

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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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.

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Nancy Raabe

***Call to Worship**

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest.

We shall put our trust in the Lord who gives rest to God’s beloved.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #558**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All-wise God, you know how much we enjoy being honored above others, and how often we resent the special respect others receive. You are aware of the short-cuts we take for our own advantage. You see the ways we pretend to be more than we are. You observe not only our actions but our motives as well. We need your help to put away all that is false and to discover our true identity as your children. Lift us up in your forgiving love, we pray. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Senior Choir Anthem

“Oh How He Loves You and Me”

Kurt Kaiser
arr. John Purifoy

Scripture

Psalm 127 (NRSV p. 499; LP p. 969)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church

Charlotte Puff

***Hymn #634**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Sermon

“The Bread of Anxious Toil”

Bells of Peace

Special Recognition of Veterans

“Armed Services Medley”

(Veterans are invited to stand for the piece that represents their branch of service)

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

“When Love Is Found”

Kevin Hildebrand

***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**

We give in the spirit of Jesus, whose whole life was committed to proclaiming your love, gracious God. May our lives give evidence that we understand the care and compassion you have for all people, near and far, attractive and offensive, rich and poor. Our offerings today are a token of all the gifts we now invest in the work of your realm that is forever, with the beginnings among us now. Amen.

***Hymn #392**

“When Love Is Found”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Paul Manz

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of Claude A. Schultz, Jr., and in honor of all veterans, by Jean and Gregory Ross, Barbara and Gerry Colvin, and families.

The flowers are presented today in loving memory of Evelyn Schultz by Wilmer Schultz.

...Things of Interest to Our Palm Schwenkfelder Family...

This week, please keep in your daily prayers:

Mary, Annabelle, and Brad Snow, Judy Bair, Peggy Weaver, Chandler Williams, Leroy Brown, Pauline Kloenne, Eric G., Grace Kuhns, Roger Steele, Bob Croll, Sr., Evelyn and Jack Bold, Mae Gerhart, Jill Schubert, Donna Weller, Ray Fox, Jeremy Master, Autumn Reymburn, 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 Updegrave, 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. 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 Men of Palm.

November Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Bridgette Wright (11/16), Hans Muse (11/18), Reid Hoffman (11/25), Anja Muse (11/29), Sabine Muse (11/30)

Kids' Corner

There will be a free craft and children's activities at the Holiday Bazaar in the Social Hall. And be sure to stop by to see the Youth to stock up on their famous chocolate covered pretzels. All Youth who would like to help sell the pretzels, please sign up for a shift. See the Youth table or Barb.

Journey to Advent Church Potluck Dinner

Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating the beginning of the advent season on Saturday, December 1st from 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm in the Social Hall. Bring a food item to share. We will need some main dishes. There will be a devotional time, and our featured intergenerational activity will be a Gingerbread House Decorating Competition. We will be competing in groups to decorate a gingerbread house that matches a professionally made model. The team that comes the closest to success wins! We will provide all the materials needed. We hope you will join us to begin our advent season.

Lights in the Parkway

Youth of all ages, join us on Friday, December 7th from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm as we drive through a spectacular Christmas light display. After Lights in the Parkway, we will have a hot chocolate social at the home of Barb & Kevin Master, and we will return to the church by 9:00 pm. Please sign up so we can be sure that we have enough driving chaperones.

Christmas Program

Our Youth will be presenting an adaptation of the book *Why the Chimes Rang* by Raymond MacDonald Alden on Sunday, December 16th at 10:15 a.m. Please join us for refreshments after worship in the Adult Sunday School Room. All church members are invited to bring a snack to share. You may drop it off before worship in the Adult SS Room.

Christmas Program Rehearsals

Rehearsals will take place during Sunday School on November 25th, December 2nd, 9th, and 16th, with one Saturday rehearsal on December 15th from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Brown Bag Lecture Series

This Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at noon, come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center to hear a presentation by Allen Viehmeyer entitled *The Story of George Weiss*. This lecture takes a look at a man who was probably the first "elected" leader of the Schwenkfelders. Weiss was a prolific writer of hymns and a number of pastoral letters are located today in our collection. His life began in Silesia where he became a recognized leader of the Schwenkfelder community in Harpersdorf. He and his wife fled to Herrnhut in May 1726, and arrived in Philadelphia in September 1734. Discover how George Weiss became an influential figure at a crucial time in Schwenkfelder history.

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).

Miller Keystone Blood Drive

Mark your calendars for the Miller Keystone Blood Drive sponsored by the Palm Mission Board **this coming Saturday, November 17, 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 (palmadministrator@comcast.net), or by calling the Church Office (215 – 679 – 5321). Walk-ins are also welcome. Thank you for your support.

Organist Wanted

Palm Schwenkfelder Church, 833 Gravel Pike, Palm PA 18070 is seeking a Part-Time Organist/Accompanist for Sunday Services at 10:15 a.m., occasional holidays and special services, and adult choir rehearsals generally held Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. A completed job application (which can be found at www.palmschwenkfelderchurch.com) and résumé can be mailed to the church at P.O. Box 66, Palm PA 18070, or email them to palmadministrator@comcast.net. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them go to our website or email any questions they may have. This position is open starting February 1, 2019.

