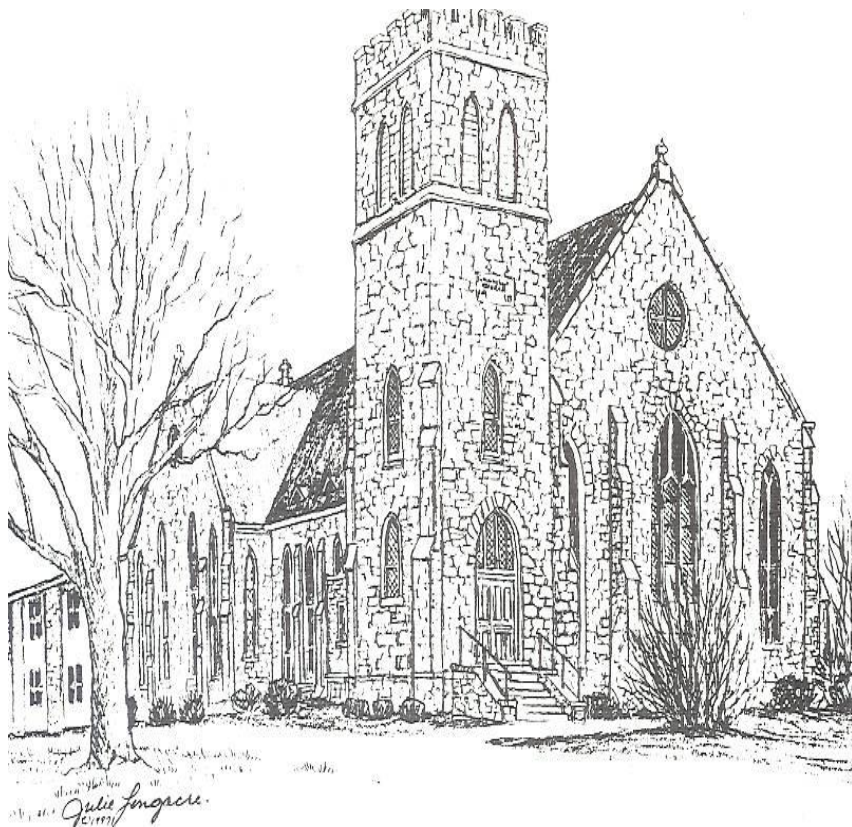


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SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“March of the Kings”

Carl Simone

***Call to Worship**

Arise, shine; for your light has come.

The glory of God has risen among us.

We are awake; we are alive!

Praise God for deliverance and blessings.

Lift up your eyes to see all around you.

Let your hearts rejoice, and be radiant with hope.

May justice water the earth like a shower;

Let righteousness and peace abound.

Receive again the promises of the gospel.

Participate in the mystery of Jesus Christ.

God’s ways are being revealed to us today.

Our church proclaims the unsearchable riches of Christ.

***Hymn #181**

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of light, we admit our retreat into the shadows of pretension and exclusion. How often we choose to associate with people who are like us and then look down on others who differ from us. It is easier to discover their sins than to admit our own. We judge the poor and join their oppressors, while you call us to identify with those in need, that all may prosper together. We imagine that we alone are faithful stewards of your grace, while you welcome, as fellow saints with us, many whom we ignore. Save us from our earthbound judgments, that we may look up and be guided by the star that draws all people to yourself. Awed by your forgiving presence, we fall down to worship you. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Matthew 2:1 – 12 (NRSV p. 783 – 784; LP p. 1506 – 1507)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church

***Hymn #186** “Wise Men, They Came to Look”

Sermon

Senior Choir Anthem “Mary Had a Baby” Traditional Spiritual
arr. Greg Gilpin

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 “As with Gladness, Men of Old” Henry Markworth

***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 in Christ we have obtained an inheritance, having been
destined according to your purpose, O God, we seek to live now
for the praise of your glory. Accept these gifts we bring as
symbols of our renewed commitment to Christ’s will for our
lives. Use them to enhance your kingdom beyond the walls of
this sanctuary and bring a sense of your presence to all that
they benefit. Make us ever mindful of those who are needy and
more diligent in our use of the means of your grace. Amen.**

***Hymn##185** “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

***Benediction**

Postlude “The Star Proclaims the King Is Here”
Johann Christoph Bach

*All who are able, please stand.

