

# Central's CONNECTIONS

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LOVE GOD. SERVE OTHERS. GROW DISCIPLES.

March 19, 2017

WELCOME...we are glad you are here! If you have young children, you are welcome to drop them off at the beginning of the service to our Children's Ministry Program, "Jesus And Me" (J.A.M.). All the rooms are located in the main hallway on the main floor. Infants to 2 years meet in the Nursery; children ages 2-4 years meet in the Barn Room; children ages 5-8 years meet in the Beginner's Room. A check-in and check-out system with name tags is in place.

## Church News and Notes

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in Honor and Loving memory of:

Malcolm E. Kneeland, M.D.  
Marilyn L. Kneeland  
Malcolm L. Kneeland  
Barbara Kneeland

Those needing prayer: (\*Discharged from medical facility)

\*Chris Hunt – Abington Memorial  
Robert Kratz – Abington Memorial  
Amanda Lewis - Grandview Hospital

Thank you to the entire congregation for all the notes, well wishes and words of encouragement during my time in the hospital and while recuperating at home. A special thank you to Pastor Dave for his faithful visits and support during this time. **Chris Hunt**

### Prayer for Church Life

Pray for our Board of Deacons and their outgoing chairperson, Andy Ramsey and incoming chair, Linda Rothenberger. Ask God to grant the Deacons wisdom as they oversee the spiritual direction of the church.

### Prayer for Missions

Please pray for the **Chinese for Christ Bible Institute\*\*** and for its director Rev. Dr. Clifford Liu. Dr. Liu and his wife Ruth and co-workers share the gospel and make disciples among Chinese students studying in the United States. They also host Chinese business executives and leaders, bringing them to the United States for professional conferences which include presentations of the gospel and the teaching of biblical principles. The Chinese for Christ Bible Institute (CCBI) provides training for Chinese house church pastors and leaders. And CCBI also provides support and training for Chinese church leaders in countries such as Italy and Kyrgyzstan.

\*\* These individuals and organizations are supported by our Board of Missions



## VISITORS' COFFEE KLATCH

If you are visiting with us today, please join Pastor David for coffee and some treats in the vestibule immediately following the service. He will be available for about 15 minutes and would love the chance to sit down with you, enjoy a cup of coffee and get to know you better. He is also willing to answer any questions you may have about Central Schwenkfelder Church.

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, March 19 – Rev. Dr. David McKinley - \*Surveys\*

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
10:10 a.m. Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Informal Worship Service  
2:00 p.m. Meadowood Service  
5:00 p.m. Advisors Meeting (CCC)  
5:45 p.m. Dorian Choir (SANC)  
6:30 p.m. Wired and Crave, Crazy/Messy Game Night (CCC)  
6:45 p.m. Small Group (ACR)

### Monday, March 20

9:00 a.m. Happy Days – Reserved (PRIM)  
7:00 p.m. Church Council Mtg. (BLUE)  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Bells (PP)

### Tuesday, March 21

9:30 a.m. MOPS (CCC)  
7:00 p.m. North Pennsmen (FH)  
7:30 p.m. Caritas Mtg. (CHAP)

### Wednesday, March 22

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study (CCC)  
9:45 a.m. Lamps Bible Study (FH)  
12:00 p.m. Lenten Luncheon (FH)  
5:30 p.m. Junior Choir (JR)  
5:45 p.m. Genesis Bells (PP)  
6:30 p.m. Awana (CCC)  
Celebration Brass (FH)  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Mtg. (PRAY)  
Brasswind (FH)  
Peter Wentz (BETH)  
Chancel Choir (SANC)

### Thursday, March 23

6:15 p.m. 363 Worship (CCC)  
7:15 p.m. Worship Band (FH)

### Friday, March 24

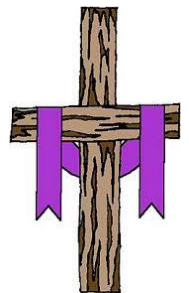
2:00 p.m. Schwenkfelder Tea (DOCK)  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts set – up (FH)

