

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2015

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Great Is the Lord”

arr. Peggy Bettcher

Praise Team

“I Will Call Upon the Lord” - Michael O'Shields

I will call upon the Lord (ECHO)
Who is worthy to be praised (ECHO)
So shall I be saved from my enemies (ECHO)

The Lord liveth
And blessed be my Rock
And let the God of my salvation be exalted
(REPEAT)

CCLI Song # 11263

“Lord I Lift Your Name on High” - Rick Founds

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

CCLI Song # 117947

“We Have Come Into His House” - Bruce T. Ballinger

Verse 1

We have come into His house
And gathered in His name
To worship Him
(REPEAT)

We have come into His house
And gathered in His name
To worship Christ the Lord
Worship Him Christ the Lord

Verse 2

So forget about yourself
And concentrate on Him
And worship Him
(REPEAT)

So forget about yourself
And concentrate on Him
And worship Christ the Lord
Worship Him Christ the Lord

Verse 3

Let us lift up holy hands
And magnify His name
And worship Him
(REPEAT)

Let us lift up holy hands
And magnify His name
And worship Christ the Lord
Worship Him Christ the Lord

CCLI Song # 17212

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, show compassion as we make our confession. You command us to tell of your mighty deeds, yet we remain silent. You call us to act faithfully, yet we are slow to respond. We claim to be wise, but we know not your law. Our allegiance is divided, for we worship false gods. Help us to obey Christ, to whom we owe our existence, and to love our neighbors, whom we are commanded to serve. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Psalm 111 (NRSV p. 490; LP p. 952 – 953)
Mark1:21 – 28 (NRSV p. 812 – 813; LP p. 1562)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church Lisa Stitt, Valentine project
All youth invited to help

Praise Team

Hymn #61 “How Majestic Is Your Name”

Hymn #98 “Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

Sermon “The Holy One of God”

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 “Holy Ground” arr. Lani Smith

***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**

**Most merciful and gracious God, the good that we do we owe to
your righteousness. Whatever honor we receive is due to your
redeeming love in Christ Jesus. All that we have is a gift of
your grace. You call us, you name us, you watch over us with
care. We bring now our gifts in response to your goodness.
Use them and us to further the work of your eternal
benevolence, through Jesus Christ, whom we seek to obey.
Amen.**

Praise Team

Hymn #44 “Great Is the Lord”

“His Name Is Wonderful” - Audrey Mier

His name is Wonderful
His name is Wonderful
His name is Wonderful
Jesus my Lord

He is the mighty King
Master of ev'rything
His name is Wonderful
Jesus my Lord

He's the Great Shepherd
The rock of all ages
Almighty God is He
Bow down before Him
Love and adore Him
His name is Wonderful
Jesus my Lord

CCLI Song # 1122230

***Benediction**

Postlude

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

arr. Peggy Bettcher

*All who are able, please stand.

Today's bulletins are sponsored in loving memory of Kenneth Wilson by his family.

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:

Lucille 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

Does 1 Samuel 18:7 make Jonathan (in 1 Samuel 14) the original unsung hero? To take part in the online Bible Study Discussion, please contact Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

February Kindness Look-Out

Sunday School Teachers and the Board of Christian Education☺, we are calling you to be on the look-out for our Palm youth acting kind. Punch cards are now located in the Narthex. You may punch the card yourself or you may ask the youth to punch their card. Thank you for helping!

“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 are collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations for Open Link **today**. Please drop off any food item that you have in the narthex.

Youth Hoagie Sale

Have a hoagie while you watch the Super Bowl! **Today after worship**, the Palm Youth will be in the narthex selling hoagies to raise money for the youth ministries.

February Palm Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Andrew Pence (2/4), Stacey May (2/6), Sam Pusey (2/26)

Family Movie Night

Come out to see “Heaven is for Real” a PG rated film on Friday, February 20th at Palm church, 7:30pm. Feel free to bring a snack, a drink, a favorite pillow, wear PJ’s, etc., whatever you like, to have a fun movie night! Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, February 15th.

College Goodie Boxes

Attention Parents of College Students/Military Service! We are starting to prepare our 3rd annual “GOODIE BOXES” for our younger members away at college/or in the military. 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 send your child’s name and address to Karen Schultz at: Schultz.karen12@gmail.com or snail mail: Karen Schultz, 7448 Stein Road, Zionsville, PA 18092. The deadline for getting the addresses to Karen is February 20th.

Souper Bowl Sunday

Today after worship the Ladies’ Aid will be selling soup in the Narthex. 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.

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!

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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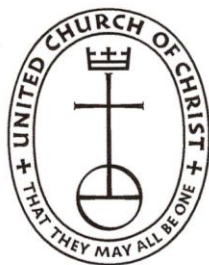
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February 1, 2015

Search for Next UCC Leader Moves to Interview Phase

Written by Anthony Moujaes January 20



The United Church of Christ General Minister and President Search Committee is confident it is on the right path, and will identify the next potential leader of denomination by next month [February].

