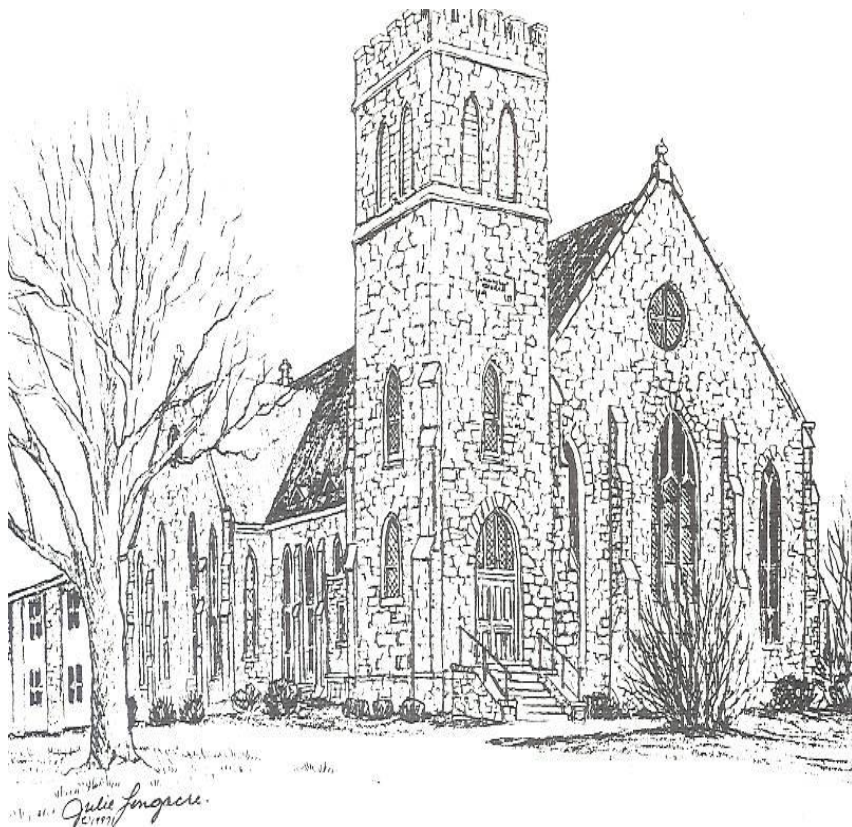


PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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***Congregational Response**

**We receive this child as a new person in Christ.
We offer our understanding and support as she explores
life. We enfold this child in our love, seeking together to
grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and all
people. We join with these parents in telling the gospel in
our midst so that this child may live with us for Christ,
showing forth His love for all people.**

Prayer of Baptism

Act of Baptism

Prayer

Introduction to the Congregation

Welcome by Deacon

Scripture Isaiah 42:1 – 9 (NRSV p. 584 – 585; LP p. 1127 – 1128)
Matthew 3:13 – 17 (NRSV p. 784 – 785; LP p. 1508 – 1509)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church No Children’s Church Today

***Hymn#758** “Baptized in Water”

Sermon “Beloved”

Service of Installation

Board of Trustees (one-year term)

Moderator:	Joanne Luz
Vice Moderator:	Walter Master
Recording Secretary:	Diane Dunn
Treasurer:	David Luz
Financial Secretary:	Joanne Jalowy
Custodian of Endowments:	Thomas Dunn

Registrar:

Nancy Hoffman

Buildings and Grounds (one-year term)

Douglas Wallinger	Andrew Kriebel
Richard Kleppinger	Brian Shelly
Alexander Jalowy	

**Board of Trustees Representative to
Palm Country Day School:**

Joan Pusey

Diaconate (three-year term)

David Woodward (2019)

Gregg Hoffman (2019)

Gail Brown (2019)

Mission Board (one-year term)

Robert Croll

Lillian Master

Amy Pusey

Lawrence Croll

Renee Shelly

Christian Education (three-year term)

Lee Schultz – Sunday School Superintendent

Michelle Badman – Asst. Sunday School Superintendant

Barb Master – Youth Director

Diana Cleaver (2019)

Cyndi Kinsler (2019)

Board of Music Ministry (three-year term)

Marilyn Roznowski (2019)

PA Southeast Conference Board: (one-year term)

Robert Croll

Auditing Committee: (Appointed)

David Woodward

Richard Hoffman

Kathleen Bieler

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

***Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all good things flow;
Praise Him, all creatures below;
Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Prayer of Dedication

We acknowledge our baptism, O God, and the call to become members of Christ's body. Accept our gifts, that others may be led into your way. Help us to arrange our priorities that we may seek first your will for us and prepare ourselves to follow where Christ may lead us. May the offering we bring be a sign and symbol of our commitment to answer his call to "come, follow me." Amen.

