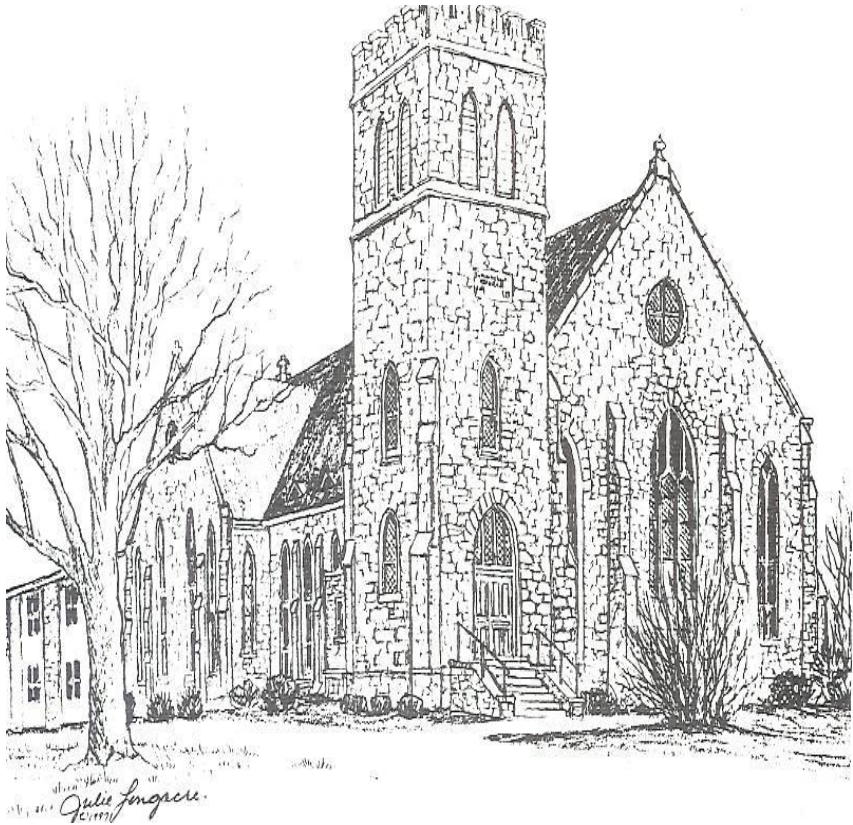


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SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2014

EPIPHANY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Sing We Now”

Diane Bish

***Call to Worship**

Have you seen the star? Have you heard the good news?
God, who created all things, has come to earth.

We have heard of a baby born in Bethlehem.

We have seen evidence that God is with us.

Have you allowed God to reign in your life?

Have you laid your gifts before the Holy Child?

We have noticed the generous travelers from the east.

They inspire in us a willingness to share.

God's call to us is for justice, beyond generosity.

Are you ready for God's eternal purpose in Christ?

We have been afraid to trust God completely.

Yet we want to respond to God's dreams for us.

***Hymn #181**

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Just and righteous God, we tremble before your all-knowing awareness of us. You have blessed us with abundance we have not counted and riches we have not fully appreciated. Our gratitude is found wanting before your judgment. Our attention to the needs of the poor and oppressed is less than you desire. Forgive us, God, for misplaced anger and callous disregard of ways we trample others. We seek redemption from oppression and violence to embrace new life in Christ. 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 #185** "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Sermon "Searching Diligently"

Senior Choir "Comfort and Joy" Joel Raney

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 "See the Eastern Star" Michael Burkhar

***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, as wise rulers of old brought gifts and worshiped a
newly born baby, so also we bring offerings in praise of him
who you sent. The star that we follow is the light of Christ's
teachings, calling us to be faithful in service to all in need.
Accept what we earn, the products of our creative energy and
talent. Let this be the gold, frankincense, and myrrh that we
bring. By our gifts may a sad and needy world be enriched
and comforted. Amen.**

***Hymn #159** "Sing We Now of Christmas"

***Benediction**

Postlude "As With Gladness" Lani Smith

The flowers today are sponsored by a friend of the church.

*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:

Shiogama Higashi Church, Sendai Hosanna Church, Jeff Treichler, Florence Miller, Vern Weller, the Nees family, Dick Guldin, Marty Glowacki, Vera Boykin, Charles Krauss, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Barbara & John Kirwin, Karen Freed, Clark Schultz, Brad Hoffman, Donald Cook, Dave Jaeger, Harold Smoll, Robert Margerum, Mary Hartman, Helen Miller, Rob Ziegler, Kathy Bartman, John Hathaway, Bryan Schwoyer, 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

At 1 Samuel 12, was Samuel insecure for the first time in his life? To join the discussion in this week's online Bible Study, please contact Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

Youth Birthdays

A Very Happy Birthday to...

Lily Hoffman (1/4), Ian Ross (1/5)

Kids Get Caught Being Kind!

