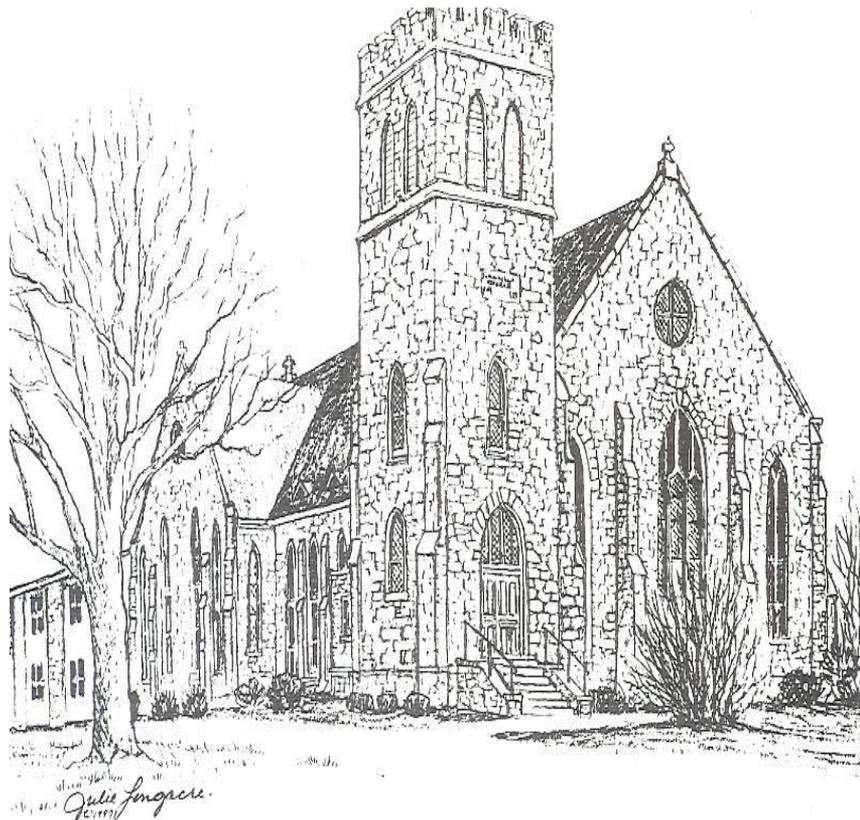


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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Paul Manz

***Call to Worship**

Why have we gathered on this holy day?

What has drawn us to this time and place?

We have been drawn to a flame burning here.

We sense the glory of God in this place.

God calls us to this time of worship.

The place where we are standing is holy ground.

Give thanks to God; sing praises.

Give attention to the voice of God.

Out of a burning bush, God spoke to Moses.

In the rhythms of worship, God speaks to us.

We will listen for God’s message to us.

Surely God’s strength will supply our needs.

***Hymn #634**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, we have wavered in our faith in the midst of suffering, and we have not persevered in prayer. We have claimed to be wiser than we are, and even tried to correct you. We make excuses for ourselves rather than listening to your direction and heeding your call. Our days are so filled with the busyness of this world that we cannot see your reign among us. We are so weighed down by our own concerns that we have no energy to serve your realm. Send your cleansing fire among us, forgiving God. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Exodus 3:1 – 15 (NRSV p. 44; LP p. 87 – 88)

Children’s Sermon

***Hymn #636** “If You Will Trust in God to Guide You”

Sermon “Holy Ground”

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 “Holy Ground” Geron Davis

***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**

**May our offerings be an expression of genuine love that
reflects your love for us, O God. We seek to honor you as we
seek one another in Christ’s name. We reach out to overcome
evil with good. Direct our use of the resources you entrust to
us that we may not only contribute to the needs of the saints
but also devote our lives to the building of a peaceable
worldwide community in which all are valued. Amen.**

***Hymn #635** “He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”

***Benediction**

Postlude “If You Will Trust in God” Anton Leupold

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are presented today in honor of the 95th birthday of Mary Ellen Schultz Barnes by Jean and Gregory Ross and Barbara and Gerry Colvin.

The flowers are presented in loving memory of Lenore Stauffer.

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:

Carmen Davis, Darlene Jones, Rick Jones, Jean Boreman, the family of Samantha Carlin, Judy Yerger, Jacki Hensler, Erin Beighley and family, the Weinder family, Rochelle Ginder Manuel, Deena Updegrove, Rebecca Himmelwright, Joe and Sue Cooper, Jeff Treichler, Ernie Guldin, Leon Wohlbach, Meg Lester, Willard Long, Samantha Hossler and Ryan Woods, Lucile and Bob Jones, Sheryl Tomlin, Mae Gerhart, Alvera Heffner, Dorothy Parker, Marian Fox, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Martha Wolford, Devon Hawkins, Kerm Goda, Vern Weller, Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Mary Hartman, Jen Fries, Reverend Ed Winslow, 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 the Board of Christian Education.

