

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2015

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

David Paxton

***Call to Worship**

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from the Lord.

God only is my rock and my salvation; I shall not be shaken.

Trust in the Lord at all times, O People; pour out your heart before God.

Our trust is in the Lord. We worship God’s name.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #580**

“Jesus Calls Us o’er the Tumult”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion and mercy, hear us as we make our confession. Christ preaches repentance; we do not heed his call. Your new day is proclaimed; we dwell on the past. We turn not from our evil ways, nor do we sacrifice those treasures that give us status. We say we obey you, but our deeds betray us. By your grace renew us, and cleanse us of sin. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Senior Bell Choir

Reflections on "Candler"

Scripture

Mark 1:14 – 20 (NRSV. p. 812; LP p. 1562)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church

No Children’s Church Today

***Hymn**

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

Lord, you have come to the Lakeshore,
Looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones.
You only asked me to follow humbly.

(Chorus)

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
And while smiling, have spoken my name.
Now my boats left on the shoreline behind me,
By your side, I will seek other seas.

(Verse 2)

You know so well my possessions.
My boat carries no gold and no weapons.
You will find there, my nets and labor.

(Back to chorus)

(Verse 3)

You need my hands full of caring,
Through my labors to give others rest,
And constant love that keeps on loving.

(Chorus)

(Verse 4)

You, who have fished other oceans,
Ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
My loving friend, as thus you call me.

(Chorus)

Sermon

“Let’s go fishing”

New Member Reception

Today we welcome into membership Greg May

Invitation

Sentences

Questions of the Candidate

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.

Question about Participation

Greeting of Christian Love

Prayer

Benediction

Signing of the Membership Book

Senior Choir Anthem “Softly and Tenderly”

Joel Raney

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 “Softly and Tenderly”

arr. Harold DeCou

***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 steadfast love, we pray that you will love the world
through the moneys we dedicate today. We pray that your
work of transformation will be carried forward by our gifts. As
a church, we seek to follow where Jesus leads. As individuals,
we heed the call to discipleship. Bless our efforts to fish for
people – for their sakes, not our own. Amen.**

***Hymn #576** “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

***Benediction**

Postlude “The Spiritual Sailor”

James Boeringer

*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:

Lucile Jones, 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

How did Goliath die? Compare 1 Samuel 17:50 and 1 Samuel 17:51 in the nearest Bible. 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 4th 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.

Souper Bowl Food Drive

The Palm Youth will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations for Open Link on Sunday, February 1st. 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 1st, after the worship service the Palm Youth will be in the narthex selling hoagies to raise money for the youth ministries.

Snow Tubing

The youth will be snow tubing this coming Friday, January 30th. 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. If you have any questions, please see Barb Master.

January Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday...

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

Souper Bowl Sunday

Next Sunday the Ladies' Aid will be selling soup in the Narthex after worship. They will have two kinds of soup: Ham & Bean, and Vegetable. The price will be \$7 per quart. If you have any questions, please see Carol Woodward.

Heritage Center Tour

Next Sunday, February 1st, the confirmands will be touring the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center. Their mentors are invited to be part of the group. Bring a bag lunch and meet in Fellowship Hall after the worship service. Then we will carpool to the Heritage Center. In case of bad weather, the tour will be the following Sunday, February 8th.

Praise Team

The Praise Team will be leading Praise Songs in worship next Sunday, February 1st. To prepare, the Team will be practicing next Sunday at 9:00 am. 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!

Thank You

The family of Charles Krauss wishes to thank the members of Palm Schwenkfelder Church for their delivery of home cooked meals, flowers, visits, telephone calls, and prayers during Charles' confinement at home and at Valley Manor, Coopersburg.
Betty E. Krauss and family

Men of Palm

The Men of Palm will have their annual meeting **today** in the sanctuary following 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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January 25, 2015

Invitation to Lenten Awakenings

Rev. Wanda D. Craner, PSEC Minister of Spiritual Nurture



The cover article in the Jan 11 issue of PARADE was entitled The #1 Health Booster in 2015 - Politicians, Children and Celebrities are doing it -Shouldn't You?. I paged through to find what I expected to be the latest health craze. Instead, I found an ancient spiritual discipline that is now being re-discovered as valuable for our well being: *meditation*. The article refers

to "mindfulness," which can literally change your brain, "anxiety-busting," and "attention-boosting." In the world of spiritual formation, these are not new ideas. Meditation has long been a prominent prayer practice among those desiring a deeper connection and experience of God. It makes 100% sense to me, that it would also be considered a "health booster" in today's world.

