

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019

YOUTH SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“His Strength is Perfect”
Chapman, Salley

***Call to Worship**

Let everything that has being, praise the name of the Lord!

**Mountains and hills, fruit trees and all cedars, shall praise
the name of the Lord.**

Young men and women alike, old and young together shall praise the
name of the Lord.

**We shall praise your name, O God, for your glory is above
earth and heaven.**

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #558**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Call to Confession

Men’s Choir Anthem

“Get In Line, Brother”
Lester Flatt & Russell Mauldin

Prayer of Confession

**We admit, holy God, that we find it hard to hear your promise
of new life. Even when we are dissatisfied with our lives, it is
easier to cling to what we know than to risk the unknown. You
challenge us to accept people who are different from us, but we
are not eager to associate with them. You command us to love
one another, but some people are not lovable. O God, melt our
defenses so we can accept your love and let it flow through us.
Grant us courage to embrace newness. Amen.**

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Psalm 148 (NRSV p. 508; LP p. 984 – 985)
Revelation 21:1 – 6 (NRSV p. 1007 – 1008; LP p. 1946)
John 13:31 – 35 (NRSV p. 877; LP p. 1686)

***Hymn #531** “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

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

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.

Offertory “Swing Low Sweet Chariot”
Negro Spiritual

***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**

Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection. Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love for you; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***Hymn #747**

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

***Benediction**

Senior Choir Anthem

“I Will Sing Hallelujah”

Neil A. Johnson

Postlude

“Processional in G Major”
Stanley

*All who are able, please stand.

One bouquet of flowers is presented today in loving memory of Bob Frey from Jeff & Bonnie, Glenn & Nancy, Bob & Lorna.

One bouquet of flowers is presented today in honor of Dayna Jalowy’s birthday, with love from Mom and Dad.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of Dorothy and John Brunner by the family.

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

This week, please keep in your daily prayers:

Robert Croll, Clyde Masemore, June Smoll, Carl Graber, Leroy Long, The family of Tom Brown, Kenny Miller, Devon Hawkins, Ed Smith, Leon Wohlbach, Justin Gloria, Lynette Ware, Mary, Annabelle, and Brad Snow, Chandler Williams, Pauline Kloenne, Eric G., Roger Steele, Evelyn and Jack Bold, Mae Gerhart, Jill Schubert, Donna Weller, Ray Lepley, Dakota Laudenslager, Merle Leh, Keith Miller, Anna Schloder, Cody Belmont, Liz Snook, Jeremy Master, Liem Zbyszinski, Barry Slemmer, Jean Boreman, Bryan Schwoyer, Judy Yerger, Jacki Hensler, Deena Updegrove, Rebecca Himmelwright, Ernie Guldin, Meg Lester, Willard Long, Lucile Jones, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Kerm Goda, Vern Weller, Mary Hartman, Jen Fries, Mary Jane Buriemek, 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 Board of Music Ministries.

May Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Andrea Simon (05/06), Selia Werth (05/10)

Sunday School End of Year Program

To celebrate this past Sunday School year, there will be a combined Sunday School program in the social hall on June 2nd at 9am. Family and friends are invited to join us as we recognize our students and thank our teachers.

Church Picnic

Join us after worship on June 2nd for a church picnic outside in the Grove. Bring a covered dish, side, or dessert to share. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Have fun on an inflatable Mega Obstacle Course for all ages, weather permitting. If it rains, the picnic will be held in the Social Hall.

