

Central's CONNECTIONS

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LOVE GOD. SERVE OTHERS. GROW DISCIPLES.

October 8, 2017

WELCOME...we are glad you are here! If you have young children, you are welcome to sign them in at the beginning of the service to our Children's Ministry Program, "Jesus And Me" (J.A.M.). The sign in station is located in the main hallway near the main parking lot entrance. 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. You may pick up your children directly from their rooms with your guardian label.

Church News and Notes

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

Charles (Carl) Schwendt

Those needing prayer: (*Discharged from medical facility)
*John Kreisher – Abington Lansdale

Congratulations to Margaret R. Scheid who will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Thursday, October 12th.

Congratulations to Roger C. and Nancy L. Hunt who will be celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary on Thursday, October 12th.

Congratulations to George A. Shenkle who will be celebrating his 96th birthday on Friday, October 13th.

Congratulations to Frank S.J. and Elmira W. Batson who will be celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary on Friday, October 13th.

Thank you for all the cards that were sent to me for my birthday. Also, thank you for the lovely flowers that were brought to me by Barbara Bucher and for her visit.

Dorothy Pfister

Thank you to my church family for the prayers, cards and phone calls. Your encouraging words and kindness are very much appreciated. Also, thank you to Sue Sproule for the visit and flowers.

Carolyn Channell

Prayer for Church Life

Please pray for the success of our **Sunday School** and **Small Group Ministry** as we begin another session this year. Ask God to bless the teachers and leaders as they prepare their lessons and discussions.

Prayer for Missions

Please pray for **Rev. Duncan** and the **Schwenkfelder Missionary Church's**** lunch outreach ministry to the people of the South Philadelphia community on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of every month. In addition to serving lunches, a devotional time is shared, gospel literature is distributed, prayer requests are accepted and then leaders walk the streets meeting the people of Philadelphia. Please pray for Rev. Duncan and the rest of SMC in this outreach ministry as it is very hands-on and involves the willingness to go in to homes of those of differing faiths, the sick and shut-ins. Pray for God's guidance of the lay leaders and for the success of the outreach ministry to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the people. Pray also that the men that are served the meals receive nourishment not only for their body but for their soul.

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

Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 8 – Pastor Brian C. Allen

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service
10:10 a.m. Sunday School
11:10 a.m. Informal Worship Service
5:45 p.m. Dorian Choir (SANC)
6:30 p.m. Wired and Crave (AYS/CCC)
Small Group (NEW)
6:45 p.m. Small Group (ACR)

Monday, October 9

7:00 p.m. Board of Ministries (BLUE)
7:30 p.m. United Choir (PALM)
Chancel Bells (PP)
Greeter/Welcome Center Mtg. (ACR)

Tuesday, October 10

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

Wednesday, October 11

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study (CCC)
9:45 a.m. LAMPS (FH)
5:30 p.m. Junior Choir (JR)
5:45 p.m. Genesis Bells (PP)
6:30 p.m. Celebration Brass (FH)
AWANA (CCC)
7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting (PRAY)
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (SANC)

Thursday, October 12

6:15 p.m. 363 Worship (CCC)
6:30 p.m. Bethel Bible (BETH)
7:00 p.m. Women's Retreat (ACR)
7:15 p.m. Worship Band (FH)

Friday, October 13

2:00 p.m. Tea at Peter Becker

Saturday, October 14

9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (AYS)

Sunday, October 15 – Laity Sunday – Carla Allen, speaker

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service
10:10 a.m. Sunday School
11:10 a.m. Informal Worship Service
2:00 p.m. Meadowood Service
3:00 p.m. School of Christ (FH/SANC)
5:45 p.m. Dorian Choir (CCC)
6:30 p.m. Wired and Crave (AYS/CCC)
Small Group (NEW)
6:45 p.m. Small Group (ACR)



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

We are calling for a church-wide, month-long, "card shower" or "note writing blitz" to show our love, support and appreciation to each of our Pastors.

