

Central's CONNECTIONS

CENTRAL SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH, 2111 Valley Forge Road, Lansdale, PA 19446 - 610-584-4480
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LOVE GOD. SERVE OTHERS. GROW DISCIPLES.

September 10, 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. **New check-in process is coming in September!

Church News and Notes

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

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Strong

Those needing prayer: (*Discharged from medical facility)

Wilma Werley – Norriton Square Nursing & Rehab

*Bailey Peart – Abington Lansdale

Steve Broughton – Abington Lansdale

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, & support following the passing of my brother, Tim. Also thanks to Ken Kriebel for delivering beautiful altar flowers.

Joe McGonigle and family

Prayer for Church Life

Please pray for our **Sunday School program as Rally Day** approaches. Ask God to give us a strong commitment to His word, His Church and its programs this year.

As September 11th approaches, continue to pray for our country's view of God, people's receptivity to the gospel and an awareness of the brevity of life.

Prayer for Missions

Please ask the Lord to continue to bless the efforts of **Manna on Main Street**** in Lansdale as they feed the hungry and aid the community by fulfilling social service needs, counseling and financial aid.

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

REMINDER

Now that the renovations have been completed in the sanctuary, and it looks fantastic, we would like to keep it that way. Please remember NO FOOD OR DRINK in the sanctuary!

SAFETY MINISTRY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Safety Observer/Responder Annual Review & Luncheon Sunday, September 17th, in Fellowship Hall immediately following the IWS – Please mark your calendars NOW! Details will follow soon!

EVANGELISM TRAINING

For those who are interested in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with the community at our Annual Fair, come to the Anders Conference Room on TONIGHT at 7:00 p.m. for training!

Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 10 – Rev. Dr. David McKinley – Rally Day

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service (SANC)
10:10 a.m. Rally Day (FH)
11:15 a.m. Informal Worship Service (FH)
5:00 p.m. Summer Crave, last (CCC)
Adult Life Bible Study (LIB/NURS)
Fair Evangelism Training (ACR)

Monday, September 11

9:00 a.m. WCF Clothing Reruns (BARN)
9:30 a.m. WCF Attic treasures (GRAN)
7:00 p.m. Country Fair Mtg. (BETH)
Board of Ministries (ACR)
7:30 p.m. United Choir (FH)
Chancel Bells begins (PP)

Tuesday, September 12

9:30 a.m. MOPS Resumes (CCC)
10:30 a.m. Schwenkfelder Ministerium (ACR)
7:00 p.m. North Pennsmen (FH)
Board of Trustees (ACR)

Wednesday, September 13

3:30 p.m. Chicken Soup Prep (KIT)
5:30 p.m. Junior Choir (JR)
5:45 p.m. Genesis Bells (PP)
6:15 p.m. Cub Scouts (PRIM, MID, BLUE, MERE)
6:30 p.m. WCF Attic Treasures (GRAN)
Celebration Brass (FH)
7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting (PRAY)
Brasswind (FH)
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (FH)

Thursday, September 14

5:00 p.m. Sausage Sandwich Prep (KIT)
6:15 p.m. 363 Resumes (CCC)
7:00 p.m. Fair Employee Pre-Sale
7:15 p.m. Worship Band (FH)

Friday, September 15

8:00 a.m. Fair Set-Up Day
10:45 a.m. Happy Days Reserved (SANC, FH)

Saturday, September 16

10:00 a.m. Annual Country Fair

Sunday, September 17 – Rev. Dr. David McKinley

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service (SANC)
10:10 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Informal Worship Service (FH)
12:15 p.m. Safety Responder Annual Review (FH)
5:45 p.m. Dorian Choir begins (CCC)
6:00 p.m. CE Team Elections (CCC)
6:45 p.m. Small Group (ACR)

YOUTH NEWS

LAST SUMMER CRAVE BIBLE STUDY

Joins us for the last Summer Crave Bible Study tonight at 5:00 p.m. at the Central Community Center.

FALL WIRED AND CRAVE

Elections and Kickoff!

