

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**

### **GEDÄCHTNESTAG**

**Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer**

**Prelude**

“Give Thanks”

arr. Douglas Wagner

**\*Call to Worship**

Call on God with praise and thanksgiving.

Tell of God’s wonderful works.

**Today we open ourselves to God’s presence.**

**Let the hearts of all who seek God rejoice.**

When we eat, we are reminded of God’s provision.

When we drink pure water, we give thanks.

**Surely God has blessed us with food and drink.**

**Daily we are strengthened for tasks we face.**

We are guided by God’s laws and statutes.

We benefit from God’s generosity.

**Let all the people worship with joy!**

**Let all whom God has chosen sing together!**

**\*Hymn #496**

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Like our ancestors before us, we complain when things do not go our own way. We want abundance of everything rather than what is sufficient to sustain us. We would rather be elsewhere than where we are at the moment. When things do not go our way we say, “where are you?” We would rather you serve us than be accountable ourselves. You gave manna and quail to those before us, yet we still doubt you will be there for us. Forgive our lack of trust in your goodness and grant us forgiveness, we humbly pray. Amen.**

**Time of Personal Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Scripture** Exodus 16:2 – 15 (NRSV p. 55; LP p. 109 – 110)

**Senior Choir Anthem** "Holy Manna" arr. Joel Raney

## **Children's Sermon**

**Sermon** "Are we there yet?"

**\*Hymn #619** "God Will Take Care of You"

## **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** "God Will Take Care of You" Lucy Ann Warriner

## **\*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**

**Receive our tithes and offerings to your honor and glory,  
loving God. May fruitful results occur through and beyond our  
sharing. Call us all into the vineyard of meaningful labor and  
constructive leisure, that your Word, living through us, may  
call our neighbors to joyous reunion with you. May we help  
one another to live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #694** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

## \*Benediction

### Postlude

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

Don Hustad

\*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of Marvin Taylor by Brian and Renée Shelly.

The flowers are presented today 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:**

Ruth Adams, Darlene Jones, Rick Jones, Jean Boreman, 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, 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, and all those affected by natural disasters.

### **Holy Bible App by You Version**

Bible plans are grouped together in categories to help you find a plan that speaks to you. Some of these categories include: *Young Adults, Kids, Men, Women, Athletes, Families, Parents, Feelings, Relationships....*And so many more!

### **September Youth Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to...

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

Thomas Colvin (9/29)

### **Helping Hands**

No project is too small for Palm's Helping Hands youth mission! Fill out a request form today!

## **Hoagie Sale**

**Today**, after worship the youth will be selling Italian and Turkey hoagies. Proceeds benefit our VBS mission Hope Excursion: Children's Hunger Fund.

## **Children's Church Donations**

We will be collecting snacks and markers for children's church over the next couple of weeks. You may place donations in the container located in the Narthex.

## **Harvest Home/Open Link**

Every Sunday bring in an item for Open Link. Please no expired items. See the display in the Narthex for Top Needed Items, but whatever you would like to bring is wonderful.

## **Bonfire**

Join us Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> for a Bonfire. Bring a snack to share and a chair/blanket. Come early for a game of kick-ball! Exact times TBD.

## **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."

## **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.

## **Wind & Flood Disaster: Hurricane Relief 2017**

Hurricane Irma made landfall in Florida on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> with record-force winds and storm surges on the coasts. The storm continues to travel north. Millions of people in Florida evacuated or moved to approved shelters before the storm hit. Hurricane Harvey made landfall near Corpus Christi, Texas, on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> as a Category 4 storm with 130 mile per hour winds. The storm caused widespread flooding and significant damage across southern Texas as it dropped *several feet* of water throughout the region.

UCC Disaster Ministries is in the midst of coordinating our long-term recovery work in the regions. Your contributions for Hurricane survivors will provide community support for holistic recovery, repair house and home for families and children, and restore dignity for the most vulnerable who have lost everything in the wake of these catastrophic events. You may contribute to support Hurricane Relief and recovery efforts by clicking on the 'Donate' link to make a secure online donation at [http://www.ucc.org/disaster\\_hurricane\\_2017\\_relief](http://www.ucc.org/disaster_hurricane_2017_relief). Gifts may also be made by indicating "Hurricane Relief" in the 'Other' area of your Giving Envelopes; gifts will be forwarded to Wider Church Ministries by way of the Conference (PSEC).

## **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](http://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

## **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.

## **Calling All Bakers - We Need Your Help.**

Ladies' Aid is holding an Election Day Bake Sale on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Many homemade goodies will be needed. Best sellers are breakfast cakes, shoo fly, apeas, funny cakes, along with muffins, cookies & brownies. Please bring donations to the church Monday evening November 6<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-7:30 PM, or any time Tuesday morning.

## **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.

## **Gedächtnstag**

The Schwenkfelder Church will celebrate its annual service of Gedächtnstag, or Day of Remembrance, at 3:00pm today at Central Schwenkfelder Church. This traditional service of Thanksgiving is the oldest continuous celebration of thanks in the United States. Following the afternoon service, the day will conclude with a traditional meal of bread, butter, apple butter and water.

