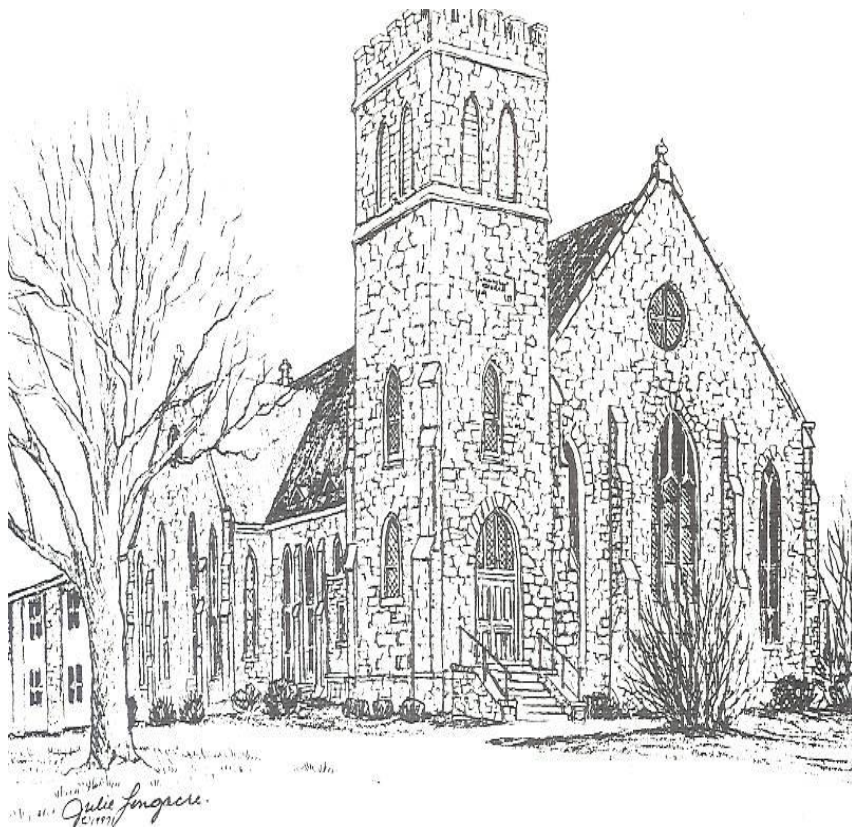


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SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude “We Are Called to Be God’s People” arr. Timothy Shaw

***Call to Worship**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is sure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

Let the words of my mouth and meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Let us worship God!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sometimes, God, we do not know what to confess. We seek to keep your law, but the right course is not always clear. We want to follow your directions, but it is hard to discern what is true. Sometimes it is difficult to care about people whose values are different from ours. How can we be one with those who do not share our beliefs? At times, our own faith is shaken – our faith in ourselves and our faith in you. We need your help, God, so our sins will not have dominion over us. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn #712 “The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy”

Scripture Luke 4:14 – 21 (NRSV p. 835; LP p. 1606)

Children’s Sermon

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

*Hymn #109 “I Cannot Tell”

Sermon

“Anointed”

Senior Choir Anthem

“Here I Am, Lord”

Daniel Schutte
arr. Jack Schrader

(Congregation invited to rise and sing as directed)

Verse 3

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

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

“I Cannot Tell”

J. Stuart Archer

***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**

In the spirit of Christ, we give our best for the world. Your rule among us, O God, is more to be desired than riches. Therefore, we share what you have allowed us to use, giving thanks for the joy of helping others and entering into partnership with them. This is only the beginning of our offering, for we dedicate here our varied gifts as apostles, prophets, teachers, healers, helpers, administrators, speakers, workers. In all we do, we will seek to serve you by sharing your love. Amen.

***Hymn #710**

“We Are Called to Be God’s People”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“The Kingdom of God”

Wilfred Emery

*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

The online Bible Study has recently been reconsidering a lesson in 1 Samuel 2, begun November 28, 2010. Pastor Nick's sermon last Sunday filled-in the missing element! "We are the wine." Discuss this latest update 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 Bible App – Teens & Adults

Bible.com is all new if you enjoy exploring God's Word on larger screens like your computer, laptop, or tablet. You will see clear, simple tabs to get you where you want. You will be able to adjust fonts to customize your reading. And, Bible.com can read to you with audio Bibles. Visit Bible.com to try the best Bible experience offered for the web.

