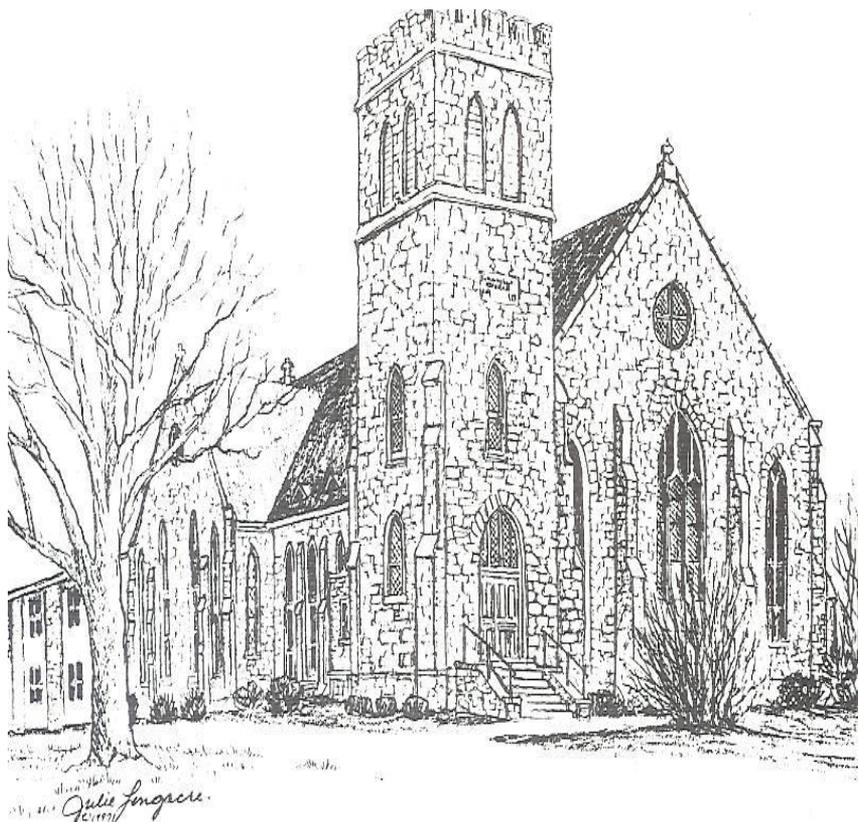


# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017**

### **TRANSFIGURATION**

**Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Change Our Hearts Offering*

**Prayer**

**Prelude**

“Jesus, Come, for We Invite You”

Clifford Kincaid

**\*Call to Worship**

Come up to the mountain of God’s presence.

Wait for God to reveal divine intentions for us.

**We are eyewitnesses to God’s majesty.**

**We have sensed God’s presence in stories of Jesus.**

Look up, and do not be afraid.

Jesus, whom you seek, is transfigured before you.

**We will serve our God with fear and trembling.**

**Happy are those whose refuge is in God.**

**\*Hymn #187**

“Jesus, Come! for We Invite You”

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of dazzling splendor, we confess that we have lived in a cloud, hiding from your glory and pretending not to notice the wonders of your majesty. The mystery of life eludes us because we take for granted what seems commonplace and refuse to deal with matters beyond our understanding. We have tried to put our religion in a compartment separate from the rest of life. We have not thought to serve you in everyday encounters. Shake our complacency, we pray, and awaken us to new life in all its fullness. Amen.**

**Time of Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Senior Bell Choir**

**Scripture**

Exodus 24:12 – 18 (NRSV p. 62; LP p. 122 – 123)

Matthew 17:1 – 9 (NRSV p. 798; LP p. 1534 – 1535)

## **Children's Sermon**

**Children's Church**      No Children's Church Today

**Hymn #180**              "Christ upon the Mountain Peak"

## **Sermon**

**Senior Choir Anthem** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"      Traditional Spiritual  
arr. Larry Shackley

## **Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **Call to Offering**

**Offertory**              "How Good, Lord, to Be Here"              Benjamin Culli

## **\*Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**God of clouds and devouring fire, we are amazed by the experiences of Moses and the disciples of Jesus. They point us beyond our everyday attempts to be faithful to you. Enrich our lives in the season we are entering, that we may see the lamp of your love shining amid the shadows. Let your new day dawn among us as we invest ourselves in your purposes for humanity. May we sense the morning star rising in our hearts, giving hope to a world reclaiming the values of your reign among us. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #721**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Jesus on the Mountain Peak”

Benjamin Culli

\*All who are able, please stand.