Please take the time to write a note or send a card expressing your thanks, prayers, gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful job they do for each and every one of us throughout the year.

Each minister has provided interesting facts about themselves. Now we will try to stump the congregation. In the list will also be one or more "not truths" - see if you can guess the wrong fact(s). Please see the back page of the Connections for our first "stumper".

David McKinley – dmckinley@cscfamily.org

Brian Allen – ballen@cscfamily.org

Julian Scavetti – jscavetti@cscfamily.org

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Help Us Plan For 2018

The Women's Christian Fellowship Planning Meeting is open to all women of Central to attend. We will be planning our activities, events and mission/service projects & programs for 2018. If there is a special mission project or organization that is close to your heart or an event or program with which you would like to get involved, join us at the Planning Meeting on Thursday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Anders Conference Room. Let's see what wonderful things Women's Christian Fellowship brings to 2018!

BAKERY COUNTRY MARKET COMMITTEE...

It's been a while! Just a reminder that our next meeting will be

Monday ~ October 16th ~ 1:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall



If you signed up for a Samaritan's Box(es), please bring it/them to the meeting. (And if you didn't sign up, but would like to...feel free to assemble one and bring it with you! ☺) Looking forward to seeing everyone!

STITCHES FOR MISSIONS

After 12 years of support from the congregation and the community, the Stitches for Missions Quilt is coming to an end. This will be your last chance to participate in this wonderful quilt opportunity. We will be selling tickets on October 22, 29, November 4 (CSC Arts and Craft Show) and 5. The drawing will be made the following week by the Quilters. Thanks for all your support over the years.



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.

YOUTH NEWS

NEW CHILDREN'S CHECK-IN SYSTEM!

We have been using a new system, called "KidCheck" for checking in children, ages Infant – 5th grade, in our Children's ministries. This software assists us with getting the best information to our Children's Ministry volunteers to make our programs safer and more secure! You can get more information by checking our website or Facebook page. Instructions for getting started are posted in both places.

WIRED AND CRAVE

Campfire Night!

Wired and Crave will have a campfire night this evening from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., meeting at the CCC and enjoying a bonfire in our fire pit behind the Granary. All 6th – 12th graders are welcome!

AWANA – BRING A PARENT NIGHT!

Bring a Parent to Awana this Wednesday so they can hang out with you and see all that Awana is about! This will be at the regular meeting time at the CCC from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

WIRED & CRAVE TRIPLE TREAT ALL-NIGHTER

SIGN UP NOW! October 27th & 28th

This is going to be the night you will NEVER FORGET! The most insane all-nighter we ever had returns! We will be traveling by bus all night to Dorney's Halloween Haunt, Laser Tag and then breakfast! All students 6-12 are invited and please, invite all the friends you can find! We have 48 seats on the bus so let's fill them all! The event runs from 5:00 p.m.- 7:45 a.m. and the cost is only \$60! Don't miss out. If cost is an issue, we have scholarships and payment plans available.



ANNUAL SCHOOL OF CHRIST

The annual Schwenkfelder **School of Christ** will be held on Sunday, October 15th, at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel, Robert M. Krauss Jr., USAF (Retired) will tell about his experiences as a pilot in the Air Force, how he became an Air Force chaplain, and about his spiritual journey as a chaplain. The title of his presentation is, "A Schwenkfelder Air Force Chaplain in the School of Christ."

Fall General Conference will be held immediately following the School of Christ. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss and approve the Conference's 2018 Annual Budget.

CHORAL CONCERT

Zion Choral, a 120-mixed voice chorus, will be presenting here at Central Schwenkfelder Church. "God Will Make a Way," a worship service through inspirational music such as "Point of Grace", "Hope is Born", "Amazing Grace." This year's presentation marks Zion's 88th anniversary season. Come join us at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 29th. Beautiful organ and piano preludes will begin at 2:30 p.m. A free-will offering will be collected.



