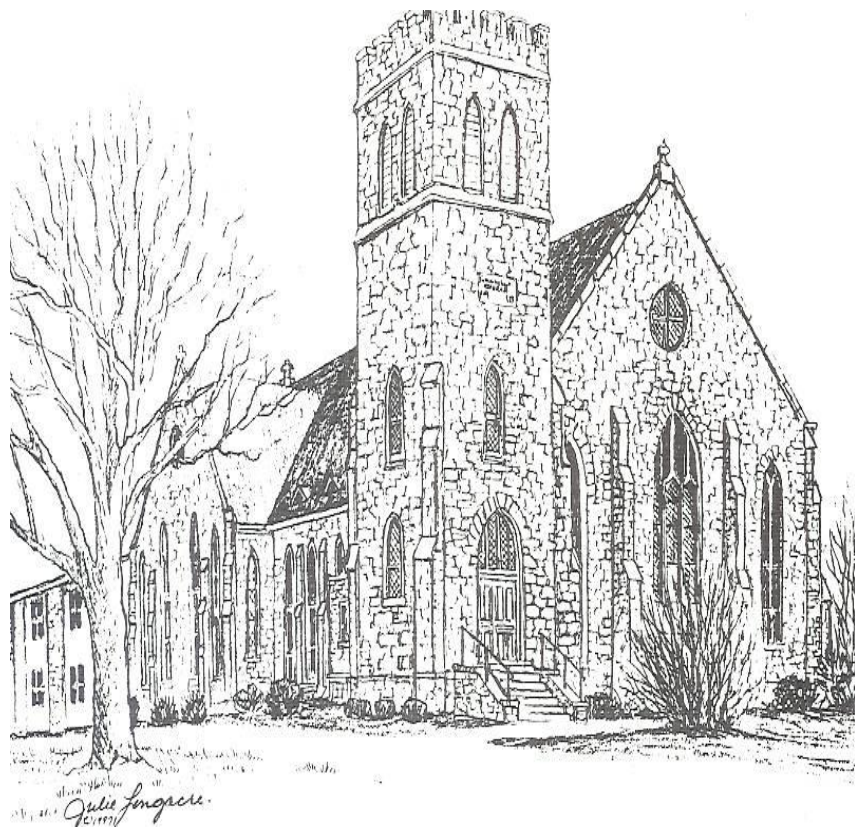


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# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017**

### **EPIPHANY**

**Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer**

**Prelude** "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" David Cherwein

**Prayer**

**Call to Worship**

Arise, shine; for your light has come; and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**Lift up your eyes and look around; sons and daughters gather together, they come to you.**

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

**They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

Let us worship God.

**\*Hymn #185** "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Source of salvation and Bringer of light, we fail to sense the mystery of your love. We bear grudges against our neighbors, while it is your nature to forgive. We hold tightly to our possessions, while Christ blesses the poor. In him you have spoken peace, yet we live in turmoil. We care little for this planet, which you in goodness created for our habitation. In mercy forgive us, and help us to amend our ways. 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**

No Children's Church

**\*Hymn #186**

"Wise Men, They Came to Look"

**Sermon**

"By Another Road"

**Senior Choir Anthem**

"They Had Joy"

Chris Machen  
arr. Tom Fettle

**Pastoral Prayer and 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**

"What Child Is This?"

Richard Purvis

**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 whom 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 #181**

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

"March of the Kings"

Carl Simone

\*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:**

Meg Leister, Katherine Kocs, Michael Marsicano, Jean Gabel, Willard Long, Samantha Hossler and Ryan Woods, Edmund Kuhns, Lucile and Bob Jones, Sheryl Tomlin, Carmen Davis, Mae Gerhart, Rev. Bill Vanderslice, Alvera Heffner, Dorothy Parker, Sharon Stevens, Jack Bold, Marian Fox, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Martha Wolford, Becky and Kraig Kimmel, Marvin Zeisloft, Devon Hawkins, Kerm Goda, Vern Weller, Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Donald Long, Mary Hartman, Jen Fries, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Dave Jaeger, 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**

"Failed Disciples" will be the discussion topic for this week's online Bible Study. 1 Samuel 31 is a text frequently cited in that context. Take part by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

### **H.E.R.O.**

Helpful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Optimistic!

When you recognize heroic behavior among our youth, please let them know. Acts 20:35 and Luke 19:10, check them out!