Stewardship Report

Yearly Giving through April	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering Envelopes	\$79,931.25	\$80,000.00	(\$68.75)
Faith Budget	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 11,453.32</u>	<u>(\$11,453.32)</u>
Totals	\$79,931.25	\$91,453.32	(\$11,522.07)

Mission Trip to Puerto Rico

The Mission team is pleased to announce that Palm Schwenkfelder Church was represented in the following mission project: returned yesterday, Dan Ferry was with the PSEC/PNEC trip to aid Puerto Rico in its recovery from Hurricanes Irma and Maria. As part of the UCC National Disaster Ministries and Volunteer Ministries, Dan has joined members of other area UCC churches to provide safe housing for people who have been dramatically affected by this disaster, and assist people as they reclaim their lives and communities and recover their identities. This cost for each person is expected to be \$800 – \$1,000. The Palm Schwenkfelder Church Missions Board has contributed \$300. Please prayerfully consider contributing what you can to help Dan defray the cost of this trip. We extend our gratitude to Dan for his willingness to participate in this very important mission. If contributing by check, please make the check payable to Palm Schwenkfelder Church, and indicate "Puerto Rico" or "Mission Trip" on your donation.

Palm Gives Hope in 2019!

Our 2019 Relay for Life Committee extends special thanks to the many Palm Schwenkfelder Church members and friends who have contributed so generously to our Relay for Life fundraising campaign. Through your participation in our Christmas luminary and mitten tree sales, our sandwich sale and our sponsorship drive we have once again succeeded in reaching our Lead Sponsorship goal, by donating \$6,000 to the 2019 Upper Bucks Mont Relay for Life. This year's Relay was held on Saturday, May 18th, at Upper Hanover Township's Camelot Park, from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Like "The Little Engine that Could," you have all proven once again that through prayerful consideration and determination our goals can be met.

Chester County Migrant Ministry

Once again, Palm Schwenkfelder, along with the other congregations of the General Conference of the Schwenkfelder Church, collected donations in support of the Chester County Migrant Ministry of the PA Council of Churches. Since the 1970s, 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's annual drive ends **today**. All items will be delivered to the Annual Meeting of the General Conference. The 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 plastic ware, 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. Thank you for your assistance. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

The Red Hill Band 119th Annual Spring Concert

This year's concert **is today**. It will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will be held in the Upper Perkiomen High School Auditorium. Our featured saxophone soloist will be assistant professor and director of jazz studies at Moravian College, Dr. Neil Wetzell. Enjoy an afternoon of music with our talented group of musicians playing a variety of arrangements, including our traditional crowd favorite Stars and Stripes Forever! Admission is free. For more information on our concert schedule visit us at www.redhillband.com

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.

Special Summer Music

Spring is here and summer is fast approaching. It's the time of year that our choirs take a much needed break. Beginning **next Sunday, May 26th**, we are looking for anyone who would consider sharing their musical talents with the congregation during our summer worship services. There is a chart posted in the hall outside the office. Please prayerfully consider signing up for a Sunday (or two). Spread the word to others --we would love to fill up those Sunday mornings with special music!! Praise God with music! Thank you! The Music Committee

Altar Flowers and Bulletins

Sponsorship opportunities for June and July include the following dates:

Flowers: June 23rd & June 30th (one bouquet)

June 2nd & August 4th (two bouquets)

Bulletins: Available sponsorships September thru December

Please note that the flower and bulletin charts are posted in the hallway outside of the office. The cost for sponsoring bulletins is \$15 per week, and the cost for each flower arrangement is \$25 or two arrangements for \$50. If you wish to sponsor both arrangements on one date, please sign up on both flower charts for your chosen date.

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.
- The Ladies' Aid Society collects "Save-A-Tape" from Redner's Market and receives a rebate based on how much is spent. You need to get a "Save-A-Tape Card" from Redner's to participate in the program. There is a wooden box in the Narthex for this purpose – please put your receipts in the slot. Thanks!
- There are two yellow and green bins at the back of the parking lot for recycling your office paper and newspaper. The church benefits from these collections, along with helping the environment.
- In case of an emergency, there is an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) located in the rear of the sanctuary, in the alcove where the mailboxes are and where the sound system is kept.

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Rev. Megan Huesgen, Pastor at Immanuel UCC, Honored

A local pastor recently recognized during Berks Connections/Pretrial Services' annual awards breakfast.

