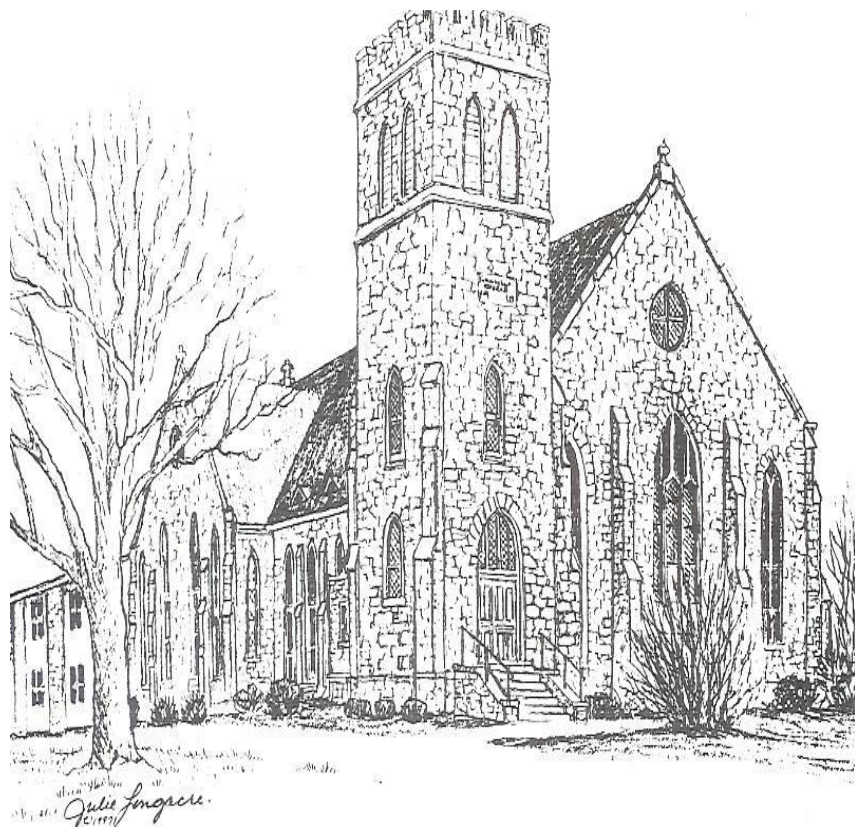


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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Benjamin Culli

***Call to Worship**

God has set apart those who are faithful.

Our creator will hear us when we call.

God puts gladness in our hearts and minds.

We will lie down in safety and sleep in peace.

Beloved, we are God's children now.

What we will be has not yet been revealed.

We are here to remember Jesus Christ.

We want to be like the One who lived by love.

Our faith strengthens us for each day's living.

God empowers our ministries of caring.

We trust God whose children we are.

We look forward to what God will reveal to us.

***Hymn #101**

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture 1 John 3:1 – 7 (NRSV p. 990; LP p. 1911)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church Barb Master

***Hymn #507** “I Then Shall Live”

Sermon “Children of God”

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 “My Jesus, I Love Thee” 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**

**Giver of eternal gladness, Fountain of life from whom flow
endless blessings, all that we have is a gift of your love. Accept
now these offerings of thanksgiving, symbols of our grateful
response to Christ’s sacrifice for us. Use our gifts to spread the
good news of repentance and forgiveness of sins. May they bring
times of refreshment as results of Christ’s presence. Amen.**

***Hymn #509** “O How I Love Jesus”

***Benediction**

*All who are able, please stand.

The flowers are presented today in honor of Joseph Kinsler’s 18th birthday.

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:

The family of Carol Master, Keith Miller, Anna Schloder, Cody Belmont, Nathan Wright, Liz Snook, Liem Zbyszinski, Barry Slemmer, Jean Boreman, Leon Wohlbach, Bryan Schwoyer, Marvin Zeisloft Jr., Evelyn Bold, Ruth Adams, Darlene and Rick Jones, Judy Yerger, Jacki Hensler, Rochelle Ginder Manuel, Deena Updegrove, Rebecca Himmelwright, Joe and Sue Cooper, Ernie Guldin, Meg Lester, Willard Long, Lucile Jones, Sheryl Tomlin, Mae Gerhart, 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 the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center.

April Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Parker Morasco (04/05), Aubrey Reinart (04/12)

Happy 18th birthday to Joseph Kinsler (04/13)

Children's Church

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with Children's Church. We are still looking for snack donations. Please put any donations in a bag labeled "Children's Church" and place them in the office.

Youth Group

For youth in 5th grade and up, sign up in the narthex to join us on the following dates:

Sunday, April 22nd, 5:00pm-7:30pm

Sunday, April 29th, 5:00pm-7:30pm

May Youth Group

Sunday, May 6th, 5:00pm-7:30pm

Saturday, May 19th, 4:00pm-7:30pm

(Penn Dry Goods community service with dinner following)

Friday, May 25th, 6:00pm-9:00pm

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Two more Sundays to purchase tickets to the pancake & sausage fundraiser breakfast being hosted by the current Confirmation Class on Saturday, April 28th, from 8:00 am – 10:00 am. Proceeds will benefit The Open Link. Pre-ordered tickets cost \$7, or you can pay at the door for \$8. See a Confirmation student to purchase your tickets. We hope to see you there!

Sunday School

There will be combined youth Sunday School on May 6th. There will be combined Sunday School and a covered dish breakfast on May 20th, as the Confirmation Class is planning a presentation for that morning. Everyone is invited to attend. June 3rd will be the Sunday School closing program with a combined Sunday School. Teachers and parents are invited to attend. A covered dish church picnic will take place after worship on June 3rd for everyone in the congregation.

