## PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH Associate Member: United Church of Christ



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# PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2014

#### Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

**Prayer** 

**Prelude** "We Are One in the Spirit" Lani Smith

\*Call to Worship

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the Lord, to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

"Come," my heart says, "seek the face of the Lord." Your face, Lord, I do seek.

Let us Worship God!

\*Hymn #689

"The Church's One Foundation"

Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession** 

If we claim to have fellowship with Christ, yet walk in darkness, we are liars. If we claim to possess the light, but hide it under a bushel, of what use is such wisdom to the world? If we rest secure in our abundance, while all about us others go hungry and their lives are imperiled, what has become of our call to share the good news? You know our inmost selves, O God. We cannot hide from you. Forgive our betrayal of your Son, and restore us to fellowship with him. Amen.

#### Time of Personal Confession

**Assurance of Pardon** 

Senior Bell Choir "I'm So Glad"

Susan T. Nelson

**Scripture** 1 Corinthians 1:10 – 18 (NRSV p. 926 – LP: p.1782 – 1783)

Children's Sermon

Children's Church

\*Hymn #708 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

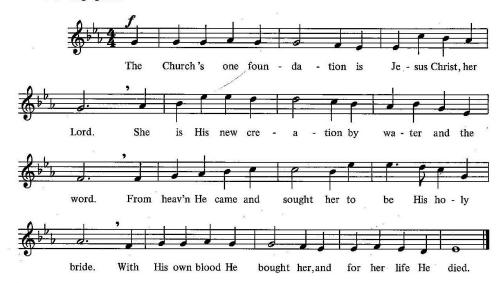
**Sermon** "United"

#### **Senior Choir**

"The Church's One Foundation"

arr. Jay Althouse

Choir and Congregation



#### 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 "Versets on The Church's One Foundation" Randolph Currie

#### \*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

Let these gifts follow Christ's lead into the lives of people who live in poverty or despair. O God, use them to heal divisions among your children. Show us how to be instruments of

peace. Ready us to follow Jesus, to make an offering of ourselves, not just our money. Teach us so we may teach others. Heal us so we can become instruments of healing. To these purposes we dedicate this offering and our lives. Amen.

\*Hymn #576 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

\*Benediction

**Postlude** "The Church's One Foundation" Edward Broughton

Today's bulletins are sponsored in loving memory of my parents and loved ones by Lee Schultz.

#### 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:

Margaret Wallinger, the family of Patricia Gibson, Judy and Richard Miller, Reverend Ed Winslow, Carol Eschbach, Jane Shermer, Ernie Guldin, Vern Weller, Marty Glowacki, Vera Boykin, Charles Krauss, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Barbara & John Kirwin, Karen Freed, Clark Schultz, Brad Hoffman, Donald Cook, Dave Jaeger, Harold Smoll, Robert Margerum, Mary and Harold Hartman, Helen Miller, Rob Ziegler, Kathy Bartman, John Hathaway, Bryan Schwoyer, 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**

What did King Saul do wrong in 1 Samuel 13:8 - 14? Join the online Bible Study discussion of this question by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

#### Keep catching those Kids being Kind ☺

#### **Youth Birthdays**

Happy Birthday, Darrell Manley (1/27)

<sup>\*</sup>All who are able, please stand.

#### **Family Glow Bowling**

Have your family join us on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at Limerick Bowl from 3:00 – 5:00pm for a fun afternoon of glow bowling. Please sign up by next Sunday. Youth are free. Adults are \$5 each. Meet at Limerick Bowl, at 2:45pm. Please see Barb Master with any questions.

# Card Shower & Open House 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Suzanne Carlin

Please join the family on Saturday, February 15, 2014, any time between 1:00 - 3:00 PM at Frederick Living Community, 1st floor lounge Magnolia East. Help us celebrate Sue's 80th Birthday by sharing stories and enjoy some light refreshments. Unable to join us then please remember Sue on her special day and send a card to her at:

Frederick Living

Frederick Living 1123 Magnolia West P.O. Box 498

Frederick, PA 19435

#### **Check Out Our Updated Church Website**

Have you looked recently at www.palmschwenkfelderchurch.com? You will find it has changed and includes a lot of new helpful features. Our home page is an invitation to "Get Started," "Get Connected," and to "Get Involved." You will also find our "Upcoming Events," "News" and "Recent Facebook Posts" on the home page. Send your friends and family to our webpage where they can explore more "About" our "History," "Present" and "Affiliation" or "Meet" our congregation and staff. Particularly helpful will be our "Calendar" where you can check out when and at what time things are happening. If you missed church or didn't carry home your bulletin, you can find the weekly bulletin under "Media" as well as our newsletters and photos. Do you need to contact the church office or want to let a friend know how to get to Palm or to one of the other Schwenkfelder sites in South Eastern PA? You can send them to our "Contact Us" page which includes lots of information, phone and email addresses as well as interactive maps. You can also find, to download, our building use forms on that page. Let us know what you think of our updated website and we hope that it will be helpful as we all work together "To Proclaim" the Living Word of God, which empowers us to care for and share with our community and the world."