UNITED CHOIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERTS FUND DRIVE

The United Schwenkfelder Choir is celebrating their 90th year of music ministry and began its annual fundraising campaign on Monday, September 25th. Our fundraiser provides almost 60% of our revenue.

All contributions are recognized by printing the donor's name in our program. The Patron level requires a contribution of \$5.00 or more. The Contributor level requires a contribution of \$10.00 or more. Sponsor level requires a contribution of \$25.00 or more. The Business Card level requires a contribution of \$35.00 or more along with your business card which will be slightly reduced and printed in our program.

Members of the choir will be in Fellowship Hall after the first service today or any United Schwenkfelder Choir member will accept your contribution at any time. Our fund drive will close on Monday, November 6th, so that we have sufficient time to compile and print all of the names in our program bulletin. The concert takes place on December 3rd, at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

2ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

"Come out to Central Schwenkfelder's Second Annual Christmas Arts and Crafts Show" on November 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Central Community Center! Parking and admission are free. We will have a concession stand for hot food along with more than 20 different vendors selling everything from baked goods to handmade wooden toys, artisan soaps, and greeting cards. Santa will be making an appearance from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will be available for pictures with the kids. Come get some of your holiday shopping done, there will be something for everyone!"



URGENT. URGENT. URGENT



Childcare for MOPS
(Mothers of Preschoolers)
Tuesday mornings,
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the CCC

We had our first three MOPs sessions of the year already. We were blessed with many returning and new Moms and their kids. However, in order to allow the moms to have a couple hours of fellowship, food, faith, and friendship we must provide adequate childcare for close to 25 kids under the age of 5! That means at least 7 or 8 volunteers each week. The time commitment can be as little as one Tuesday a month. That is only 9 times a year. This has been a fantastic program and outreach for Central but without more help we cannot continue to grow and may have to even turn kids away. That would be terrible!

Grandmas, you can get your "grandkid" fix. Moms with school age kids you can fill the void you might be feeling (ok I am reaching on that one). You can hold and play with babies, help do the craft with the toddlers, sing and dance if that is your thing!

Please give what you can. We would like to have as much consistency as possible for the kids but will take whatever time you can give, whether it's 1, 2, or 3 Tuesdays a month. If you cannot commit to every month, I am also putting together an on call list if you would like to be added to that.

A few families are new to the area, looking to connect with other Moms, and found this program on Facebook. Let's show them our support and hopefully welcome them to our church.

Tuesday mornings are not an option for many of you but for those that have time to spare please prayerfully consider volunteering to play with these little kiddos.

For more information, please contact Meg Cinelli at 215-266-1575 or email megsilverstyle@comcast.net

HEALTH AND BEAUTY AID UPDATE

The donations to the Health and Beauty aid box in September confirmed that the Fellowship Hall has its own corner of "Happy and Healthy." 148 items were delivered to the families at the Dock Woods Village and Forteniters club members who live in the Norristown area. Thank you for resuming your generous support.

HURRICANE RELIEF FUND

The Board of Missions will be receiving monetary donations for the victims of the recent hurricanes. Please note on your check's memo line "hurricane relief" or "hurricane". We will be sending these donations through Samaritan's Purse. Donations will be accepted until October 31st. Thank you very much for your generosity.

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.

Central Schwenkfelder Hosts
Inter-Faith Hospitality Network
in November

For the 20th year, Central Schwenkfelder will provide housing for the month of November for homeless families in the Indian Valley area. This is a BIG JOB but every year many in our church family have responded to the opportunities to help. We get much more than we give when we help these families get back on their feet during hard times. We're very happy to have our beautiful and accommodating Hospitality House to use for our families.

Sign up TODAY for one (or more!) of the 100+ opportunities to help. The sign-up posters are on the Missions Board in the main floor hallway.

