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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Stand Up, Stand Up”

Franklin Ritter

***Call to Worship**

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

We will tell you of glorious deeds, O Lord, and the wonders you have done.

Tell your children and your children’s children that they should set their hope in God.

And not forget your words, O God, but keep your commandments.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #663**

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Far be it from us that we should forsake you, O Lord, to serve other gods. Yet, we confess our allegiance is not what it should be. You brought our ancestors out of Egypt, yet we do not always trust you to hear of our needs. You protected them all along the way that they went; yet we wonder if you hear us when we cry to you. We hear you are a jealous God and will not forgive our transgressions or our sins, yet we are bold to lay them before you; have mercy upon us and give us your grace. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

Joshua 24:1 – 3a, 14 – 25 (NRSV p. 187 – 188; LP p. 370 – 372)

Children’s Sermon

Children's Church

Barb Master, Rainbow Bells

***Hymn #543**

"Christ Beside Me"

Sermon

"Choose This Day"

Senior Choir Anthem

"Here I Am, Lord"

arr. Mary McDonald

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

"Christ Beside Me"

Dale Wood

***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**

**We set our hope in you, God of all ages, and seek to serve you
through our offerings and our efforts to encourage and equip one
another for ministry. Help us decide daily to live according to your
will, preparing ourselves for the opportunities and challenges you
give us. May your rule shape our lives in ways that introduce many
to the joys of eternity in the midst of time. Amen.**

***Hymn #542**

"Near to the Heart of God"

***Benediction**

Postlude

"Psalm 19"

Benedetto Marcello

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of Claude A. Schultz, Jr. and all veterans by Jean and Gregory Ross, and Barbara and Gerry Colvin.

The flowers are presented today in honor of Ray and Miriam Hausman's wedding anniversary.

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:

Bob and Sandy Croll, Dan and Bonnie Croll, Marvin Zeisloft Jr., Ralph Stevenson, Bryan Schwoyer, Evelyn Bold, Ruth Adams, Darlene Jones, Rick Jones, Jean Boreman, Judy Yerger, Jacki Hensler, Erin Beighley and family, the Weinder family, Rochelle Ginder Manuel, Deena Updegrave, 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, Marian Fox, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Martha Wolford, Devon Hawkins, Kerm Goda, Vern Weller, 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 Men of Palm, all those affected by natural disasters, and all the families of those killed as well as all the wounded in the mass shooting at the First Baptist Church in Southerland Springs, TX.

Holy Bible App by You Version

4-Day Reading Plan: *The Good Book*. What could it mean to be made in the image of God? What one action or attitude can you change today that will help you better reflect the image of God – your true identity. Genesis 1 and Psalms 8:3-8.

November Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Bridgette Wright (11/16), Hans Muse (11/18), Reid Hoffman (11/25), Anja Muse (11/29), Sabine Muse (11/30)

Helping Hands

The youth and team were glad to be able to assist Karl & Michelle Badman with their yard work. Thank you Michelle for the delicious brownies!

Open Link Collection

Thanks to everyone for supporting the youth's efforts to collect items for Open Link. Our collection started with VBS, went in conjunction with Harvest Home, and ended with the Redner's food drive. Palm Church donated over 620 items!

Pretzels/Kid's Corner

Be sure to stop by the Kid's Corner at the Holiday Bazaar to purchase chocolate covered pretzels made by the youth. For kids, there will be a free craft and a holiday movie playing. Kids may stay while parents shop.

Journey to Advent Sunday, December 3rd is the first Sunday of Advent. If there is enough interest, we would like to have a fellowship soup and salad dinner. After dinner, adults will be led in a devotional time in the Sanctuary while youth enjoy an activity to learn about advent. We will wrap up our time together with cookies and coffee/hot chocolate. Please sign up in the Narthex if you would like to attend. If you are able to bring a dinner item, please sign up for that as well.

