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Scripture Psalm 26 (NRSV p. 437; LP p. 857 – 858)

Children's Sermon

Children's Church No Children's Church Today

***Hymn #517** "The Solid Rock"

Sermon "In the Great Congregation"

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 "Children of the Heavenly Father"
John D. Vieker (Swedish)

***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**

As long ago you spoke through the prophets, speak now through us and through the fruits of our labor which we share. We dedicate to your service all the good things we have received from your hand. May we proclaim your name throughout the world with our brothers and sisters in the great congregation. May our gifts carry the good news throughout our community, making a difference in the quality of life experienced by many, near and far. Amen.

***Hymn #782** "Come, Share the Lord"

Service of Communion

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, young and old, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

Communion Prayer and Consecration

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing of the Elements

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will.

Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

Senior Choir Anthem "We Are One in the Lord" Joseph Martin

Benediction

Choral Benediction

"God Be with You Until We Meet Again"
Jeremiah Rankin & William Tomer, arr. Heather Sorenson

Postlude "Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works"
Dakota Tune (Native American)

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today in honor of Lena Wilson's 90th birthday by her daughter Charlene Wilson.

The flowers are presented today in loving memory of Charles S. Krauss by Tom and Diane Dunn.

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:**

Pauline Kloenne, Eric G., Grace Kuhns, Roger Steele, Bob Croll, Sr., Evelyn and Jack Bold, Renée Shelly, Wilmer Schultz, Mae Gerhart, Jill Schubert, Donna Weller, Ray Fox, Jeremy Master, Autumn Reyburn, Ray Lepley, Elaine Fox, Dakota Laudenslager, Merle Leh, Keith Miller, Anna Schloder, Cody Belmont, Liz Snook, Liem Zbyszinski, Barry Slemmer, Jean Boreman, Leon Wohlbach, Bryan Schwoyer, Judy Yerger, Jacki Hensler, Rochelle Ginder Manuel, Deena Updegrove, Rebecca Himmelwright, Ernie Guldin, Meg Lester, Willard Long, Lucile Jones, Sheryl Tomlin, 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 Palm Schwenkfelder Church Ladies' Aid Society.

October Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Michael Kennedy 10/06, Ethan Raab 10/15, Kate Pence 10/27

Children's Church

Children's Church has started, and we are in need of volunteers and snack donations. As a volunteer for Children's Church you could read a Bible story, or you could share a lesson with the kids, and then share a snack. If interested, please look for the sign-up sheet located outside the church office. Please see anyone from the Board of Christian Education if you have any questions.

Gift Card Donations

We will continue to collect gift cards to help provide meals and snacks for the Youth during service projects and Bible studies. Please place on the Youth table, or see Barb Master.

Open Link Food Collection

Each Sunday leading up to Harvest Home **next Sunday**, bring non-perishable food items, toiletries, or school supplies and place in one of the bins located in the narthex. Vote for one of the groups by placing your donation in their bin. Please no expired items.

T-Shirt Sponsorship

We are almost half way to our goal. Please consider donating \$6 to pay for a Palm t-shirt for one of our Youth. See the Youth table for envelopes. If you have any questions, please see Barb Master.

Corn Maze

For Youth in 5th grade & up, join us on Saturday, October 20th for our annual Flashlight Corn Maze at Wilcox Farms. At 6:00 pm meet at the church with a flashlight and money for snacks.

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Fundraiser

Back by popular demand, the Youth will be hosting an all-you-can-eat pancake and *Waterman* sausage breakfast on Saturday, October 27th from 8:00 am – 10:00 am. Tickets will be on sale for \$7 in the narthex each week after church leading up to the breakfast or you can pay \$8 at the door. Please consider signing up to help in the kitchen or in the buffet line/dining room. Volunteers are encouraged to buy a ticket and we will take turns to eat breakfast. See the sign-up sheets in the narthex. Please note that the date in Palm Leaves was submitted incorrectly.

Pumpkin Painting Activity

During Children's Church on October 28th, the kids will be in the Social Hall for a devotional and pumpkin painting activity. Parent pick-up will be in the Social Hall. Older Youth are needed to help. Please note that lunch will NOT be served. They will have a traditional children's church snack.

College Care Packages

We are looking for donations of small items or gift cards to add to the college care packages. Monetary donations will also be accepted to help purchase items and ship the packages. The packages will be shipped out after the Thanksgiving holiday. Please contact Sarah Linsinbigler (484) 752 – 9549 with any questions (please leave a message).

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 **today** as part of our World Communion Sunday observance. The Mission Board asks that you prayerfully consider support of this Special Offering.

Brown Bag Lecture Series @ SLHC

Come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center this Wednesday, October 10th, at noon to hear a presentation by Allen Viehmeyer entitled “Noteworthy Schwenkfelder Achievements.” Generations of Schwenkfelders have been successful as craftsmen, farmers, businessmen, ministers, inventors, and in sundry other occupations and vocations. This presentation highlights achievements of several Schwenkfelders long ago, and more recently, in Silesia and in Pennsylvania.

