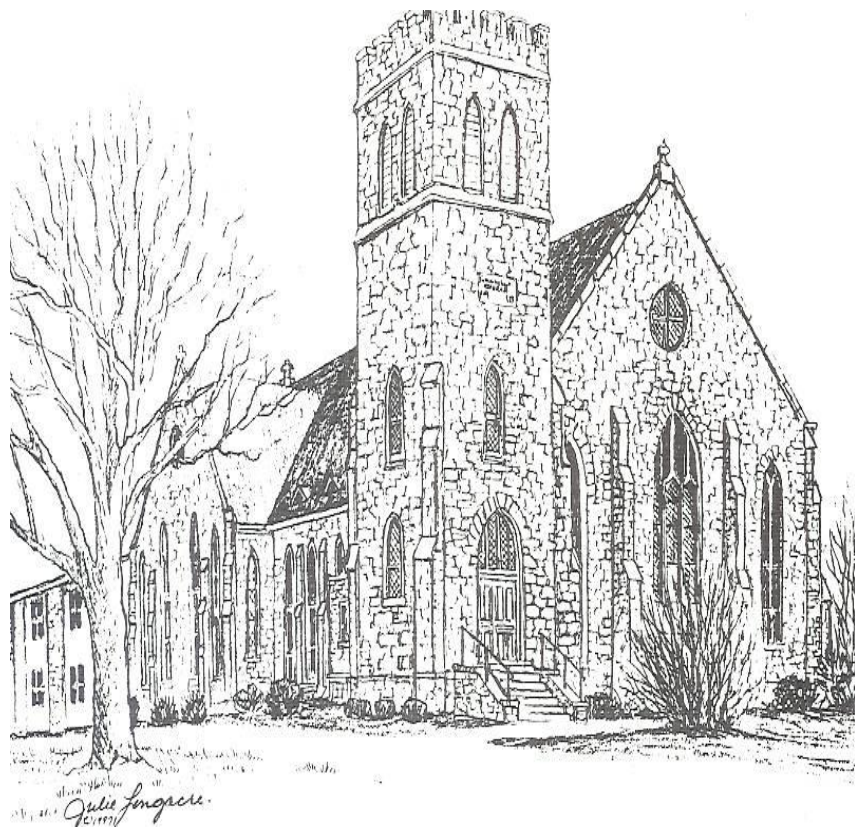


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SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Gather Us In”

Jeffrey Honore

Prayer

***Call to Worship**

Jesus taught: Blessed are the poor in spirit.

He said that the realm of God is theirs.

We read that those who mourn are blessed.

Jesus said they will be comforted.

The meek will inherit the earth.

The merciful will obtain mercy.

All who hunger and thirst for righteousness are blessed;

Jesus said they will be filled.

Blessed are the pure in heart and the peacemakers;

They are God’s children and will see God.

Those persecuted and falsely accused are blessed.

Even in the face of evil, we will rejoice.

***Hymn #342**

“How Blest Are They Who, Fearing God”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess that we have accepted the world’s wisdom as our guide. We have been impressed by the power of weapons and the importance of high positions. We measure worth by the number of possessions we accumulate. We have been unkind in our speech and uncaring in our deeds. We have doubted the power of the cross to save. Turn us around, holy God, that we might be blessed. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Senior Choir Anthem “Blessed Be the Name”

Ralph E. Hudson
arr. Patti Drennan

Scripture 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 31 (NRSV p. 926 – 927; LP p. 1783)
Matthew 5:1 – 12 (NRSV p. 785 – 786; LP p. 1510)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church Barb Master – Valentine Project
All ages are welcome to help make Valentines

***Hymn #706** “How Blest Are the People”

Sermon “Blessed”

Pastoral Prayer and 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 “Blest Are They”
David Haas and Michael Joncas

***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 devote ourselves and these tokens of our faithfulness
toward the realization of your reign among us, holy God. We
pray for purity of heart as we hunger and thirst for
righteousness and as we seek to be peacemakers. We rejoice
in this opportunity to share in the extension of your realm.
Bless us and our offering, we pray, in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

***Hymn #563**

“Lord I Want to Be a Christian”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Beatitude”

Albert Beck

*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:

The family of Katherine Kocs, Richard Shirey, Sandy Chrysczanavicz, Meg Lester, Michael Marsicano, Jean Gabel, Willard Long, Samantha Hossler and Ryan Woods, Lucile and Bob Jones, Sheryl Tomlin, Carmen Davis, Mae Gerhart, Rev. Bill Vanderslice, Alvera Heffner, Dorothy Parker, Sharon Stevens, Jack Bold, Marian Fox, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Martha Wolford, Becky and Craig Kimmel, Marvin Zeisloft, Devon Hawkins, Kerm Goda, Vern Weller, Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Donald Long, Mary Hartman, Jen Fries, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Dave Jaeger, 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 Church.