Help Needed for the Boy Scouts in Puerto Rico

Please help the Boy Scouts in Puerto Rico, whose camp was flooded and damaged by Hurricane Maria. Whitney Leh's Venture Crew, in the Hawk Mountain Council, is collecting items from other Venture Crews for Scouts in Puerto Rico. These items include Nalgene water bottles, microfiber towels, head lamps, propane lamps, and propane camp stoves (minus the propane tanks). The Crew anticipates sending several boxes of items to Puerto Rico and Whitney is asking if Palm would help with funds to purchase one camp stove, one lamp, and also cover the shipping costs (approx. \$300.00). Please consider donating funds to this cause to help the Scouts in Puerto Rico rebuild their camp. Funds should be earmarked "Puerto Rico Boy Scouts" and will be managed/dispensed through the Mission Board. Thank you for helping these Scouts in Puerto Rico.

Wind, Flood & Fire: Disaster Response

UCC Disaster Ministries has expanded the long-term recovery work for those recovering from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico along with those in need from the Wildfires in California. These efforts mean 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 these catastrophic events. 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>. Gifts may also be made by indicating "Disaster Relief" in the 'Other' area of your Giving Envelopes; gifts will be forwarded to Wider Church Ministries by way of the Conference (PSEC).

Congratulations

Congratulations to Trisha Wright on the birth of her son, Thomas Owen. Thomas is the great grandson of Bill and Sallie Wright.

Donation of Flower Vases

The Deacons are looking for donations of flower vases. They are needed for altar flowers, for when they are delivered to someone who is sick or shut-in. You can give your donated vase to one of the Deacons, or you can drop it off in the office.

Disaster Assistance Services Center for Hurricane Victims Now Open in Philadelphia

3 Great Loves....Love of Neighbor Opportunity for PSEC Churches!

Is your church looking for a great opportunity to be part of 3 Great Loves ...Love of Neighbor? Perhaps your church is also still wanting to assist those who suffered loss in this summer's hurricanes. If so, we have the answer! The Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management, in cooperation with the PA Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the Southeast PA Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (SEPA VOAD) has opened a Disaster Assistance Services Center in the city to help those displaced by recent hurricanes in Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands. Local, state, federal and non-profit partners are working together to provide information on available services for individuals displaced from the recent hurricanes. As of last count, 135 families, representing 280 individuals have visited the DASC for assistance. Evacuees can register for FEMA assistance, medical assistance, emergency food stamps, unemployment assistance at the center. In addition, evacuees can also obtain career services, medical and behavioral health evaluation and referrals. At the request of SEPA VOAD the PSEC is getting more involved. The conference has been asked to take the lead on this special mission. The UCC Disaster Ministries has issued a grant to the PSEC in support of this ministry however additional funds are required. As you can imagine the needs are many: housing, food, transportation, medical assistance, just to name a few. Your support of this cause can be sent to the Conference office. Please mark your check DASC. Each day we ask God to keep the world safe. When disasters occur, it is nice to know there is a way to help! No gift is too small!

Holiday Bazaar Bake Sale

The Ladies' Aid will have a Bake Sale at the Holiday Bazaar **this coming Saturday, November 18th**. Many homemade goodies will be needed, in addition to Christmas cookies. Best sellers are breakfast cakes, shoofly, apes cakes, funny cakes, along with muffins, cupcakes & brownies. Please bring donations to the church Friday or Saturday morning. Thank you!

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.

Did you also know?

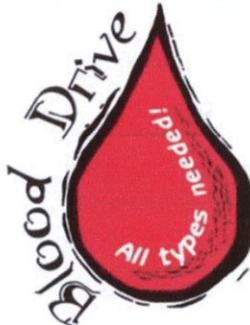
- Each year our Ladies' Aid Society extends its charitable giving to over 20 community and global ministries in addition to our church's general fund. You make this possible by generously supporting our fundraisers including purchases of chow chow, apple butter and Palm cookbooks. Don't forget our upcoming popular **Holiday Bazaar on November 18th**.



Miller Keystone Blood Drive

Mark your calendars for the Miller Keystone Blood Drive sponsored by the Palm Mission Board on Saturday, November 18th, 2017. The blood drive is from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. You can sign up on the mission bulletin board, online at www.giveapint.org, via email (palmadministrator@comcast.net), or by calling the Church Office (215-679-5321). Walk-ins are also welcome.