Hymn #761

"We Bless the Name of Christ the Lord"

***Benediction**

Postlude

"We Bless the Name of Christ, the Lord" Robert Lind

***All who are able, please stand.**

The bulletins today are sponsored by Lee Schultz, in loving memory of my parents and friends.

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 outreach mission.

... Things of Interest to Our Palm Schwenkfelder Family...

This week, please keep in your daily prayers:

The family of Edmund Kuhns, Meg Leister, Katherine Kocs, Michael Marsicano, Jean Gabel, Willard Long, Samantha Hossler and Ryan Woods, 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, Kyrene 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 Buriemek, 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

1 Samuel 31 invites comparison of King Saul with Judas Iscariot, which the online Bible Study will discuss this week. 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

Thank you to all who contributed to our Christmas stockings. We are grateful to all. We were able to put 9 items in each stocking. The Social Service Committee

Installation of Officers

The date for the Installation of Officers is **today**. 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.

Men of Palm

The Men of Palm will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, January 29th, in the sanctuary following the worship service.

February 5th – 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 22nd, 29th; February 26th

Upcoming dates for bulletin sponsorship:

January 22nd, 29th; February 5th, 26th

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.

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January 15, 2017

UCC web partner offering churches free websites to kick off 2017 !

In an effort to make online communication easier and more effective for every United Church of Christ congregation in 2017, the UCC's web partner, Ministry Designs, is giving away websites to every local church that needs one to kick off the New Year.

"It is our goal to help as many UCC churches with their websites as possible," said Tyler Rominger of Ministry Designs. "Our partnership has gone so well over the last couple of months and we've built so many amazing relationships that we wanted to completely eliminate the start-up cost and remove any barrier for other churches to get started with a great website."

In this absolutely free offer, which runs from January 1 through February 15, Ministry Designs is offering to help create a website for local churches using one of four designs created specifically for UCC congregations. That service, when sold to the public, usually costs \$1,000. Previously discounted to \$500 as part of the UCC Stillspeaking 2.0 Toolkit, for the next 45 days, there are no set up costs. To be clear, churches will still be responsible for a minimal monthly hosting fee of \$35, which also includes support, system updates, unlimited storage, unlimited pages, and unlimited emails.

Once the website is up, Ministry Designs' content management system can be revised directly by people at the church, users with little or no web experience. The company also provides churches with the knowledge and the tools to update and maintain their site. Churches interested in taking advantage of this offer, or looking for more information should check out the company's UCC page. They have four themes built specifically for the UCC, with 18 looks that work for any faith community. After February 15, the start-up costs revert to \$500.

For the company's UCC page go to : [http://
ucc.ministrywebsitedesigns.com/](http://ucc.ministrywebsitedesigns.com/)



Since 1830, the Friedens U.C.C. congregation has been seeking to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the folks in the Oley Valley of Berks County. Heeding the teachings of our Reformed tradition, we want our children and their families to know that they

belong to their faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

A lively Sunday School recently produced a Christmas pageant entitled "Breaking News." Little ones dressed as cows and sheep joined shepherds, wise men and angels at the Bethlehem manger scene. A very active puppet ministry (God's Handiwork Gang) narrated the pageant before a receptive intergenerational congregation. A lovely Christmas luncheon followed worship where cast members and Sunday School teachers were congratulated.

Community families were recently invited to the Youth Group's Trunk or Treat event after the Oley Halloween Parade. A few weeks later an active Friedens youth group raised funds via the selling of cookie mix jars at the annual Bazaar.



The Friedens Choir sang at the ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service where five congregations gathered to give thanks. A wonderful day of celebration, involving puppets, choir members, and a busy, devoted congregation, ushered in the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Tyson Frey as the new pastor of Friedens on December 11.

Thousands of hoagies were made this year by Friedens volunteers, to support mission and youth events in the Oley Valley community. Friedens U.C.C. takes seriously the sovereignty of God, the Lordship of Christ, and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. We belong to Jesus Christ in thought, word and deed.



Prayers are requested for Friedens UCC in Oley
and Rev. Dr. Tyson Frey



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

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
Erma Kriebel

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

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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

Monday, January 16

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Board of Christian Education Meeting

Tuesday, January 17

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134

7:00pm Mission Board

Wednesday, January 18

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 19

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Friday, January 20

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, January 21

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, January 22

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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Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Pence

Pastor Emeritus: Ronald R. Krick

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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