Bible Study

The online Bible Study will continue the discussion of forgiveness inspired by 1 Samuel 31. This week: Why are we forgiven? Take part by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

H.E.R.O.

Helpful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Optimistic!

When you recognize heroic behavior among our youth, please let them know.

Acts 20:35 and Luke 19:10, check them out!

Holy Bible App by YouVersion

Teens - check out one of these current plans: Chasing Failure, How to Strengthen your Faith, or Fighting FOMO (it's what happens when everyone else's great day stops us from enjoying our own)

Kids - (and parents can help) check out one of these current plans: Courageous Kids, Next Steps for Kids, Truth or Trash.

Bible for Kids by YouVersion

Type in "Bible for kids free" to begin your kid's journey with Christ. New format, same great stories! Great for kids who aren't reading independently. Interactive fun for all ages.

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)

Confirmands/Mentors Lunch and Tour

Next Sunday, February 5th, 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 12th.

Migrant Hospitality Project

Thank you to all who have supported MHP throughout the year. Financial support and donated time and furnishing have us ready to serve a household of up to four legal, Christian exiles fleeing persecution from anywhere in the world. Cash donations are still appreciated, in anticipation of moving costs and final items that depend on demographics of the actual clients. Please mark your donations “Migrants.”

Men of Palm

The Men of Palm will hold their annual meeting **today** in the sanctuary following the worship service.

Reformation 500 - Day of Service

On Saturday, February 11th there will be a Service Day Project. Our day of service will begin with a brief worship experience at 12:30pm designed to equip and send us out to use our hands and feet and bodies to do God's work in service to our neighbor. A variety of projects are available for all ages. Please use the link below and indicate your t-shirt size as shirts will be ordered for all participants (a small donation is requested for each shirt). We look forward to seeing YOU as we use our hands to do God's work together!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0945afaf2ca5fdo-february/>

Attention Parents of College Students/Military Service

The Mission Committee has taken over the project of sending “Goodie Boxes” to our college students and military service personnel. We want to let them know we are thinking of them and want to keep in touch while they are away from their family and church friends. All we need from you is their name and address. We will be sending them a very special “goodie box” filled with treats and notes supplied from our congregation. Please provide your child’s name and address to Lillian Master or any member of the Mission Committee, or write it down and put it in the mission committee mailbox. The deadline for names and addresses is Sunday, February 12th. Monetary donations for this project would be appreciated. Previous gift items included: Popcorn, crackers, candies, food bars, instant oatmeal, microwavable mac ‘n cheese, note pads, markers, chapstick, Starbucks or iTunes gift cards, etc. Thanks so much!

Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsorship

The **new charts for 2017** are now available and are posted outside the office. The cost for flower sponsorship is \$50. The cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15. Please sign up on the chart located outside the office. You could also call or email the office, or drop a note in the office drop box. Any Deacon or Church Officer will help you with any questions about the process. Getting your name in an available slot will hold the date for you. Thank You.

Upcoming dates for flower sponsorship:

February 26th, March 19th

Upcoming dates for bulletin sponsorship:

February 5th & 26th; March 1st (Ash Wednesday), 5th, & 26th

February 5th – Souper Bowl Sunday

The Ladies' Aid will be selling soup after the worship service **next Sunday, February 5, 2017**. So whether you're a football fan or not, please plan on purchasing some delicious soup for lunch!

New Kitchen Floor

From now until the end of the month, we will be installing a new tile floor in the kitchen. Because of this work, the kitchen will be unavailable and no functions or events will be held in Fellowship Hall until the work has been completed.

Did You Know?

We are starting a new feature in our bulletins entitled "Did You Know?" Items of interest to members and visitors will be listed. If you have any items to add, please call or email Dan Ferry in the church office. Thank you.

Did You Know?

- LARGE PRINT bulletins are available from an usher. LARGE PRINT Bibles are also available for use during worship services, located on the table to the left between the front and back sections of pews.
- Listening devices are available for those who would like them. Please see an usher to assist you.
- A fully accessible restroom is located in the hallway, across from the office. A baby changing table is there, also.
- There are greeting cards on the podium as you enter the sanctuary. Anyone is invited to sign – you don't need to be a member of the congregation to add your name to the well wishes.