Thank you for your support.



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November 12, 2017

Core Commitments

Below is a list of core commitments that a congregation should make when employing lay persons and/or clergy. These three basic commitments (provided by the UCC Parish Life and Leadership group of Local Church Ministries) will help to ensure a smooth work/ministry life among the staff and between the staff and the congregation.

Working Conditions – The church should provide competent support staff for the clergy. The church should also provide suitable office space and equipment to facilitate all of the staff's work (including the clergy). In arranging office space, consideration should be given to the pastor's need for study, counseling, and administration. It is also imperative that the church ensure that the pastor's office is easily accessible to all persons.

Job Description – It is to the mutual advantage of all staff and the congregation to have a written position description (covenant) and a written contract (letter of call). This will clarify mutual expectations!

Evaluation of the Church's Ministry – A regular evaluation of the church's ministry, including staff, is important for the health of the church. Getting professional help with these evaluations either by members of the congregation who do HR work as a profession or ideally, by an outside source, will help these evaluations be done legally and without crossing any boundaries.

- Tammie Wisniewski, PSEC Finance Operations Manager



**NEW PSEC Website
to launch tomorrow,
Monday, November 13th!**

**There will be a session on the website
at the Fall Meeting on
November 18th**

- Any issues with the using the website, please contact Brea at the PSEC office at 484-949-8774 x 311 or at: brea@psec.org.
- Any issues trying to register for the Fall Meeting via the new website, please contact Sue at the PSEC Office at 484-949-8774 x 312 or at: susan@psec.org.



**To avoid trying to figure out the new
website while trying to register
for the fall meeting.....**

REGISTER TODAY!!

Fall Meeting—November 18th—

ARE YOUR DELEGATES REGISTERED ??



Training the Volunteers who Make It Happen!



Leadership Training Program for Church Leaders!

- Develop strong leadership skills
- Have team leaders know they are heard and valued
- Learn to : Run an Effective Meeting, Effectively Engage a Project Team, Move from Conflict to Conversation and more!

Unveiling at the Fall Meeting - November 18th!!

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH



HOLIDAY BAZAAR



Saturday, November 18, 2017 9:00am to 3:00pm

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

Rte 29, Palm, Pa

Crafters and Vendors

Featuring a variety of crafters & vendors with great gift ideas!

Baked Goods

Homemade breakfast cakes & pies...cookies..muffins..breads

Chow-chow--Apple butter--Canned Red Beets--Jellies

Homemade soups-----Homemade candy

Kids Corner

Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center Display

Our bazaar is proudly also featuring:

Open Link Donations-*In keeping with the holiday spirit of giving, we are collecting donations of non-perishable food items, personal toiletry items, and household goods such as toilet paper, dish and laundry detergents, along with diapers, pull ups and other baby needs. Please consider offering an item or two to our neighbors in need!*

Lenape Native American Artifact Display-

Darius Puff, a retired police officer with Lenape Native American heritage, will be in attendance with his display of Lenape Native American artifacts .The Lenape people once called this area home. They can be considered “original crafters” of the past as they needed to craft everything essential to their survival. Please stop by and visit with Darius (see bio of Darius Puff in additional article)

Miller- Keystone Blood-Mobile will be here!

Save Lives--Donate Blood!

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, November 12

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

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

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

Monday, November 13

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

6:30pm [Buildings & Grounds Committee](#)

7:30pm [Board of Trustees](#)

Tuesday, November 14

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

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

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

Wednesday, November 15

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

6:00pm [Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal](#)

6:30pm [Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal](#)

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

Thursday, November 16

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

7:30pm [United Choir Instrumental Rehearsal @ Palm](#)

Friday, November 17

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

Saturday, November 18

9:00am [Ladies' Aid Holiday Bazaar](#)

9:00am [Miller Keystone Blood Drive](#)

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

Sunday, November 19

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

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

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

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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: Kay Kleppinger, Richard Kleppinger, Karen Schultz, Kevin Schultz

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman

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