There will be a TEAM meeting with elections of officers on Sunday, September 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Community Center. Our Fall Kickoff will be the following week, Sunday, September 24th at the CCC. ALL youth in grades 6-12 are invited to be a part of our wonderful Christian Endeavor-based program including regular meetings, retreats, overnights, and loads of fun and worship. We look forward to seeing YOU there!

WIRED BREAKAWAY

October 6th – 8th

Breakaway is coming and you have to be there! This is the best weekend retreat in the history of the world! Zip Lines, Indoor Climbing Wall, Alpine Swing, Ropes Course, Talent Show, Great Food, and more! The cost is \$125 per person. A \$50 Non-refundable deposit is due by **September 18th**. ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-9 ARE INVITED! BRING FRIENDS!!! Scholarships & payment plans are available!

AWANA KICKOFF PICNIC

September 27th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

We will be meeting in the CCC Pavilion or Youth Room to start off the evening which will include General info, Food and Games! The whole family is invited to come and stay! We will be meeting at 6:30pm and the evening will end at 8pm. We would love it if your family could come and stay, if you can't stay for the whole time that is okay, we would just love to connect with you. Don't hesitate to invite and bring friends! Awana is open throughout the year to kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade.



GENESIS BELLS NEEDS YOU!

New ringers are needed for Genesis Bells, a bell choir for beginning ringers from 6th grade through adults! You will learn how to ring, play in worship about once a month, make new friends and have a lot of fun!

Genesis Bells rehearses on Wednesday evenings, 5:45-6:30 p.m., in the Plaid Pad. Rehearsals start right after Labor Day and end with ringing on Mother's Day. Learning to ring is easier if you already can read music, but there are many successful ringers who have started without that skill.

Talk with Trish Simpson at church or contact her by phone or e-mail ([610-584-1141](tel:610-584-1141), psimpson616@gmail.com) if you're interested.

LAMPS BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies AM Prayer and Study Group will meet on Wednesdays from September 27th until May at 9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please use the handicapped entrance. ALL ARE WELCOME to join us at any time during the year. We will study Beth Moore's *DAVID: Seeking Heart Like His*. (NOTE THE NEW START DATE)

12 SUNDAY NIGHTS TO ASSESS AND STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH!

Beginning Sunday, September 17, 2017, you are invited to take part in a discussion group which will meet from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Bible Study room on the second floor. We will use the Focus on the Family series called *The Truth Project* with the following topics: What is Truth?, Who is Man?, What is True?, Says Who?, Who is God?, Whose Story?, etc., covering philosophy, theology, anthropology, and many other areas. Each video is almost an hour long, with outlines to guide our discussions. No materials are necessary other than your attendance and willing mind. Pastor David and Al Koehler will lead the discussions. Please sign up in the Narthex.



CHRISTIANITY 101

Would you like to deepen your understanding of what it means to be a Christian? No matter where you are in your faith journey, you are invited to participate in Christianity 101, an interactive class that covers such topics as belief, ethics and devotions. The class meets for 13 weeks during the Sunday School hour, from 10:15 a.m. – 11:10 a.m. in Room 2-3, on the second floor behind the balcony. **All are welcome - If you are interested in joining Central Schwenkfelder Church, this class is one of the requirements.** If you would like any more information, please contact the church office.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Are you missing God's blessing and power for living available to you through the study of His Word? All ladies are invited to join a study of the book of II Timothy with Beth Moore entitled, "Entrusted." We, God's children, have been "entrusted" with the greatest gift--the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Encouraging one another to guard it, share it and be faithful to it is vital to our spiritual walk and the life of the church!! Wednesday, October 4th will be the first of 6 sessions, meeting from 9:15-11:15 a.m. in the Central Community Center. Please feel free to invite friends and MAKE SURE you email Karen Dix at kginskippack@verizon.net to ensure there is a Bible study book available for you!

NEW CHILDREN'S CHECK-IN SYSTEM!

Starting NEXT Sunday, September 17th, we will be rolling out a new system for checking children ages Infant – 5th grade into our Sunday morning ministries. We will be using a software program called "KidCheck" to assist us with getting the best information to our Sunday School and JAM volunteers to make our programs safer and more secure! If you are a parent/guardian of a child in 5th grade or younger, please go to www.kidcheck.com and create an account this week so you will be ready to check your child in next Sunday. Bethany Martin will be assisting with this and will stand at the top of the steps closest to the main parking lot on Sundays. You can get more information by checking our website or facebook page. Instructions for getting started are posted in both places.