In addition, we have sign-ups in Fellowship Hall! Please bring your calendar so you can sign up with us!

Volunteers Needed:

Meal Hosts
Overnight Hosts (two for each evening)
Transportation (morning and evening)
Childcare

If you have questions about the program or how you can help, please contact Coordinators Amy Ramsey (215-837-3895) and Trish Simpson (610-584-1141).



Interfaith
Hospitality
Network

A Community Response for Homeless Families

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DEAR CHURCH FAMILY...

Thank you so much for all of your support as we've made this transition from a family of 3 to a family of 4. We arrived home from China in late July with our daughter, Torianna, and have been so thankful for the prayers, words of encouragement, meals, and visits from many of you. We are settling into a routine (as much as we can with two 3 year olds) and are navigating through all of the medical information we've been learning about Tori the past couple of months. If you'd like more information on where we are in our adoption journey, please visit our blog: www.pagingbabyd.blogspot.com.

Warmly,

Sam, Steph, Wesley, and Torianna Dagger

INFANT DEDICATION

There will be an Infant Dedication on Sunday, October 22nd. If you would like to have your child dedicated, please contact Juli Apple at the church office by October 16th. The next Infant Dedication will be Spring of 2018.

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH FUN!

Brian Allen is currently serving as our Interim Pastor. As part of Pastor Appreciation Month, we thought it would be a good idea for you to get to know him a little better. Here is a bio about Brian and his family.

I am from Western, Pennsylvania, and my wife Carla is from Indianapolis, Indiana. Both of us come from strong Christian families, whom are currently active in their local churches. I spent some of my high school years in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and soon after I went to college, my family moved to Quakertown, Pennsylvania. I went to Bible College at Eastern Christian College in Bel Air Maryland and received my Bachelors in Christian Ministry. Then I went to Cincinnati Christian University and received my Master of Arts in Marriage & Family Counseling.

Carla has been a Teacher over the course of 28 years, teaching from home our four children to high school, Jr. High, Elementary, and now Kindergarten. Through the Church, she has served as Children's Director, VBS Director, and Directed several Children's Musicals. She is gifted musically and theatrically and has passed those gifts on to her children.

Charlotte is 22 and is an Esthetician in the Charlottesville, Virginia area. Charlotte is very gifted in music and the arts and has a passion for mission work abroad.

Caryn is 20 and an entrepreneur with the hopes of developing her own corporation of wedding and event planning. She is currently a Wedding Coordinator & Sales Manager at the William Penn Inn in North Wales. Caryn also has her own Photography business called C & A Photography (canaphotography.com), and specializes in personal image photography.

Carissa is 18 and passionate about archaeology, music, and writing. She is currently a Freshman at Penn State University (Abington Campus). Soon after her undergraduate work, she intends to publish and release her numerous novels and series. She is a brilliant young lady, who is strong in her faith.

Charlton is 14 and a Freshman at Souderton Area High School. He is an athlete, and has a passion for film, directing, editing, and producing. He has his sights on film school in New York. He has a great sense of humor.

Here are the truths and non-truths about Brian. See if you can figure out which one(s) is **not** true:

FACTS:

1. I hung out with Rich Mullins after a concert eating Pistachios and Pizza.
2. I backpacked through Ireland & Scotland during my early 20's.
3. I have spoken at over 100 camps in my lifetime.
4. My favorite song that speaks to life's journey is the Beach Boys "Sloop John B."
5. I visited Pittsburgh Steeler Linebacker Great, Jack Hamm's home and dropped off a set of security alarms that my Uncle had designed for him.
6. I performed as an Elvis Impersonator for a lady's 50th Birthday Party.

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

Senior Minister	Rev. Dr. David W. McKinley
Associate Minister, Interim	Pastor Brian C. Allen
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.
Asst. Facilities Manager	Ryan M. Gallagher

Church Leaders and Board Chairs

Moderator	Vernon K. Seipt
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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.
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".**