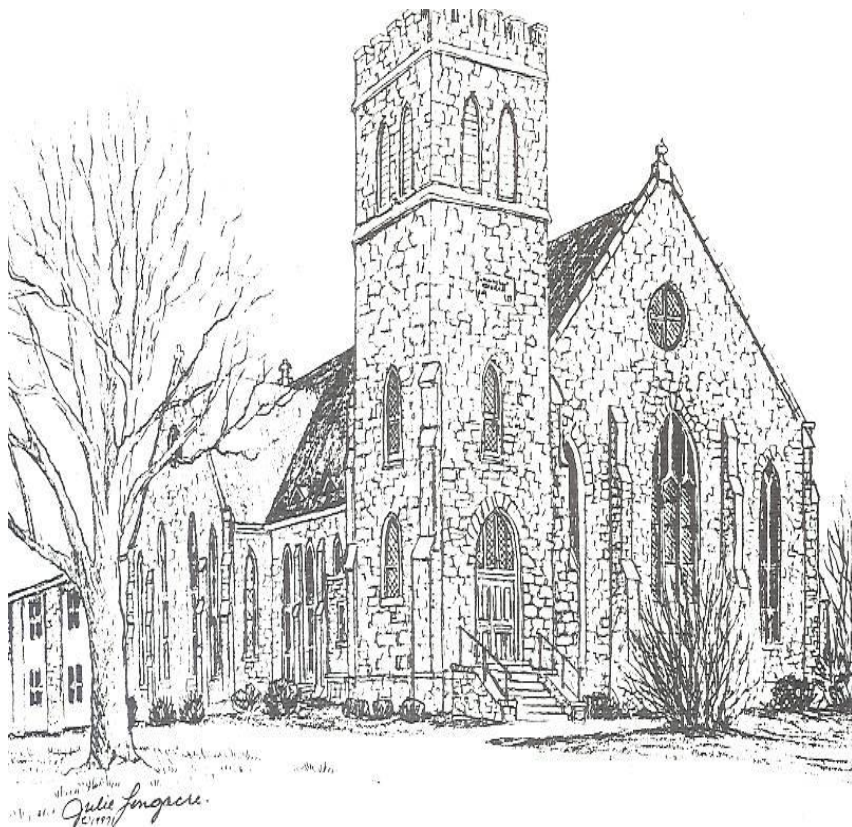


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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016

BAPTISM AND NEW MEMBERS

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Jesus, Come! For We Invite You”

Eugene Thayer

***Call to Worship**

With steadfast love, God calls our names.

Come to find refuge in the shelter of God’s ways.

We long to be recognized and affirmed.

We are eager for a place of shelter and security.

Feast on the abundance of God’s house.

Come to drink deeply from the fountain of life.

We are ready to hear the Word of God.

We want to be guided by the eternal truth.

Reach out to claim the gifts God pours out onto us.

The Spirit is eager to empower and inspire each one.

When God calls us, we cannot remain silent.

When Christ is real to us, we accept our discipleship.

Senior Choir Anthem

“Come Down Lord”

Stan Pethel

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We blend our voices in common confession to you, O God. The Apostle teaches us that there are varieties of gifts, yet we judge others because they do not fit our mold. There is one Savior, yet we mistrust those who do not believe as we do, and doubt that they are led by the same Spirit. Forgive us the many ways we sever the parts of Christ’s body. Through him reconcile us and pardon our estrangement. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn #95

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into the household of faith
through the sacrament of Baptism,
Emily Anne Kuzmission
Daughter of Matthew and Kristine Kuzmission

Welcome

Address

Questions of the candidates

***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

New Member Reception

Today we welcome into membership by letter of transfer
Carol Kuzmission

Invitation and Sentences

Welcome

**People: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this
church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we
share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By
the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together
in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen
Savior.**

Greeting of Christian Love

Prayer

Benediction

Signing of the Membership Book

Scripture John 2:1 – 11 (NRSV p. 863; LP p. 1659 – 1660)

Junior Bell Choir “Balm in Gilead”

Sandra Eithan
Peg Jacob on piano

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church Barb Master
(service project – all youth invited to attend)

***Hymn #187** “Jesus, Come! For We Invite You”

Sermon “A Wedding Disaster”

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 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” Wayne Wold

***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**

**God of our baptism, whose Holy Spirit fires our imagination
and fills our lives with purpose, we rejoice to commit ourselves
anew with our gifts. May what we share strengthen your
children spiritually, inspiring each person to invest fully in the
work you set before us. The varieties of gifts you entrust to us
can be realized only if they are used. Thank you for granting
us this joy. Amen.**

***Hymn #20** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

***Benediction**

*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:**

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

This week's online Bible Study will seek discussion weighing 1 Samuel 2 in comparison to modern genetics and the first Star Trek movie. Join-in 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)

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Bible App for Kids ~ Read and interact with, The Beloved Son: Jesus is baptized.

Children's Church ~ A Joyful Noise

Children's church has started again for the New Year. Leaders are needed. To sign-up to be a leader, please see the schedule posted on the wall next to the church office. Thank you.

Parents ~ If your child has allergies, please notify the leader of the day.

Sunday School Theme

“Rejoice in the Lord Always; again I will say, rejoice!” Philippians 4:4

The youth are continuing to do a great job celebrating the joy they receive from God's love by sharing that joy with others and acting kindly to one another.

Thank you for supporting this mission by punching the kids' cards. May God's joy ring out in your heart!

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.

Souper Bowl Sunday

The Ladies' Aid will be selling soup after the worship service on Sunday, February 7th.

