

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2015**

### **BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

### **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" John Barr

**\*Call to Worship**

The powerful voice of God created all worlds.

That same voice calls us to worship.

**Ascribe to our God glory and strength.**

**Come before God's glorious majesty.**

God's strength shakes the wilderness.

That same strength is offered to people of faith.

**The flames of God penetrate our cold hearts.**

**May God bless all people with true peace.**

Come together to remember your true baptism.

Gather to celebrate the Spirit's gifts.

**The heavens open to us at the Word of God.**

**Surely God forgives and makes us whole.**

\*Hymn #136 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**We come as your baptized believers, O God, confessing our sins. You send forth your Spirit, yet we do not respond to your presence. You set us apart as water is poured over us, yet our behavior in faith does not match our unique status. Christ calls us to follow; yet we disobey his commandment. Evidence of your goodness surrounds us, yet we ignore your gracious ways. Have mercy upon us, and in your love uphold us. Above all, teach us the meaning of repentance. Amen.**

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Senior Choir Anthem

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" arr. Jack Schrader

**Scripture** Mark 1:4 – 11 (NRSV p. 812; LP p.1561)

**Children's Choir** "Warm-Up Song"  
Pam Andrews and John Devries

**Children's Sermon**

**Children's Church** Barb Master

**\*Hymn #190** "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

**Sermon** "A Father's Pride"

**Service of Installation**

**Board of Trustees** (One year term)

Moderator: Anne Goda

Vice Moderator: Joanne Luz

Secretary: Diane Dunn

Treasurer: David Luz

Financial Secretary: Joanne Jalowy

Registrar: Nancy Hoffman

Custodian of Endowments: Tom Dunn

Building and Grounds: Darlene Jones

Building and Grounds: Richard Kleppinger

Building and Grounds: Andy Kriebel

Building and Grounds: Brian Shelly

Building and Grounds: Doug Wallinger

**Mission Board** (One year term)

Amy Pusey

Lawrence Croll

Robert Croll

Lillian Master

David Woodward

**Board of Christian Education** (Three year term)

Christal Horn

Lisa Stitt

**Music Ministry** (Three year term)

Carol Woodward (Second Term)

Lillian Master

**Diaconate** (Three year term)

Joan Pusey (Second Term)

Lawrence Croll (Second Term)

Michelle Badman (Second Term)

**PA Southeast Conference**

Bob Croll

**SS Superintendent**

Lee Schultz

**SS Assist. Superintendent**

Anne Goda

**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**                      "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"                      Dale Wood

### **\*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**

**Source of eternal renewal, we come before you full of new life.**  
**We hear Christ's call to follow, and seek to obey. We yearn to**  
**be faithful as his baptized believers. Accept these offerings as**  
**signs of our commitment, and use us to lead others to**  
**repentance. We pray in the name of him who calls us his own.**  
**Amen.**

**\*Hymn#758**                      "Baptized in Water"

### **\*Benediction**

**Postlude**                      "To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord"                      James Engel

\*All who are able, please stand.

Today's altar flowers are presented in memory of loved ones by John Reis.

### **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 Charles Krauss, the family of Leslie Stull, Jeff Treichler, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Rick Jones, Bryan Schwoyer, Clara Graber, Anna Bieler, Earl Yerger, Donald Long, Jen Fries, Vera Boykin, Jean Gentry, Doris Masemore, Wanda Gentry, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Vern Weller, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Karen Freed, Donald Cook, Dave Jaeger, Robert Margerum, Mary Hartman, Helen Miller, Rob Ziegler, Kathy Bartman, 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 the Olivet Schwenkfelder Church.

### **Bible Study**

Who is Goliath? Help the online Bible Study discuss this topic by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

### **“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men”** Matthew 4:19

The kids are doing great earning punches in their fish card. Keep catching those kids acting kind!

### **Snow Tubing**

Join us on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00pm at Bear Creek Mountain for a fun night of snow tubing. Palm youth 18 and under are free and adults are \$24 each. Some chaperones will be needed. Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Children’s Choir**

Singing in parts can be difficult for people of any age. As leader of the Children’s Choir, I wanted to acknowledge that this small – but mighty – group has taken this challenge at my direction. Members of the choir range in age from nine to thirteen. For some, it is their first experience with parts singing. They are quite a group, and I am so proud of their efforts.

