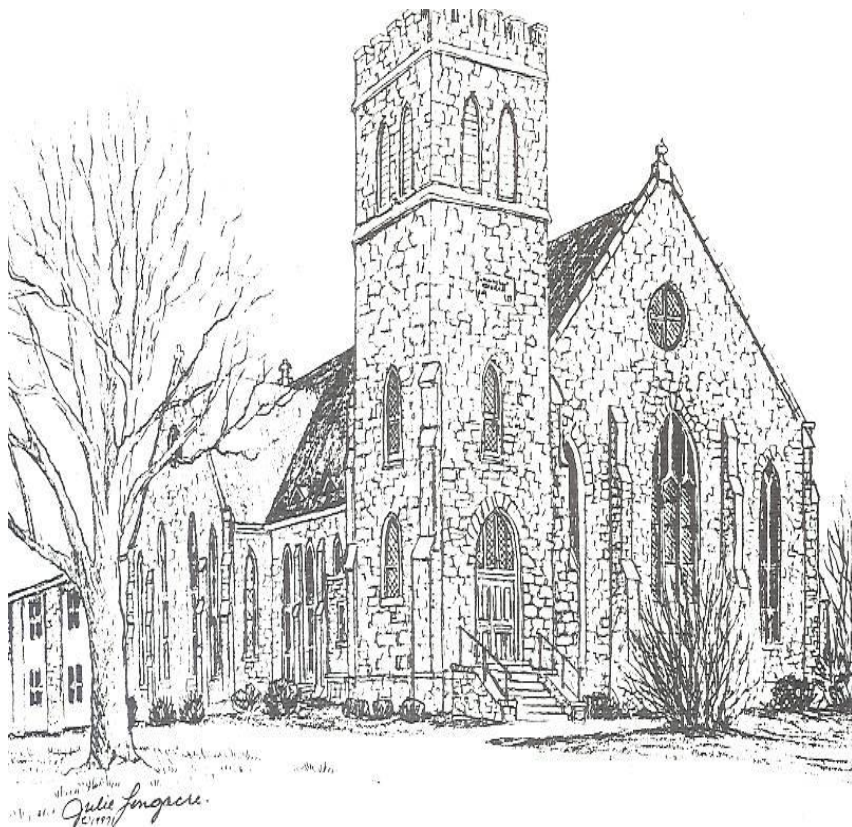


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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016
BAPTISM OF CHRIST
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Shall We Gather at the River?”

Dale Wood

***Call to Worship**

Gather from East and West, from North and South.

God is calling us; listen, for God is naming you.

The voice of God thunders through our midst.

The voice of God is powerful and full of majesty.

Bow in awe before the one who created you.

God knows you completely, and accepts you.

The voice of God commands our attention.

The voice of God is like fire and tornado.

God reaches out to strengthen, not condemn us.

God brings us through terror to a place of peace.

Ascribe to God glory and strength.

Worship God in awe, wonder, and joy!

***Hymn #761**

“We Bless the Name of Christ the Lord”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, the waters of faithfulness run deep, and we have been afraid they will overwhelm us. The fires of your spirit burn brightly, and we fear we may be consumed if we display too much enthusiasm. We retreat to safe places where we hope to avoid challenges, conflicts, and uncertainty. When we shrink from risks, we miss much that enriches life. We fail to notice your amazing activity among those who respond to your leading. Free us, we pray, for daring service. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Luke 3:15 – 17, 21 – 22 (NRSV p. 834; LP p. 1604 – 1065)

Children's Choir

“Holy Moses”

Sheldon Curry

Children's Sermon

***Hymn #182**

“Brightest and Best of the Stars”

Sermon

“Baptized”

Service of Installation

Board of Trustees (One year term)

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William Ludlow

Merris Ann Hoffman

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Kevin Master (Second Term)

Richard Jones (Second Term)

Debra Callodonato (Second Term)

PA Southeast Conference

Bob Croll

SS Superintendent

Lee Schultz

Senior Choir Anthem “Down to the River to Pray”

arr. Mary McDonald

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

“Baptized in Water”

Richard Blake

***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**

For bringing us safely to this hour, we give you thanks, O God of wind and fire. May our offerings honor you. May our lives reflect your mercy. May our hands bestow on others the blessings we have received. May our prayers unite us with one another and with Christ, in whose name we celebrate the privilege of giving. Amen.