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.

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!

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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The Top 10 United Church News stories in 2015

Written by Anthony Moujaes

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... For our purposes, we define a 'top story of the year' on this list as those with the largest number of unique readers, according to UCC website analytics. So, counting down from 10, here are the UCNews stories that garnered the most interest in 2015:

10. Laying the foundation to build a church culture of risk-taking, innovation and ingenuity In his first remarks to the UCC Board after his election at General Synod 2015, UCC General Minister and President the Rev. John Dorhauer introduced five initiatives he planned to undertake as 90-day goals... Those five initiatives include strategies to build closer ties between local churches and the national setting, broadening the UCC's missional base with ecumenical and interfaith partners, and refreshing the denomination's identity....

9. Dorhauer overwhelmingly elected UCC General Minister and President The Rev. John Dorhauer was elected as the denomination's general minister and president during General Synod 30 in Cleveland in June with 89 percent of the vote by delegates....

8. Dorhauer charts course for UCC future At the conclusion of General Synod, outgoing General Minister and President the Rev. Geoffrey Black presented his successor, the newly elected Rev. John Dorhauer, with a stole, a symbol of the new leadership role Dorhauer was stepping into, reflecting his calling to do new things. The denomination's next president said he hoped the people of the UCC use the power of the church, as a progressive faith community, to speak for those who have no voice. "I want you to prepare to fail," he said. "I want you to give yourself permission to take risks and then be there to receive the risk-takers with grace when they fail, and to learn from those failures and pass on what we learn to others...."

7. 'Crazy, awesome' youth ministry in Massachusetts counts 650 members Old South Union Church counts 650 in ministry with 500 active members — and while that is an impressive membership for any church, those numbers don't describe the makeup of the entire congregation, but rather the size of its youth group. The Rev. Jennie Barrett Siegal, the church's senior pastor, explains that it took 30 years to grow a small youth group into the large organization that today draws hundreds of teens from the local and neighboring communities....

6. Charleston violence, unspeakable grief "Please keep my family, Mother

Emanuel congregation, and all those impacted by this rampant culture of violence in the center of your prayer," wrote the Rev. Waltrina Middleton, Associate for National Youth Event Programming with the UCC national offices, after losing her cousin to gun violence. Middleton wrote the reflection the day after a gunman entered a historic black church in Charleston, S.C. and opened fire on the 12 people gathered inside, killing nine of them. Middleton's cousin, the Rev. DePayne Middleton-Doctor, was one of the victims. [T]he unspeakable grief of this loss has knocked me and my family off-kilter," she continued....

5. UCC and Disciples leaders, in solidarity with Muslims, express abhorrence of hate speech The leadership of the UCC and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) were moved to condemn the growing number of comments that denigrate the Muslim community. In a December statement, officers of both churches offered support and solidarity to communities of faith standing against xenophobic and racist remarks that motivate hate speech and actions....

4. Vandalized banner will hang as conversation piece outside New Jersey church


Community Church of Mountain Lakes, in New Jersey, was left searching for answers after someone threw red paint on its "Be the Church" banner that includes several messages — from "Protect the environment," to "Care for the poor," "Reject racism" and "Embrace diversity." But the Rev. Debra L. Duke and the church council decided to leave the defaced banner up. "We hope that this might spark conversation about inclusivity and rigidity in our society," she said....

3. Traci Blackmon to lead UCC Justice and Witness Ministries The Rev. Traci Blackmon, pastor of Christ The King UCC, in Florissant, Mo., was appointed as the executive minister of Justice and Witness ministries in October by an enthusiastic and unanimous vote of the United Church of Christ Board of Directors. Blackmon begins her work with the UCC national offices in January....

2. UCC minister chosen N.Y. Times 'New Yorker of the Year' Brooklyn minister the Rev. Ann Kansfield was named *The New York Times* 2015 "New Yorker of the Year".... Kansfield was nominated for the honor for her role as the New York Fire Department's first openly-gay and first female chaplain. "I'm so honored to serve the wonderful people of New York, and to represent all of the clergy who work hard to partner with God in 'seeking the shalom' of our cities," Kansfield said....

1. Facebook removes Chicago Theological Seminary message calling out racism

Chicago Theological Seminary posted a social media message on racism on social media on Aug. 18, only to have it taken down for "violating Facebook Community Standards." The post of a graphic, which read, "If you don't think racism exists, you're white," reached more than 200,000 people in the two weeks it was seen on Facebook. Over 16,000 people engaged with it through likes, comments, or shares. CTS President the Rev. Alice Hunt said that people of faith must love enough to get angry at great injustice and call it out....

 Prayers are requested for Trinity UCC in Shenandoah and Rev. Dr. John H. Reid.

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 Phifer

Betty Pope

Carol Shafer

Margaret Schultz

Bill & Jane Shermer

Dorothy Trumbauer

Adam Walter

Louise Watt



This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, January 17

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

10:15am [Sunday Worship Service](#)

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

Monday, January 18

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

7:00pm [Board of Christian Education Meeting](#)

Tuesday, January 19

8:00am [Quilters](#)

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 20

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

5:30pm [Children's Choir Rehearsal](#)

6:00pm [Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal](#)

7:30pm [Senior Choir Rehearsal](#)

Thursday, January 21

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

7:00pm [Boy Scouts - Board of Review](#)

Friday, January 22

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

Saturday, January 23

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

Sunday, January 24

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

10:15am [Sunday Worship Service](#)

12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

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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

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Sexton: Kevin Master 484 – 358 – 1684

Greeter: Joan Pusey

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

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