### Saturday, March 25

9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (AYS)  
11:00 p.m. Gain Set – up (CCC)  
12:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Districts Pinewood Derby (FH)  
4:00 p.m. Jr. Choir Festival Concert- Abington Presbyterian

### Sunday, March 26 – Rev. Dr. David McKinley -GAIN

9:00 a.m. Special Combined Mission Worship Service  
10:30 a.m. GAIN Service Project (CCC)  
5:45 a.m. Dorians (CCC)  
6:30 p.m. Wired and Crave (AYS,CCC)  
Christianity 101 (RM 2-3, NEW MEMBERS)  
6:45 p.m. Small Group (ACR)



# YOUTH NEWS

## LENTEN LUNCHEON BIBLE STUDIES

Lenten Luncheons are held each Wednesday through April 5<sup>th</sup>. Lunch starts at 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and the lesson begins promptly at 12:20 p.m. each week. Bring a sandwich to share and some soup or dessert. **Please sign up in the Narthex each week that you plan to attend!**

## GAIN ALL CHURCH MISSION PROJECT

**NEXT Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>,  
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Sign-ups are in progress for the 2017 Global Aid Network (GAIN) Food Packaging Event in the Community Center on Sunday morning, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Everyone, 7<sup>th</sup> graders through senior citizens, is invited to help package 40,000 rice and bean meals which will be shipped to hungry people in places like Ethiopia, Syria, Central America, and Liberia. There are tasks for all ages! Please speak to any Board of Missions member with questions.

- Nursery, childcare and a Sunday youth lesson will be provided for infants through 11 years of age from 10:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. at the Community Center
  - 4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> graders may help pack rice and beans with supervision by an adult 18 and older
  - Supervision requires one adult per child
- No Adult Sunday School March 26<sup>th</sup>
- Please attend the 9:00 a.m. Mission Sunday Worship Service and work from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- If you can't work for 2 hours, work for 1 hour!
- Refreshments will be provided to keep the energy level high!
- There is no cost to participate.

**Sign up today in the Fellowship Hall to help feed the hungry and share the gospel message of Jesus' love and salvation.**



## CHRISTIANITY 101

The next session of Christianity 101 will be offered starting March 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Pastor David McKinley will be leading the small group in the New Members Classroom, Rm 2-3, behind the balcony. All are welcome to attend. If you prefer to attend this class in the morning, it will be offered again in the fall during the Sunday School hour.

An Introduction to Central class will be offered beginning April 23<sup>rd</sup> during the Sunday School hour (10:10-11:10 a.m.) in the New Members Classroom as well. ~ *If you are interested in joining the church, these two classes are required!*

A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. If you would like more information, please contact the Church Office.

## WIRED & CRAVE

Wired and Crave will be having Crazy/Messy Game Night starting at 6:30 this evening at the Central Community Center. You may not have ever played games like this before! Crazy games have been added for those who prefer to stay clean ☺

## AWANA

Awana will have a regular meeting this week from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Central Community Center. Awana is open to all children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

## Deadlines and Save-the-Dates:

**March 26<sup>th</sup>:** All registration paperwork due for Mission Week/Work Camp.

**April 11<sup>th</sup>:** \$60 Deposit for Creation is due (see info below).

**April 16<sup>th</sup>:** Essays for the Harding G. Williams Scholarship Award are due.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Clean-Up Central and the Cemeteries from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Pizza provided for all helpers!

**April 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>:** 30 Hour Famine from 6:30 p.m. on Friday – 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. More info to come.

## WORK CAMP 2017 ~ July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

**REGISTRATION AND ALL PAPERWORK FOR ANYONE ATTENDING IS DUE NEXT SUNDAY!**

All adults and students currently in Grades 8 up and are invited to come to Christian Endeavor Mission Week (formerly called Work Camp) and invite friends! This is a unique opportunity to be Jesus' hands and feet while surrounded by friends. Registration packets are available in the Narthex (sign-up table), at the CCC and in the church office – yellow for adults and purple for youth 17 and under. The fee is \$225 per person; \$175 for each additional family member or friend from outside of church. Scholarships and payment plans are available!

