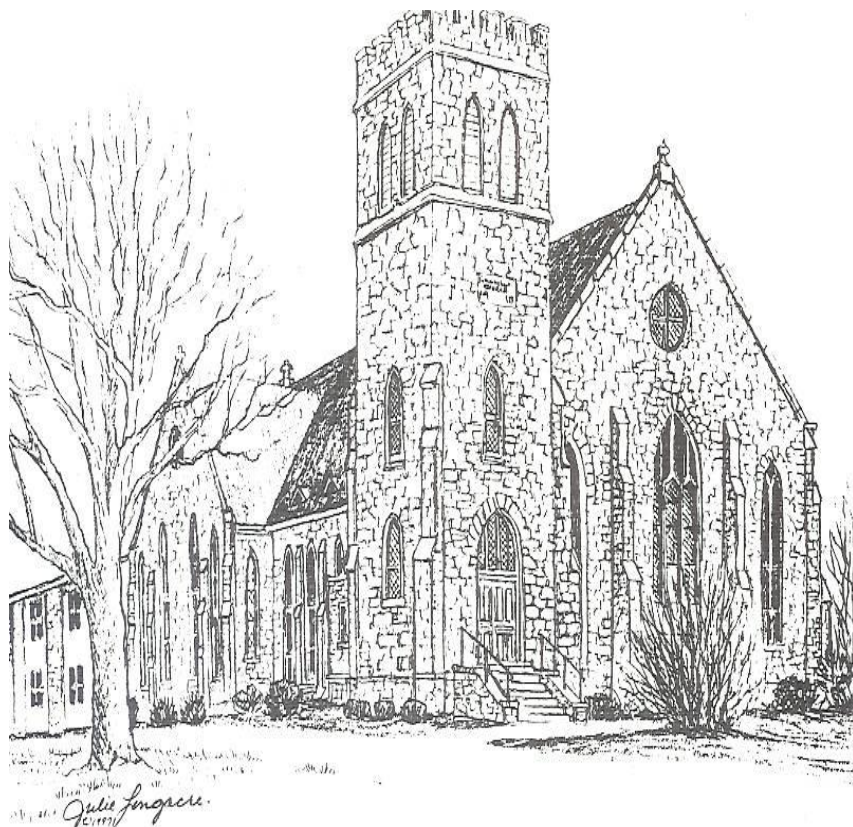


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# PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2014

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Harold DeCous

**\*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 rich treasures 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 #209**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

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 command. 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

**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

**\*Hymn**

“Blest Are You”

*Refrain*

Re - joyce and be glad!

C Dsus4 D G D/F#

Bless - ed are you,

Em G/D C G/B

ho - ly are you. Re - joyce and be

Am A/C# D C Dsus4 D

glad! Yours is the king - dom of

Em Em/D C Dsus4 D

**Sermon** "God's Foolishness"

**Senior Choir** "Near the Cross" arr. 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** "Be Thou My Vision" Robert Jones

**\*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 thankfulness  
toward the realization of your reign among us, holy God. We  
pray for purity of heart as we hunger and thirst for  
righteousness and 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 #224** "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** "Thine Is the Glory" Janet Correll

Today's bulletins are sponsored in loving memory of Corinne Hoffman by  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hoffman.

\*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:**

Kerm Goda, Dante Murphy, Kelsie Josie, Jonathan Fox, Margaret Wallinger, 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 Central Schwenkfelder Church.

### **Bible Study**

This week's online Bible Study will discuss our impression of Samuel as an adult. Our bookmark is at 1 Samuel 13. To join the discussion, please contact Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address

### **February Challenge**

Sunday school teachers, catch those Kids being Kind ☺ For the month of February, Sunday school teachers are being challenged each week to catch a couple of their students being kind. When you catch them, please ask them to make a punch on their card.

### **Youth Birthdays**

Happy Birthday, Andrew Pence (2/4)

Happy Birthday, Stacey May (2/6)

### **Family Glow Bowling**

For the families that signed up, meet us this Saturday at Limerick Bowl for a fun afternoon of glow bowling. Kids are free, adults are \$5 each. Meet at Limerick Bowl, 2:45pm. Bring spending money for snacks.