As she accepted the 2019 Life Improvement Ambassador award from Berks Connections/Pretrial Services, the Rev. Megan Huesgen encouraged those in the room to take a cue from a bunch of golfers in Kolkata who were frustrated with some nuisance monkeys.

Huesgen, pastor of Immanuel United Church of Christ in Shillington, said that the British built the golf course while colonizing India, but didn't factor in the monkeys, who would drop out of trees, scurry across the course and grab golf balls, only to later drop them wherever. After several unsuccessful attempts to get rid of the pests with fences, distractions and traps, Huesgen said a new ground rule was established: Play the ball where the monkey drops it.

"We each have a ball on this course we call life and there are those moments when the proverbial monkey moves our ball and we have absolutely no desire to play it where it is now placed," she said. "BCPS exemplifies day after day to keep swinging, keep playing the ball." Huesgen was honored last week during the 14th annual BCPS Life Improvement Awards Breakfast at the DoubleTree by Hilton hotel in Reading. BCPS is a community-based organization that provides services to adult defendants, inmates, returning citizens and their families.

Thomas Rentschler, president of the BCPS board, said Huesgen served as a board member from 2016 to 2018 and has been an amazing advocate to help expand the organization's presence, especially in the faith-based community. "Megan promotes the importance of the community's role in providing hope and second chances," Rentschler said.

“Her passion for improving lives inspires others to get involved. Many volunteers and supporters attending this morning were introduced to BCPS by Megan.” Huesgen said she's grateful to travel the course with BCPS, emphasizing the agency believes people can change and aren't defined by where their ball is today. “The hole that we are aiming for is the one that recognizes and honors the inherent dignity of all humanity,” she said. “It is my humble opinion and my audacious hope that we keep aiming for that hole, the hole where each knows the fullness of his or her potential, where grace abounds with second and third and 700th chances, and we recognize that every swing and every action we make has the potential to move all of us closer to the hole.”



Huesgen closed the morning by recognizing the “monkeys of BCPS” and their endless efforts to help others have a better shot at the hole. She said there's the familiar image of a trio of monkeys with their hands covering their eyes, ears and mouth to represent, “See no evil, Hear no evil, Speak no evil.” “That's not this bunch,” she said. “The BCPS monkeys have hands that are outstretched, they see with eyes of potential, they listen with nonjudgmental ears and they speak realistic hope and encouragement.”

- Excerpts from an article in *The Reading Eagle*



General Synod 32 Plans Continue

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.



Use the following link to get updated information on Resolutions and everything happening at General Synod 32, June 21-25 in Milwaukee.

<https://www.synod2019.org>

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CHICKEN BARBECUE

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SATURDAY, June 8, 2019

4:00pm to 6:00pm



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Tickets are \$10.00

**(Half-Chicken, Pepper Cabbage, Baked Beans,
Baked Potato,
Roll & Butter, and Dessert)**

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This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, May 19

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

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

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
1 Chronicles 7–9; John 6:22–44

3:00pm [General Conference Spring Meeting @ Palm](#)

Monday, May 20

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
1 Chronicles 10–12; John 6:45–71

6:30pm [Board of Christian Education Meeting](#)

Tuesday, May 21

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
1 Chronicles 13–15; John 7:1–27

7:00pm [Cub Scout Pack 79 Meeting](#)

7:00pm [Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting](#)

7:00pm [Mission Board](#)

Wednesday, May 22

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
1 Chronicles 16–18; John 7:28–53

Thursday, May 23

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
1 Chronicles 19–21; John 8:1–27

7:00pm [Boy Scouts - Board of Review](#)

Friday, May 24

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
1 Chronicles 22–24; John 8:28–59

Saturday, May 25

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
1 Chronicles 25–27; John 9:1–23

Sunday, May 26

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

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

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
1 Chronicles 28–29; John 9:24–41

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