

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019**

### **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**

### **Change Our Hearts**

### **Prayer**

### **Prelude**

### **\*Call to Worship**

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be to me a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my refuge.

**For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust. My praise is continually of you.**

Let us worship God!

### **\*Hymn #60**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

### **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**If love is patient, why are we irritable? If love is kind, why are we hostile? If love is not jealous or boastful, why do flaunt our achievements in the presence of others? O God, in Jesus you have shown love which forgives imperfection; only in him can we forsake childish ways. Forgive our lack of love, and have mercy upon us. Amen.**

### **Time of Personal Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Scripture** Psalm 71:1 – 6 (NRSV p. 463; LP p. 904)  
1 Corinthians 13:1 – 13 (NRSV p. 934; LP p. 1797 – 1798)  
Luke 4:21 – 30 (NRSV p. 835 – 836; LP p. 1606 – 1607)

## **Children’s Sermon**

**Children’s Church** Corey May

**\*Hymn #369** “Lord of All Hopefulness”

**Sermon** “Trust Steadily, Hope Unswervingly, Love Extravagantly”

## **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**

#### **\*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 God of faith, we put our trust in you. Source of hope, we are confident you shall never forsake us. Giver of love in ways too countless to be numbered, we return but a portion of what we have received from you. Use our gifts so that others may be assured of new life and enriched by the gift of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #593**

“The Gift of Love”

**\*Benediction**

**Choral Benediction**

“The Lord Bless and Keep You”

Peter Lutkin

**Postlude**

\*All who are able, please stand.

One bouquet of flowers is presented today in loving memory of Corinne Hoffman by Richard and Merris Ann Hoffman.

One bouquet of flowers is presented today in loving memory of Horace Hoffman by Richard and Merris Ann Hoffman.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of Janet Slifer by Brian and Renée Shelly.

**Thank You**

The congregation of Palm Schwenkfelder Church would like to thank our two musicians for sharing their musical talents today; Susan Royer for recording the organ music for our worship service today, and Dottie Heebner for accompanying our Senior Choir on piano.

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

**This week, please keep in your daily prayers:**

Kenny Miller, Devon Hawkins, Ed Smith, Leon Wohlbach, Justin Gloria, Lynette Ware, Mary, Annabelle, and Brad Snow, Judy Bair, Peggy Weaver, Chandler Williams, Pauline Kloenne, Eric G., Grace Kuhns, Roger Steele, Bob Croll, Sr., Evelyn and Jack Bold, Mae Gerhart, Jill Schubert, Donna Weller, Jeremy Master, Autumn Reyburn, Ray Lepley, Dakota Laudenslager, Merle Leh, Keith Miller, Anna Schloder, Cody Belmont, Liz Snook, Liem Zbyszinski, Barry Slemmer, Jean Boreman, 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, 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 Central Schwenkfelder Church.

**February Youth Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to...

Andrew Pence (2/4), Samuel Pusey (2/26)

Happy 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to Stacey May (2/6)

### **Souper Bowl Sunday**

Donate a can of soup **today** to The Open Link Food Bank. The Youth have a table in the narthex for the soup collection, and they will be selling baked goods. All money from the bake sale will go to The Open Link.

### **Children's Church**

Children's Church is looking for volunteers. Please consider signing up for a Sunday this winter or spring. You can read a Bible story, create a short lesson, or just spend time sharing God's Word with our youngest church members. There is a sign-up sheet outside of the church office, and if you have any questions please reach out to anyone on the Board of Christian Education. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Youth Group Nights**

There will be youth group nights for ages 5<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade from 6:00pm-8:30pm on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Join us for Bible discussion, games and snacks.

### **Youth Lent Dinners**

Dinner with an activity will be offered for all ages of Palm Youth on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday) and Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> (Maundy Thursday) at 5:30pm, before the 7:00pm church services. Please sign up if you plan to attend. Adults, please see Barb Master if you are interested in helping out with the dinners.

### **First Monday Community Meal**

Sign up to help at the community meal on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Pennsburg UCC. Kitchen help and dining room help is needed. There is a signup sheet in the narthex.

### **Souper Bowl Sunday**

The Ladies' Aid will be selling soup **today** after the worship service. So whether you're a football fan or not, please plan on purchasing some delicious soup for lunch!

### **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](http://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](mailto: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.

## **Altar Flowers and Bulletins**

The Deacons would like to thank everyone who sponsored bulletins and flowers throughout 2018! Please note that the new 2019 charts are in the hallway outside of the office, so please sign up for your special dates. The cost for sponsoring bulletins is \$15. Again this year, you have the opportunity to sponsor one flower arrangement for \$25 or two flower arrangements for \$50 each week. If you wish to sponsor both arrangements, please be sure to sign up on both flower charts. If you have any questions, please speak to one of the Deacons. Thank you for your support!

## **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...?*

- **CCTV** – We broadcast the Sunday worship service on closed circuit televisions in both the Nursery and the Adult Sunday School Room.
- **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...?*

- Our “Change Our Hearts” offering helps in funding several ongoing mission projects such as The First Monday Meal at Pennsburg UCC and The Philadelphia Schwenkfelder Missionary Church’s lunch program. Loose change creates holes in our pockets so please dig as deep as you can!! Even coins can make a difference!! Thank you for your continued support!