Holy Bible App by You Version

Make this a part of your Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are. Each day read a short new Verse of the Day. Reflect on how that Bible Verse is speaking to you.

Bible for Kids by You Version

Have an iPhone, iPad, iPod touch? Download it for free Bible interaction.

September Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Shane Raab (9/12), Owen Hoffman (9/21), Josie Kinsler (9/23),

Thomas Colvin (9/29)

Helping Hands

Look for the Helping Hands box located in the narthex. This is a new youth mission.

Wind & Flood Disaster: Hurricane Harvey

Hurricane Harvey made landfall near Corpus Christi, Texas, on Friday, August 25th as a Category 4 storm with 130 mile per hour winds. The storm is expected to cause widespread flooding and significant damage across southern Texas as the slow moving storm drops several feet of water throughout the region. UCC Disaster Ministries is already gearing up for our long-term recovery work in the region and your contributions for Harvey survivors means providing community support for holistic recovery, repairing house and home for families and children and restoring dignity for the most vulnerable who have lost everything in the wake of this catastrophic event. You may contribute to support Harvey relief and recovery efforts by clicking on the 'Donate' link to make a secure online donation at http://www.ucc.org/disaster_hurricane_harvey. Gifts may also be made by indicating "Hurricane Harvey" in the 'Other' area of your Giving Envelopes; gifts will be forwarded to Wider Church Ministries by way of the Conference (PSEC).

Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering. Palm Schwenkfelder Church, along with most UCC congregations, will receive the NIN offering on **October 1, 2017** as part of our World Communion Sunday observance. The Mission Board asks that you prayerfully consider support of this Special Offering.

MHP Is On-Deck.

We have not been officially activated, but have been alerted that families from Central Africa are expected. Cash donations are appreciated. Anyone willing to help with the moving please let a Deacon know.

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."

Still Needed!

Ten dozen pint canning jars new or used for the Ladies' Aid Chow Chow making event. (Please no wide mouth or mayonnaise jars)

Endowment for Continuing Education Scholarship Update

We would like to extend our congratulations to Emily Badman, the recipient of our 2017 Endowment for Continuing Education award. Emily is enrolled in a four year program at Cedar Crest College, where she will pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Forensic Science. Her future goals include studying for a Master's degree with an eye toward working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Our candidate is a 2017 graduate of Perkiomen School, where she achieved a GPA of 3.83 and a weighted GPA of 4.28. While attending Perkiomen she was able to choose an elective course in Forensics and to participate at Cedar Crest College in a Forensic Science Symposium. As a devoted member of our church family, Emily has been involved in Vacation Bible School, youth activities, the Relay for Life Team, various Ladies' Aid projects and mission trips to Heifer International and Old First Church. She has shared her musical talents with us through her membership in the Junior Bell Choir and the Cherub, Junior and Senior Vocal Choirs. Palm's blessings go with Emily as she continues to pursue her educational goals.

Many thanks to the members of the Palm Schwenkfelder Church congregation who faithfully support the Endowment for Continuing Education Program. Through your generosity, twenty of our young adults have received scholarship awards from the 1997-98 academic year to the present. To learn more about the scholarship program, please contact the church office or any member of the Endowment for Continuing Education Committee.

Let's Celebrate Together!

The Ladies' Aid Society of Palm Schwenkfelder Church invites you to attend a luncheon reception in honor of Pastor Nick's ten years with our congregation. Please plan to worship with us **next Sunday, September 10th**, and join us in the church social hall immediately following the service for a catered lunch, dessert and fellowship. This is your opportunity to say "thank you" to Pastor Nick for his ministry and friendship over the past ten years. We Hope To See You There!

Mark Your Calendar! It's Time to Make Chow Chow

The Ladies' Aid will be making Chow Chow on September 15th & 16th. We will need many hands on deck to help wash & count jars & chop fresh vegetables on September 15th, 9:00 am – noon. The monumental task of canning will start at 8:00 am on September 16th. This endeavor is no small task and will take many hands. Please save these dates & consider helping with this Ladies' Aid sponsored project.

Ladies' Aid Stocking Mission

It is that time of year again. The Ladies' Aid will be filling 75 stockings for Pennsburg Manor and Norristown State Hospital. We need your monetary gifts to help us. We try to put at least 9 items in each stocking. Any of the following committee members will take your gifts: Miriam Hausman, Sandy Kriebel, Sally Wright, Ruth Weaver, Ethel Soffa.