## **World Communion Sunday**

Please join us next **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**, as we celebrate World Communion Sunday. On the bread plates will also be gluten-free wafers for those with gluten sensitivity.

## **Did You Know...?**

This is where we list items of interest to members and visitors. 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.

### **Address Changes/Updates**

As a service to our members, any address changes that come through the office will now be listed in the bulletin. There will also be a section in the Palm Leaves that will list new addresses. However, for privacy reasons, this information will not be included in the online versions of the bulletin of Palm Leaves. If you have any information on members who may have moved, or if any of the addresses listed appear to be incorrect, please call the office to let us know. Thank You.

<b>Treasurer's Report – August, 2017</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Operating Cash on Hand Start of Month/Year	\$29,882.36	\$ 65,440.30
Operating Income Received	\$10,112.25	\$163,715.10
Operating Expenses	\$19,381.63	\$208,542.42
Ending Operating Cash on Hand - 8/31	\$20,612.98	\$ 20,612.98



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## American Indian Ministry Sunday

In seminary, I took a class on the book of Exodus that raised a major question for me and my understanding of this common biblical narrative; How does Exodus read to those who have been displaced from their lands? The trials and tribulations of the original Americans, Native Americans, are just one, but a major, example of this question.

This Sunday, September 24th, Native American Ministry Sunday, provides us all an opportunity to consider the travails of this wide, diverse, and proud people. The recent protests at Standing Rock indicate that Native peoples are still very much the victims of greed and displacement. They are still fighting for dignity and cultural respect.

As a justice loving people, we must both acknowledge the sins committed against Native peoples in the name of manifest destiny, and fight to repair those wrongs. Using condescending images as sports mascots only pours salt in the many wounds of our Native sisters and brothers.

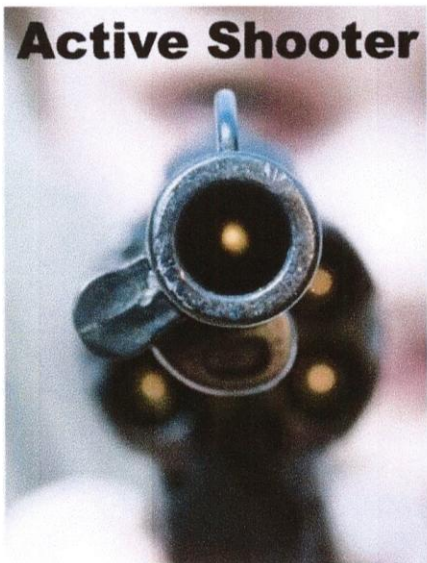


It is not our job to decide for a people when they are offended. It is our job to correct and repair the offence!

- Rev. Cean James,  
Associate Conference Minister  
for Congregational Development

## Is your church prepared?

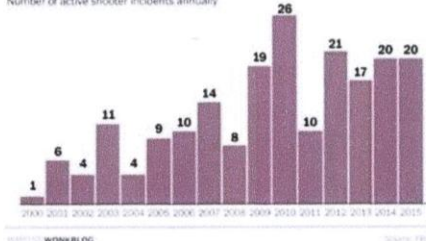
# Active Shooter Response Training YOU ARE INVITED!



Insurance Board is hosting a FREE live webinar workshop on Saturday, Nov 4, 10-Noon in cooperation with the ALICE Training Institute, the #1 active shooter civilian response training company! Open to Pennsylvania Southeast Conference Churches, the training includes an eLearning component that participants should complete prior to the workshop.

### The era of "active shooters"

Number of active shooter incidents annually



*When complete, you will be a Certified ALICE Civilian.*

It is an unfortunate reality that we sometimes live in an un-safe world. Is your church prepared for such an emergency?

PSEC has teamed up with the Insurance Board to bring you ALICE Training (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate)!

**Saturday, November 4th / 10:00 am—12:00 noon**

**Church of the Good Shepherd, Boyertown**

**For more information and to sign up, go to the PSEC website, [psec.org](http://psec.org), and click on the slider at the top of the page.**

Training includes an eLearning component to be completed prior to November 4th!

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

### **Sunday, September 24**

- 9:00am Combined Sunday School
- 10:15am Gedächtnistag Worship Service
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 3:00pm Day of Remembrance @ Central Schwenkfelder Church

### **Monday, September 25**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Tuesday, September 26**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting
- 7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134

### **Wednesday, September 27**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, September 28**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Board of Review

### **Friday, September 29**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Saturday, September 30**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Sunday, October 1**

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am World Communion Sunday Worship Service
- 11:30am Confirmands and Mentors Picnic
- 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

Sexton: Kevin Master 484 – 358 – 1684

Greeter: Dave Woodward

Ushers: Kevin Master, Barb Master, Blake Master, Kate Pence

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman

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