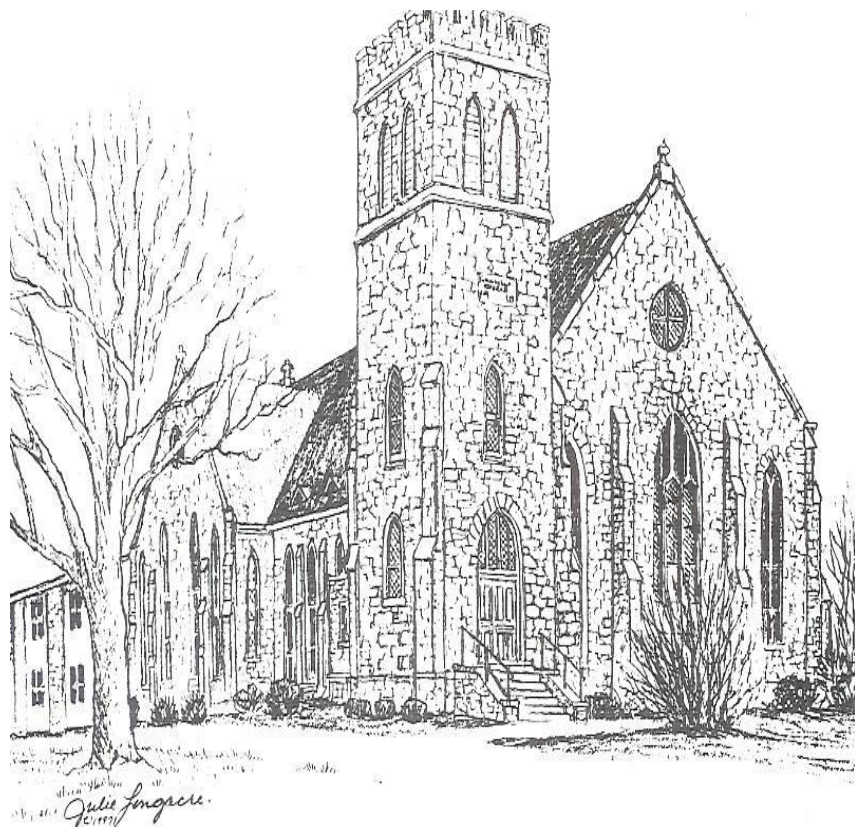


# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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**PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018**  
**EPIPHANY SUNDAY**  
**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer**

**Prelude** "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" David Cherwein

**\*Call to Worship**

Arise, shine; for your light has come; and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**Lift up your eyes and look around; sons and daughters gather together, they come to you.**

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

**They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

Let us worship God!

**\*Hymn #159** "Sing We Now of Christmas" (verses 1, 4 and 5)

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of sovereigns and commoners, we confess that we are often more impressed with famous people than we are with your amazing glory. The rulers of this earth are more real to us than the One who reigns over time and eternity. Your priorities are not foremost in our lives. We reach for power and popularity more than for justice for the poor. We are more focused on prosperity than on relief for the oppressed. Our pursuits do not satisfy; save us from their fragmenting grip in our lives. Cause a new epiphany among us, we pray. Amen.**

**Time of Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Scripture** Matthew 2:1 – 12 (NRSV p. 783 – 784; LP p. 1506 – 1507)

## Children's Sermon

\*Hymn #162 "The First Noel, the Angel Did Say" (verses 3-6)

Sermon "Evermore Led To Thee"

\*Hymn #185 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

## Service of Installation

### **Board of Trustees (one-year term)**

Moderator:	Joanne Luz
Vice Moderator:	Lawrence Croll
Recording Secretary:	Diane Dunn
Treasurer:	David Luz
Financial Secretary:	Joanne Jalowy
Custodian of Endowments:	Thomas Dunn

### **Registrar:**

Nancy Hoffman

### **Buildings and Grounds (one-year term)**

Walt Master – Chair	Andrew Kriebel
Alexander Jalowy	Brian Shelly
Richard Kleppinger	