## CREATION 2017 ~ June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Creation will be the highlight of your summer...maybe your life!*

Creation is 5 nights of Camping and 4 days and nights of amazing music and top-notch speakers. Artists may include Skillet, Chris Tomlin, Newsboys, Switchfoot, Toby Mac and many others. Check out [www.creationfest.com](http://www.creationfest.com) for more info. Cost is \$125 and \$100 for every friend from outside of church you bring. It includes meals for the week. A non-refundable deposit of \$60 is due no later than April 11<sup>th</sup>.



## **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall from 1:00-5:00p.m. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex if you would like to sign up for a specific time that day. Spring is a time of new beginnings so if you have never given blood before, please consider starting a new tradition and join the many others who support this worthy cause. All blood types are needed.



American  
Red Cross

## **CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSET?**

### **WE WANT YOUR SHOES!!!**

Sam and Stephanie Dagger are sponsoring a shoe drive fundraiser in conjunction with the company, Funds 2 Orgs, to benefit their adoption fund as they complete the process of adopting their daughter from China. The shoes will be used to support micro-enterprise vendors in developing nations. They are collecting gently worn used and/or new shoes. Shoes can be any style, size, color, and for any occasion! Ski boots, roller skates, or ice skates cannot be accepted. Shoes cannot have any visible damage or mold and must be re-wearable. There is a collection box in Fellowship Hall and at the CCC. For more information, please contact Steph at 267-664-4363. You can also find more information on their adoption blog: [www.pagingbabyd.blogspot.com](http://www.pagingbabyd.blogspot.com) Thank you so much for your prayers and support!



## **EASTER EGG HUNT**

**Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**at 6:00 p.m.**



This year's Easter Egg Hunt for children age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be held on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Children and their families will gather promptly at 6:00 p.m. immediately following choir rehearsals at the kitchen entrance to the church. All participants are advised to bring their own labeled bag or container to collect the goodies. Awana will meet at 6:30 p.m. as usual at the Central Community Center for all Kindergartners – 5<sup>th</sup> graders!

You can help by donating candy for this event! Please do not bring hard candy, unwrapped candy or candy containing peanuts and/or peanut butter. Please refrain from pre-filling eggs; we will fill the eggs. The donation box can be found in the back of Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to make a monetary donation in lieu of candy, please put your contribution in the Wurtz family's mailbox. If you have any questions, please contact April Wurtz at 215-939-2914 or [aswurtz86@gmail.com](mailto:aswurtz86@gmail.com)



(well...not really...it's a volunteer position...but we got you reading this and maybe it's for you ☺!!!)

The Bakery/Country Market is looking for 1 or 2 individuals to oversee the Craft section for the Country Fair. You do not have to attend meetings, (or even be a member of the committee) but collect the "handmade-with-love" donated items, help display them for the fair, and work at the craft booth on fair day. If you have any interest or would like to know more, please contact Lori Schmitz – 215-855-5106 or Bev O'Brien – 610-539-7806. Hope to hear from you!



Who knew??? But now that you do...it's a great time to get crafting for the Country Fair! ☺

## **MCC CANNER EVENT**

### **MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

On **March 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>** and **March 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**, 2017, you can help provide relief for the hungry by resolving to contribute your money or your time to the MCC Mobile Canner Project at the MCC Material Resource Center (MRC). With an outpouring of your support, we can fill the needs of hundreds of thousands of starving people here and around the world. To make a tax-deductible contribution, your checks may be payable to the "**MCC Canner Project**" and mailed to the MCC Material Resource Center, 737 Hagey Center Drive, Unit C Souderton, PA 18964. If you're interested in donating a few hours of your time to this local four-day operation – **which for the first time ever includes a Saturday**- contact the **MRC at 267-203-8074**. Go to [mcc-harleysville.org](http://mcc-harleysville.org), click "Get Involved," then "Meat Canning" for more information about how, together, we can meet to provide relief.