### **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, 1<sup>st</sup> floor lounge Magnolia East. Help us celebrate Sue's 80<sup>th</sup> 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  
1123 Magnolia West  
P.O. Box 498  
Frederick, PA 19435

## **Annual Report Presentation**

On Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, following the worship service, the Board of Trustees will present the Annual Report for 2013.

## **Diaconate**

The Diaconate will meet this coming Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.

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

Have you looked recently at [www.palmschwenkfelderchurch.com](http://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.*”

## **Fastnacht Sale**

The beginning of Lent is fast approaching, and Palm's Relay for Life Team will again be sponsoring a Fastnacht Sale. These delicious treats by Dice's Bakery of Boyertown are made from an original, old-fashioned recipe. You may have your own choice of plain, or fastnachts covered with granulated sugar. We will be selling them by the ½ dozen (\$5.00) or by the dozen (\$8.50). Order forms will be available next Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, and we will be taking orders after the worship service on the next three Sundays (9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>). Fastnachts can be picked up at the church on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:00 – 7:30pm, and on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 – 9:30am.

## **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 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup>

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!

## **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 **today**. 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
Bryan Schwoyer	Sue Carlin
Carol Shafer	Verna Badman
Clara Graber	Betty Pope
Dora Mohr	Brad Hoffman
Doris & Clyde Masemore	Clark Schultz
Donald Cook	Earl Yerger
Dorothy Trumbauer	Alyssa Guldin
Erma Kriebel	Adam Walter
Gladys Hoffman	Louise Watt
Harold Smoll	Helen Miller

## **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<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **Men of Palm**

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

## **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](mailto:karen.schultz12@yahoo.com)

### **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.)

### **Women’s Communion Service**

The Women’s Fellowship of New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ has cordially invited the women of Palm Schwenkfelder Church to join them in worship on Saturday, February 8, 2014. They will be celebrating “Women’s Week” with a communion service in our sanctuary beginning at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens will lead the service and Rev. Dorothy (Dot) Shelly, Chaplain at Phoebe Richland Health Care Center, and author of two poetry books, will be bringing the message. Women of neighboring churches are invited to join the choir for an anthem. A combined rehearsal will be held in the choir room at New Goshenhoppen Church at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 8, prior to the worship service. Following communion, all attending will enjoy a continental breakfast and a time of fellowship in Fellowship Hall. In the event of inclement weather, please call the New Goshenhoppen Church office at the number above, Delores Schuler (610-395-1507), or Bonnie Fisher (215-234-8483).

(If you would like to attend this service, please notify Dan in the Palm Church office by Wednesday, February 5, 2014. We will need to provide the number attending to New Goshenhoppen.)



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February 2, 2014

## Message from Rev. Wanda D. Craner, Acting Conference Minister

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write to you on January 24, the air outside is frigid, snow blankets the ground, and more than one person has said to me, "When is winter going to end?!"

My mind goes to what may be happening underneath the frigid snow and ice. There are seeds no doubt imbedded in the ground, but not fully ready to burst into the light. Timing is everything as we long for and look for spring buds, and signs of new growth. The cycles of God's seasons bring rhythm and wisdom to our living. And, I believe, there are some parallels as we journey together at this time in the PSEC. In these winter weeks, I plan to share with you in a series of articles some of the signs of "spring," which I am seeing among us. As I share, I am hopeful that you will feel free to continue to be in touch with me, letting me know of your thoughts, insights, hopes, and dreams.



For now, I would ask you to please reserve two special dates on your calendar:

**April 12**, when we will have a **Conference-wide Communal and Individual Healing Worship Service** at St. Luke's UCC in Trappe at 9:30 am, and

**May 31**, when we will have our **Spring Conference Meeting: Together: We Are the Church** at Zion's Blue Mountain UCC in Strausstown. The Spring Meeting Planning Team, Connections Group, and Worship Mission Team have already begun to work towards a meeting which will build on our connections with one another and facilitate new possibilities. There is much good energy growing in the planning.