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:

Bud Johnston, Betsy Yoder, Devon Hawkins, Clara Graber, Mary Steltz, Kerm Goda, Rev. Linda S. Gruber, Edmund Kuhns, Vern Weller, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Jeff Treichler, Bill Ludlow, Donald Long, Brian Shelly, Jean Gentry, Mary Hartman, Janet Esposito, Alice Davis, Jen Fries, Doris Masemore, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Dave Jaeger, Robert Margerum, Helen Miller, Rob Ziegler, John Hathaway, 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 Olivet Schwenkfelder Church.

Bible Study

How does our new understanding of 1 Samuel 3:19 impact our current work in 1 Samuel 22-24? Help the online Bible Study sort this by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

January Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Lily Hoffman (1/4), Ian Ross (1/5), LJ Morasco (1/14), Dillon Reinert (1/15), Johanna Kinsler (1/25), Darrell Manley (1/27)

You Version Holy Bible App – Teens and Adults

Loop for Women, WiRE for Men, Our Daily Bread Video Devotionals

Bible App for Kids ~ Help your kids connect each day and help them fall in love with God's Word.

Installation of Officers

Next Sunday, January 10th, during the worship service, we will have the installation of all new officers. Please greet and congratulate the new officers at the reception in the Adult Sunday School room after the installation.

Annual Report Submissions

And yes, it's also that time, too. Annual reports from all Church committees are due in the office no later than **this Tuesday, January 5th, 2016**. If possible, please e-mail your report to the church office. Any questions should be directed to our Moderator, Joanne Luz.

Christian Exiles Are Fleeing Persecution

Let's help rescue some Exiles! The Deacons at Palm have arranged a partnership with Church World Service (CWS) that will allow all of us to play a role in solving the problem. We will begin by serving as a Hospitality Team for legal, Christian refugees arriving in our area. CWS is one of nine agencies certified by the US State Department to receive refugees. It is difficult not to be distracted by news reports, but it should be noted that it will be another two years before current Syrian exiles can be expected. Meanwhile, we seek to minister to a Brother or Sister from anywhere in the world who has made it through the process and arrives as a stranger in need. Please watch for announcements polling our congregation for specific needs. In the meantime, please include this mission in your prayers. Ask the Lord to guide us and ask how He wills each of us to participate.

Donations for the Migrant Hospitality Project

Offering to support the Migrant Hospitality Project is welcomed. Please mark "Migrant" on your Envelope to direct your donation. Thank you.

Donations of Furniture for MHP

Can you help us furnish a safe place for arriving Christian exiles? Please let us know. Forms for you to list possible items that you wish to donate are available in the Narthex. They can be turned in to any Deacon or placed in the mail slot on the Church Office door. The picture painted for housing is small. Specified items are crucial. Limited space may be a factor for other items.

Epiphany Party

The Ladies' Aid Epiphany Party will be held this Tuesday, January 5th. We will start at noon with a covered dish lunch, and we will take up a monetary gift collection for Open Link. Following our lunch we will hold our monthly business meeting.

Back to Back Bay – 2016

The Mission Board is looking for Members to form a Mission Team for the next trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. The trip is scheduled to run from July 30 through August 7, 2016. So whether you are a "Seasoned Veteran," or have never been on a Mission Trip before; be on the lookout for further details, and consider joining what is sure to be another memorable, and moving, adventure in service.