## **BAKERS NEEDED FOR GAIN EVENT**

We are in need of volunteers to bake goodies for all of our hard workers on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your baked items to the church kitchen before the Special Combined Mission service at 9:00 a.m.

We thank you in advance!





## **MIGRANT WORKER KITS**



The WCF needs your help again this year in getting ready for the annual Migrant Workers kits. The collection box will be available in the Narthex in April. Please check the list below for specific items that are needed. If your family would like to put together a kit, it would be greatly appreciated. They need to be at church by the MOTHER-DAUGHTER Banquet on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our Schwenkfelder General Conference Mission Board sponsors the collection of kits and blankets for the Chester County Migrant Ministry. Each Schwenkfelder Church participates by supplying those items needed each year, which are then dedicated at the General Conference annual meeting in May.

If you would like to contribute a monetary donation and have someone do the shopping to make up the kit for you, please place the donation in Amelia Stetler's mailbox.

### Men's, Women's & Children's HEALTH KITS

Toothbrush & Toothpaste, Bath Towel, Plastic Coffee Cups, Soap (Ivory – Medium), Comb, Shampoo, Shaving Cream, Toilet Paper, Disposable Razors, Heavy Plastic ware, Deodorant, Women's Feminine Products, Pocket Mirror, Wash Cloth

In addition:

BLANKETS – new blankets are greatly needed.

Sometimes, blankets & comforters are the only bed they have.



FIRST AID KITS, PAPERBACKS – Spanish/English & New Testament Bibles

## **INFORMAL WORSHIP SERVICE** **ON PALM SUNDAY**

On Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Service, Central Worship will offer the final week of Jesus' life in Scripture and Music. Everyone is invited to walk the journey through Mark's Gospel from Palm Sunday to Christ's glorious resurrection, with music that places the scripture passages on the heart. We hope to see you there with friends and family.

### **Church Leaders and Board Chairs**

Moderator	Vernon K. Seipt
Vice Moderator	Allen M. Koehler
Board of Christian Education	Roger W. Heebner
Board of Deacons	Andrew J. Ramsey
Board of Ministries	Carl B. Sensenig
Board of Missions	Lynette I. Werley
Board of Trustees	Mark A. Singer
Garden of Memories President	Harris D. Gramm, III

### **Worship Service Leaders and Full-Time Church Staff**

Senior Minister	Rev. Dr. David W. McKinley
Associate Minister	Rev. William D. Kalajainen
Youth Pastor	Pastor Julian A. Scavetti
Director of Music	Sally L. House
Organist	Paige Cipolone
Worship Team Coordinator	Wayne C. Wurtz
Assistant Junior Choir Director	Joanne E. Lepping-Irvine
Bell Choir Director	Patricia J. Simpson
Church Administrator	Leslie J. Reyburn-Shisler
Pastoral Assistant/CCC	Juli R. Apple
Head of Maintenance	Edwin R. Sturm, Jr.

**Announcements and Connections information can be emailed to [BulletinInfo@cscfamily.org](mailto:BulletinInfo@cscfamily.org). Please note that information is due Wednesdays by 10:00 a.m. Please avoid using text boxes in your message.**

**CD's of the 9:00 a.m. worship service are available for a \$1 donation and can be ordered through the church office. Sermons are also posted on the church's website under "Resources".**

## **PALM SUNDAY CANTATA**

The Chancel Choir and instrumental ensemble will present the cantata, "At the Ninth Hour," on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (Palm Sunday) at the 9:00 service. This work by Allen Pote captures the drama of the last week of Christ's life on earth. It relates the events that begin with Jesus riding triumphantly into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through his suffering and crucifixion. The heights of joy we feel on Easter are rooted in the depths of Christ's suffering. Let us walk this journey with Christ as we prepare for Holy Week. We pray you will find this musical experience to be meaningful and inspiring.



# PALM SUNDAY