### **Board of Trustees Representative to Palm Country Day School:**

Joan Pusey

### **Diaconate (three-year term; new members listed)**

Kevin Master – Lead Deacon	Job Kinsler (2020)
Beth Croll (2020)	Blake Master (2020)
Tammy Long (2018 – filling an open seat - one year)	

### **Mission Board (one-year term)**

Robert Croll – Chair	Lillian Master
Sarah Linsinbigler	Amy Pusey

### **Christian Education (three-year term; new members listed)**

Lisa Stitt – Chair  
Lee Schultz – Sunday School Superintendent  
Barb Master – Youth Director  
Charlotte Puff (2020)

### **Board of Music Ministry (three-year term; new member listed)**

Linda Fowler (2020)

### **PA Southeast Conference Board: (one-year term)**

Robert Croll

**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**

"See the Eastern Star"

Michael Burkhardt

**\*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**

**O God, as wise rulers of old brought gifts and worshiped a newly born baby, so also we bring offerings in praise of him whom you sent. The star that we follow is the light of Christ’s teachings, calling us to be faithful in service to all in need. Accept what we earn, the products of our creative energy and talent. Let this be the gold, frankincense, and myrrh that we bring. By our gifts may a sad and needy world be enriched and comforted. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #181**

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

"As with Gladness"

Lani Smith

\*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:**

Barry Slemmer, Jean Boreman, Leon Wohlbach, Lauren Crist, Bryan Schwoyer, Renée Shelly, Lena Johnson, Bob and Sandy Croll, Marvin Zeisloft Jr., Ralph Stevenson, Evelyn Bold, Ruth Adams, Darlene Jones, Rick Jones, 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, 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, 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 Olivet – Schwenkfelder UCC Church, and all those still being affected by the most recent natural disasters.

#### **January Youth Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to...

Lily Hoffman (1/04), Ian Ross (1/05), LJ (Jason) Morasco (1/14),  
Dillon Reinert (1/15), Johanna Kinsler (1/25)

#### **Youth Sunday School**

January 7<sup>th</sup> – Regular classes resume

January 21<sup>st</sup>– Combined Youth Sunday school - Winter Rally

#### **Installation of Officers**

**Today**, during the worship service, we will have the installation of all new officers. Please greet and congratulate the new officers at the reception in the Adult Sunday School Classroom after the installation.

#### **Ladies' Aid Epiphany Party & Monthly Meeting**

The Ladies' Aid Epiphany Party will be held **this Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**, at 12:00 noon beginning with a covered dish luncheon. Please note the date change from our usual meeting schedule. Along with a variety of many delicious foods, we will be collecting monetary donations for Open Link. This event is open to all so please make plans to join us! (And don't forget to bring something yummy to share!) *Monthly Ladies' Aid business meeting will follow the luncheon.*

## **Annual Report Submissions**

It's that time of year again. Well, Christmas and New Year's, sure, but I mean Annual Report time. So, to all department heads, committee chairs, and church leaders, I humbly request that you submit any and all information to be included in the Annual Report by **this Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**. If possible, please email your information to the church office. And if you have any questions, please direct those inquiries to Joanne Luz.

## **Annual Audit**

To all group leaders and committee chairpersons, please bring in your financial information for the year 2017 and leave it in the church office for the Audit Committee. The deadline for submission is Wednesday, January 24, 2018.

## **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.

## **Altar Flowers and Bulletins**

The Deacons would like to thank the members of Palm for sponsoring bulletins and real flowers throughout 2017! Everyone who did sponsor, please remember that bulletin sponsorships are \$15, flower sponsorships for 2017 were \$50, and the flowers are yours to keep after the service. The new 2018 charts are in the hallway outside of the office, and for this year the Deacons are giving people a new opportunity for sponsorship. In 2018, you will have the option of sponsoring *one* arrangement, *or both* arrangements. The cost of one arrangement is \$25, and the cost of sponsoring both arrangements is \$50. So if you would like to sponsor one arrangement, you need only sign up on one chart, but if you'd like to sponsor both arrangements, you will need to sign up on both charts for that particular Sunday. Or if you choose, you may sponsor one arrangement on one Sunday by signing up on one chart, and sponsor a separate arrangement on a completely different Sunday by signing up on the other chart. If you have any questions, please speak to one of the Deacons. Thanks!

