

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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## SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2015

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

Edward Broughton

**\*Call to Worship**

God is calling. Do you not hear?

You are being called by name, for a purpose.

**God, you have searched us and know us.**

**You discern our thoughts from far away.**

Do not confuse the siren calls of the world for God’s call.

Do not confuse the values of this world for God’s values.

**You know, O God, when we sit and when we stand.**

**You know when we lie down and where we go.**

Your words and your deeds are known to God.

You were known to God before you were born.

**Your knowledge of us is more than we can understand.**

**Your thoughts embrace us amid all you have created.**

**\*Hymn #534**

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O God, our lives are an open book to you. Help us to recognize in ourselves what you have seen there. Remove the distortions that keep us from acknowledging our sin. Awaken in us a sorrow over the wrong we have done and the good we have neglected. Create in us an earnest desire to change. O God, we are in touch with the pain we have caused and the pain within us. Because of your love and care, we can face and overcome the sins we here confess. Amen.**

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Senior Choir Anthem

“Hallelujah! By and By”

arr. Mary McDonald

Scripture

1 Samuel 3:1 – 10 (NRSV p. 215; LP p. 424 – 425)

John 1:43 – 51 (NRSV p. 863; LP p. 1659)

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Children's Church**

Sally Muse  
Valentine Project – All Youth Invited to Help

#### **\*Hymn #532**

“Be Thou My Vision”

#### **Sermon**

“God's Calling”

#### **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**

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

James Southbridge

#### **\*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**

**We have heard you calling us, loving God, in the cries of your children – cries for bread, for justice, for relief. We have felt the pain of sisters and brothers caught up in damaging relationships that violate your holy temple within them. We want to help, and we believe your church can be Christ's healing presence for them. Show us the way to be messengers of your gentle judgment and powerful good news. May our offerings be used for the transformation of church and society, individuals and groups. Amen.**

#### **\*Hymn#635**

“He Leadeth Me”

#### **\*Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Carl Geissler

\*All who are able, please stand.

Today's altar flowers are presented in honor of Robert and Lucile Jones for their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**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 Vera Boykin, the family of Fern Wolf, Jeff Treichler, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Rick Jones, Bryan Schwoyer, Clara Graber, Anna Bieler, Earl Yerger, Donald Long, Jen Fries, 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? This week's online Bible Study will complete the discussion interrupted by current events last week. To join the discussion, please contact Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

**Fish Card Look-Out**

Watch in February to see which church group will be asked to be on the look-out to catch our kids acting kind. "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" Matthew 4:19

**Children's Church**

After the children's sermon all children from 4 years of age thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited upstairs to participate in Children's church for an interactive Bible lesson and snack. Please advise the leader if your child has food allergies or food restrictions. Parent pick up is upstairs in the children's church room.

**Sunday School Room Committee**

The first meeting will be this Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30pm at Palm Church. Please feel free to join us! If you have any questions, please see Barb Master.

**Souper Bowl Food Drive**

The Palm Youth will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations for Open Link on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please bring a food item with you that morning and drop it off in the narthex.

## **Youth Hoagie Sale**

Have a hoagie on Super Bowl Sunday! On Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, after the worship the Palm Youth will be in the narthex selling hoagies to raise money for the youth ministries.

## **Snow Tubing**

There are a few spots left for snow tubing on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up by today or see Barb Master if you are interested. Youth must be 6 years old and 42" tall. Palm youth are free. It is \$24 for adults 18 and over. Money is due on night of snow tubing. Please bring a snack or drink to share.

## **January Youth Birthdays**

Happy Birthday...

Lily Hoffman (1/4), Ian Ross (1/5), LJ Morasco (1/14), Johanna Kinsler (1/25).  
Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Darrell Manley (1/27)

## **Praise Team**

The Praise Team will be leading Praise Songs in worship on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. To prepare, the Team will be practicing at 9:00 am on Sunday January 25 and at 9:00 am Sunday February 1. Anyone who would like to sing or play their instrument with the Team, please join us at the practices. Music is available in the church office beginning today. Come join the Praise Team!

## **Men of Palm**

The Men of Palm will have their annual meeting in the sanctuary following worship service next Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **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.

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

Today, Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, is the last day to 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)

## **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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January 18, 2015

## Message from Rev. William P. Worley, PSEC Conference Minister

Martin Luther King Day has come and gone for years. And for years some of its celebrants have wondered if we are past the struggle he led. We are not. The events in Ferguson and New York and the reaction to them confirm that.