Knotting Party

On Wednesday, May 2nd, at 9:00 am, the Ladies' Aid will be sponsoring another Knotting Party. No experience needed. Come and help make blankets for the Migrant Ministry Project.

Brown Bag Lunch & Meetinghouse Tour for Confirmands and Mentors

A tour of the meetinghouse sites will be held **today**. Following the worship service we will have a brown bag lunch in the social hall, and after that the class and mentors will travel to Washington, Hosensack and Kraussdale.

Palm Leaves, Loosely Speaking

From now on, the Palm Leaves you receive will not have any staples in them. We have been informed by the Post Office that we do not have a permit for mailing documents with staples. Apparently, stapling changes a newsletter into a "booklet," and ours is a newsletter bulk rate permit. So please be aware that you will still receive a complete Palm Leaves, but that the pages will be loose.

Community Day of Service

This coming Saturday, April 21st, there will be a community day of service sponsored by the participating churches of the 500th Anniversary celebration. Events will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Red Hill and other locations throughout the Upper Perkiomen Valley. If you would like to participate in the day of service, please use the following link to sign up for one or more service opportunities: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/6oBo84FA8AD2CAAFDo-upcommunity

Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting

The Committee focus is to ensure optimum communication between the congregation and Pastor Nick and to that end, encourages questions or comments. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee: Jeff Stauffer, Dave Woodward, Gail Ferry, Lil Master, Ray Hausman, Doug Wallinger, Jean Ross, or David Luz. The next meeting of the Pastoral Relations Committee will be held Sunday, May 6th, after the worship service, in the Contemporary Issues Classroom.

Recycling

As you may have seen in recent news, many organizations in the Valley have had difficulty with the collection of recycling material. Unfortunately, we are one of those organizations. We are now in the process of dealing with the situation; however, until we are able to find a solution, please do not bring any paper recycling to the church. Thank you.

Treasurer's Report – March, 2018

	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash on Hand – March 1 st	\$29,806.49	\$ 64,361.86
Operating Income Received	\$22,851.21	\$ 57,777.71
Operating Expenses	\$34,632.16	\$104,114.03
Operating Cash on Hand – March 31 st	\$18,025.54	\$ 18,025.54

Altar Flowers and Bulletins

The Deacons would like to thank the members of Palm for sponsoring bulletins and real flowers throughout 2017! The 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, bulletin sponsorships are still \$15, but you now have the option of sponsoring *one* arrangement, *or both* arrangements of flowers. 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!

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

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.

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.

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April 15, 2018

**Necessary Endings:
When Does Closure Become An Option**



**Saturday, April 21st
9:00—12:00**

**One UCC, Reading
1730 New Holland Road**

This workshop is intended to create a safe space where difficult questions can be discerned with those who share the predicament of congregation decline and potential closure.

For more info and to register go to: psecclosure.eventbrite.com



2018 Annual Meeting



**2018 Annual Meeting
June 1-3, 2018
@ West Chester University**

Register at: psec2018annual.eventbrite.com

PSEC Helps in Hurricane Maria Long-term Recovery in Philadelphia

On Saturday, March 17, the Conference Consistory approved the Conference's membership in the Greater Philadelphia Long Term Recovery Committee. The purpose of the GPLTRC is to help residents of Puerto Rico who've relocated to the Philadelphia area (whether temporarily or permanently) as a result of Hurricane Maria devastating the island in September 2017.

Many of these families and individuals face significant challenges, including but not limited to:

- adequate and affordable housing
- employment opportunities
- language translation
- help navigating the FEMA assistance process
- replacement of lost items
- emotional and spiritual support

The GPLTRC will establish and maintain a network of resources by coordinating the knowledge of various faith-based, non-profit, governmental, business, and other community-focused agencies and organizations. These services shall be provided regardless of race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, disability or religious preference.

You can read more about this important work at <https://www.sepavoad.com/long-term-recovery>.

There are several ways for you and/or your church to support this work:

- Financially – Send your contributions to the Conference and mark your gift "Philadelphia DASC" or online, indicating that it is a special gift.
- Offer your services as a translator (if you are a Spanish speaker)
- Adopt a family

(For more information on the above opportunities contact Karl Jones, kjones275@comcast.net)

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, April 15

- 9:00am Fire Drill During the Sunday School Hour
- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service
- 11:30am Confirmands and Mentors Meetinghouse Tours
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
1 Samuel 27–29; Luke 13:1–22

Monday, April 16

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
1 Samuel 30–31; Luke 13:23–35
- 7:00pm Red Hill Band Board of Directors Meeting
- 7:00pm Board of Christian Education Meeting

Tuesday, April 17

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
2 Samuel 1–2; Luke 14:1–24
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting
- 7:00pm Mission Board

Wednesday, April 18

- 11:30am Administrative Professionals Luncheon
@ New Goshenhoppen
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
2 Samuel 3–5; Luke 14:25–35
- 6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 19

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
2 Samuel 6–8; Luke 15:1–10

Friday, April 20

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
2 Samuel 9–11; Luke 15:11–32

Saturday, April 21

9:00am Day of Service @ St. Paul's Lutheran - Red Hill

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
2 Samuel 12–13; Luke 16

Sunday, April 22

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

11:30am Confirmands and Mentors Meetinghouse Tours
(Rain Date)

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
2 Samuel 14–15; Luke 17:1–19

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