**Mission Statement of PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH:**

Our task is to proclaim the Living Word of God, which empowers us to care for and share with our community and the world.

**Vision Statement of PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH:**

Serving the glorious God, claimed by Jesus, and inspired by scripture, honoring our history, with renewed commitment we will reach out to our community and the world through worship, spirit enriching programs, and outreaching mission.

## *... Things of Interest to Our Palm Schwenkfelder Family ...*

### **This week, please keep in your daily prayers:**

Lou Morasco, Leon Wohlbach, Richard Shirey, Sandy Chryszczanavicz, Meg Lester, Michael Marsicano, Jean Gabel, Willard Long, Samantha Hossler and Ryan Woods, Lucile and Bob Jones, Sheryl Tomlin, Carmen Davis, Mae Gerhart, Rev. Bill Vanderslice, Alvera Heffner, Dorothy Parker, Sharon Stevens, Marian Fox, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Martha Wolford, Becky and Craig Kimmel, Marvin Zeisloft, Devon Hawkins, Kerm Goda, Vern Weller, Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Donald Long, Mary Hartman, Jen Fries, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Dave Jaeger, Betty Pope. Please also keep in your prayers the men and women serving in the United States Military. This month from our Schwenkfelder Prayer List we uplift Central Schwenkfelder Church.

### **Bible Study**

This week's online Bible Study will continue closing comments on 1 Samuel. Join the discussion by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

### **H.E.R.O.**

Helpful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Optimistic!

When you recognize heroic behavior among our youth, please let them know. Acts 20:35 and Luke 19:10, check them out!

### **Holy Bible App by YouVersion**

**Teens** - check out one of these current plans: Chasing Failure, How to Strengthen your Faith, or Fighting FOMO (it's what happens when everyone else's great day stops us from enjoying our own)

**Kids** - (and parents can help) check out one of these current plans: Courageous Kids, Next Steps for Kids, Truth or Trash.

### **Bible for Kids by YouVersion**

Type in "Bible for kids free" to begin your kid's journey with Christ. New format, same great stories! Great for kids who aren't reading independently. Interactive fun for all ages.

### **February Youth Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to...

Andrew Pence (2/4), Stacey May (2/6), Samuel Pusey (2/26)

### **Migrant Hospitality Project**

Thank you to all who have supported MHP throughout the year. Financial support and donated time and furnishing have us ready to serve a household of up to four legal, Christian exiles fleeing persecution from anywhere in the world. Cash donations are still appreciated, in anticipation of moving costs and final items that depend on demographics of the actual clients. Please mark your donations "Migrants."

## **Don't Miss Out!!!**

**Today** after worship, Palm's Relay for Life Committee will be selling our popular "Ham 'n Cheese Quarterpounders." At \$3.50 each, our delicious sandwiches feature 1/4 pound of Waterman's chipped ham piled high on a roll and topped with American cheese. Mustard and mayo packets are included. No advance orders will be taken, so mark your calendar and be sure to visit our table in the Narthex following worship. Thanks to our sale sponsors, 100% of all proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's research and patient outreach projects.

## **First Monday Meal**

The First Monday Meal is a free community meal organized by Open Link that is open to the public on the first Monday of every month. The meals are held at Pennsburg UCC and are hosted by different churches or community organizations each month. Our church will be hosting the meal on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be providing a ham dinner with all the trimmings. Many hands are needed in preparing and serving the meal, as well as help in clean-up. If you could spare a few hours to help us, we certainly would appreciate it. It's a fun and rewarding evening! We also need donations of homemade desserts such as cakes, brownies, cupcakes, etc. (pies, puddings, gelatins or any other items that need refrigeration are not allowed). Please bring your dessert donations to church on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> or by 2:00pm on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Please speak to any Deacon or Lillian Master if you are interested in helping in this very important community mission. Thanks!!!