Gail Ferry

### **“Trees, Trains, and Gingerbread”**

From now through next Sunday, January 18, 2015, come to the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum where you’ll see an exhibit featuring a Schwenkfelder Christmas tree decorated with cookie cutters, and a showcase with German cookies and Schwenkfelder information on display. There will also be trees decorated with railroad themes and railroad gingerbread buildings and trains. A large O-gauge operating layout with a Reading Company theme will also be part of the exhibit. The Schwenkfelder pieces are thanks to Lee Schultz, and Bill and Sallie Wright. Museum hours are 10:00am – 4:00 pm on Saturdays, noon – 4:00pm on Sundays. Admission; adults \$7.00, seniors (65+) \$6.00, ages 5 – 12 \$3.00, children under 5 and active military are free. Free parking. For additional information visit [www.readingrailroad.org/museum](http://www.readingrailroad.org/museum)

### **Brown Bag Lecture Series**

On Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center at noon to hear Bob Wood, a local historian who will present an illustrated talk on the manufacture and use of Germanic five-plate stoves in Southeastern Pennsylvania. The five-plate stove, also known as the jamb stove, was first developed in Europe in the 16th century, and such stoves were brought by some early immigrants. It wasn't until the 18th century that local iron furnaces were capable of the casting plates large enough to produce five-plate stoves. These stoves were a common feature of 18th century German style houses.

### **Installation of Officers**

**Today**, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 worship service.

### **Nursery**

When there is no one available to supervise the nursery, parents are welcome to use the nursery but are responsible for their children. If anyone is interested in providing child supervision, please contact Gregg Hoffman.

### **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.

### **Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships**

The Deacons would like to thank the members of Palm for sponsoring bulletins and real flowers every Sunday for the 2014 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 2015 on the chart in the hallway outside of the office. And, thanks!



**SAVE THE DATE:  
Saturday,  
February 7, 2015**

### **Women's Fellowship**

*The Women's Fellowship of New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ would like to cordially invite the women of your congregation to worship with us on **Saturday, February 7, 2015**. We will be celebrating "Women's Week" with a communion service in our sanctuary beginning at 9:00 a.m., followed by a continental breakfast. More information will follow in the upcoming weeks.*

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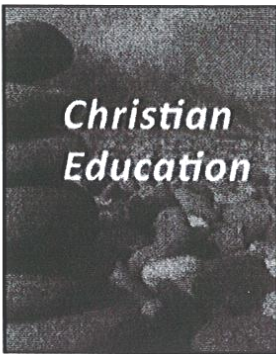
**Communitas**

PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

1441 Laura Lane, Suite 100, Pottstown, PA 19464  
484-949-8774

January 11, 2015

## Church Educators' Conversation - Today in Boyertown



There is some great work being done throughout our Conference by Christian Educators, Lay Leaders, and Authorized Pastors in Christian Education and Faith Formation. Our best resources in this ministry are other Christian Educators who come together to share and celebrate success and encourage each other through challenges.

Representative(s) from every church are invited and urged to join a conversation **today** from 3 to 4:30 pm in Zwingli Hall at **Church of the Good**

**Shepherd UCC, 35 W. Philadelphia Avenue in Boyertown.** Come to meet (or reconnect) with your Christian Education allies, share the resources that work best for you, and determine if a regular meeting of this group would be a benefit to your ministry. Online registration closes at 1 pm: <http://ceconversation.eventbrite.com>.

*This conversation is being facilitated initially by Conference Minister Bill Worley who welcomes your company in the conversation.*



### Visit these psec.org website pages for:

- Conference-wide events: [psec.org/psec-events](http://psec.org/psec-events)
- Local Church events: [psec.org/local-church-happenings](http://psec.org/local-church-happenings)
- Classified Ads: <http://psec.org/category/classified/>
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*You can sign up to receive our weekly eNews email by clicking on **eNews Signup** on the left side of any page of the website.*



Prayers are requested for Emmanuel CSI Church in Philadelphia and Rev. Shajan V. Daniel

## End of Year Reporting – 1099s or W2s?

The **W-2** and the **1099** are known as information return tax documents that churches must file with various taxing authorities after year-end. Copies of these documents must also be given to employees or independent subcontractors by January 31 of the New Year.