Now, more than ever, we need prophets like Martin Luther King. "There are two ways of being a prophet," wrote Richard Rohr. "One is to tell the enslaved that they can be free. It is the difficult path of Moses. The second is to tell those who think they're free that they are in fact enslaved. This is the even more difficult path of Jesus."

We labor under the belief that we are free from racism. We live in the denial of its reality. Dr. King pointed us to that reality, and what had been cloaked, confused and uncertain suddenly became obvious.

Dr. King had a visionary's gift for discerning the right direction and turning the nation towards it, blending vision with action. His leadership was about reconciliation. He never ceased to see the better side in those who disagreed with him. He opposed force with love. "Just keep loving them, and they can't stand it for too long."

Resolving any challenge entails not concentrating on the problem itself, but rather focusing on transforming the relationships that hold the problem in place. That is the difficult path of Jesus and it is the one we, the disciples of Christ, are called to follow. The country is crying out for that kind of relational, transformational witness.

PSEC has heard that cry and so has become a co-sponsor of a General Synod resolution addressing the Mass Incarceration of African Americans. To read about the process to co-sponsorship and the resolution, visit [psec.org](http://psec.org) and click on **News & Publications**, then **Special Communications**, then **PSEC Co-Sponsorship of Mass Incarceration Resolution (1/7/2015)**. Now more than ever, the world needs "courage in the struggle for justice and peace." Will we see that the world has it?

Rev. William P. Worley  
PSEC Conference Minister



## Back Bay Mission



Back Bay Mission is pleased to announce that they have a new Executive Director, **Rev. Alice Graham, Ph.D.** Throughout her professional life, Dr. Graham has been active in building relationships with community organizations that serve vulnerable communities. A tremendously exciting aspect of her work on the Gulf Coast has been the opportunity to build relationships and collaborations with people from diverse faith, racial, and ethnic perspectives. She is excited about the new opportunities offered by Back Bay Mission to expand her commitment to collaborate with other coastal organizations in building sustainable communities. To read more, visit: [thebackbaymission.org](http://thebackbaymission.org).

The Mission has opened its **mission trip calendar for 2016**. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, visit: [thebackbaymission.org](http://thebackbaymission.org).



## National Preparedness Community

Looking for a change in 2015? How about learning more about what you can do to help prepare you and your family for emergencies. If you don't know where to start, take advantage of the resources and guidelines at [Ready.gov/ready2015](http://Ready.gov/ready2015) to learn what protective measures to take before, during, and after an emergency. This year, the Resolve to be Ready campaign focuses on Seasonal Preparedness, encouraging families to prepare throughout the year for all weather hazards during winter, spring, fall and summer.



This year the campaign includes downloadable resources:

- 2015 Seasonal Preparedness Messaging Calendar to plan your preparedness messaging and activities all year long!
- 2015 Seasonal Preparedness Messaging Calendar (PDF)
- Resolve to Be Ready shareable graphics and Seasonal Preparedness Messaging Calendar
- Winter Weather Social Media Toolkit
- Holiday Preparedness Social Media Toolkit
- *America's PrepareAthon!* for seasonal hazard preparedness guides & tips
- Share messages on social media using the hashtag #Ready2015

Other resources include links to social media, videos, and additional materials of interest for groups and children.



Prayers are requested for Olivet in Reading and Rev. Bonnie Dalious.



## *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

Pauline Kloenne

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

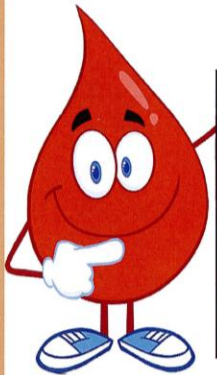
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## **This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

### **Sunday, January 18**

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

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

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

### **Monday, January 19**

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

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

### **Tuesday, January 20**

8:00am [Quilters](#)

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

7:00pm [Boy Scouts](#)

7:00pm [Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop](#)

7:00pm [Mission Board](#)

### **Wednesday, January 21**

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 22**

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

### **Friday, January 23**

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

6:30pm [Sunday School Room Committee Meeting](#)

### **Saturday, January 24**

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

### **Sunday, January 25**

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

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

11:30am [Men of Palm Annual Meeting](#)

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.**

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

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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: Joan Pusey

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

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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