School of Christ

On Sunday, October 21st, at 3:00 p.m., please plan to come to Central Schwenkfelder Church to hear Dr. Drake Williams give a presentation entitled “Schwenckfeld’s Teaching: Where Does It Fit with World Religions and Other Christian Denominations?” Drake’s presentation will be followed by a time of discussion as well as an opportunity for questions.

Fall General Conference

Immediately following the School of Christ, the Fall General Conference will be held. Its sole purpose will be to review and approve the 2019 Budget. This will be followed by a light meal.

Calling All Bakers – We Need Your Help!

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

Support for the United Choir

The United Schwenkfelder Choir is seeking your financial support in order to carry out its ministry of music. If you wish to be a donor, please contact Beth Croll, Anne Goda, Bill Ludlow, Lee Schultz, Rev. Nick Pence, or Ed Bieler.

The following giving options are available:

- The Patron level requires a contribution of \$5 or more
- The Contributor level requires a contribution of \$10 or more
- The Sponsor level requires a contribution of \$25 or more
- The Business Card level requires a contribution of \$40 or more, along with your business card which will be slightly reduced and reproduced in our concert program.

The deadline for all donations is Sunday, October 28th. And don’t forget to support the choir with your attendance at this year’s performance. Mark your calendar for the concerts which will be held Sunday, December 2nd at 2:30p.m., and 7:00 p.m. at the Central Schwenkfelder Church.

November Palm Leaves

If you have an announcement, article, or piece of information you would like to have included in the November Palm Leaves, you will need to submit it to the office by **this Wednesday, October 10th**. Please call Dan in the office if you have any questions.

Altar Flowers and Bulletins

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

Remaining dates available for bulletin sponsorship are:

November 25th; December 2nd & 30th

The cost of bulletin sponsorship is \$15.

Treasurer's Report – September, 2018

| | <u>September</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Operating Cash on Hand | | |
| Start of Month/Year | \$ (169.00) | \$ 64,361.86 |
| Operating Income Received | \$37,504.99 | \$212,058.89 |
| Operating Expenses | \$19,445.17 | \$258,529.93 |
| Ending Operating Cash on Hand - 9/30 | \$17,890.82 | \$ 17,890.82 |

Symposium @ SLHC

You are invited to the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center, 105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg, for the symposium “The Spirit’s Awakenings: Origins and Growth of Spiritual Movements” on Saturday, November 10th, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. The year 2018 marks the 500th anniversary of the spiritual visitation or awakening of Caspar Schwenckfeld (1489 – 1561) which inspired him to join the Reformation movement and ultimately become an independent visionary throughout this tumultuous period of church history. This symposium examines and reflects upon church leaders and movements inspired by spiritual awakenings. Presentations and presenters are: “The Awakening of Caspar Schwenckfeld”, Peter C. Erb, Ph.D., Emeritus, Religion & Culture Department, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Canada; “The Awakening of Martin Luther”, Philip Krey, Ph.D., President Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of Early and Medieval Church History at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia; “The Awakening of John Wesley”, L. Dale Patterson, Ph.D., Archivist Records Administrator, General Commission on Archives and History, The United Methodist Church; “The 1727 Awakening of the Moravian Church”, Paul Peucker, Ph.D., Director and Archivist, Moravian Archives; “The Awakening of Conrad Beissel”, Jeff Bach, Ph.D., Director, Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietistic Studies and Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Elizabethtown College; “The Awakening of Jemima Wilkinson”, Candace Perry, M.A., Curator of Collections, Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center. Registration required, \$75 – includes presentations, lunch, arrival, and break snacks – contact Joanne at the Heritage Center to register: 215-679-3103 or info@schwenkfelder.com.

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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PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

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October 7, 2018



In this time of recovery we lean on God and each other.