Over the years, I have found that many of the practices which are part of our Judeo-Christian tradition are being re-discovered outside of the church. I believe this is one way God is trying to "wake us up" to the gifts and graces embedded in our faith, which have become side-tracked over the years. Spiritual practices open the window for an experience of the holy.

During Lent, the PSEC Spiritual Life Mission Team sponsors the **Lenten Awakenings** series at various locations throughout the Conference, giving folks opportunities to deepen their spiritual journeys. Our focus book is: **Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth** by Richard J. Foster. It is a true spiritual classic, and remains **TIMELY** in a world yearning to connect with the holy. **Celebration** addresses inward, outward, and corporate disciplines. In reference to **Celebration**, D. Elton Trueblood writes, "There are many books concerned with the inner life, but there are not many that combine real originality with intellectual integrity."

Lenten Awakenings will be hosted in 4 different locations: Glenside UCC in Glenside, Maiden creek Church in Blandon, St. Luke's UCC in Ottsville, and Luke's UCC in Trappe. To learn more (dates, times, etc.) and to register online, visit psec.org. This year participants are asked to purchase their own book (Possible Resources include: Hearts and Minds Bookstore, or Amazon). *Though there is no fee, please register to help leaders in preparation.*

New Opportunities for Clergy and Churches

Feb 5 – Clergy Day Apart – Souderton



...but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. -Isaiah 40:31

Join your colleagues for a day of rest, reflection, and renewal with colleagues led by Rev. Wanda D. Craner, Minister of Spiritual Nurture, PSEC. Bring a Bible, journal, pen, bagged lunch and an open mind and heart. Visit psec.org to download a flier or register online by **January 30** at psec.org.

Feb 21 – Safe Church Seminar – Norristown



At this time of year, we often look to the future and at the same time look to the past. Since it is near the beginning of the new church year, it is also a good time to take stock of where we are as a church. This includes reviewing our safe church policy, or developing one if we do not have a policy, developing a policy.

This is especially true in light of the changes mandated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in response to the Gerald Sandusky case. These changes include an expansion of who is a mandated reporter, specific responsibilities of a mandated reporter and expanded requirements regarding clearances for paid and unpaid individuals who have contact with children.

If you want more information about these issues or want to start the process of developing a safe church policy, please join us in an overview of these changes and an explanation of the purpose and benefits of developing a safe church policy.

The Safe Church Seminar will be held on **Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 9 am** (completing by noon) at **Olivet Schwenkfelder UCC, 619 Township Line Road in Norristown, PA 19403**. Registration will begin at 8:30am. Please note that this seminar will serve as an introduction to the development of a safe church policy and is only the beginning of this process. Register online by February 18. For questions regarding the event, contact John Ries at 610-301-4848, or ries2011@live.com.

Save the dates for these three **Church Growth Seminars with the Center for Progressive Renewal**: **May 19**: Rev. Doug Pagitt, *Inventive Age Church Community*; **Aug 19**: Rev. Ashley Harness, *Social Media*; and **Oct 20**: Rev. Stephanie Spellers, *Radical Welcome*.



Prayers are requested for Olivet Schwenkfelder UCC in Norristown and Rev. Leslie Kearney

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 8th. The valentines will be delivered (in some cases mailed) in time for Valentine's Day, February 14th.

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

Earl Yerger



This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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

Monday, January 26

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Tuesday, January 27

8:00am Quilters

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, January 28

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Boy Scouts Board of Review

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 29

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Friday, January 30

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, January 31

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, February 1

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

11:30am Brown Bag Lunch for Confirmands & Mentors

11:30am Youth Hoagie Sale

11:30am Ladies' Aid Souper Bowl Sunday Soup Sale

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

12:30pm Confirmands & Mentors Tour of the Schwenkfelder
Library & Heritage Center

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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

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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

Youth Director: Barbara Master

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

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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