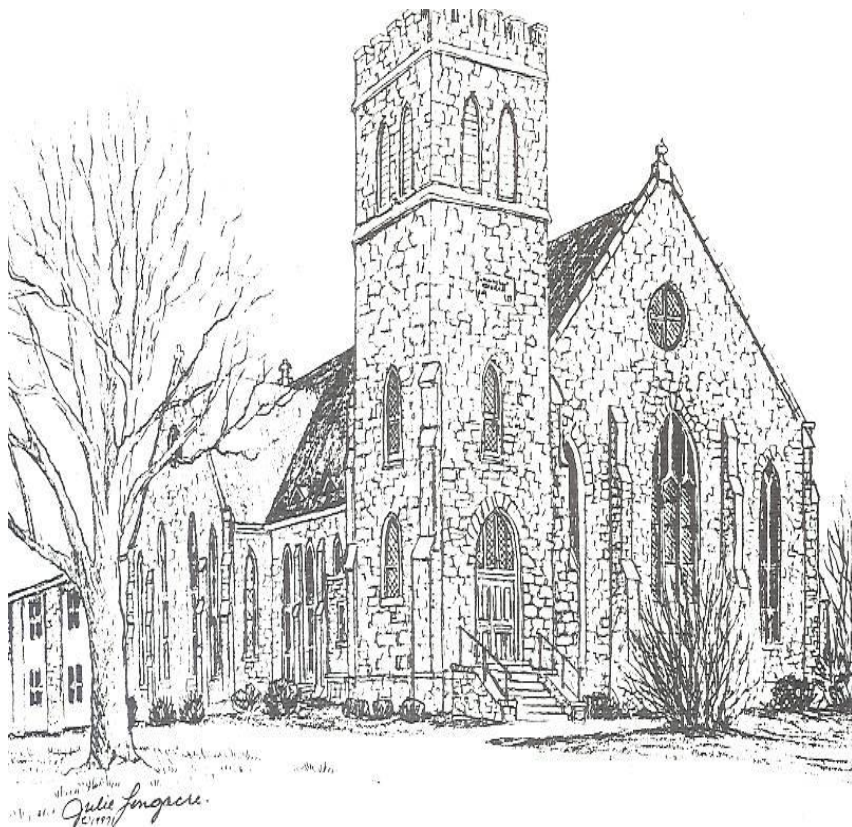


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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“How Firm a Foundation”

Benjamin Culli

***Call to Worship**

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my refuge.

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust. My praise is continually of you.

Let us worship God!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you know us better than we know ourselves, but we have not believed this. You care about us even when we do not love ourselves, but it has been hard for us to understand that this is true. We see so dimly and hear your Word so faintly that we doubt your truth. We dare not trust the prophets or risk the cost of discipleship. We are afraid to believe, hope, and endure when there is suffering all around us. O God, grant us courage to change, to follow Jesus in spite of ridicule and rejection. Yet keep us from insisting on our own way, which may not be your way. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn #130**

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Scripture

Jeremiah 1:4 – 10 (NRSV p. 609 – 610; LP p.1173)

Luke 4:14 – 30 (NRSV p. 835- 836; LP p. 1606 – 1607)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church

No Children’s Church

***Hymn #612**

“How Firm a Foundation”

Sermon

“The One(s) Who Know Us”

Senior Choir Anthem

“Known Only to Him”

Stuart Hamblen
arr. Mary McDonald

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

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Walter Schurr

***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**

O God of faith, we put our trust in you. Source of hope, we are confident you shall never forsake us. Giver of love in ways too countless to be numbered, we return but a portion of what we have received from you. Use our gifts so that others may be assured of new life and enriched by the gift of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn #568**

“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing”
arr. J. William Greene

*All who are able, please stand.

The flowers are presented today in honor of Bob and Lucile Jones’ 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 Reuben Moser, Becky Kraig Kimmel, 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

This week's online Bible Study will discuss a question raised by a Study Partner concerning the Scripture and the Holy Spirit. Join in the discussion 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)

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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!

"Change Our Hearts" Offering

Beginning next Sunday, February 7th, in conjunction with the First Monday Community Meal that Palm will be hosting on March 7th, we will be having a special change offering. This will continue each Sunday during the months of February and March to help offset the costs of this meal. So, during these months please remember to bring in all your extra change (or bills), for another successful meal!!

Donations of Finger Foods

After the Community Lenten Service held at Palm Schwenkfelder Church on February 17th, we will be serving refreshments. If you would like to contribute to the selection of delicious treats, please bring your food donations to the kitchen before the church service. Thank you.

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 are 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.

The Lenten Season

Join us on Ash Wednesday, February 10th, as we begin our Lenten journey. The Lenten services this season will begin at **7:00 p.m.**, except for the service held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, which will begin at 7:30 (full schedule next page)

Thank You

We would like to sincerely thank everyone for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, and altar flowers received after Brian's recent heart surgery. We would especially like to thank Pastor Nick for his visits in the hospital and at home. We feel truly blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring congregation!

Blessings, Brian & Renee Shelly

Men of Palm

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

Souper Bowl Sunday

The Ladies' Aid will be selling soup after the worship service **next Sunday, February 7th**.

Annual Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, February 21st, immediately following the worship service. At this meeting the Trustees will present the Annual Report for 2015.

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.

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:

February 21st; April 3rd and 17th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

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!

Lenten and Holy Week Schedule

Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Wednesday, February 10th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 17th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 24th
St. Mark's Lutheran – Pennsburg at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2nd
Pennsburg UCC at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9th
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran – Sumneytown at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16th
St. Paul's Lutheran – Red Hill Church at 7:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday, March 20th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 10:15 a.m.