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.

Can You Help Out?

Might you be available in the next month or so to help MHP pick-up local furniture donations? Please let us know! That is the most pressing need at the moment. MHP is also seeking beds, especially twin beds. Forms available in the Narthex are the best way to communicate. They are helpful supports to senior memory. If elements line-up, it should be possible to get all pick-ups done in one full day or two half days.

Men of Palm

The Men of Palm will have their annual meeting in the sanctuary following the worship service on Sunday, February 7th.

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

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

January 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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SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS IN THE UCC

Each year, the United Church of Christ's Office of Philanthropy and Stewardship selects recipients for 29 different scholarships and grants that help undergraduates, seminarians and social justice groups pay the cost of their education. To learn more about the application process which concludes on March 1, visit ucc.org/scholarships.

PHOEBE BERKS HOSTS AARP TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

Phoebe Berks, One Reading Drive, Wernersville, will offer free tax-form assistance for low to middle income seniors through AARP volunteers. The program will be available Thursday afternoons from January 28 to April 7, 2016, however, no appointments will be scheduled the week of February 1. AARP Tax-Aide is free of charge and open to members of the public over 60 years of age. Complicated returns cannot be done and a reservation is required for assistance. To reserve your appointment, call 610-927-8513. Participants should bring copies of their 2014 tax returns, income and any deduction information pertaining to 2015. For more information on the AARP Tax-Aide program, call 1-888-227-7669.

MISSIONINSITE 2015 FALL/WINTER UPDATES ONLINE

The latest update for the MissionInsite PeopleView System is available online including current year estimates, 5 year projections, 10 year forecasts for population, households and age are part of this new update. [New registration info available](http://psec.org/about-psec/our-partners). To learn more, visit psec.org/about-psec/our-partners.

BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME CALLS NEW CHAPLAIN



Bethany Children's Home officially called and received Reverend Kim Kendrick as Chaplain for the home on December 4, 2015. Kendrick is ordained in the United Church of Christ, and is a 2014 graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary. Kendrick brings seven years of ministerial experience to Bethany, where she will provide worship and other services for youth and staff.

WHY THE CHURCH? AT SPIRIT ON TAP - TUESDAY

Join our guest speaker Rev. William P. Worley, PSEC Conference Minister, at Spirit on Tap at 7 pm on Tues, Jan 26 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Reading for the topic, *Why the Church?*



Getting to Know :

Woodcrest UCC

8107 Thouron Ave., Philadelphia PA 19150

Woodcrest United Church of Christ is a small mature congregation located in a quiet residential neighborhood in the Mount Airy section of Philadelphia.

Our Mission: The Woodcrest congregation officially revised the church's mission statement to more accurately reflect our spiritual growth and how we fellowship with each other and the community: ***"A church that is Bible based, Christ centered, Holy Spirit led and Mission Bound. We are here to glorify God by changing lives through Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship and Stewardship."***



75th Anniversary: Woodcrest officially celebrated its 75th year during the week of June 7 through June 14, 2015. The theme for the celebration was ***"We've Come This Far by Faith"*** and the week included two special afternoon services, two nights of revival services and a gala banquet.

Ongoing Activities: Woodcrest has established a core of ministries and traditions by which we are blessed by others and which serve as a source of blessing for others. We look forward to this new year as we plan for such events as: Elder Diner, Vacation Bible School, Flea Markets, Unity Day, Sunday in White, Family and Friends Day, Thanksgiving basket donations to the community, Move Up Day, Girl Scouts, School supply donations, Veterans Celebration (image), and Everybody's Birthday. We



also look forward to a couple of new events that we started last year- Unity Café and Family Movie Nite.

*To learn more about our ministry, visit our website: **Woodcrestucc.org.***



Prayers are requested for the congregation of Woodcrest UCC in Philadelphia.

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 24

9:00am [Sunday School](#)

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

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

Monday, January 25

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

Tuesday, January 26

8:00am [Quilters](#)

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

7:00pm [Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting](#)

Wednesday, January 27

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 28

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

Friday, January 29

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

Saturday, January 30

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

Sunday, January 31

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

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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