Treasurer's Report

<u>November, 2015</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Starting operating cash on hand	\$ 1,950.48	\$ 29,325.78
Operating Income Received	\$21,248.50	\$259,653.47
Operating Expenses	\$19,529.40	\$285,309.67
Ending operating cash on hand	\$ 3,669.58	\$ 3,669.58

Music Ministry Committee

The Board of Music Ministry has been asked to consider providing appropriate sacred music from 10:00am - 10:15am, prior to the Sunday morning service. For those who arrive early, it can be a quiet time of reflection and prayer to prepare hearts and minds for the service which will follow. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact our Director of Music, Ed Bieler.

Women's Fellowship at New Gosh

The Women's Fellowship of New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ would like to cordially invite the women of Palm Schwenkfelder Church to worship with us on Saturday, February 13, 2016. We will be celebrating "Women's Week" with a communion service in our sanctuary beginning at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens will lead the service and a guest speaker will be bringing a timely and interesting message. Women of neighboring churches are also invited to join the choir for an anthem. A combined rehearsal will be held in the choir room at New Goshenhoppen Church at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 13, prior to the worship service. Following communion, we will enjoy a continental breakfast and a time of fellowship in Fellowship Hall. In the event of inclement weather, please call the church office at (215) 679 – 2041, Delores Schuler at (610) 395 – 1570, or Bonnie Fisher (215) 234 – 8483.

Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsorships

The Deacons would like to thank the members of Palm for sponsoring bulletins and real flowers every Sunday for the 2015 calendar year! Everyone who did sponsor, please remember that bulletin sponsorships are \$15, flower sponsorships are \$50, and the flowers are yours to keep after the service. Please sign up for 2016 on the new charts in the hallway outside of the office. And, thanks!

Address Changes/Updates

As a service to our members, any address changes that come through the office will now be listed in the bulletin. There will also be a section in the Palm Leaves that will list new addresses. If you have any information on members who have may have moved, or if any of the addresses listed appear to be incorrect, please call the office to let us know. Thank You.

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Personal Care Volunteers Needed

Peter Becker Community, Harleysville, will be holding a training for Abiders in January 2016. Abiders provide a reassuring, comforting presence to someone in the last hours of their life who would otherwise die alone. This can take the form of silent and soft prayers, reading a poem or psalm, singing a song or hymn, or simply holding a resident's hand. The hours are very flexible. To learn more contact Director of Pastoral Care, Merlin Hedrick, at 215 – 513 – 6817, or at mhedrick@peterbeckercommunity.com

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January 3, 2016

Copyright and the Church

From UCC Worship, Liturgy & Spiritual Formation

Read the full article at ucc.org/music-arts_copyright-and-the-church

The questions and answers presented here are for informational purposes. It is always a good idea to contact the copyright holder directly or a copyright attorney if the answers provided here are not adequate for your situation.

“What is copyright?” “Copyright” is the legal protection of a creative work.

Using a work without permission that is under copyright is against the law and penalties can be financially severe. There is no exemption from copyright law for churches....

“Where do I find copyright information?” A good way to see who holds the copyright is to look for the notice at the bottom of the first page or in an index in the front or back of a collection....

“When is it necessary to seek permission to use a copyrighted work?” The simple answer is: **always**. Whenever a copyrighted work is reproduced in any form, permission must be obtained. This applies to print, projection, recording, web-based uses (live streaming or services such as YouTube or Vimeo), and any other form, even those yet to be developed. This applies to bulletins, song books, handouts, projections, recordings for shut-ins, an “extra” copy for the accompanist, videos of worship services and “special” services (such as musicals, children’s Christmas programs, etc.)—anytime you reproduce a copyrighted work you need to ask permission.

Additional questions answered in the article include:

“Can I make a new arrangement of a copyrighted song?”

“I don’t have time to contact the copyright owner.”

“We have lots of photocopies of choir music. What should I do with them?”

“What does it hurt to use copyrighted works illegally?”

“Do I need permission to ‘perform’ music in a worship service?”

“My church makes audio/video recordings of worship for shut-ins. Must I obtain permission?”

“My church produces instant DVDs of worship. We need permission, right?”

“What is a mechanical license?”

“What license do I need to web-stream our worship service?”

“I see songs, worship services, and stuff posted on YouTube all the time. I’m

sure that they didn't ask for permission. Why can't I do the same?"