FALL SMALL GROUPS

PSALMS AND THE WISDOM BOOKS

Join us in a study of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and the Song of Solomon to learn not only wise principles for living but also to discover the wise person these books point to through their drama, poetry, proverbs and song. We continue our study of the Old Testament in conjunction with the study book "*The Wisdom of God – Seeing Jesus in the Psalms & Wisdom Books*" by Nancy Guthrie.

This study will provide both commentary and contemporary application of biblical truths regarding how God guides us, how we can make sense of our suffering and dissatisfaction in life, and how to deal with our uneven emotions, our need for security and our longing to be loved.

Come join us in the Ander's Conference Room to gain a fresh perspective on the Wisdom Literature and a broader understanding of Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture on Sunday evenings from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. starting September 17th.

Please contact Mary Beatrice at (267)474-7690 for more information or to sign up.

May our "...hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Colossians 2:2-3

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

This fall, Mark Singer and Leslie Seese are teaming up and starting a new Sunday School Class. Our first book will be "Lord, Change my Attitude" by James McDonald. Due to conflicts we won't be starting this class till 10/22/2017. We are planning an interactive class, so if you are interested in attending please let Leslie know by e-mailing her at Leslie@seeseaccounting.com.



ATTIC TREASURES

It's Fair Time Crunch Time! The Attic Treasures Committee has been quite busy all summer sorting, cleaning, arranging, fixing and displaying many treasures. Now, the committee could use a bit of extra help on Fair Day. Kindly consider helping in one of the areas listed on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Some of the particular needs are "floaters" that can provide a "necessities" break and a bit of extra help at the end of the day with some lifting and to break down tables. Please call Louise Scheib, 610-630-0318 with questions or to sign-up. **Thank you!**

COUNTRY FAIR HELP REQUEST ON WEDNESDAY, 9/13 AT 9:00 A.M.

The Country Auction/Fair Committee is requesting the help of 3-4 strong individuals to help lay down the tarp on the Community Center Gym on the morning of 9/13. No experience needed. We will gladly teach you :) Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated!

HELP NEEDED:

Bring your favorite chopping knife and cutting board and join the sausage sandwich booth folks in the church kitchen on Thursday, September 14th, any time after 5:30 PM to help prepare ingredients. Please contact Jeanne McDonald if you are able to help or would like more information – jtmcd@comcast.net or 215-692-2785.

GARAGE SALE

GARAGE SALE ON SEPTEMBER 23rd FROM 8:00 a.m. TO 12 NOON - ANDERS PROPERTY

Don't want to miss the opportunity to get some bargains. There will be lots of Attic Treasures to choose from, Kids clothing and toys and Clothing Reruns to add some new style to your wardrobe. Invite your friends and neighbors to hunt for those special finds.

CENTRAL'S CHILDCARE MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me." Mark 9:37

Two and a half years ago, Central made a commitment to serve the children in our midst by providing a safe, caring, and spiritual environment for young children during Central's worship services. That was the birth of the **JAM**, or **Jesus and Me**, sessions for Infants through 8 year olds every Sunday morning!

To continue that commitment, we need to add a few more volunteers to our rotation! Youth in 6th grade through adults are needed to fill empty spots as leaders and helpers. In the 5-8 year-old room, we use an easy curriculum with a Bible Story on DVD that requires very little preparation and the kids enjoy an activity, a snack and some free time as well.

Please consider helping out as little as **1** time per year! We have volunteers who serve monthly, quarterly, as subs – whatever you can do makes a difference! Please contact Juli Apple in the Church Office to find out more or to sign up to serve!!

MOPS

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers - any moms with children birth-Kindergarten) is kicking off it's second year at Central in September! This year we have TWO opportunities for you to get connected: Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. (beginning 9/12), or the third Monday of every month from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (beginning 9/18). Our morning meeting includes on-site childcare! For the evenings, let someone else put your kiddos to bed once a month! All meetings will take place in the Community Center. You can expect food, games, crafts, service projects, speakers, discussion and fellowship. Questions? Email: centralmopsPA@gmail.com or contact Amie Kipp (215-869-7488). You can find us on Facebook @centralmopsPA! Motherhood is beautiful, but it's hard. You don't have to do it alone!

