

# Central's CONNECTIONS

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LOVE GOD. SERVE OTHERS. GROW DISCIPLES.

February 11, 2018

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 and in Honor and or Loving Memory of:

Mary Jane Koehler  
Robbie Rothenberger

Those needing prayer: (\*Discharged from medical facility)  
Jack Bryant – Temple University Hospital

Thank you all so very much for your prayers and concerns during my recent illness. It is so good to be over all the treatments and on the up road. Also I'm enjoying the flowers delivered by Pat Zambella this past Sunday. It's wonderful to be part of such a caring church. Blessings to you all. **Wilma Werley**

With a grateful heart, I thank you for your uplifting prayers, inquiries, and thoughtful gestures over the past months. The sharing of love, care and concern has been quite overwhelming; I am greatly humbled and feel very blessed by it all. Surgery is over, all went well, and I even have some hair sprouting! Your kindness has been so greatly appreciated. THANK YOU!  **Lori Schmitz**

### Prayer for Church Life

Please pray for **Biblical literacy** in our congregation's life as we study what it means to be the Church in our current sermon series.

### Prayer for Missions

Pray for the needs of the **Christian Concern Mission\*\***, **Shamshabad, India**. Its director for more than 30 years, Rev. Joseph Silumula, struggles to make the most of the resources given to CCM. Rev. Joseph and his wife, Hannah, run an orphanage where they care for and provide job training to abandoned children. They reach out to the elderly and disadvantaged in the community with health care and counseling. They offer training to Indian pastors so they may become more effective disciples. A great need at this time is for a reliable van to transport the children to school and widows to medical facilities.

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

## Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 11 – Rev. Dr. David McKinley

Mission Moment: Liberty Ministries

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service (SANC)  
10:10 a.m. Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Informal Worship Service (FH)  
5:00 p.m. Adult Life Bible Study (LIB/NURS)  
5:30 p.m. Wired and Crave Ski Trip Return (CCC)  
6:45 p.m. Small Group (ACR)

Monday, February 12

7:00 p.m. Board of Ministries Mtg. (ACR)  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Bells (PP)

Tuesday, February 13

9:30 a.m. MOPS (CCC)  
10:30 a.m. Schwenkfelder Ministerium (ACR)  
5:30 p.m. Rugby Practice (P.LOT)  
7:00 p.m. North Pennsmen (FH)

Wednesday, February 14

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study (CCC)  
9:45 a.m. LAMPS (FH)  
12:00 p.m. Lenten Luncheon Begins (FH)  
5:30 a.m. Junior Choir (JR)  
5:45 p.m. Genesis Bells (PP)  
7:00 p.m. Communion Service (SANC)  
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (SANC)

Thursday, February 15

5:30 p.m. Rugby Practice (LOT)  
6:15 p.m. 363 Band (CCC)  
6:30 p.m. Bethel Bible Study (BETH)  
7:15 p.m. Worship Band Rehearsal (FH)

Friday, February 16

Saturday, February 17

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

Sunday, February 18 – Rev. Brian C. Allen

Prayer Shawl Blessing

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service (SANC)  
10:10 a.m. Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Informal Worship Service (FH)  
2:00 p.m. Meadowood Service  
5:45 p.m. Dorian Choir (SANC)  
6:30 p.m. Wired and Crave (AYS,CCC)  
6:45 p.m. Small Group (ACR)

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Congregational Meeting and Luncheon will be held after the 10:30 a.m. Blended Service on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 11:45 a.m. Copies of the Annual Report will be available in Fellowship Hall for review on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. The Slate of Nominees to be voted on is posted in the main hallway.

## **MISSION MOMENT**

Baron King, LPC, NCC is the Executive Director for Liberty Ministries, a prison ministry in Montgomery county which serves those in prison and recently released by providing spiritual, emotional, and vocational counseling and education. Mr. King attended the University of South Florida and Philadelphia Biblical University where he earned degrees in Theology and Christian Counseling and has a passion for character development and Life-change. He has served as a clinical director, an elder and has a 30-year background in business management and organizational development.

## **HONORING** **ED STURM & JESSIE MILLER**

In the event you haven't heard, Jessie Miller has officially retired and Ed Sturm will be retiring at the end of this month. Both sextons having served more than 25 years here. So let's shower them with cards and thanks for their many years of work, both out front and behind the scenes here at Central.

Please mail to:

Ed Sturm  
104 Pleasant Road,  
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

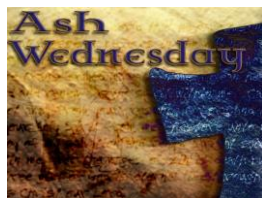
Jessica Miller  
656 Park Road,  
Lansdale, PA 19446-5610

Thank you Ed and Jessie for all of your hard work and your dedication to our church family through the many years! You will be greatly missed.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY** **COMMUNION SERVICE**

To mark the beginning of the season of Lent, we will host a communion service on the night of Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. Please come to this solemn event. During the service, ashes will not be offered, but you will be invited to remember Jesus' sacrifice by placing a nail in a wooden cross (thanks to the artistic work of Don and Sally House).

We hope that you will be able to join us, and observe this meaningful time of year.



### **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.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

### **AWANA**

There will be no AWANA this week ~ see you on the 21<sup>st</sup>!

### **WIRED & CRAVE**

NO Wired and Crave this evening. See you next week!