"I think the song that I want to use is Public Domain. How can I be sure?"

"My friend said that as long as I claim 'fair use' I will be protected by copyright law."

"I want to help my choir learn their part in the music, so I'm making recordings of each part. Do I need permission?"

"What music licensing companies are available to churches and which one should I use?"

www.OneLicense.net - Most music copyrighted by The Pilgrim Press is handled by www.OneLicense.net.... Remember, the only way that the copyright holder gets paid when you use a license is for you to report the usage of the song to the licensing company. Please report your song usage as required by your license.

www.CCLI.com - CCLI offer copyright licensing, rehearsal licensing, church streaming and podcast licensing, church video licensing, ScreenVue (for using movie clips during worship), and SongSelect....

www.LicenSingOnline.org - LicenSingOnline offers single use, weekly use, or annual licenses....

"My congregational uses *The New Century Hymnal*. Because it was published by The Pilgrim Press does that mean I'm free to reprint the hymns?" No. But, good try! Beginning on page 888 of *The New Century Hymnal* are the copyright listings....

"We just purchased *Sing! Prayer and Praise* and want to reprint music and project words. Is there a blanket permission to do this?" No....

"My church uses backgrounds for projections. I often find great pictures on the internet. Am I free to use them?" If you cannot locate the copyright owner, do not use the image. (... A "projection ministry" could be started to create images for worship use.)

"I want to use film clips to illustrate my sermon. What should I do?" Film clips are protected by copyright as well. www.CCLI.com licenses film clips. You will need to use the clips that are available on their website, however.

Just a note: copyright permissions are a matter of justice. Copyright owners rely on their royalty income to live, and publishers rely on the income to enable them to make a profit and to produce further resources. To use a copyrighted work without permission is illegal, even if you don't know that you're breaking the law. No church would think of bypassing the electric meter to avoid paying electrical costs, but many do a similar illegal activity when they reproduce (without permission) CDs, DVDs, videos, choir music, music from song books and hymnals, and the like. The more you engage in obtaining permissions, the easier it will become.

Prayers are requested for Grace UCC in
West Point and Pastor Richard D. Keeler.



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 by

February 7th. The valentines will be delivered (in some cases mailed) in time for Valentine's Day, February 14th.

Verna Badman

Meg Lester

Grace Beard

Doris & Clyde Masemore

Lucille Berky

Helen Miller

Perma Bower

Beverly Phifer

Jean Gentry

Betty Pope

Clara Graber

Carol Shafer

Alyssa Guldin

Margaret Schultz

Heinz & Mary Jane Herrmann

Bryan Schwoyer

Pauline Kloenne

Bill & Jane Shermer

Betty Krauss

Dorothy Trumbauer

Ron & Bonnie Krick

Adam Walter

Erma Kriebel

Louise Watt

Edmund & Grace Kuhns



This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, January 3, 2016

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

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

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

Monday, January 4, 2016

11:00am [Board of Music Ministry Meeting](#)

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

8:00am [Quilters](#)

12:00pm [Ladies' Aid Epiphany Party](#)

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

1:00pm [Ladies' Aid Meeting](#)

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

7:00pm [Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134](#)

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

5:30pm [Children's Choir Rehearsal](#)

6:00pm [Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal](#)

6:30pm [Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal](#)

7:30pm [Senior Choir Rehearsal](#)

Thursday, January 7, 2016

9:00am [Staff Meeting](#)

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

7:00pm [Deacon's Meeting](#)

Friday, January 8, 2016

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

Saturday, January 9, 2016

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

Sunday, January 10, 2016

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service - Installation of Officers

11:30am Reception to Meet New Officers Following Worship
Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

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Tuesday through Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Pence

Pastor Emeritus: Ronald R. Krick

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Children's Choir: Gail Ferry

Children's Choir Accompanist: Joan Pusey

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: Joan Pusey

Ushers: Richard Kleppinger, Kay Kleppinger, Brian Shelly, Lisa Stitt

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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