Any former choir member who would like to join the Chancel Choir in singing for the Memorial Service for Bob Krauss, please report for rehearsal on Wednesday, Sept. 13 and 20 at 8:00 in the Sanctuary.

UNITED SCHWENKFELDER CHOIR **REHEARSALS**



If you enjoy singing, come on out and join our music ministry, spanning 87 years of performing sacred and seasonal anthems. The choir involves an average of 80 - 90 members from over 40 churches. No auditions are required. All voice parts are needed.

Rehearsal begin at Central on Monday, September 11th at 7:30 p.m. and will continue every Monday evening until the concerts are presented on Sunday, December 3rd at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. There is also a final rehearsal on Friday, December 1st.

Rehearsals and concerts are held at Central Schwenkfelder Church except for one rehearsal held at Palm Schwenkfelder. The choir is directed by Ed Bieler from Palm Schwenkfelder Church and accompanied at the piano by Jane Cocks and Suzanne Williams and by Nancy Moore on the organ.

Please contact Dennis Alderfer at dalderfercpa@juno.com or call 215-393-9974 if you have any questions or if you need any additional information.

New members will be accepted until October 16th.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

If you would be interested in receiving offering envelopes, please contact Leslie Reyburn-Shisler in the church office.



SHOE BOX UPDATE

Fillings – Fillers - Facilitators



There is a box under the Buchanan mail slot (Info pamphlets in the slot) for any donations of any appropriate items that can become FILLINGS or FILLERS for individuals or groups who pack boxes. Give or take as suits your effort. You can also FACILITATE the “travel” cost of boxes packed by others with a check to Samaritans Purse that will be assigned to group boxes. Envelopes are part of the pamphlets and can be returned to the slot.

HURRICANE HARVEY

The Board of Missions will be receiving monetary donations for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Please note on your checks line “Harvey” or “Hurricane Harvey”. We will be sending these donations thru Samaritan’s Purse, Hurricane Harvey fund. They have been set-up in the area since the first day. Donations will be accepted until September 30th. Thank You very much for your generosity. Board of Missions



3RD GRADE BIBLES

The 3rd graders receiving bibles today are Kevin D. Brenn, Nathan R. Martiello, and Liam R. Preston.

IF HELP IS NEEDED ON SUNDAYS...

For help, a Safety Committee member (identified with a brightly colored lanyard and badge) can be found in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall or Narthex Office.

CALLING ALL PARENTS OF COLLEGE **AGE STUDENTS**

Please send us the name and address of your child so we may mail newsletters to your child while away at school. Send to: hharris@cscfamily.org

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

GEDÄCHTNISTAG

September 24th at 3:00 p.m.

Central Schwenkfelder Church

The Schwenkfelder Church will celebrate its annual service of Gedächtnistag or Day of Remembrance. This traditional service of Thanksgiving is the oldest continuous celebration of thanks in the United States. This day commemorates the arrival in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on September 24, 1734, of some 180 Schwenkfelder immigrants fleeing persecution in their native homelands of Silesia, Germany. Upon arrival, they paused to give thanks to God for their safe arrival to a place where they would find freedom to practice their faith as they pleased. Every year since that time, the Schwenkfelders gather to remember their faith and reflect upon their struggles and opportunities. Following the service, the day concludes with a traditional meal of bread, butter, apple butter and water – a reminder of that very first gathering in 1734.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR **THE COUNTRY AUCTION!**

Please save the evening of November 11, 2017 and join us for The Country Auction! This fun fundraising event couldn't happen without the support of all of you! Sign up sheets for volunteering your time to help, as well as donation forms, will be available soon in Fellowship Hall. Please email Jen Mahoney at jendmahoney@gmail.com with any questions or to offer your support.