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.
- Donations of greeting cards to this project are welcomed and needed, especially Get Well and Sympathy cards. Please see Nancy Hoffman with your donations, or place them on the podium shelf.
- There are two yellow and green bins at the back of the parking lot for recycling your office paper and newspaper. The church benefits from these collections, along with helping the environment.

Thank You

A full heart of love and thankfulness to the Youth and Adults of Palm Church. We appreciate the 2 hours you spent that sunny Saturday putting our yard in order. God Bless U-all!
Shirley and Kenny Miller

Thank You

It is with the sincerest of emotions that I wish to thank my Palm Schwenkfelder family for your love and support during this difficult time. I would especially like to express my appreciation to all of you who filled in and took care of the office duties, allowing me the time I needed for my treatments and the start of my physical healing. Going forward, I am grateful for everyone’s patience as I continue to deal with my ongoing recovery.
Dan Ferry

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September 3, 2017

September 15 & 16

@ St. Paul's , Amityville

Friday 6:00—9:00 pm and Saturday 8:30 am—4:00 pm



With fewer and fewer people simply walking into our churches, the question becomes how does the church meaningfully connect with people outside its walls?

Reservations are filling up! Learn about this great opportunity and learn how to register at the PSEC Website (psec.org) by clicking on the "Reaching New People" slider at the top of the page.



SAVE THE DATE



2017 Fall Meeting

November 18, 2017 - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

@ First UCC, Schuylkill Haven

Thoughts on General Synod 2017 Resolution Calling to Enact Minimum Wage Laws of \$15.00 per Hour

A resolution of witness, submitted by the Connecticut Conference at the General Synod on July 4, 2017, called to enact minimum wage laws of \$15 per hour; for full - and part-time employees. The revised resolution passed: 75 per cent for; 22 per cent against; 2 per cent abstained. The resolution called for:

- Each member church to review compensation for all staff and reach at least \$15 per hour by 2019;
- All UCC settings to support better wages and working conditions and to “participate in community efforts” to do so;
- All UCC settings to advocate among local, state and federal policy makers to: 1. Raise the minimum wage as soon as possible; 2. Move toward living wages; and, 3. Work for the rights and dignity of workers.

Supporting arguments included the biblical and theological mandates to support the widow and the alien living among us, that our God is a God of justice, and God requires us to live based on justice, mercy and humility. Jesus calls us to care for the least of these among us.

Statistical analysis included the observation that in 1938 the minimum wage was 25 cents per hour. Adjusted for inflation that means \$4.25 per hour in today’s economy; in 1968 the minimum wage was \$1.50 an hour. In today’s economy that means \$10.90 per hour. In 2015, the minimum wage workers live in households below the poverty level (described as an annual income of \$24,250 for a family of four).

Note this resolution is the result of two resolutions entitled “A More Just Economy: Living Wages and Job Creation” and “Enact Minimum Wage Laws of \$15 Per Hour.” The resultant resolution was reviewed during synod by two committee sessions prior to plenary. The initial resolution included references to: Eliminating the \$2.13 per hour tipping wage, addressing international trade and investment agreements, creating jobs by repairing or replacing “crumbling” infrastructure and providing childcare and early childhood education. The tipping wage clause was removed.

Discussions of concern included impact on small businesses, job availability for teens, geographical variances regarding minimum wage and “living wage,” does increasing minimum wage really result in increased economy, international trade matters and job creation. *-Respectfully submitted: Ms. Linda Hammond, Rev. Edward Livingston and Rev. Terri McNamara—2017 General Synod Delegates*

Disaster Kits for Hurricane Harvey

We invite you to join in partnership with a community-wide effort to support our neighbors in Texas in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. Pennsburg UCC would like to coordinate a disaster bucket drive (cwskits.org) and would love to have your participation. Whether it is by putting your own buckets together, by donating bucket ingredients or taking up collections to buy such ingredients, or by putting together one of the two other kinds of kits on the Church World Service site, any help is greatly appreciated and much needed. Please call the church office for information on where to drop off donations.

BUCKET CONTENTS AS SPECIFIED BY CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

- One five-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid (If bucket has been used, clean well but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind.)
- Four scouring pads
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable cleaning towels (e.g. Easy Wipes)
- One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs non surgical latex gloves
- One pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather
- 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, September 3

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

10:15am [Sunday Worship Service](#)

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

Monday, September 4

Labor Day

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

Tuesday, September 5

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

7:00pm [Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting](#)

Wednesday, September 6

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

7:00pm [Boy Scouts - Annual Troop Meeting](#)

7:30pm [Senior Choir Rehearsal](#)

Thursday, September 7

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

1:30pm [Staff Meeting](#)

7:00pm [Deacon's Meeting](#)

Friday, September 8

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

Saturday, September 9

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

Sunday, September 10

9:00am [Rally Day](#)

10:15am [Sunday Worship Service](#)

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

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