## **Mission Moment: One Great Hour of Sharing**

In 1946, in an effort to seek relief and reconstruction funds during and following World War II, Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, the presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church at that time, broadcasted a nationwide challenge to people of faith to raise "one million dollars in one hour," and the challenge was achieved. In 1949, hoping to find the same level of success using the Bishop's fundraising model in the United States for domestic and international disaster and aid relief projects, church leaders representing multiple denominations created a scripted national radio program entitled, "One Great Hour," which debuted on March 26, 1949, and in 1950 the new title, "One Great Hour of Sharing" was used for the first time. Over these many decades, One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) has been through many transitions, but the goal of raising funds for disaster relief, development, and humanitarian aid, through special gift offerings to be used around the world has remained an unwavering mission. *In 2016, the United Church of Christ received over \$2.2 million for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Every dollar was used to help people and communities living in critical situations worldwide.* On March 26, 2017, Palm Schwenkfelder Church will participate in the special gift collection for One Great Hour of Sharing, for which this year's theme is, "You are Here." During a time when many in the world are experiencing strife and sorrow, their pleas seeking His comfort and assistance are echoed around the world, as they gaze to the Heavens above and cry aloud where God may be, we know he is near: "The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth," Psalm 148:18.

## **Thank You**

Dear Friends, thank you for remembering me with Valentine's. Thanks also to Barb and Kevin Master for bringing the box of Valentine's and goodies and visiting me. Friendly thoughts and faces mean a lot.

Grace Kuhns

## **Ladies' Aid Easter Candy 2017**

Get your sweet tooth ready! The Ladies' Aid will be making Easter candy again this year. There will be chocolate covered peanut-butter eggs and coconut eggs, as well as the possibility of a few other sweet surprises. The candy will be for sale on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. We always need extra hands in making the candy so we are asking for help on Thursday morning March 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am to mix and roll the eggs, and also on Friday morning, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am and again Friday evening, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm, to dip and package the eggs. Please make plans to join us for some sweet fun in the candy kitchen!

## **Palm Gives Hope!**

Our church's fundraising for the 2017 Relay for Life event is well under way. Thanks to your participation in our Christmas season projects, and to the generous support of additional Palm donors, we are now \$1,506.00 away from receiving a "Presenting Sponsor" designation for the Upper Perk Relay for Life. Please prayerfully consider helping us to reach this goal. We will be accepting your donations following worship from now until a final deadline of Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, or you may drop your donation in the lockbox until that date along with a note designating it for the Relay for Life. Please donate as you are able by cash or check. (Checks must be made payable to "Palm Schwenkfelder Church" with memo: "Relay for Life"). Thank you to all for your gifts of hope!

## **MCC Canning Operation**

In years past, our local Mennonite Central Committee Canning Operation provided thousands of cans of protein-packed meat for families devastated by drought, floods, tsunamis, earthquakes, hurricanes, extreme poverty, war, or other emergencies here and abroad. This year, our local church community has been asked to help purchase, prepare, and pack 27,000 pounds of meat to relieve the needs of the hungry! The MCC Mobile Canner will operate at the MCC Material Resource Center (MRC) for *four days*, including – for the first time – a Saturday! The hours are from 6:00am to 7:00pm on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>; Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>; and Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>; and from 6:00am to 3:00pm on Saturday, March 25, 2017. Contributions have been coming but we need more volunteers. If you are resolved to put your love into action to help the needy through the simple act of sharing your time, please call the MRC at 267 – 203 – 8074. If you'd like to share your resources, your tax-deductible contributions may be made payable to the "MCC Canner Project" and mailed to the MCC Material Resource Center, 737 Hagey Center Drive, Unit C, Souderton, PA 18964. 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.

## **Thank You**

Thank you to the volunteers who came out and helped get the March Palm Leaves out: Janet Butterweck, Nancy Hoffman, Joanne Luz, Ty McNeil, and Carol Woodward.

## **Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsorship**

The **new charts for 2017** are now available and are posted outside the office. The cost for flower sponsorship is \$50. The cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15. Please sign up on the chart located outside the office. You could also call or email the office, or drop a note in the office drop box. Any Deacon or Church Officer will help you with any questions about the process. Getting your name in an available slot will hold the date for you. Thank You.

Upcoming dates for flower sponsorship:

March 19<sup>th</sup>; May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup>

Upcoming dates for bulletin sponsorship:

March 1<sup>st</sup> (Ash Wednesday) & 5<sup>th</sup>; April 30<sup>th</sup>; May 7<sup>th</sup>

## **Did You Know?**

We are starting a new feature in our bulletins entitled “Did You Know?” Items of interest to members and visitors will be listed. If you have any items to add, please call or email Dan Ferry in the church office. Thank you.