A Service of Solidarity

at

St. Peter's United Church of Christ

57 Spring St.

Tremont, PA 17981-1518

Sunday, October 14, 2018

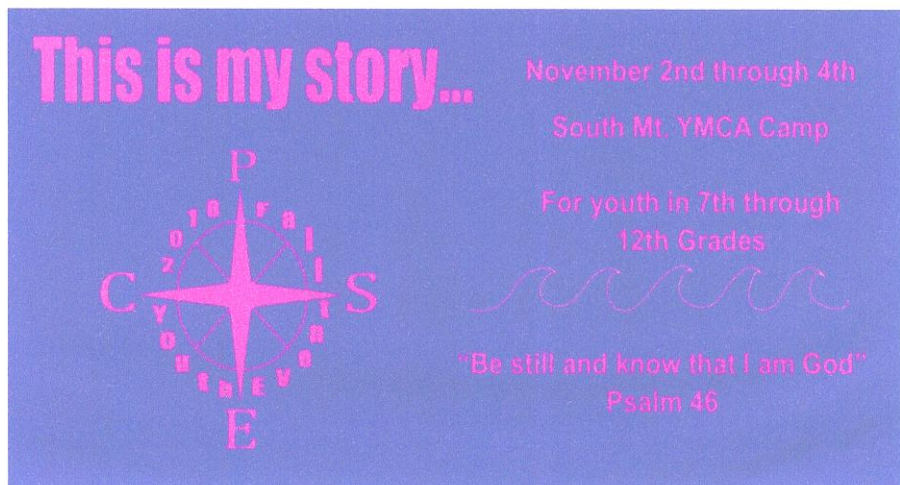
7:00 PM

**Sponsored by the
Schuylkill Association of the United Church of Christ**

The service will be based on Colossians 3:12-15, in which we show that we stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters whose lives have been changed by the recent floods. The service will include hymns, Scripture, testimonies from the community, a celebration of the benefits that will come from the Association Disaster Fund, and words of hope by our Conference Minister, Rev. Bill Worley.

Attention Youth! — FALL YOUTH EVENT

Nov. 2 - 4, 2018



This is my story...

November 2nd through 4th
South Mt. YMCA Camp

For youth in 7th through
12th Grades

"Be still and know that I am God"
Psalm 46

Focus Scripture

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46

Registration

The Registration Deadline is October 17th. The event is open to youth in 7th through 12th grade. Important: Please be sure to complete the required Medical, Assumption of Risks and Permission Form. A signed form is required for all youth participants and may be turned in upon arrival at the event. Please do not email forms in advance. For the required forms AND registration can all be found at: psecfye2018.eventbrite.com.

Costs

The cost of the event itself is 90.00 and covers meals, lodging, and all activities. Payment by credit card is now required.

Event Start & End Times

Arrivals & registrations begin at 5:00pm on Friday. The event will conclude around noon on Sunday.

Update: Flood Clean-up Continues in PSEC and PNEC

During the past several weeks several parts of Penn Northeast Conference and Pennsylvania Southeast Conference have sustained severe damage due to the heavy and continuous rains. Hundreds of homes and a few churches in both conferences have suffered severe damage. The churches and members of both conferences have responded with funds, clean up and hygiene kits and volunteers. Local pastor and church leaders and members of the Disaster Ministry Teams of the two conferences have also been heavily engaged in coordinating our efforts. For that we are very grateful.

Help from the United Church of Christ family has also been made available. The Ohio Conference delivered nearly 1,000 clean-up and hygiene kits to Susquehanna County in Penn Northeast Conference. UCC national disaster ministries staff have helped to guide the efforts. Later this week, Bill and Ellen Matten, Penn Central Conference Disaster Coordinators, will deploy to Schuylkill County to begin the process of damage assessment. Bill and Ellen have done this work for the UCC in many parts of the country. The process of property damage assessment is always a difficult one, but it is a most important step in the process to recovery!

You can help as well.

1. You can organize a work team or serve as a volunteer. For work in our conferences you can contact Conference Disaster Coordinator Karl Jones at 570-617-4018 – kjones275@comcast.net. Or you can go to http://www.ucc.org/disaster_disaster-volunteers to discover more about any of the intermediate and long-term recovery volunteer opportunities that are currently open and seeing volunteers.
2. Your church can assemble clean-up buckets, hygiene kits, and/or school kits. Go to <https://cwskits.org/assemble-kits/emergency-cleanup-buckets/> to learn more about these kits. Completed kits can be delivered to either of our Conference offices or St. Luke's United Church of Christ, 200 W Main St, Trappe, PA 19426 Phone: (610) 489-4933.
3. You can raise funds for this important work. In long-term recovery funding is always one of the best ways to respond. This funding will be used throughout the two conferences for the work of recovery. Funds can be sent to: Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, 1441 Laura Lane, Suite 100, Pottstown, PA 19464.
4. You can become a member of the Disaster Ministry Team. Contact Karl Jones for more information.

Please keep everyone affected by and who will help in the recovery process in your prayers.

Rev. Karl Jones
PSEC Disaster Response Coordinator

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, October 7

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am World Communion Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
Isaiah 28–29; Philippians 3

Monday, October 8

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
Isaiah 30–31; Philippians 4

6:30pm Buildings & Grounds Committee

7:30pm Board of Trustees

7:30pm United Schwenkfelder Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 9

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
Isaiah 32–33; Colossians 1

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

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134

Wednesday, October 10

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
Isaiah 34–36; Colossians 2

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, October 11

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
Isaiah 37–38; Colossians 3

Friday, October 12

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
Isaiah 39–40; Colossians 4

Saturday, October 13

10:00am Youth Volunteering @ Frederick Living Fun Day

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
Isaiah 41–42; 1 Thessalonians 1

Sunday, October 14

9:00am Fire Drill During Sunday School

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Harvest Home Sunday Worship Service

11:30am Board of Music Ministry Meeting

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
Isaiah 43–44; 1 Thessalonians 2

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Ministers: All Church Members

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Pence

Director of Music: Ed Bieler

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Senior Bells: Joanne and David Luz

Organist: Peg Jacob

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

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Ushers: Alex Jalowy, Joanne Jalowy, Kevin master, Barb Master

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman

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