Members of the Congregation are invited to catch kids being kind. When you see a child carrying out an act of kindness, let them know you caught them and tell them to make a punch on their *Acts of Kindness Incentive Punch Card!* The acts are limitless! Once their card is complete, the card will be entered into a drawing and they will start a new one.

Mission Board

The Mission Board will meet on Tuesday, January 7th, at 7:00pm.

Brown Bag Lecture at SLHC

This coming Wednesday, January 8th, at noon, come hear Jerry Heebner give a talk on *Schwenkfelder Cemeteries*. Where are the cemeteries and why are they located there? Who is buried under some unique looking grave markers? Find answers to these questions and others as we "Dig into Schwenkfelder Cemeteries."

Installation of Officers

Next Sunday, January 12th, the new officers will be installed during the worship service. And then immediately following worship, we will have the reception for new officers. Please greet and congratulate the new officers at the reception in the Adult Sunday School room.

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 9th. The valentines will be delivered (in some cases mailed) in time for Valentine's Day, February 14th.

Anna Bieler	Margaret Schultz
Betty & Charles Krauss	Meg Lester
Bryan Schwoyer	Sue Carlin
Carol Shafer	Verna Badman
Clara Graber	Betty Pope
Dora Mohr	Brad Hoffman
Doris & Clyde Masemore	Clark Schultz
Donald Cook	Earl Yerger
Dorothy Trumbauer	Alyssa Guldin
Erma Kriebel	Adam Walter
Gladys Hoffman	Louise Watt
Harold Smoll	Helen Miller

Used Greeting Cards

The 5th & 6th grade Sunday School class needs your help. They are looking for old/used greeting cards. They will use the pictures on the cards to help create a special book of Bible verses. Please drop off your used/unwanted cards in the designated box located in the Narthex coat closet. Thank you in advance for your help with this special project!

Altar Flower Sponsorship Announcement from the Deacons

Due to rising costs, the donation amount for Sunday altar flowers will be \$50. The new price is effective beginning today. Your participation in sponsoring flowers defrays the cost to the church and brightens our sanctuary with beautiful flowers each Sunday. Sponsorship of bulletins remains at \$15 per week.

Please sign up for the date(s) of your choice on the new charts posted in the hallway by the church office. Make checks payable to "Palm Schwenkfelder Church," with the notation of "flowers" or "bulletins," and place in the office lock box or offering plate prior to or on the date of your sponsorship. Thanks for your support!

Senior Hand Bell Choir

Do you enjoy music? Please consider joining the senior hand bell choir as we need a couple more ringers. We will be glad to teach you. Musical experience is not necessary. If you have questions please feel free to contact Joanne Luz at 215-679-8237 or just show up for our next regularly scheduled practice on Wednesday, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.



Mark your calendars! Join us to see the World Premiere of Sight & Sound Theatres' newest show – MOSES! The parting of the Red Sea...the Burning Bush...the Plagues...the Ten Commandments...the greatest Biblical epic of the Old Testament comes to life on the Sight & Sound stage. The show is on Saturday, March 29, 2014. It starts at 2:45pm (bus leaves Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 12 noon). The price includes Perkiomen Tours bus transportation, show ticket, and dinner at Shady Maple Restaurant. The cost is \$130 for adults, \$92 for children (18 and under). Flyer and registration forms now available in the church Narthex. Questions – contact Karen Schultz at 215-679-6747 or karen.schultz12@yahoo.com (This may be the perfect Christmas gift – spending the day with your loved ones)

New Schwenkfelder Booklets

The Publication Committee of The Schwenkfelder Church is pleased to announce that the new *Schwenkfelder Heritage Sites in Southeastern Pennsylvania* booklets will be available for sale. The 70-page booklet contains historical and current information, locations and full-color photographs of Schwenkfelder churches, meetinghouses, cemeteries of the immigrants, and other places of interest. You will find a copy on display in the Narthex. There are maps of the three main Schwenkfelder districts, and smaller maps of selected sites. Two appendices list the immigrants, their “E” numbers, and places of burial. The booklets cost \$15.00 per copy. Please make checks out to “The Schwenkfelder Church.” We’d like to thank the many people who assisted the Committee, in providing photographs, history and information to make this booklet possible. The booklets may be purchased in the church office or by contacting the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center (shipping \$3.95 additional.)

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January 5, 2014

January Events at Locations Throughout the Conference

Visit psec.org/psec-events to learn more or register online

Jan 7 - QUIET DAYS are held on the first Tuesday of each month from 9:30 am to 1 pm at **New Goshenhoppen UCC, 1070 Church Rd., East Greenville, PA 18041**. They are designed to open new avenues to communing with God, and to provide an opportunity for sharing faith journeys and stories. *Each participant is asked to bring a Bible, journal, pen and a bag lunch.* Come and see what God has in store for you! There is no formal registration, but a minimum donation of \$5 is requested on Quiet Day. Additional Quiet Days for your calendar: Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, Jun 3, Jul 1, Aug 5, Sep 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2.

