

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018

HARVEST HOME

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“We Gather Together”

Murray Bradshaw

***Call to Worship**

God, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted you, and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and they were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

God, you are holy. All praise to you, now and forever!

Senior Choir Anthem

“Declaration of Faith”

Joseph Martin

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, hear us if you can. Know that many times we feel forsaken and terrified more than supported and comforted. We cry out and hear no answers. We suffer and find no relief. We are tempted to blame you even though we are the ones who cut off communication. We complain in the midst of plenty and groan over imagined slights. When we feel mocked and scorned and despised, we turn inward with the hurt instead of opening ourselves to your healing touch. Have mercy on us, and help us in our time of need. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn #552**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Scripture

Psalm 22 (NRSV p. 434 – 435; LP p. 853 – 854)

Children’s Sermon

Children's Church

Charlotte Puff

***Hymn #465**

"Out of the Depths"

Sermon

"Come Quickly, Lord"

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

"Give Thanks"

Douglas Wagner

***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**

God of grace and mercy, we sing you our praises, we recite our confessions, and we offer our commitment in response to your love. You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up so that we may be saved. We pledge our trust in Christ to deliver us worthy of your call to discipleship. Accept what we give you as signs of obedience, and bless our efforts as we seek to be faithful. Amen.

***Hymn #375**

"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

***Benediction**

Postlude

"Bringing in the Sheaves"

George A. Minor

***All who are able, please stand.**

One bouquet of flowers is presented today in honor of Kasey and Billy's wedding by Kevin and Karen Schultz.

One bouquet of flowers is presented today in loving memory of our parents and grandparents by Richard and Kay Kleppinger.

The bulletins are sponsored today in honor of Kasey and Billy's wedding by Kevin and Karen Schultz.

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:

Chandler Williams, Leroy Brown, Pauline Kloenne, Eric G., Grace Kuhns, Roger Steele, Bob Croll, Sr., Evelyn and Jack Bold, Renée Shelly, 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.

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 **this Saturday, October 20th** for our annual Flashlight Corn Maze at Wilcox Farms. Meet at the church at 6:00 pm 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).

School of Christ

Next Sunday, October 21st, at 3:00 p.m., please plan to come to Central Schwenckfelder 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.

Miller Keystone Blood Drive

Mark your calendars for the Miller Keystone Blood Drive sponsored by the Palm Mission Board on Saturday, November 17th, 2018. The blood drive is from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. You can sign up in the narthex, online at www.giveapint.org, via email (palmsadministrator@comcast.net), or by calling the Church Office (215 – 679 – 5321). Walk-ins are also welcome. Thank you for your support.

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.

Altar Flowers and Bulletins

There are still two dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday bulletins.

Remaining dates available for bulletin sponsorship are:

November 25th; December 30th

The cost of bulletin sponsorship is \$15.

Treasurer's Report – September, 2018

Operating Cash on Hand	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
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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10 Characteristics of Growing Churches

1. They have leaders that lead!

“For God so loved the world that He did not send a committee!” Not sure where I heard that...but it's true!

2. A desperation for God's power!

Prayer isn't a good luck charm that is attached at the beginning or at the end of something—people are legitimately desperate for the power of God. They pray Habakkuk 3:2 prayers every day and...

3. They believe that greater things are in store.

They don't just pray big prayers, but they have a sense of anticipation that is contagious! They don't read Acts 2 and think “those were the good ol' days” but rather they think, “That's where God STARTED this thing...we should be WAY ahead of this!”

4. They are full of ordinary people.

God always uses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things. Jesus didn't choose one scribe or Pharisee when He launched the church, and Acts 4:13 talks about how He used ordinary people to absolutely turn the world upside down. The staff LOVES the church so much so that they would actually attend there even if they were not on staff!

5. They leverage technology.

They don't view technology as of the devil but rather as a tool given by God to reach as many people as possible for Jesus. By the way, isn't it funny that some churches are against the use of technology, yet all of them rode to their church in a car, and their church building has air conditioner?

6. The church is full of passion.

People in the church actually LOVE the church and do not attend because they feel like they have to! The only reason people get angry with the fact that you love your church is probably because they have no idea what it is like to actually love their church.

7. They take ownership of the Great Commission.

They REFUSE to be “keepers of the aquarium” and instead embrace the COMMAND of Jesus to reach the world for Him.

8. There is a willingness to change and adapt...

...even when it means they have to go against the very “innovative” ideas that they themselves once established! Anyone can change the traditions of the past, but true innovation occurs when we’re willing to change the ideas that we once thought were innovative and groundbreaking.

9. Generosity is embraced.

The world has never been impacted in a positive way by people that were greedy.

10. The people in the church are OWNERS, not merely “members.”

Members have rights; owners have responsibilities. The people in these churches understand that it is not the pastor’s job to minister to the people but rather the body’s job to minister to the body! And as a result, people serve Jesus by serving others instead of sitting on their “blessed assurance” and expecting to be waited on hand and foot.

-Article from Outreach Magazine



PSEC FALL MEETING

November 10—9:30 am –3:30 pm

Register at: psecfall2018.eventbrite.com

Are your Pastor and Church Delegates registered?



This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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

Monday, October 15

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
Isaiah 45–46; 1 Thessalonians 3
- 7:00pm Red Hill Band Board of Directors Meeting
- 7:00pm Board of Christian Education Meeting

Tuesday, October 16

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
Isaiah 47–49; 1 Thessalonians 4
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting
- 7:00pm Mission Board

Wednesday, October 17

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
Isaiah 50–52; 1 Thessalonians 5
- 6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 18

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
Isaiah 53–55; 2 Thessalonians 1
- 7:00pm Finance Meeting

Friday, October 19

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
Isaiah 56–58; 2 Thessalonians 2

Saturday, October 20

- 8:00am Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
Isaiah 59–61; 2 Thessalonians 3
- 6:00pm Youth Corn Maze & Lock-In

Sunday, October 21

10:00am Youth Corn Maze & Lock-In

9:00am Fire Drill During Sunday School (Rain Date)

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
Isaiah 62–64; 1 Timothy 1

3:00pm School of Christ @ Central Schwenkfelder Church

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Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

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

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman

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