- A W-2 is the form used by a church when it pays for services performed by an employee. Federal income tax, social security and Medicare, state tax, and local taxes should have been withheld throughout the year. Clergy, of course, may not have had any federal income tax or social security and Medicare tax withheld from their pays.
- A 1099 is the form that should be prepared for independent subcontractors who have been compensated \$600 or more for their services in the calendar year. The 1099-Misc form is the form used in these instances. This form is not to be used to report the amount of dollars paid to employees. Please remember that these must be prepared for all individuals, partnerships, and attorneys for whom \$600 or more has been paid for their services. You do not need to prepare for businesses that are incorporated.

This article was started as a question mark but there really should be no question as to whether someone is your employee or an independent contractor. Clergy are the only staff who can be treated as either an employee OR as an independent subcontractor. If you have questions, another article will be coming out shortly that addresses these issues OR call Tammie Wisniewski at the Conference office and she will be happy to discuss with you.

### **Beginning of the Year Employee Notifications**

The New Year is a perfect time to check with your staff to see if they need to prepare a new **Form W-4** which instructs the payroll preparer on how much federal tax to withhold from their pay checks. Individuals' tax situations change from time to time so they should be reminded annually of the opportunity to adjust their federal withholding. If you have any staff member who has claimed exemption from federal withholding on their W-4, they must prepare a new W-4 each year to continue to claim exempt status; exempt status ends every year on February 15 without a new W-4. Also, when requested by the IRS, you must make original Forms W-4 available for inspection by an IRS employee.

You must notify employees who have no federal income tax withheld that they may be able to claim a tax refund because of the Earned Income Credit. (This does not include those employees who claim exemption on their W-4.) You will meet this requirement if you issue the employee Form W-2 with the EIC notice on the back of Copy B, or a substitute Form W-2 with the same statement.

*If you have any suggestions or questions for an upcoming article, please contact Tammie Wisniewski at [tammie@psec.org](mailto:tammie@psec.org) or call the conference office at 484-949-8774 X304*



**Palm Schwenkfelder Church has decorated a tree at**



## **Trains, trees, and gingerbread**

at the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum





500 S. Third Street, Hamburg PA

[www.readingrailroad.org](http://www.readingrailroad.org)

November 29, 2013 through January 18, 2014

**Come and vote for our tree!** Two free tickets with each admission. Additional tickets 50 cents each.

### **Also see:**

-  Model trains: large display of vintage and modern model trains
-  More trees decorated in railroad themes by community groups.
-  Gingerbread railroad stations by individual crafters
-  Indoor and outdoor displays of Reading Railroad history and real Reading trains.

Museum hours: Saturday 10 AM – 4 PM, Sunday noon – 4 PM

Admission: Adults, \$7; Seniors (65+), \$6; children (5-12), \$3;  
under 5 free

## *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 8<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 & Bernard Beard

Lucille Berky

Anna Bieler

Donald Cook

Jean Gentry

Clara Graber

Alyssa Guldin

Matthew Guldin

Betty Krauss

Erma Kriebel

Meg Lester

Doris & Clyde Masemore

Helen Miller

Betty Pope

Margaret Schultz

Bryan Schwoyer

Carol Shafer

Dorothy Trumbauer

Adam Walter

Louise Watt

Earl Yerger



## **This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

### **Sunday, January 11**

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service - Installation of Officers
- 11:30am Music Committee Meeting
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 2:00pm "Manufacturing in the Valley" at SLHC  
presented by Larry Roeder

### **Monday, January 12**

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

### **Tuesday, January 13**

- 8:00am Quilters
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:15pm Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting

### **Wednesday, January 14**

- 12:00pm Brown Bag Lecture Series at SLHC
- 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 15**

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

### **Friday, January 16**

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

### **Saturday, January 17**

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

### **Sunday, January 18**

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

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**Sunday School 9:00 a.m.**

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

## Church Office Hours

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

Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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## **Serving You at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

Ministers: All Church Members

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Pence

Pastor Emeritus: Ronald R. Krick

Director of Music: Ed Bieler

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: Lawrence Croll

Ushers: Phillip Badman, Tim Hoffman, Rick Jones, Brian Shelly

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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