***Hymn #758**

“Baptized in Water”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Hail to the Lord's Anointed”

Humphrey Turner

*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:

The family of Clara Graber, Doris Masemore, Marvin Zeisloft, Gladys Hoffman, Abigail Tomlin, Bud Johnston, Betsy Yoder, Devon Hawkins, Mary Steltz, Kerm Goda, Rev. Linda S. Gruber, Edmund Kuhns, Vern Weller, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Jeff Treichler, Donald Long, Brian Shelly, Jean Gentry, Mary Hartman, Janet Esposito, Alice Davis, Jen Fries, 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 UCC.

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

The Christmas Story, Chris Tomlin-Adore, Loop for Women, WiRE for Men, A Christmas Prophecy Devotional, Prayers for Christmas, 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.

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

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

Thank You from MHP

MHP thanks the Palm congregation for their generosity over the holidays. The result is having some of everything needed to prepare hospitality. Volunteers and donations are still welcomed and needed. Forms to communicate willingness are available in the narthex. The next critical need is for beds, especially twin-sized beds.

Thank You

Special thanks to Pastor Nick for his visits and to all for their prayers, visits, cards, and phone calls following our move to Frederick and during Edmund's recuperation. We appreciate your caring. Edmund and Grace Kuhns

Thank You

Dear Friends, What a thoughtful and generous gift! That smoked Turkey had our mouths watering all the way home! We haven't tasted it yet. Because we are leaving for a week in Michigan with our daughter, the Turkey is "on ice"...Frozen for future meals when we return. Thanks again for the gift of food, and even more, for the gift of your friendship. Peg

Brown Bag Lecture Series

On Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at noon, come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center to hear Ron Thren give a talk on Goshenhoppen Mission Research. This will be a brief overview of the background, approach, and results of the latest research cycle into the history of the Goshenhoppen Mission (Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Bally). The findings continue to add to our understanding of mission history dating back to 1741.

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.

Installation of Officers

Today, 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.

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

There are several upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins. Dates available for flower sponsorship are:

January 17th and 31st; February 21st; April 3rd and 17th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

January 17th, 24th, and 31st; February 7th, March 6th, 20th, and 27th.

The cost for flower sponsorship is \$50, and the cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15.00. Please sign up on the chart 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.

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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Upcoming Events for and at Our Local ChurchesAdditional Information: psec.org/category/local-events**psec.org/category/conference-wide-events*

- Jan 17 – VOICE IS** at Zwingli UCC, 350 Wile Avenue in Souderton 18964 for a performance by VOICE IS, a mixed a cappella ensemble with a wealth of vocal experience.
- Jan 17 – Dedication of Chapel at Phoebe Richland Health Care in Richlandtown**, the “new home” of the stained glass windows from the former Church House in Collegeville. Also, a dozen prayer shawls, hand-crafted by PSEC local church groups, initially for Mensch Mill, have been shared with Rev. Moyer, Chaplain, for use by the residents. The Dedication of the Chapel will be held on January 17, 2016 at Phoebe Richland Health Care, 108 S. Main Street, Richlandtown, PA 18955, following the 2:30 PM Installation of Rev. Jamie L. Moyer as Chaplain. All are welcome to attend.
- Mar 5 – 2016 Licensed Minister’s Convocation** at St. John’s Hain’s in Wernersville. Rev. Stephen Treat (PSEC) will be the Keynote Speaker. Rev. Deborah Winters (PSEC) and Rev. Heather Kurtz (PNEC) will present workshops. Registration deadline is February 20. More information: Rev. Steve Hummel, 484-239-5578 or laymin21century@gmail.com.
- Apr 3 – Joybells of Melmark** at Zwingli UCC, 350 Wile Avenue in Souderton at 4 pm for a concert.
- First Saturday of Month** – Informal, 5-pm Church Service at Trinity United Church of Christ, 17 N Centre Ave. (Rt. 61) in Leesport 19533. Service includes Holy Communion the first Saturday of each month at 5 PM. All are welcome – come as you are.
- 2nd & 4th Fridays Elder Diner** at Woodcrest UCC, 8107 Thouron Ave. in the east Mt. Airy section of Philadelphia. For only \$5, enjoy a delicious lunch, fellowship, and community information. Please call the church at 215-242-2227 if you have any questions.
- Saturdays** from 10 am – 5 pm join members of the Trinity UCC Pottstown Area Homeless Outreach to provide a warm place for the homeless, job search activities, lunch, movies, games and fellowship.
- Tuesday Afternoons** – Quilting for a Cause – Trinity Reformed UCC, 60 N. Hanover Street in Pottstown 19464 teaches low-income and homeless people how to quilt on Tuesday afternoons from 2 pm to 5 pm. If you are a quilter, and would