#### **Bulletin and Flower Sponsorships**

There are several open dates this winter for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins.

We have openings for flower sponsorships on:

February 23rd, March 9th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>

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!

#### Souper Bowl Sunday

**Next Sunday**, **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. the Ladies' Aid will be selling soup in the Narthex after worship. They will have Vegetable Beef and Turkey Noodle. Prices will be included in the announcement in next week's bulletin. If you have any questions, please see Carol Woodward.

#### **Altar Flower Sponsorship Announcement from the Deacons**

Due to rising costs, the donation amount for Sunday altar flowers is \$50. Your participation in sponsoring flowers defrays the cost to the church and brightens our sanctuary with beautiful flowers each Sunday. Sponsorship of bulletins remains at \$15 per week. Please sign up for the date(s) of your choice on the charts posted in the hallway by the church office. Make checks payable to "Palm Schwenkfelder Church," with the notation of "flowers" or "bulletins," and place in the office lock box or offering plate prior to or on the date of your sponsorship. Thanks for your support!

#### 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Used Greeting Card Project

Thank you for the many greeting cards we've collected so far for our  $5^{\text{th}}$ - $6^{\text{th}}$  Grade class project. We will continue to collect cards throughout the year. We have a lot of Christmas cards at the present time; however, as the year progresses please continue to fill the collection box with your everyday occasion cards. The collection box will remain in the Narthex coat closet for you to deposit your used/unwanted cards. The  $5^{\text{th}}$ - $6^{\text{th}}$  Grade Sunday School class will use the pictures on the cards to create a book of Bible verses. Thank you for all of your help already with this special project!

#### 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 **next Sunday**, **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. The valentines will be delivered (in some cases mailed) in time for Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Anna Bieler Margaret Schultz **Betty & Charles Krauss** Meg Lester Sue Carlin Bryan Schwoyer Carol Shafer Verna Badman Clara Graber **Betty Pope** Dora Mohr Brad Hoffman Doris & Clyde Masemore Clark Schultz Donald Cook Earl Yerger **Dorothy Trumbauer** Alvssa Guldin Erma Kriebel Adam Walter Gladys Hoffman Louise Watt Harold Smoll Helen Miller

#### Men of Palm

The Men of Palm will have their annual meeting in the sanctuary following worship on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Annual Report**

Please submit your information for the Annual Report as soon as you are able. If you can, the best way to submit information is via email: palmadministrator@comcast.net.

#### **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.



Mark your calendars! Join us to see the World Premiere of Sight & Sound Theatres' newest show – MOSES! The parting of the Red Sea...the Burning Bush...the Plagues...the Ten Commandments...the greatest Biblical epic of the Old Testament comes to life on the Sight & Sound stage. The show is on Saturday, March 29, 2014. It starts at 2:45pm (bus leaves Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 12 noon). The price includes Perkiomen Tours bus transportation, show ticket, and dinner at Shady Maple Restaurant. The cost is \$130 for adults, \$92 for children (18 and under). Flyer and registration forms now available in the church Narthex. Questions – contact Karen Schultz at 215-679-6747 or karen.schultz12@yahoo.com

#### Senior Hand Bell Choir

Do you enjoy music? Please consider joining the senior hand bell choir as we need a couple more ringers. We will be glad to teach you. Musical experience is not necessary. If you have questions please feel free to contact Joanne Luz at 215-679-8237 or just show up for our next regularly scheduled practice on Wednesday, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

#### New Schwenkfelder Booklets

The Publication Committee of The Schwenkfelder Church is pleased to announce that the new *Schwenkfelder Heritage Sites in Southeastern Pennsylvania* booklets will be available for sale. The 70-page booklet contains historical and current information, locations and full-color photographs of Schwenkfelder churches, meetinghouses, cemeteries of the immigrants, and other places of interest. You will find a copy on display in the Narthex. There are maps of the three main Schwenkfelder districts, and smaller maps of selected sites. Two appendices list the immigrants, their "E" numbers, and places of burial. The booklets cost \$15.00 per copy. Please make checks out to "The Schwenkfelder Church." We'd like to thank the many people who assisted the Committee, in providing photographs, history and information to make this booklet possible. The booklets may be purchased in the church office or by contacting the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center (shipping \$3.95 additional.)



January 26, 2014

UCC pastor's book among top religious, spiritual books of 2013

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New Book from one of the Presenters at the PSEC Clergy Convocation this May

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Adding to an already long list of accolades, the Rev. Lillian Daniel's most recent book has been named one of the year's top 10 books on religion and spirituality by *Booklist* magazine. Recognized for its "marvelously-gritty wit," *When Spiritual but Not Religious is Not Enough: Seeing God in Surprising Places, Even the Church*, is a provocative case for why religious communities matter.

"There is so much negativity about church, and people talk in such sloppy ways about religion," said the senior pastor of First Congregational Church United Church of Christ in Glen Ellyn, Ill. "I really wanted to make the argument about why religious community matters and the importance of being part of something bigger than you."