### **WORK CAMP 2018**

**July 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> in New Castle, PA**

All adults and students currently in Grades 8 and up and are invited to come to Work Camp and invite friends! This is a unique opportunity to be Jesus' hands and feet while surrounded by friends. 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 2018 ~ June 26<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

Mark your calendars now for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Creation Festival in Mount Union, PA! 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, \$100 for every friend from outside of church you bring, and includes tickets and meals for the week. A non-refundable Deposit of \$60 is due no later than April 10<sup>th</sup>.



### **MISSION BOARD REQUEST**

The Mission Board has an urgent request from Lauren Libby, President of TWR (Trans World Radio). They had a devastating fire at their office in Cary, NC. It destroyed their ministry facilities. They are asking for funds to rebuild the office and keep their operation going. They are presently using makeshift quarters. If you are able to help, please annotate "TWR" on memo line of check. Thank you.  
Mission Board

### **INFANT DEDICATION**

Dedicating an infant 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. We will hold Infant Dedications on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to have your child dedicated, please contact Juli Apple at the Church Office by Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to choose the Traditional or Informal Worship Service in which to have your infant dedicated. The next Infant Dedication will take place in June.

## **INTRO TO CENTRAL SMALL GROUP**

Are you interested in becoming a member of Central Schwenkfelder Church or just learning more about the history, mission, values and organization of the church? Please join Pastor David McKinley for this 2-session small group which will meet on Sunday evenings, March 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Blue Lounge (classroom # G-12, on the lower level of the church). All are welcome to attend ~ if you plan to join the church, this class is a requirement.

## **MEADOWOOD BIBLE STUDY**

Pastor David will be leading a Bible Study on the Monday evenings in February from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Strasburg Auditorium. His topic this year is “Commitment from the Gospels: Considering Jesus’ Call to Follow”. Anyone from the community is welcome to attend!

## **LENTEN LUNCHEON BIBLE STUDIES**

Lenten Luncheons are held each Wednesday, starting February 14<sup>th</sup> through March 21<sup>st</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. Soups and desserts will be contributed each week by those attending. Sign-ups for soup/dessert will occur at the luncheon. **Please sign up in the Narthex each week that you plan to attend!**



## **HI LADIES!**

Tea Time is around the corner. We look forward to seeing you at our Tea Room on April 9<sup>th</sup>. More to come soon!



## **WELL...PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL HAS SEEN HIS SHADOW...**

**6 more weeks of WINTER! BLAH!!!**

**BUT.....what a great time to get your creative crafting going for the Country Fair!** ☺ Like last year, crafts will be displayed and sold in the Community Center where people are abuzz! So stay in, stay warm, count the days until spring, and sew, knit, crochet, craft away! The Country Market will be grateful you did!



## **THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY...**

For supporting Central's Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) through providing dinner for our Monday Evening meeting each month. We'd specifically like to thank: Denise Preston, Judy Allen, and Al Koehler for their contributions in January. We also thank Sue McGinnis and Pat Gramm for planning to supply our meals in February and March. We are looking to line up donations for April 16<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please prayerfully consider being a blessing to this ministry!

MOPS is a fellowship group for women from pregnancy through their youngest child completing Kindergarten. Our evening group is specifically geared toward working mamas and meets the third Monday each month from 6-8pm. Whether you can attend or not, please invite your friends and neighbors to this life-giving 2 hours per month! Contact Amie Kipp, [215-869-7488](tel:215-869-7488), or [amiekipp@gmail.com](mailto:amiekipp@gmail.com), with any questions.

## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

The WCF Country Market Committee is still collecting “Box Tops for Education” for a Norristown School. Please look for the expiration date at the bottom of the coupon and the words “Official Coupon” at the top. Look for the box tops on tops, bottoms, or sides of General Mills food products, Progresso soups, some juices, Kleenex, and more. Place these coupons in the labeled box under Bev O'Brien's church mailbox.



## **2018 WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Come join us for the **2018 Women's Retreat Weekend, March 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>** at the Linck Hill Inn as we “**Escape into His Presence**” and learn to “**Trust. Even When...**” We are excited to be welcoming Jessie Seneca ([moreofhimministries.org](http://moreofhimministries.org)) as our Speaker. Jessie's passion in life is to help women grow in God's Word and experience His touch on their lives. Through her compassion and real life experiences she will encourage you to enjoy the Presence of the Lord and help encourage you to move into a whole-hearted relationship with God, one fully devoted to Him. **Stop by the table in Fellowship Hall** after the 9:00 a.m. service or before the 11:15 a.m. service to speak with one of our committee members. Total cost for the weekend is \$150 (includes the 2-night stay and all 5 meals). We are extending invitations to all of our Women's Bible Study groups, MOPS, etc. so first come, first served. **A \$25 deposit will hold your spot.** See Joanne Lepping-Irvine or any one of the committee members for more details.

## **WELCOME!**

Please welcome our two new staff members!! Moises Santiago and Justin Coale will be joining us beginning this week. Be sure to give them a big, friendly, SCHWENKIE WELCOME as they “learn the ropes”!



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

Moderator	Vernon K. Seipt
Vice Moderator	Allen M. Koehler
Board of Christian Education	Matthew W. Seipt
Board of Deacons	Linda J. Rothenberger
Board of Ministries	Carl B. Sensenig
Board of Missions	Lynette I. Werley
Board of Trustees	James R. Faber
Garden of Memories President	Harris D. Gramm, III

### **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 S. 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

**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".**