May you stay warm in God's loving, and remain hopeful, as things which we may not fully see right now, unfold in God's light.

Deep peace,

Rev. Wanda D. Craner

Acting Conference Minister, PSEC



Prayers are requested for Boehm's UCC in Blue Bell and Rev. William A. Middleton.

## Employee vs. Independent Subcontractor

If you have suggestions for an upcoming article, please contact Tammie Wisniewski, PSEC Financial Operations Manager, at [tammie@psec.org](mailto:tammie@psec.org) or call 484-949-8774 X304.

This is an area that is very misunderstood and therefore is a place where many, many mistakes are made. Let me warn you, however, if the IRS comes and looks at your employee records and then asks for verification of your subcontractors, it will be very expensive to your church if any of the subcontractors are deemed employees by the IRS. Issues like workers' compensation insurance and employer taxes are two of the larger issues. The Internal Revenue Service provides the following general rules: *An individual is an independent subcontractor if the payer has the right to control or direct ONLY the RESULT of the work and not what will be done or how it will be done. The earnings of a person who is working as an independent subcontractor are subject to self-employment tax. You are not an independent subcontractor if you perform services that can be controlled by an employer. This applies even if you are given freedom of action. What matters is that the employer has the legal right to control the details of how the services are performed.*

### Common Law Rules

Facts that provide evidence of the degree of control and independence fall into three separate categories:

- **Behavioral:** Does the church control or have the right to control what the worker does and how the worker does his or her job?
- **Financial:** Are the business aspects of the worker's job controlled by the payer? (these include things like how worker is paid, whether expenses are reimbursed, who provides tools/supplies, etc.)
- **Type of Relationship:** Are there written contracts or employee type benefits (i.e. pension plan, insurance, vacation pay, etc.)? Will the relationship continue and is the work performed a key aspect of the business?

All facts and circumstances of your situation must be examined to determine whether a worker is an employee or subcontractor. No single factor provides the answer. However, what should be apparent is only rarely will a non-clergy worker in and around a church meet the requirements to be treated as an independent contractor. Make sure, if you enter a relationship with a subcontractor, that they provide you with proof of general liability insurance and their EIN (employer identification number) or SSN (social security number).

### What you must provide to Independent Subcontractors:

IRS Form 1099 for services of \$600 or more per calendar year.

### Clergy:

Clergy may be treated as either employees or independent subcontractors. As an employee, clergy should receive a Form W-2 at year end or as an independent subcontractor, they should receive a 1099. However, if the church has other staff members, the IRS would most likely consider the clergy as an employee and expect to see a W-2. If you are not sure, it is best to consult a professional.

## **Our Schedule: February 2 Through February 9, 2014**

### **Sunday, February 2, 2014**

9:00 a.m.: Sunday School  
10:15 a.m.: Sunday Worship Service  
Last Day to Hand In Valentines

### **Monday, February 3, 2014**

Church Office Closed

### **Tuesday, February 4, 2014**

8:00 a.m.: Quilters  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Church Office Open  
1:00 p.m.: Ladies' Aid Meeting  
7:00 p.m.: Boy Scouts

### **Wednesday, February 5, 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, February 6, 2014**

9:00 a.m.: Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m.: Diaconate Meeting

### **Friday, February 7, 2014**

### **Saturday, February 8, 2014**

9:00 a.m.: Women's Communion Service at New Goshenhoppen  
2:45 p.m.: Family Glow Bowling at Limerick Bowl  
4:00 p.m.: Boy Scout Troop 79 Banquet  
7:00 p.m.: Boy Scout Troop 79 Lock-In

### **Sunday, February 9, 2014**

9:00 a.m.: Sunday School  
10:15 a.m.: Boy Scout Sunday Worship Service  
Men of Palm Meeting Immediately Following Worship

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Children's Choir Accompanist: Joan Pusey

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Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

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