After two days of telephone interviews with a pool of candidates, the search committee [decided] on Tuesday, Jan. 20, who would be invited to the next round of in-person interviews.

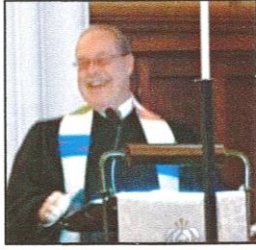
"We feel strongly that the next general minister and president is in our pool, and we are excited about continuing the process," said the Rev. Kent Siladi, Conference Minister of the Connecticut Conference of the UCC and Co-Chair of the Search Committee.

On Friday and Saturday, Jan. 16-17, the 18-person committee met with candidates during initial online interviews. Siladi added, to maintain confidentiality, the committee will not share the number of applicants, or how many were interviewed. He did say the applicant pool reflects the UCC's commitment to diversity.

The process to seek out a general minister and president to succeed the Rev. Geoffrey Black began in September, with the selection of the search committee, after Black's decision to retire was announced in mid-August. He will step down at the conclusion of General Synod 2015 (June 26-30).

In mid-February, the committee will hold face-to-face interviews with, ideally, the top three candidates. The selected candidate will be introduced to the United Church of Christ Board at its spring meeting on March 19 for confirmation. The General Synod will vote in late June on that candidate, who, if elected, will take office to guide the national setting of the church shortly after that vote.

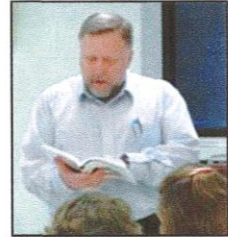
A draft of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference **Financial Snapshot as of December 31, 2014** is available on the PSEC website. These numbers were reported as of December 31, 2014. The books of the Conference remained open until January 16. Updated figures will be posted following the annual audit. To see the draft snapshot, visit psec.org and click on the **PSEC Financial Snapshot** under **NEWS** on the home page.



God spoke loudly and clearly throughout St. Paul's participation in the 3-year-long Church Revitalization process, and we've discovered that we're still on that journey and that God continues to speak just as clearly and loudly.

Adult education opportunities directed toward spiritual development have exploded! *Experiencing God* and *Unbinding the Heart* courses are offered to all members, especially those who have recently joined the church. The adult Sunday School class, now typically attended by 24-36 people, uses a variety of formats such as Bible Study, book studies, and/or films and has opened up new, rich and meaningful ways for participants to come together for private reflection and shared dialogue about their faith

About once a month, interested participants (10-40 participants) meet at one of the area restaurants for food and fellowship. There is no program – just food and fun and a chance to learn more about each other. Each month a different restaurant is selected as the group tries to experience different ethnic foods.



Our Missions Committee began hosting free community dinners on a monthly basis for anyone in the local area interested in attending. We currently host about 60 people. This ministry has recently expanded and is now taking group meals to the residents of local senior living facilities, as well.

God has graced St. Paul's with 17 new members in 2014 alone, with many other new faces attending regularly. Monthly *Movie Nights* and *Game Nights* continue to attract folks for fellowship and fun. More and more folks are enlisting in the various ministries of the church with many new members offering to serve on key committees. We are witnessing a new power of the laity! And we're having fun! One of our members captured the prevailing sentiment of the entire congregation when they offered, "Thank you God for blessing this body of yours with a real sense of community in Christ." Check out our new website: stpaulskutztown.org.



Prayers are requested for St. Paul's UCC in Kutztown and Rev. John Davies

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 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, February 1

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service
- 11:30am Brown Bag Lunch for Confirmands
- 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

Monday, February 2

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 2:30pm Music Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 3

- 8:00am Quilters
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 1:00pm Ladies' Aid Meeting
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop

Wednesday, February 4

- 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 5

- 9:00am Staff Meeting
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:30pm Boy Scouts of America - Patrol Leaders Council
- 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting

Friday, February 6

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, February 7

9:00am Women's Fellowship Worship Service
at New Goshenhoppen

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

3:00pm Troop 79 Banquet & Overnight "Lock-In"

Sunday, February 8

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Boy Scout Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

12:30pm Snowdate - Tour of Schwenkfelder Library
and Heritage Center

3:00pm Grace Notes Studio Piano Party

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Front Desk Help Needed

Front Desk Help is needed at both locations. Answer phones during the lunch hour from 11:30-12:30 and other times as needed. Be a friendly face as guests arrive.

For more information or to get involved contact Evet Hexamer, Volunteer Coordinator at 215/679-4112 or email volunteers@theopenlink.org.

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Bachelor's degree in employment related field or equivalent experience. Proficiency in MS Office, ability to work with data bases. Excellent oral and written communication, interpersonal, teamwork and organizational skills. Previous experience in employment / workforce development preferred.

Send cover letter and resume to stuartb@theopenlink.org. Only emailed applications will be accepted.

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

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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