Youth Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 24th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 25th at 1:00 p.m.
St. Mark's Lutheran Church.
Walk begins at 12:00 p.m.
Fellowship at McDonald's Following the Worship Service

Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship, March 27th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 a.m.

Covered-Dish Breakfast Following the Service.

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Easter Sunday Communion Worship Service

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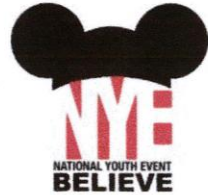
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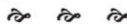
The 2016 UCC National Youth Event will be held at Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, FL from July 26 to 30. Each participant must complete two registrations:

- (1) Register online for the NYE event at the UCC website.
- (2) Register online for PSEC bus transportation, scholarship assistance, and/or to receive your PSEC t-shirt on the PSEC website. Important dates:



- **Jan 20** - Registration opened for the NYE event AND for the PSEC bus scholarship assistance, and t-shirt.
- **Apr 4** - Deadline to register for scholarship assistance for youth. The pool of money will be divided by the number of applicants who will be notified of the amount of the scholarship he/she will receive by **Apr 11**.
- **May 27** - Deadline to register for both the NYE event and PSEC bus.
- **Jun 4** - If you pay by check for PSEC bus transportation, the check must be received by Jun 4. Mail the check made out to **PSEC** to PSEC, 1441 Laura Lane, Suite 100, Pottstown, PA 19464.

If you have questions about the *PSEC bus transportation or the NYE event*, contact Rev. John Folk 610-468-8200 or jfolk@Stpaulsfleetwood.org. If you have questions about the *PSEC bus registration process*, contact Marge 484-949-8774 x311 or marge@psec.org.



PSEC Conference Consistory Accepting Resumes for Volunteer Conference Treasurer Position

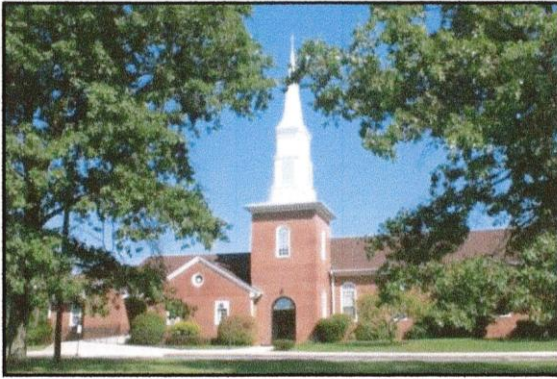
The Pennsylvania Southeast Conference Consistory is looking to fill the vacant volunteer position of Conference Treasurer. This position is supported directly by the Conference Minister and Staff and the Consistory Executive Council. To learn more and read the position description which includes the position duties and requirements, visit psec.org and type "PSEC Conference Treasurer" in the search box. Background clearances are required.

Interested candidates are invited to mail a letter of interest and current resume to: **Rev. Steven Hamilton, Conference Moderator, "Treasurer Position", 1441 Laura Lane, Pottstown, PA 19464**. Submission deadline is February 19, 2016.

If you have any questions about the position, please feel free to contact Tammie Wisniewski, Finance Operations Manager, at tammie@psec.org or Rev. Bill Worley, PSEC Conference Minister, at worley@psec.org.

St. Paul's UCC Summer Hill

1235 Summer Hill Rd, Auburn , PA 17922



When the first white settlers crossed the Blue Mountains and settled in what is now known as South Manheim Township, Schuylkill County, they brought with them their faith and loyalty to God. In the midst of their trying experiences of settling in a wilderness that was inhabited by Indians, they

"looked to the hills from whence came their help" and on the top of the Summer Hill they founded and built their house of worship. This church dates back to the days preceding the Revolutionary War, and the Declaration of Independence.

From its origin until 1959, St. Paul's was a union church, alternating services with it's neighboring Lutheran congregation. In December 1958, fire destroyed the old Union Church, whereupon, each congregation built its own place of worship. Through the years this congregation has maintained a rich tradition of worship and service to both the local and world community. We strive through the guidance of the Holy Spirit to remain faithful to the mission and message of Jesus Christ. As a Christian community of faith, we at St. Paul's are called to share the love God has extended to us so graciously in Jesus Christ.

Visit our webpage stpaulsonline.homestead.com to get a feel for the life and love within this congregation. St.

Paul's is an active and vibrant part of the body of Christ. We are proud to sponsor the local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts who regularly meet and have events in our fellowship hall. We serve dinner at the Pottsville Soup Kitchen the third Friday of each month; help with food distribution at



the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry; help pack boxes at Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry, and participate in any more activities throughout the year! Visit us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/summerhillucc>.



Prayers are requested for St. Paul's UCC Summer Hill in Auburn and Rev. Mark D. Dewald.

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 31

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, February 1

11:00am Board of Music Ministry Meeting

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Tuesday, February 2

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

1:00pm Ladies' Aid Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134

Wednesday, February 3

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, February 4

9:00am Staff Meeting

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Deacon's Meeting

Friday, February 5

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, February 6

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:00pm Troop 79 Annual Banquet & Lock-In Begins

Sunday, February 7

Last Day for Valentines

8:00am Troop 79 Annual Banquet & Lock-In Ends

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Boy Scout Sunday Worship Service

11:30am Men of Palm Annual Meeting

11:30am Youth Hoagie Sale Following Worship

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

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Church Office Hours

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

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Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Pence

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

Sexton: Kevin Master 484 – 358 – 1684

Greeter: Joan Pusey

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

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