like to share your gifts with others, please contact Barbara Cooper through the church: 610-326-2243.

2015-2016 Great Florida fruit and Georgia Elliott pecans at Zwingli UCC, 350 Wile Avenue in Souderton PA 18964. Members will sell delicious, fresh H & S Citrus oranges and grapefruit and freshly-harvested Georgia Elliott pecans in 1-lb. bags. Proceeds benefit the ministries of Zwingli UCC. Order citrus by full or half carton. Each carton is 4/5 bushel. Larger fruit, fewer in carton. For information and ordering email: fruit@zwingli.org or visit: www.zwingli.org.



Classified Ads

Additional Information: psec.org/category/classified/

FREE Organ at Salem UCC, 307 Covered Bridge Road in Oley (posted 12-16-15)

FREE for Donation Women's Clergy Shirts Excellent condition, size L (14-16) (posted 12-3-15)

Part Time Music Director at Zwingli UCC, 350 Wile Ave. in Souderton (posted 11-5-15) For more information and a view from the inside , please visit zwingli.org and click on "Employment Opportunities".

Wurlitzer Organ through Emanuel UCC in Bridesburg section of Philadelphia (posted Oct 29, 2015) If interested please contact Emanuel's pastor, the Rev. David Reppert, at dreppert@verizon.net or 215-205-2318.



Looking for Volunteer and/or Service Opportunities?

The list of volunteer opportunities/needs throughout the United States is growing. There are many new opportunities that will have UCC long-term volunteer leaders and tools in place, specifically **South Carolina, New Jersey & Texas**. This new approach will help make the volunteer experience more productive, enjoyable and organized. Teams are needed in many locations. An updated list of needs can be found at ucc.org/disaster_disaster-volunteers. For more information contact Karl Jones at kjones275@comcast.net or 570-617-4018.

Back Bay Mission will open its 2017 Mission Trip Calendar on January 1, 2016. Mission immersion experiences at Back Bay Mission are a great opportunity to serve the poor and marginalized of the Mississippi Gulf Coast while learning about poverty and social justice. They're also a wonderful chance to build relationships within your congregation and with other congregations who are serving at the Mission. To learn more, visit <https://thebackbaymission.org/>.



Prayers are requested for Tabernacle United Church in Philadelphia and Rev. Kathryn Aikins.

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

Grace Beard

Lucille Berky

Perma Bower

Jean Gentry

Alyssa Guldin

Heinz & Mary Jane Herrmann

Bryan Schwoyer

Pauline Kloenne

Betty Krauss

Ron & Bonnie Krick

Erma Kriebel

Edmund & Grace Kuhns

Meg Lester

Doris & Clyde Masemore

Helen Miller

Beverly Phiifer

Betty Pope

Carol Shafer

Margaret Schultz

Bill & Jane Shermer

Dorothy Trumbauer

Adam Walter

Louise Watt



This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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

Monday, January 11

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:30pm Buildings & Grounds Committee

7:30pm Board of Trustees

Tuesday, January 12

8:00am Quilters

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting

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Wednesday, January 13

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 14

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Friday, January 15

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, January 16

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, January 17

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

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Church Office Hours

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

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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

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

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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