## **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.

### **Brown Bag Lecture Series @ SLHC**

This Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at noon, come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center for a presentation by Joyce Munro entitled *Toward Thick Description: The Life and Imagination of Local Tavern, Store, and Stagecoach Businesses, 1750s-1880s*. Place names evolve across the decades. The tavern/store business in 1759 is Nuss's at the top of the hill going southeast from tanner and tile maker Daniel Hiester's. Later it is Gabel's on the way to and from Sumney's town. In the 1850s it is a different property with evolving functions in a village just then earning the name Branchville and then Bergey. Out of here in Upper Salford Township a stagecoach company operates in the 1860s. The road is called the North Welsh road and later the Springhouse and Sumneytown Turnpike. Now its name is Old Sumneytown Pike. This project collects the remnant crumbs, the twelve baskets of primary sources, from a miracle of living across the centuries and then imagines the lives of some of the men, women, and children. Learn about a particular moment of revelation in an otherwise indescribably small life.

### **Special Program @ SLHC**

On Sunday, January 14, 2018, at 2:00 pm (snow date, January 21) the Friends of the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center will present *Hex Signs: Myth and Meaning in Pennsylvania Dutch Barn Stars*. This program, presented by Patrick Donmoyer, is a photographic presentation of field research conducted from 2007 to the present throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania in six counties, as a survey of decorated Pennsylvania barns and the content of their decorations. The photographs reveal a diverse and colorful tradition of folk art that has persisted to the present day and overlaps with many other artistic, ritual, and architectural traditions. In addition, the content of the designs will be compared to trends in Pennsylvania German folklore, especially as it pertains to beliefs and practices associated with the agricultural lifestyle, religious expression, and observations of the heavens. Patrick Donmoyer, formerly of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, is the Director of the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center at Kutztown University, a folklife museum and research center on the Kutztown Campus. A fluent speaker of Pennsylvania Dutch and advocate for regional folk culture, Patrick's work blends language, traditions, and vernacular architecture in his folklife research. He is the author of numerous articles, and two books, including *Hex Signs: Myth and Meaning in Pennsylvania Dutch Barn Stars* in 2013, and was the editor of Don Yoder's *The German Bible in America*. He is currently completing a forthcoming book, a lecture series, and a traveling exhibition on the tradition of ritual medicine, entitled *Powwowing in Pennsylvania*.

### **Redner's 1% Save-A-Tape Rebate Program**

Recently we have been notified by Redner's that they will no longer honor register receipts that have the bottom part cut off. To qualify for the 1% Save-A-Tape Refund Program, the register tape must be the *entire tape*. Also, they want *no magic marker* used on the tapes. *Entire tapes* dated within the last three years will qualify for the rebate. Thank you for your cooperation.



### ***Valentine's Day Wishes***

Please prepare valentine cards or treats for the church members listed below. You may make your own cards, or use store bought cards. Place the cards in the Valentines box in the Narthex by February 4<sup>th</sup>. The valentines will be delivered (in some cases mailed) in time for Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Grace Beard  
Lucille Berky  
Kylene Bertoia Hart  
Jack & Evelyn Bold  
Perma Bower  
Matthew Cleaver  
Ray Davis  
Edward Fegely  
Marion Fox  
Mae Gerhart  
Alyssa Guldin  
Heinz & Mary Jane Herrmann  
Gladys Hoffman  
Bob & Lucile Jones  
Rick & Darlene Jones