## *Valentine's Day Wishes*

Please prepare valentine cards or treats for the church members listed below. You may make your own cards, or use store bought cards. Place the cards in the Valentines box in the narthex today. The Valentines will be delivered (in some cases mailed) in time for Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Grace Beard

Lucille Berky

Kylene Bertoia Hart

Jack & Evelyn Bold

Perma Bower

Ray Davis

Edward Fegely

Mae Gerhart

Alyssa Guldin

Heinz & Mary Jane Herrmann

Gladys Hoffman

Lucile Jones

Payton Keyser

Pauline Kloenne

Grace Kuhns

Meg Lester

Helen Pannepacker

Beverly Phifer

Bryan Schwoyer

Margaret Schultz

Bill Shermer

Dorothy Trumbauer

Adam Walter

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## Mid-Atlantic Association of United Church Educators

(MA-AUCE) Presents:

### *Meeting the Needs of ALL God's People*

Cutting Edge Faith Formation 2019

April 1—3, 2019

@ Tuscarora Inn & Conference Ctr, Mt, Bethel, PA

Keynote Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Harvey

Author of *Dear White Christians and Raising White Kids*

Join your Faith Formation colleagues for this conference which will include highly engaging, practical workshops. You will leave with usable tools and ideas that you can implement in your ministry context. In addition, we will have time to share our successes and struggles, to network, to worship together, and to relax and rejuvenate.



Whether you work full-time, part-time, or very part-time, are paid or volunteer, are a Pastor, Christian Ed professional, or lay leader, this conference is for you!

#### Workshop Topics Include:

- Raising White Kids: An Anti-Racism Conversation for All of Us; Deepening Our Anti-Racist Strategies in Parenting, Teaching, and Relationships with Kids/Youth; and Digging In: Getting Concrete and Taking Next Steps /
- Ministering to Youth & Young Adults
- Let ALL the Children Come: Creating Truly Inclusive Classrooms
- The Rainbow Connection: Ministry to and with LGBTQ Youth
- Church of the Future—Looking Beyond Traditional Worship/ Faith Formation

For more information go to:

<https://psec.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/MAAUCE-Flyer-2019.pdf>



# You are invited to the 32nd General Synod

June 21-25

The Moderator, Mr. Norman Williams, the Assistant Moderator, the Rev. Penny Lowes, the United Church of Christ Board of Directors, the Officers of the Church, and the members of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ invites you to attend the Thirty-second General Synod that will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 21-25, 2019!



***The theme for the 32nd General Synod is based on the scripture Matthew 5:16 "In the same way let your light shine before others . . ."***

"When we light just one candle in the darkness, it illuminates dimly, but when many candles are lit, and all let their lights shine, together we can bring brightness to the world." — The Rev. Franz Rigert, Wisconsin Conference Minister.

Always an extraordinary event in the life of the Church, delegates and visitors will experience dynamic workshops, generative plenary sessions, inspirational worship, engaging youth activities, special banquets, and luncheons. Delegates will conduct the business of the denomination and set priorities for our ministries. Keynote speakers will offer illumination and insight into challenges that face our congregations and communities. And delegates and visitors alike will stand up for issues that demand a faithful witness, worship together, and participate in local community service projects.

The Local Arrangements Committee,(LAC) under the leadership of Debbie and Tom Payden, Bonnie Andrews and Tim Perkins, has been hard at work preparing to welcome you to Milwaukee. This committee is the local hands-on connection for General Synod, representing 219 local churches and nearly 42,000 members! The function of the LAC is to provide overall support to the General Synod, ensure that you are warmly welcomed and that you fully experience this great . . . celebration of our wider church family.

For more information go to:  
<https://live.eventtia.com/en/uccsynod2019/Home/>

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

### **Sunday, February 3**

*Souper Bowl Sunday*

9:00am Combined Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
Exodus 31–33; Matthew 22:1–22

### **Monday, February 4**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
Exodus 34–35; Matthew 22:23–46

### **Tuesday, February 5**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
Exodus 36–38; Matthew 23:1–22

1:00pm Ladies' Aid Meeting

7:00pm Cub Scout Pack 79 Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

### **Wednesday, February 6**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
Exodus 39–40; Matthew 23:23–39

6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, February 7**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
Leviticus 1–3; Matthew 24:1–28

3:30pm Staff Meeting

7:00pm Deacon's Meeting

### **Friday, February 8**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
Leviticus 4–5; Matthew 24:29–51

### **Saturday, February 9**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
Leviticus 6–7; Matthew 25:1–30

## **Sunday, February 10**

*Deadline for March Newsletter*

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Scout Sunday Worship Service

11:30am Board of Music Ministry Meeting

11:30am Troop 79 Scouts Court of Honor & Banquet

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are  
Leviticus 8–10; Matthew 25:31–46

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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

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

Youth Director: Barbara Master

Sexton: Kevin Master 484 – 358 – 1684

Greeter:

Ushers: Tammy Long, Tom Long, Kate Pence, Nicholas Pence

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman

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