### **Holy Bible App by YouVersion**

**Teens** - check out one of these current plans: Chasing Failure, How to Strengthen your Faith, or Fighting FOMO (it's what happens when everyone else's great day stops us from enjoying our own)

**Kids** - (and parents can help) check out one of these current plans: Courageous Kids, Next Steps for Kids, Truth or Trash.

### **Bible for Kids by YouVersion**

Type in "Bible for kids free" to begin your kid's journey with Christ. New format, same great stories! Great for kids who aren't reading independently. Interactive fun for all ages.

### **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)

### **Migrant Hospitality Project**

Thank you to all who have supported MHP throughout the year. Financial support and donated time and furnishing have us ready to serve a household of up to four legal, Christian exiles fleeing persecution from anywhere in the world. Cash donations are still appreciated, in anticipation of moving costs and final items that depend on demographics of the actual clients. Please mark your donations "Migrants."

## **Thank You**

Many thanks to all who participated in the ACS Relay for Life Christmas Eve Luminary Project. With the generosity of our donors and the gifts of time provided by our volunteers, we were able to create a beautiful and meaningful display for those who worshipped at Palm on Christmas Eve. Through this project your teamwork has raised over \$1,300 toward our \$5,000 March 2017 goal. You are amazing!

## **Thank You**

Thank you to the members and friends of Palm's Ladies' Aid Society for participating in our annual Christmas Plant & Fruit Basket Delivery Project. With your help we were able to bring some Christmas cheer to so many of our church family who are unable to attend worship on a regular basis.

## **Installation of Officers**

The date for the Installation of Officers is **next Sunday, January 15, 2017**. 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 Classroom after the installation.

## **Ladies' Aid**

The date of the Ladies' Aid meeting for January has been changed from Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> to Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Open to All Epiphany Party Covered Dish Lunch**

Date change: The Ladies' Aid Epiphany Party will be held **this Tuesday, January 10, 2017** at 12:00 noon beginning with a covered dish luncheon. Along with a variety of many delicious foods, we will be collecting monetary donations for Open Link and featuring a guest speaker from Philly Cure HD. Philly Cure HD is a local charitable organization that works to raise funds and awareness in supporting individuals and families affected by Huntington's disease. This special event is open to all so please make plans to join us! It will be a fun and informative afternoon! (And don't forget to bring something yummy to share) The monthly Ladies' Aid business meeting will follow the guest speaker.

## **Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed **this Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** to take down the holiday stage. Please consider coming out to help with this important and labor intensive task. If you are able to help, please come to the church by 6:00pm that evening.

## **Annual Report Submissions**

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their report. Annual reports from all Church committees are due in the office no later than **Tuesday, January 10, 2017**. If possible, please e-mail your report to the church office: **palmadministrator@comcast.net**. Any questions should be directed to our Moderator, Joanne Luz.

## **Brown Bag Lecture Series**

This Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center to hear a presentation presented by Bob Wood entitled “Early Roofing Practices Among the Pennsylvania Germans.” During the 18<sup>th</sup> century, roofs on Pennsylvania German buildings were shingled, tiled, or thatched. Learn the advantages of each kind of roofing and how it was applied. Thatched roofing seems to have been more popular than you might think.

## **February 5<sup>th</sup> – Souper Bowl Sunday**

The Ladies’ Aid will be selling soup after the worship service on Sunday, February 5, 2017. So whether you’re a football fan or not, please plan on purchasing some delicious soup for lunch!

## **Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsorship**

The **new charts for 2017** are now available and are posted outside the office. The cost for flower sponsorship is \$50. The cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15. Please sign up on the chart located outside the office. You could also call or email the office, or drop a note in the office drop box. Any Deacon or Church Officer will help you with any questions about the process. Getting your name in an available slot will hold the date for you. Thank You.

Upcoming dates for flower sponsorship:

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>; February 26<sup>th</sup>

Upcoming dates for bulletin sponsorship:

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>; February 5<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

## **New Kitchen Floor**

From now until the end of the month, we will be installing a new tile floor in the kitchen. Because of this work, the kitchen will be unavailable and no functions or events will be held in Fellowship Hall until the work has been completed.

## **Do You Know?**

We are starting a new feature in our bulletins entitled “Do You Know?” Items of interest to members and visitors will be listed. If you have any items to add, please call or email Dan Ferry in the church office. Thank you.