Daniel, who is also a member of the UCC's Stillspeaking Writers' Group, was inspired to write the book by the feedback she received from a 2011 Daily Devotional she wrote titled, "Spiritual but Not Religious? Please Stop Boring Me." The reflection went viral on the Internet, sparking controversy and comment, and dividing readers between those who agreed with Daniel and those who found the devotional intolerant and condescending. When Spiritual but Not Religious is Not Enough expands on her view that "a mature religious faith is practiced in community over time. It is reasonable, rigorous, real, grounded in tradition, and centered in worship." To read more of this article by Emily Schappacher, visit the PSEC Newsroom at psec.org.

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#### Mark Your February Calendar

(details at psec.org/psec-events and psec.org/local-church-happenings)

- **4** Quiet Days from 9:30-1 pm at New Goshenhoppen UCC, 1070 Church Rd., East Greenville, PA 18041.
- **7-8 -** New Conversations Building Relationships Through Social Media at UCC Warminster, 785 Street Road, Warminster, PA 18974.
- 9 <u>Hymn Fest</u> from 2-3 pm at St. Paul's UCC, 1312 Old Swede Road in Douglassville, PA 19518.
- 25 Spirit on Tap hosts Robin Smith "Life Coaching" at 7 pm at Crowne Plaza Hotel Goodnites Lounge, Reading, PA 19610.

Prayers are requested for St. John's UCC in Auburn and Rev. Darcy M. Reis.

#### **PSEC Budget and Finance Committee Update**

The Budget and Finance Committee met on January 8. In addition to examining financial statements, pledges, and budget; the Committee reviewed and discussed the proposal for the use of proceeds from the sale of the Church House shared at the PSEC Fall Meeting (November, 2013). In the time between the Fall Meeting and this Budget and Finance Committee meeting, financial concerns and questions, and suggestions were addressed with persons who were in contact with Rob Stilwell, PSEC Treasurer, and/or Tammie Wisniewski, PSEC Financial Operations Manager. The Committee discussion is on-going, and will be shared in up-coming Conference Consistory meetings.

The PSEC is looking for volunteers with an accounting and/or finance background to join the Conference Budget and Finance Committee. The duties of the Committee include:

- 1. Attend 6 scheduled meetings and special meetings as required.
- 2. Review and approve Conference budget and financial statements subject to consistory final approval.
- 3. Recommend financial policies for the Conference to Consistory for final approval.
- 4. Engage in any other financial discussions as requested by Conference Consistory and Officers.

Clergy and lay members are invited to send a description of their background and resume if available to Rob Stilwell, PSEC Treasurer: *laurel.mountie@comcast.net*. In accordance with the PSEC Constitution and By-Laws, members are appointed by the Conference Consistory. Thank you!



#### BACK BAY MISSION CALENDAR FOR MISSION TRIPS OPEN FOR 2015



Back Bay Mission, a community ministry of the UCC, has opened its Mission Trips calendar for 2015. Supervised by dedicated Back Bay Mission staff, Mission Trip volunteers work in a variety of Mission programs including the food pantry and the Micah Day Center and housing rehabilitation. Volunteers may also work at Loaves and Fishes, our sister organization. The wide variety of ministries at Back Bay Mission ensures that there are always ways for volunteers (14 years and older) to serve

as well as opportunities for education, fellowship and teambuilding. Depending on group size and scheduling, some dates for 2014 may be available as well.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at Back Bay Mission, look under the *Get Involved* menu tab at *thebackbaymission.org*. To reserve a date for a mission trip, contact the Mission's volunteer coordinator at *volunteercoordinator@thebackbaymission.org*.





# Join the Frederick Living Dining Service Team!

Part Time Evenings & Weekend Dining Services Positions available:

All Evenings from 4:00pm-7:30pm Weekend Days from 6:00am-2:30pm

Servers & Dining Helpers needed in Dining Rooms, Café, Personal Care and Long Term Care areas.

To learn more about these exciting opportunities, please visit <a href="https://www.frederickliving.org">www.frederickliving.org</a> (click Work & Serve or please call 610-754-7878 x 237. Frederick Living is an equal opportunity employer.



#### Our Schedule: January 26 Through February 2, 2014

#### Sunday, January 26, 2014

9:00 a.m.: Sunday School

10:15 a.m.: Sunday Worship Service

#### Monday, January 27, 2014

**Church Office Closed** 

#### Tuesday, January 28, 2014

8:00 a.m.: Quilters

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Church Office Open

7:00 p.m.: Boy Scouts

#### Wednesday, January 29, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Church Office Open

5:30 p.m.: Children's Choir 6:00 p.m.: Junior Bells 6:30 p.m.: Senior Bells 7:30 p.m.: Senior Choir

#### Thursday, January 30, 2014

Friday, January 31, 2014

#### Saturday, February 1, 2014

#### Sunday, February 2, 2014

9:00 a.m.: Sunday School

10:15 a.m.: Sunday Worship Service Last Day to Hand In Valentines

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

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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 Luz Organist: Peg Jacob

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

Youth Director: Barbara Master

Sexton: Kevin Master (484) 358-1684

Greeter: Joan Pusey

Ushers: Tim Hoffman, Kenneth Kuhns, Maria Kuhns, Brian Shelly

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610-845-7208

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