

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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# PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

## SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

### MUSIC SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Change Our Hearts

Prayer

Prelude

“Prelude in G”

Johann Sebastian Bach

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 98:1–8

Sing to our God a new song.

**God has done marvelous things!**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

**Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

**Let the world and its people sing together for joy!**

**\*Hymn #635**

“He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, all too often we have refrained from truly praising you. We are reluctant to share our gifts, embarrassed by what others may think of us. We have hidden our talents rather than offering them for your blessing and glorification. We have held tightly to the familiar choruses of what has been done, rather than daring to risk singing a new song. Forgive us, loving God, and lead us to praise you this and every day. Amen.**

Time of Personal Confession

Hymn #445

“Just As I Am, without One Plea”

(verses 1, 3, 5)

Assurance of Pardon

Junior Bell Choir

“Shine, Jesus Shine”

Graham Kendrick  
arr. Peggy Bethcher

**Scripture** 1 John 5: 1 – 6 (NRSV p. 991; LP p. 1913 – 1914)  
Psalm 98:1–8 (NRSV p. 480; LP p. 935)

**Time of Song for the Children of God #470** “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

**Senior Men’s Choir** “All to Us”  
by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Matt Maher, and Matt Redman  
arr. Mary McDonald

**Hymn #522** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” (verses 1, 2, 3)

**Senior Bell Choir** “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”  
Jonas Martin & Matt Redman, arr. Peggy Betsher

**\*Hymn#623** “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

**Celebrating the Hymns and Life of William B. Bradbury**

**Recognition of Directors and Musicians**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory** “The Lost Chord” Arthur S. Sullivan  
Ethel Soffa, piano

**\*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 Lord, we praise you this day with our voices, our musical talents, our hearts, our lives, and all of our offerings. May your Spirit bless these gifts, multiply them for your glory, and be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear. Allow us to share our faith wherever we go as we carry the song of your praise in our hearts. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #517** “The Solid Rock” (verses 1, 2, 4)

**Senior Choir Anthem** “Let the Saints Get Up and Sing”  
arr. Joel Raney

**Benediction**

**Postlude** “When in Our Music God Is Glorified” David Cherwein

\*All those who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today by a member of the congregation who wishes to honor all those who share their musical talents to enrich and enhance our worship experience.

The flowers today are presented in loving memory of Glenna (Schultz) Fulmer from Jeff, Kathy Jo, and Sharon and her grandchildren.

**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:**

Dakota Laudenslager, Merle Leh, Mary Irene Sutcliffe, Keith Miller, Donna Weller, 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, 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 Board of Music Ministries.

**May Youth Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to... Andrea Simon (5/6), Selia Werth (5/10)

**May Youth Group**

Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am – 12:30pm

Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm-7:30pm

Confirmation class and older only -Penn Dry Goods at  
Schwenkfelder Library community service with dinner after

Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm-9:00pm

**Confirmation Class Presentation**

Join us on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am for a covered dish breakfast and for a brief presentation by the Confirmation Class.

## **Closing Program & Church Picnic**

Teachers and parents are invited to attend the Sunday school closing program at 9am on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. And, after the worship service, the entire church is invited to a picnic in the Grove. Drinks and hot dogs will be provided by The Board of Christian Education. Bring a chair and a dish, side or dessert to share. There will be a bounce house for the kids and for the kids at heart.

## **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 **today**, after the worship service, in the Contemporary Issues Classroom.

## **Mission Moment: Chester County Migrant Ministry**

Once again Palm Schwenkfelder, along with the other congregations of the General Conference of the Schwenkfelder Church, will be collecting donations in support of the Chester County Migrant Ministry of the PA Council of Churches. Since the 1970's, migrant farm workers, and their families, have arrived in the area to harvest a variety of crops. Most of these migrants live and work year round in the area, and they arrive with very little to their names. Typically, they come unprepared for the colder northern temperatures. In addition, the majority have not learned English, which makes it difficult to ask for help and receive various services. The Mission Board would like to invite you to participate in our annual drive, which will be delivered to the Annual Meeting of the General Conference on May 20, 2018. Current needs include: Health Kits: Toothbrushes/toothpaste, bath towels, wash cloths, disposable razors, soap (Ivory, med. size), pocket mirrors, toilet paper, plastic coffee cups, heavy plasticware, shaving cream, combs and women's feminine products. Other items needed: new/used blankets (used blankets must be clean and in good condition), first aid kits, paperbacks, Spanish/English dictionaries, and Bibles. Please place all items at the Migrant Ministry Display by Sunday, May 20, 2018. Thank you for your assistance, as all donations are welcomed and greatly appreciated.

## **Recycling**

As you may have noticed, the paper recycling bins have been emptied. However, we request that you still not bring any paper to the recycling bins. An initial decision had been made by the Board of Trustees to discontinue the contract with the current company; however, a final decision regarding the retention of any paper recycling service is still pending. Once a resolution to this situation is reached, announcements will be placed in the Sunday bulletins and in the next Palm Leaves. Until that time, please refrain from bringing any paper recycling to the church. Thank you.