Did you also know...

- Your monetary support to Missions allows our church to sponsor 3 children through the Wider Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ. We are currently sponsoring Varduhi (a 13 year old girl from Armenia), Taurai (a 16 year old boy from Zimbabwe), and Vignesh (an 11 year old boy from India). We recently received a lovely letter from Varduhi's mother, thanking us for the help we have given her daughter. Thank you for your continued support of Palm Schwenkfelder's Missions!



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 5th**. The valentines will be delivered (in some cases mailed) in time for Valentine's Day, February 14th.

Verna Badman
Grace Beard
Lucille Berky
Kylene Bertoia Hart
Perma Bower
Ray & Carmen Davis
Edward Fegely
Marion Fox
Mae Gerhart
Alyssa Guldin
Alvera Heffner
Heinz & Mary Jane Herrmann
Rebecca Himmelwright
Gladys Hoffman
Bob & Lucile Jones
Payton Keyser

Pauline Kloenne
Erma Kriebel
Grace Kuhns
Meg Lester
Virginia Longacre
Helen Pannepacker
Beverly Phifer
Betty Pope
Margaret Schultz
Schwoyer Family
Carol Shafer
Bill & Jane Shermer
Wallace Stauffer
Dorothy Trumbauer
Adam Walter
Gene Wilcox

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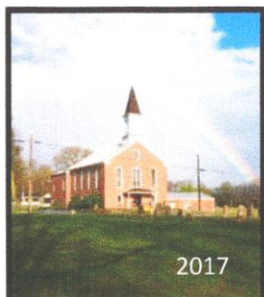
Health and Human Service Sunday being celebrated in UCC churches!

Health and Human Service Sunday is a day to celebrate the UCC's long, faithful heritage of advocating justice and extending care and compassion in Christ's name - within our congregations and among many UCC-related ministries across the nation.

For hundreds of years, the UCC and its predecessor denominations courageously founded mission houses, hospitals, and orphanages at times when such services were scarce and needs were great. Today, more than 400 health care centers; affordable housing and retirement communities; homeless shelters and feeding centers; and services for children, youth, families, older adults and people with disabilities bear witness to the United Church of Christ's continuing testament of mercy, inclusion and kindness.

January 29 (or another Sunday, if deemed more fitting for your congregation) is an occasion to give thanks for these diverse ministries and to lift them in our collective prayers, as we celebrate the UCC's Council for Health and Human Service Ministries (CHHSM) and its many member institutions. Let us remember that these ministries are not an "extension" of the church. They are the church in action! And their bold witness is ours!





Salem Hetzel's Church – A Union church – Lutheran and United Church of Christ –working to share God's Love and Light.

The church founded, in 1783 by the Lutherans, was joined by the Reformed congregation in 1822 (later to become UCC). The congregations maintained both traditions and worked together to maintain expand and build the facilities – in 1960 the Lutheran congregation conveyed 50% ownership of all properties to the UCC congregation for \$1.

The two congregations, previously both with part-time pastors, have made the decision to work together toward a shared ministry with a full-time pastor. The journey of decision and discovery is sure to be an interesting one.

Working towards shared ministry – the two congregations have one service, alternating UCC and Lutheran traditions, and a joint choir that sings throughout the summer. Fifth Sunday morning services are presented by the church's Youth Group – God's Gang. Without a steady pastor, the congregation has invited in other ministries and organizations for worship; including the Salvation Army, Women in Crisis, Bethany Children's Home, Racetrack Chaplaincy of America and Teen Challenge.

Salem Hetzel's Church has begun a Bible reading program that will take their members through the Bible in one year. Salem Hetzel's takes the Word of God to anyone who wants to listen, read and learn via their Facebook page – **Salem Hetzel's Church**. Regular postings of scriptures and videos help to share the Message of our Lord.

A request for prayers as Salem Hetzel's Church is in search of a new pastor.



Prayers are requested for the congregation of Salem Hetzel's UCC in Pine Grove .

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, January 29

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, January 30

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Red Hill Band Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 31

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134

Wednesday, February 1

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 2

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

12:30pm Staff Meeting

7:00pm Deacon's Meeting

Friday, February 3

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, February 4

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

4:00pm Boy Scouts Annual Banquet and Lock-In

Sunday, February 5

9:00am Boy Scouts Lock-In Ends

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Boy Scout 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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Director of Music: Ed Bieler

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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: Kevin Master, Barb Master, Blake Master, Kate Pence

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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