Payton Keyser  
Pauline Kloenne  
Erma Kriebel  
Grace Kuhns  
Meg Lester  
Helen Pannepacker  
Beverly Phifer  
Betty Pope  
Bryan Schwoyer  
Margaret Schultz  
Carol Shafer  
Bill Shermer  
Dorothy Trumbauer  
Adam Walter



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January 7, 2018

**The stories of Advent and Christmas have been preparing us  
for our *epiphany*.**

Epiphany is the season of seeing in the church. It is the time in the church year when we are all called to a deeper understanding of who Jesus is and what Jesus means to each one of us. The stories of Advent and Christmas have been preparing us for our *epiphany*.

One of the many layers found in the Gospels is the constant paradox between knowledge and belief. Jesus was confronted with it all the time. The story always unfolded in this manner. Jesus would come into town, preach, teach, and perform miracles. Then he would leave and there would be those who saw and believed in Jesus and there would be those who saw and did not believe. The metaphor of Jesus giving sight to the blind is a clever way the disciples use to illustrate this reoccurring phenomenon.

The same challenge exists in the church today. We are faced with the same dilemma. Do we have the ability to see Jesus, like the shepherds and Wisemen? Do we have the gift of seeing Jesus as the revelation of God in our day and time? Or are we blinded in our understanding?

We are at a disadvantage. We do not have the angel's proclamation or the baby in the manger. We do not have the benefit of being eyewitnesses to the miracles of Jesus. What we do have are the sacred symbols of our faith—the bread and wine. What we do have are our own private stories of how Jesus has been present in our lives. Stories of Jesus being revealed to us in very holy and sacred times and ways.

Epiphany is about revelation, the signs of God's promise and hope that encourages us and strengthens us to face a new day. Let us prepare our lives for the revelation of the Christ Child!

*-Rev. Sharon S. Morris  
Associate Conference Minister*



Much emphasis is given today to churches reaching new people, and rightfully so. The real area of untapped potential in any congregation and community are not the people outside of the church, but the people who are sitting in your pews every Sunday (or every other Sunday).

This workshop is designed to equip pastors and lay leaders with modern tools for doing an ancient work; making disciples out of those who are in our care.

**Facilitator: Rev. Cean James**

**Times: 10:00 am—12:00 noon**

There are 3 opportunities to attend this workshop:

**February 24 @ Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church—Philadelphia**

**March 3 @ First UCC—Quakertown**

**April 14 @ Trinity UCC—Reading**

### **REGISTER:**

There is no charge for this workshop but please register by going to the PSEC website ([www.psec.org](http://www.psec.org)) , click on the Events & News tab, click Conference Events and find the workshop date you are interested in.



### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:**

“Books of the PSEC will close on January 16, 2018. All OCWM contributions for 2017 must be in our office by that date or they will be counted towards 2018 contributions.”

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

### **Sunday, January 7**

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Epiphany Sunday - Installation of Officers

11:30am Reception for New Officers

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are – Gen. 18–19; Matt. 6:1–18

### **Monday, January 8**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are – Gen. 20–22; Matt. 6:19–34

6:30pm Buildings & Grounds Committee

7:30pm Board of Trustees

### **Tuesday, January 9**

12:00pm Ladies' Aid Epiphany Party & Meeting

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are – Gen. 23–24; Matt. 7

6:00pm Stage Removed from the Sanctuary

7:00pm Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting

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### **Wednesday, January 10**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are – Gen. 25–26; Matt. 8:1–17

12:00pm Brown Bag Lecture Series @ SLHC

6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, January 11**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are – Gen. 27–28; Matt. 8:18–34

### **Friday, January 12**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are – Gen. 29–30; Matt. 9:1–17

### **Saturday, January 13**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are – Gen. 31–32; Matt. 9:18–38

### **Sunday, January 14**

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are – Gen. 33–35; Matt. 10:1–20

2:00pm Special Program @ SLHC

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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: Job Kinsler, Joe Kinsler, Blake Master, Kate Pence

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman

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