### *Do 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.



## *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 5<sup>th</sup>**. The valentines will be delivered (in some cases mailed) in time for Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Verna Badman  
Grace Beard  
Lucille Berky  
Kylene Bertoia Hart  
Perma Bower  
Ray & Carmen Davis  
Edward Fegely  
Marion Fox  
Alyssa Guldin  
Alvera Heffner  
Heinz & Mary Jane Herrmann  
Gladys Hoffman  
Payton Keyser  
Pauline Kloenne

Grace & Edmund Kuhns  
Meg Lester  
Virginia Longacre  
Clyde Masemore  
Helen Pannepacker  
Beverly Phifer  
Betty Pope  
Margaret Schultz  
Schwoyer Family  
Carol Shafer  
Bill & Jane Shermer  
Dorothy Trumbauer  
Adam Walter  
Gene Wilcox



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January 8, 2017

**Training for Church Treasurers and Bookkeepers**  
**January 14, 2017 - 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon**  
**@ Church of the Good Shepherd, Boyertown**

Topics to be covered include but are not limited to, general bookkeeping/accounting issues you should understand, what does non-profit mean, budgeting, IRS/federal/state/local tax issues, software opportunities, employee issues, Our Church's Wider Mission, best practices, audit committee responsibilities, how long must you keep those records, and any other questions you may have. To reserve for this workshop go to the Conference website at [psec.org](http://psec.org). Openings are still available.



**Special Conference Meeting**  
**January 21, 2017**  
**Is your church represented?**

The Churches of the Conference will be coming together to vote on the candidate for the new position of  
***Associate Conference Minister for Congregational Development.***

**Saturday, January 21, 2017**

**@ St. Paul's—Amityville**

**1:30 registration / 2:00 meeting**

**The candidate for this position is Rev. Cean James.**

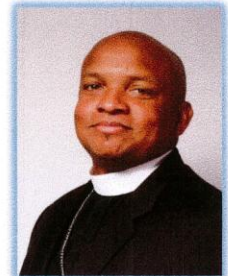
You will have an opportunity to meet Rev. James, in the upcoming days, at one of the following three locations:

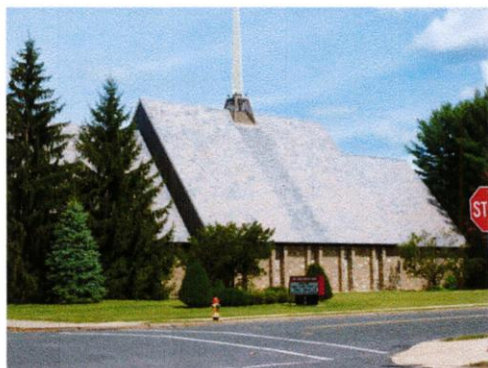
Sat., Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am at Community UCC in Reading

Mon., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm at St. Andrew's in Perkasie

Wed., Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm at St. Mark's UCC in Cressona

Registration for these events is not necessary.





Our outgoing prayer for all our churches is that we can continue proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ and acting as examples of what God does in the lives of those who believe.

We have several local needs for which prayer is most welcome!

We have begun an alternative worship service on Sunday eve-

nings. It is informal, interactive, intimate, and musically innovative. We are praying for additional singers and instrumentalists. And we are praying for this service to transform lives in Quakertown.

We have a number of mission efforts, each separately led. We are beginning a new mission team that will coordinate the existing mission efforts and encourage others to begin. A special goal will be to increase local, short duration projects and to engage more people in hands-on ministry to our community.

Our final prayer request is for God's continued leadership in showing us, and all our churches, ways in which we can carry out God's work within our communities, in our nation, and throughout the world. We pray for vision, planning, and commitment to follow where God leads us.



Prayers are requested for First UCC in Quakertown and Revs. Douglas and Joyce Donigian.

# **This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

## **Sunday, January 8, 2017**

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Epiphany Sunday Worship Service
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Monday, January 9**

- 11:00am Board of Music Ministry Meeting
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:30pm Buildings & Grounds Committee
- 7:30pm Board of Trustees

## **Tuesday, January 10**

- 12:00pm Ladies' Aid Epiphany Party & Meeting
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

## **Wednesday, January 11**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 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, January 12**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Friday, January 13**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Saturday, January 14**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Sunday, January 15**

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Baptism of Christ Sunday Worship Service & Installation  
of Officers
- 11:30am Reception to Meet New Officers
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 2:00pm Service of Christian Unity @ St. Mark's

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**Worship Service 10:15 a.m.**

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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

Organist: Peg Jacob

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

Youth Director: Barbara Master

Sexton: Kevin Master 484 – 358 – 1684

Greeter: Joan Pusey

Ushers: Kevin Master, Barb Master, Blake Master, Kate Pence

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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