*Did You Know?*

- LARGE PRINT bulletins are available from an usher. LARGE PRINT Bibles are also available for use during worship services, located on the table to the left between the front and back sections of pews.
- Listening devices are available for those who would like them. Please see an usher to assist you.
- A fully accessible restroom is located in the hallway, across from the office. A baby changing table is there, also.
- There are greeting cards on the podium as you enter the sanctuary. Anyone is invited to sign – you don’t need to be a member of the congregation to add your name to the well wishes.

*Did you also know...*

- That your monetary support to Missions allows our church to be a “Silver Sponsor” of The Open Link to assist them in carrying out their mission of “providing services and programs that help, educate, and empower, as well as opportunities that promote socialization and volunteerism for people of all ages to lead healthy and productive lives in the greater Upper Perkiomen Valley.” Your continued support of Palm Schwenkfelder’s Missions is greatly appreciated!

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## Transfiguration Sunday .."Be yea also ready!"

Our focus on Transfiguration Sunday is usually the dazzling and magnificent activities happening on the mountain, as it should be. It's hard to take your focus off the mountaintop, where Jesus is glowing, Elijah and Moses are present, and Peter is falling asleep. But if your attention is too firmly on the zenith, you might miss something significant in the valley.

Do you remember the movie, *Crimson Tide*? Denzel Washington is the young executive officer (EO) on a nuclear submarine where Gene Hackman is the seasoned captain. A fire breaks out in the mess hall (galley) and while Denzel goes to put out the fire, the old Captain decides to run a test of the nuclear launch response system. The young, rising, EO is very upset; why run a test right now, when no one expects it or is prepared?

During Transfiguration there is a test occurring. Down in the valley the remaining 9 disciples are tested by a man who brings his son for healing. This is a pop quiz, and yes, God gives pop quizzes. Sure, if we had it our way God would only test us when we are prepared, studied, and warned. In my academic life, the class where I learned how to study was physics and a teacher who firmly believed in pop quizzes. That class taught me to be a constant learner and not just a "test taking learner." In our spiritual lives the lessons are continuous, and likewise are the test, but as my great-grandmother would warn, "Be yea also ready!"

*By: Rev. Cean James, Associate Conference Minister of  
Congregational Development*





Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! These are very familiar words that are proclaimed throughout the world each blessed Easter morn. These are words that can be said regularly at Bausman Memorial UCC. We praise God for resurrection and having the last word in all

things. We praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Bausman's worship style is "Traditional with a touch of Spirit." We are blessed with a strong music ministry under the capable leadership of Sharon Luyben. The Chancel's and Bell Choir's anthems are always meaningful and beautiful. Pastor Mark Johnson strives to offer grace-filled yet challenging messages grounded in the Scriptures.

Youth ministries are growing in numbers and activities at Bausman. We have weekly Church School classes, youth groups for everyone over four years old, a Youth Choir, and VBS. We recently hired two Nursery Attendants for Sunday mornings. We are also remodeling all of our classrooms for the new day.

Part of being at Bausman is about having fun and fellowship together. We have: community dinners, ice cream socials, progressive dinners, road rally races, trips to sporting events, and more.

Praise the Lord, mission isn't a foreign word at Bausman. We support a variety of local ministries such as: Family Promise, Hope Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, the Women's Shelter, Bethany Home, Calvary UCC food bank, and more. We have a growing mission to veterans and families. We attend parades, offer prayers and blessings, collect food, and offer help around the house to veterans in need. In 2017 we hope to work ecumenically to help a veteran get back on his or her feet! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

Your prayers for God's presence, power, and love at Bausman Memorial UCC are very much appreciated! Thank you, and may the Lord richly, bless you, too!



Prayers are requested for Bausman Memorial UCC in  
Wyomissing and Rev. Mark J. Johnson.

## **This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

### **Sunday, February 26**

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Monday, February 27**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Tuesday, February 28**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, March 1**

*Ash Wednesday*

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service @ Palm

### **Thursday, March 2**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

1:30pm Staff Meeting

7:00pm Deacon's Meeting

### **Friday, March 3**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Saturday, March 4**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Sunday, March 5**

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

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## **Serving You at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

Ministers: All Church Members

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Pence

Director of Music: Ed Bieler

Junior Bells: Beth Croll

Senior Bells: Joanne and David Luz

Organist: Peg Jacob

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

Youth Director: Barbara Master

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Greeter: Lawrence Croll

Ushers: Job Kinsler, Jonas Kinsler, Joseph Kinsler, Nicholas Pence

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman

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