CENTRAL'S SECOND ANNUAL **ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW**

We are looking for artists and crafters for Central's second annual arts and crafts show on November 4th! Proceeds from the show will go towards the Benevolence fund. For details and an application talk to Amanda Gallagher, or email agallagher86@gmail.com

We would like to give a HUGE shout out and thank you to Sue McGinnis, Jim Faber, and Floyd (I am at the church all the time) Nellett. Thank you for all of the work coordinating, scheduling, checking in, rechecking, and physical work that went into renovating the sanctuary. It looks beautiful and it will be enjoyed for many years to come. Thank you!



CHOIR NEWS

Have you considered joining one of our music groups this year? Have you considered encouraging your children to join our Youth choirs? Participating in the music at Central is a wonderful way to praise our Lord and is also an opportunity to serve God as we share our talents. Look through the schedule below and choose to share your music with our congregation!

Rehearsal Schedule

Sundays, beginning September 17th

Dorian Choir -- 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. Central Community Center
Grades 6 through 12

Mondays, beginning September 11th

Chancel Bells -- 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. Plaid Pad
Experienced ringers college age and up

Wednesdays, beginning September 6th

Junior Choir -- 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Junior Room (see description below)
Grades K to 5

Genesis Bells-- 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. Plaid Pad (see description below)

Grades 6 to 12 and adult beginners

Celebration Brass -- 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Brasswind -- 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall
Grades 6 -12 and adult

Chancel Choir -- 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. Sanctuary
College age through adult

Thursdays, beginning September 7th

363 Worship -- 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. Central Community Center
6th Grade thru College

Central's Worship Team -- 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall
Adults (Auditions)

Contact Information:

Sally House (Director of Junior, Dorian and Chancel Choirs, Brasswind and Celebration Brass)

Ph: 610-476-4146 Email: shouse3838@aol.com

Joanne Lepping-Irvine (Assistant Director of Junior Choir)

Ph: 215-368-6553 Email: j.lepping_irvine@verizon.net

Patricia Simpson (Director of Genesis and Chancel Bells)

Ph: 610-584-1141 Email: pjsimpson616@gmail.com

Wayne Wurtz (Director of 363 and Worship Bands)

Ph: 215-715-6864 Email: waynewurtz@gmail.com

Junior Choir is an opportunity to be involved in a multi-faceted music experience. Children grow musically, socially, and spiritually through music activities and games, playing hand chimes, rhythm instruments, and Orff instruments, and through SINGING music with Biblically based texts. All children grades K to 5 are welcome to join in the fun!!!

Genesis Bells will include ringers in grades 6-12 plus adults who want to learn to ring hand bells. Some of you may have rung bells in earlier years and for some it will be a brand-new and fun musical activity.



The Success of the

Country Fair's Flower Booth

depends on the generosity of gardeners in our congregation. Please share the bounty of your garden! Flowers with less than perfect leaves are welcome. We also need a variety of greens and plastic containers that will fit into the baskets.



Bring flowers, greens & containers to the Community Center, Friday morning, September 15th. We will arrange flowers From 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and again from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

If you would like to arrange flowers or sell arrangements, please call Portia Potts: 215-362-7871

THE FOLLOWING LIST WILL GIVE YOU SOME IDEAS OF FLOWERS & GREENS THAT ARE GOOD FOR ARRANGING:



Ageratum
Baby's Breath
Bee Balm
Black-eyed Susan
Blue & Red Salvia
Boxwood
Calendula
Carnation
Celosia
Cleome
Coneflower

Coreopsis
Daisy
Delphinium
Dusty Miller
Gaillardia
Goldenrod
Holly
Hydrangea
Ivy
Larkspur
Lavender

Marigold
Pachysandra
Queen Ann's Lace
Roses
Scabiosa
Sedum
Snapdragon
Sunflower
Yarrow
Zinnia

Church Leaders and Board Chairs

Moderator	Vernon K. Seipt
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Worship Service Leaders and Full-Time Church Staff

Senior Minister	Rev. Dr. David W. McKinley
Associate Minister, Interim	Pastor Brian C. Allen
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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. Please note that information is due Wednesdays by 10:00 a.m. Please avoid using text boxes in your message. *For week of September 10th, info needs to be to the office by Tuesday, September 5th. Thank you!*******

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".