## **Palm Leaves Correction**

Regarding the Penn Dry Goods Market announcement, please note that there is a discrepancy in the dates listed in the version of the May Palm Leaves that was mailed. The dates in the announcement itself on page 8 are correct, but the dates listed on the back page in the “Save the Date” section are incorrect. The correct dates for this year’s Penn Dry Goods Market are Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **Spring General Conference – Change of Venue**

The Spring General Conference meeting of The Schwenkfelder Church is scheduled for Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The location of this year’s Conference *has been changed* from Central Schwenkfelder to Olivet-Schwenkfelder Church. The meeting will begin at 3:00 PM and will be followed by a light supper. The Annual Meeting’s business will include election of Officers, reports on Conference activities, and announcements. Please attend and learn about our Conference activities.

## **Special General Conference Meeting – Message from Drake Williams**

For some time Executive Council has been concerned with the difficulty in attaining a quorum at our Fall and Spring General Conference meetings. At the last 10 regular meetings held since 2012, a quorum was achieved only on three occasions. Quorum is 50 members. At the three meetings where quorum was achieved the attendance was 50, 52 and 53 members. Both the Ministerium and Executive Council have reviewed the issue and have concluded that the simplest solution is to reduce quorum for these meetings to 25. In order to effect that change, I am calling a Special General Conference Meeting for Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> to be held at the Salford Meeting House scheduled to begin at 6:00 PM, immediately preceding the Salford Pilgrimage service. The sole purpose of the special meeting will be to vote on the following amendment:

ARTICLE III, Section 7. A quorum shall be 25 members.

## **Altar Flowers and Bulletins**

There are several upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins.

Dates available for flower sponsorship:

One Bouquet Still Needed—

June 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>; August 26<sup>th</sup>; September 2<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

Two Bouquets Available—

August 12<sup>th</sup>; September 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

Dates available for bulletin sponsorship are:

June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>; July 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup>; August 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, & 19<sup>th</sup>

The cost of bulletin sponsorship is \$15. The cost for sponsoring one flower arrangement is \$25, and the cost for sponsoring both arrangements is \$50.

## **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.

## Treasurer's Report – April, 2018

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash on Hand as of April 1, 2018	\$18,025.54	\$ 64,361.86
Operating Income Received	\$32,100.02	\$ 89,877.73
Operating Expenses	\$37,752.01	\$141,866.04
Operating Cash on Hand as of April 30, 2018	\$12,373.55	\$ 12,373.55

### **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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## Proposed Vision, Mission, Purpose and Values Statements

The Joint Conference Vision and Development Team after receiving feedback from our survey, from our town meetings, interviews with the staff from both conferences and discussions with the PSEC Consistory and PNEC Board of Directors, created **draft** Vision, Mission, Purpose and Value Statements for a proposed new conference.

These were shared at our Association Meetings and at the PNEC Annual Meeting. We are asking you to reflect on these statements and share your reflections with the JCVDT so we can create a final draft for further consideration.

### Reflection Questions

The work of the Conference is different from the work of the local church. Local churches are called to welcome, encourage, and nurture disciples of Jesus. The mission of the conference is to support local congregations to fulfill their calling. The conference is the wider community of congregations in relationship with one another to support the wider mission of the church.

- Do you believe a new Conference guided by these statements would integrate well with your church's work?
- How is your local congregation working to make disciples of Jesus?
- How might the combined resources and reach of a new, larger Conference support your church in those efforts?

What specific support could a new, larger Conference provide that would help you expand those efforts?

Please email your responses to [pastorbarb90@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbarb90@gmail.com) or [jomar-chetto@rcn.com](mailto:jomar-chetto@rcn.com).



***Draft Vision, Mission, Purpose and Values Statements for a  
Proposed Eastern PA Conference***

The \_\_\_\_\_ UCC Conference of Eastern Pennsylvania

**Who We Are**

We are the Conference of Local UCC Congregations and Affiliated Ministries in Eastern Pennsylvania. We serve as the liaison and covenant partner between the local congregations and ministries of the United Church of Christ and the national setting.

**Our Purpose:**

*Why we do this work –*

**Because people are created as communal beings, a conference provides a framework to live out our mission with accountability**

**Our Mission:**

*What we do –*

**Building up the body of Christ**

**Our Vision:**

*What the Conference will look like in the future -*

**Lives and communities transformed through love**

**Our Values:**

*How we do our work together -*

**Guided by Jesus' commandments to love one another and a commitment to extravagant welcome, we will work together...**

to serve God and our neighbors with compassion  
to encourage and inspire one another with hope  
to make bold and courageous choices with love

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

### **Sunday, May 6**

- 9:00am Combined Youth Sunday School
- 10:15am Music Sunday Worship Service
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
1 Kings 21–22; Luke 23:26–56

### **Monday, May 7**

- 11:00am Board of Music Ministry Meeting
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
2 Kings 1–3; Luke 24:1–35

### **Tuesday, May 8**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
2 Kings 4–6; Luke 24:36–53
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

### **Wednesday, May 9**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
2 Kings 7–9; John 1:1–28
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, May 10**

- Deadline for June/July Newsletter*
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
2 Kings 10–12; John 1:29–51
- 1:30pm Staff Meeting

### **Friday, May 11**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
2 Kings 13–14; John 2
- 6:00pm Confirmation Class Lock-In

### **Saturday, May 12**

- 8:00am Confirmation Class Lock-In
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
2 Kings 15–16; John 3:1–18

**Sunday, May 13**

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
2 Kings 17–18; John 3:19–36

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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

Greeter: Beth Croll

Ushers: Glenn Hoffman, Gregg Hoffman, Tim Hoffman, Lisa Stitt

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