Special Congregational Meeting

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held **Sunday, December 9, 2018**, immediately following the worship service, to elect our church leadership and approve our budget for 2018. There will be copies of the budget in the narthex available before the meeting. Please be sure to attend this important meeting.

Treasurer Report – October, 2018

	<u>October</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash on Hand		
Start of Month/Year	\$17,890.82	\$ 64,361.86
Operating Income Received	\$15,646.50	\$227,705.39
Operating Expenses	\$35,553.23	\$294,083.16
Ending Operating Cash On Hand		
As of 10/31	\$ (2,015.91)	\$ (2,015.91)

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.

Did You Also Know...?

- Each year our Ladies' Aid Society extends its charitable giving to over 20 community and global ministries in addition to our church's general fund. You make this possible by generously supporting our fundraisers including purchases of chow chow, apple butter and Palm cookbooks. Don't forget our popular **Holiday Bazaar this coming Saturday, November 17th.**

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November 11, 2018

**A letter to the UCC Family of Faith:
We can't let evil prevail!**

Dear PSEC Friends,

Speaking to the violence of the last many weeks has been no easy thing. Countless words have been shared to both comfort and challenge. There are some writings that resonate more than others. I believe the reflection shared by my friend, colleague and neighbor Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates, Conference Minister of the Penn Northeast Conference, hit the mark. So I share them here with her permission and prayers for the days and weeks to come.

Blessings,
Bill

Rev. William P. Worley, Pennsylvania Southeast Conference Minister

My dear friends and colleagues,

The news over the past weeks has revealed an undercurrent of hate within our culture and our country. Between the assumption that immigrants walking nearly 2,000 miles seeking asylum being seen as a threat to our security, the pipe bombs mailed to those who oppose our current political administration, the massacre of 11 Jewish citizens during services at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, and the shooting of an unarmed African American couple in a grocery store, it is hard to find cause for hope in our nation.

The rhetoric of hate and divisiveness calls for a response from the faith community. While we should not advocate for candidates or political parties, we must advocate for justice, humanitarian treatment of our neighbors, and for safety in our places of worship. We are a diverse nation and until recently that diversity has been seen as a strength. We, in the church, must stand as moral authorities proclaiming peace and hope, compassion and justice.

Wherever and whenever you have the opportunity to provide wisdom and comfort, inspiration and compassion, I urge you to do so. To be silent is to let evil prevail and we, as people of faith, cannot do that, any more than Jesus could do it in his time and culture. Find a way to bring peace and hope to your faith communities, your communities, our state and our nations.

Today I am asking that members of your congregation be invited to write prayer notes or notes of compassion to our brothers and sisters at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. Mail them from your local church to them at 5898 Wilkins Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

Participate in a vigil or a peaceful worship process in any one of your communities and if there isn't one, please plan one. Rabbi Seth Phillips, who participates in our Lehigh Conference of Churches, sent this message to us. "B'ezrat HaShem, with God's help, the Jewish community will gather at the Jewish Community Center of the Lehigh Valley at 702 N 22nd St, Allentown, PA 18104 on Wednesday night at 7pm. Please feel free to join us as our beloved brothers and sisters and to spread the word to your communities." If you are able, this would be a wonderful way to demonstrate solidarity with our Jewish brothers and sisters in the Lehigh Valley and across the state and nation.

By all means pray but above all do not fail to speak out or to act. As Martin Niemöller (German Theologian and Lutheran Pastor) wrote:

***"First they came for the Jews and I did not speak out
because I was not a Jew.***

***Then they came for the Communists and I did not speak out
because I was not a Communist.***

***Then they came for the trade unionists and I did not speak out
because I was not a trade unionist.***

***Then they came for me
and there was no one left to speak out for me."***

We are called to be people of prayer, but we are also called to remember that "The Spirit of the LORD is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free (Luke 4:18)." May we each and all do our part to make our communities, state and nation places of hope and peace.

In Christ's love,
Bonnie

Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates, Penn Northeast Conference Minister

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, November 11

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
Jeremiah 50; Hebrews 8

Monday, November 12

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
Jeremiah 51–52; Hebrews 9

6:30pm Buildings & Grounds Committee

7:30pm Board of Trustees

Tuesday, November 13

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
Lamentations 1–2; Hebrews 10:1–18

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

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Wednesday, November 14

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
Lamentations 3–5; Hebrews 10:19–39

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, November 15

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
Ezekiel 1–2; Hebrews 11:1–19

7:30pm United Schwenkfelder Choir Instrumental Rehearsal

Friday, November 16

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
Ezekiel 3–4; Hebrews 11:20–40

Saturday, November 17

9:00am Ladies' Aid Holiday Bazaar

9:00am Miller-Keystone Blood Drive

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
Ezekiel 5–7; Hebrews 12

Sunday, November 18

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

10:15am [Sunday Worship Service](#)

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
[Ezekiel 8–10; Hebrews 13](#)

2:00pm [Mayflower Society Worship Service @ Palm](#)

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