.com to learn more!

A window view of a garden with orange and white flowers. The text "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser." and "John 15:1" is overlaid in a white, cursive font.

*"I am the true vine,
and my Father
is the vinedresser."
John 15:1*

Sunday Mornings



9:00 Traditional Service (Sanctuary and Livestream)*
Adult Sunday School (Anders Conference Room)

10:30 Adult Sunday School (see calendar for locations)

10:45 Contemporary Service (Fellowship Hall and Livestream)*

(*Sunday School for children during services, nursery open)

Join Peter and the Pastors for Prayer Meeting!

Tuesdays at noon in the Anders Youth Suite and on Zoom!

For more information, please contact Dr. Drake at dwilliams@cscfamily.org

Meeting ID: 604 761 7826. No Password.

Join Zoom Meeting by the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6047617826>

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONNECT WITH THE CHURCH!

WORD FM

1370 AM Pottstown
103.5 FM Pottstown
97.1 FM Lansdale



Devotionals from the pastors are posted twice a week on Central's Webpage, our Facebook, YouTube and Twitter accounts.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Find us on the following platforms!



Our church website is: www.cscfamily.org

If you need help finding these platforms, please feel free to call the church office.





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Board of Missions	Sandy R. Desirey
Board of Trustees	Tony G. Cinelli
Garden of Memories President	Jim R. Faber



If you have something for the church office, we currently have a white wire mesh container towards the upper right side of the church mail boxes! Thank you!

April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 OFFICE CLOSED 7:15pm "God of All Comfort" CG (ZOOM)	2 9:30am Staff Meeting (ZOOM) 12:00pm Prayer Meeting (AYS/ZOOM) 3:00pm SNV (CCC) 6:30pm Young Women's Bible Study (OFFSITE) 7:00pm -Young Men's Bible Study (AYS) -SNV (CCC) -Deacons (ACR)	3 6:30pm Awana (CCC)	4 7:00pm Worship Band Rehear. (FH) 8:30pm Thurs. Night Virt. CG (ZOOM)	5	6 9:00am Men's Bible Study (ACR) 
7 9:00am 9am Adult SS (AYS) 10:10am Dorian Choir 10:15am Ringers WS (MS) 10:30am -Pastors' Study (CCC/ZOOM) -Potpourri (ACR) -Family Circle (AYS) 12:15pm Catechetical Class (ACR/OFFSITE) <i>*Children's Sunday School during both services</i>	8 9:30am Staff Meeting (ZOOM) 6:30pm Union Network Meeting (CCC) 7:15pm "God of All Comfort" CG (ZOOM)	9 10:30am Ministerium (ZOOM) 12:00pm Prayer Meeting (AYS/ZOOM) 6:30pm Young Women's Bible Study (OFFSITE) 7:00pm -Young Men's Bible Study (AYS) -Revitalization Meeting (ACR)	10 6:30pm Awana "Hawaiian Night" (CCC)	11 12:00pm Soup's On! (FH) 6:30pm R4 Ded. (ACR) 7:00pm Worship Band Rehear. (FH) 8:30pm Thurs. Night Virt. CG (ZOOM)	12	13 
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28 10:10am Dorian Choir 10:15am Ringers WS (MS) 10:30am -Pastors' Study (CCC/ZOOM) -Potpourri (ACR) -Family Circle (AYS) <i>*Children's Sunday School during both services</i>	29 9:30am Staff Meeting (ZOOM) 6:30pm Union Network Meeting (CCC) 7:15pm "God of All Comfort" CG (ZOOM)	30 12:00pm Prayer Meeting (AYS/ZOOM) 3:00pm SNV (CCC) 6:30pm Young Women's Bible Study (OFFSITE) 7:00pm -Young Men's Bible Study (AYS) -SNV (CCC)	Monday Evening Schedule: 5:30pm - 363 (CCC) 7:30pm - Chancel Bells		Wednesday Evening Music: 5:30pm - Cherub/Junior 6:30pm - Celebration Brass 7:00pm - Brasswind 8:00pm - Chancel Choir	
Sunday Worship Schedule: 9:00AM - Traditional in Sanctuary 10:45M - Contemporary in Fellowship Hall <i>*Children's Sunday School is normally available during both services for ages 3 through 5th grade. All children are encouraged to take part in the first part of a worship service with their family. They will then be dismissed together and will have class together. The Nursery is open for children 0-2 if needed.</i>						

Please note: The Monthly SchwenKEY will be available in print and on our church website throughout each month! Please submit any announcements for the next monthly KEY **by the 15th of every month**. If you need something announced in between months in a shorter, simpler format, please submit information to the office by Wednesday at noon. Thank you!

The office reserves the right to shorten or edit submissions to fit our weekly and monthly publications.

WHO SHOULD YOU CONTACT FOR WHAT IN THE CHURCH OFFICE?

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For **campus/maintenance issues**, please contact **Moises Santiago** at maintenance@cscfamily.org.

For **financial and Garden of Memories matters**, contact **Joanne Lepping-Irvine** at financialadmin@cscfamily.org.

For **pastoral matters**, contact **Andrea Williams** at pastorsassistant@cscfamily.org.

For **church office, the scheduling of meetings/church activities/Anders reservations and all publications**, please contact **Rachael Speirs** at receptionist@cscfamily.org.

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