Jan 18-20 - COMMUNITY DAY OF SERVICE The PSEC Global Outreach Mission Team invites you to set up a Day of Service in your community. *Suggested date* during Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend *or time of your choosing*. You can partner with one of your local outreach organizations, set up your own outreach, or use one of the organizations listed on the PSEC website. Let us know what you're doing by sending your plans to the Rev. Barbara Pence: bpence@comcast.net. Share your experience with all the churches in our Conference. Get a team of people to help out. Take photos, write a few lines, and send it to Marge: marge@psec.org.

Jan 25 - CONVERSATIONS AND CARE FOR ALL Rev. Wanda D. Craner, PSEC Acting Conference Minister, is inviting EVERYONE to meet for "Conversation and Care" on Sat, Jan 25 from 9:30-11:30 am at **Zion's Red Church, 1287 Centre Turnpike, Orwigsburg, PA 17961**. This will be a time of listening and sharing. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Please register online by Jan 20 to assist Rev. Craner in preparations for this event. Call Marge at 484-949-8774 x311 for assistance.

- Mark these Dates on Your Calendars (details at psec.org/psec-events) -

Mar 1 - MEMBER IN DISCERNMENT DAY at St. John's UCC, 500 W. Main Street in Lansdale 19446. Register online by February 21.

Mar 8 - PSEC MISSION DAY sponsored by the PSEC Global Outreach Mission Team and the PSEC Justice and Witness Mission Team at Zwingli UCC, 350 Wile Avenue in Souderton 18964 from 10 am-2 pm. \$10 fee, payable to Zwingli, includes lunch. To learn more: Rev. Barbara Pence at bpence@comcast.net.

Mar 6-8 - CLERGY CONVOCATION at DoubleTree by Hilton in Lancaster.

Jul 9-13 MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL YOUTH EVENT at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA. To learn more: Rev. John Folk at jfolk@Stpaulsfleetwood.org.

Getting to Know:

CARVERSVILLE CHRISTIAN UCC

3736 Aquetong Road, Carversville, PA 18913



In the village of Carversville in eastern Bucks County you will find a lovely stone church built in 1866, on the site of the original 1837 building. The church grew out of the Congregational-Christian tradition, and is believed to be the only such church in the PSEC. Updates have occurred through the years and an education/administrative wing was added in 1987.

In July 2010 a devastating fire destroyed the steeple, and caused much smoke and water damage in the sanctuary. Fourteen months later the grateful congregants were able to return to worship in their restored sanctuary, having worshipped in the church grove, a neighbor's barn and in the church social hall in the interim.

A long-standing tradition is the Oyster and Pork dinner held annually since 1871. This dinner not only raises funds for the church, but serves as a fellowship event for the larger community and the membership.

For close to 25 years, several members have continued to provide a worship service on the first Sunday of the month for the residents of a Doylestown nursing home. Present mission projects include supporting a high school student in Kenya, as well as supporting the Masaai mission whereby funds have helped the residents to build wells, which have greatly improved the quality of life for the natives. For the last several years members have participated in Operation Christmas Child. This year 70 shoeboxes were filled for children around the world who might otherwise not have a Christmas. Members also support the Doylestown Food Pantry throughout the entire year. We are proud to have sponsored Boy Scout Troop 64 since 1944.

Throughout our 175th anniversary year, celebratory worship services, meals and other activities were enjoyed by not only the members, but friends in the community as well. The faith and determination that inspired the founders and succeeding members is still evident in the membership today. The community of faith at Carversville Christian Church, UCC is as strong as ever, looking toward the future and continuing to fulfill our calling to worship God and serve Christ in the world.



Prayers are requested for Carversville Christian UCC,
Carversville, and Rev. Faith A. Williams.

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Our Schedule: January 5 Through January 12, 2014

Sunday, January 5, 2014

9:00 a.m.: Sunday School

10:15 a.m.: Epiphany Sunday Worship Service

Monday, January 6, 2014

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

8:00 a.m.: Quilters

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Church Office Open

12:00 p.m.: Ladies' Aid Epiphany Party and Meeting

6:00 p.m.: Stage Comes Down

6:30 p.m.: Brownies

7:00 p.m.: Mission Board

7:00 p.m.: Boy Scouts

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Church Office Open

12:00 p.m.: Brown Bag Lecture at Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center

5:30 p.m.: Children's Choir

6:00 p.m.: Junior Bells

6:30 p.m.: Senior Bells

7:30 p.m.: Senior Choir

Thursday, January 9, 2014

9:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m.: Diaconate Meeting

Friday, January 10, 2014

Saturday, January 11, 2014

Sunday, January 12, 2014

9:00 a.m.: Sunday School

10:15 a.m.: Sunday Worship Service and Installation of Officers

Reception for the New Officers Immediately Following Worship

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