

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Change Our Hearts Offering

Prayer

***Presentation of the Colors**

***Pledge of Allegiance**

Prelude

“Rise, Shine, You People”

Benjamin Culli

***Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who take great delight in God’s commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

Let us worship God!

***Hymns #224**

“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader:

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. (Psalm 25:10)

Scouts:

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country.

Congregation:

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. (Psalm 33:12)

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare will they give you. (Proverbs 3:1-2)

Scouts:

On my honor I will do my best to obey the Scout Law—and the Law is this: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

Leader:

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-39)

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

Scouts:

On my honor I will do my best to help other people at all times.

Congregation:

Remember also the Golden Rule: Do to others as you would have them do to you. (Luke 6:31)

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. (1 Corinthians 3:16-17)

Scouts:

On my honor, I will do my best to keep myself physically strong, and mentally awake.

Leader:

Wisdom is the principal thing: Do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. Get wisdom; get insight. (Proverbs 4:5)

How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to thy word. (Psalm 119:9)

Scouts:

On my honor, I will do my best to keep myself morally straight.

Congregation:

**Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
(Isaiah 55:7)**

Leader: Let us confess in silence all that lies close to our hearts.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

1 Corinthians 2:1 – 12(13 – 16) (NRSV p. 927; LP p. 1783 – 1784)
Matthew 5:13 – 20 (NRSV p. 786; LP p. 1511)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church

No Children’s Church

Hymn #725

“Renew Your Church, Her Ministries Restore”

Sermon

“The Crucified Christ”

Senior Choir Anthem

“O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
Charles Wesley
arr. Mark Hayes

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

“This Little Light of Mine”

arr. Steve Milloy

*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

You flavor our actions, O God, and illumine our minds. May the fruits of our labors nourish others. May the wisdom you give us lead others to know the living Christ. May our lives be seasoned by service, and the light of our good works bring glory to your name. We have received an abundance of your grace and mercy. Accept now our offerings as we go forth to serve you. in all that we accomplish let us give you the honor your name is due. Amen.

*Hymn

“This Little Light of Mine”

1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it shine.

oh

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oh oh

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

4. Shine, shine, shine, I'm gonna let it shine....
 5. All in my home, I'm gonna let it shine....

*Retiring of Colors

*Benediction

Postlude

“Send Us Out”

John Michael Talbot

*All who are able, please stand.

The flowers today are presented in loving memory of Corinne Hoffman by Richard and Merris Ann Hoffman.

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 Raymond Shafer, the family of Robert Newhard, the family of Kimberly Conrad, Tori Leh, Lou Morasco, Leon Wohlbach, Richard Shirey, Sandy Chryszanavicz, 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, Marian Fox, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Martha Wolford, Becky and Kraig 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 Central 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.

February Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

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

Confirmands/Mentors Lunch and Tour

Today 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 next 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."

February 5th – Souper Bowl Sunday

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

Youth Hoagie Sale

The Youth of Palm will be selling hoagies in the narthex following the worship service today. Great compliment to the soup, don't you think?

Brown Bag Lecture Series

This Wednesday, February 8th, at noon, come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center to hear a presentation by Larry Roeder entitled "History of the *Town and Country* Newspaper." The *Town and Country* newspaper has a long history, being published in Pennsburg since April 8, 1899. A review of the first issue by the *Philadelphia Press* on Tuesday, April 4, 1899, states: "*Town and Country* is a new weekly paper that has made its bow at Pennsburg, Montgomery County. It is an eight-page, newsy and neatly-printed publication issued by Messrs. Charles Q. Hillegas and Robert L. Singer." Current Publisher/Editor Larry Roeder will discuss how the newspaper has changed over its 117 years.

Reformation 500 - Day of Service

On Saturday, February 11th there will be a Service Day Project. Our day of service will begin at St. Paul's Red Hill, where we will have 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 **next 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!

Volunteers Needed for a New Endeavor

On Tuesday, February 21st, at noon, we will need volunteers to fold and sticker-seal the March Palm Leaves for mailing. We are attempting to bring our newsletter process completely in-house, but we can't do it without your help. Please consider coming out to help us on the 21st. Contact the church office to volunteer, or to just find out more about this volunteer opportunity.

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

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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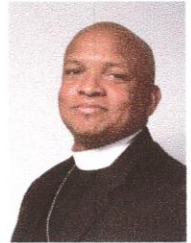
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February 5, 2017

NEW ACM-CD POSITION CONFIRMED WELCOME REV. CEAN JAMES

At a Conference Special Meeting on Saturday January 21, 2017, PSEC delegates confirmed the selection of the Reverend Cean James to the position of Associate Conference Minister for Congregational Development (ACM-CD). The vote was 186 to 1. Reverend James will begin his Conference ministry on Wednesday February 1, 2017.



The ACM-CD is part-time. But the work of church development is more than full time. We will make the best use of Cean's energy, knowledge and experience (and not burn him out) by working together in Association and other local gatherings of pastors and lay leaders. Cean is certain to work individually in some circumstances, but part-time work necessitates partnering wherever we can.

Congregational development is not new to our conference. Indeed that work began when Jesus instructed HIS disciples to GO and MAKE disciples (Matthew 28). The information that Cean will share fills books and websites and is the topic of endless conferences, retreats and workshops. What is unique about Cean is his contagious enthusiasm, hard won church growth lessons, and knowledge of our particular way of church life. He is anxious to share the "how" we bring the gospel to hurting and broken people outside of our church doors -- something many pastors were not trained to do and oft times find intimidating.

Cean's counsel and guidance, like that of any church growth guru, are only as good as our commitment to put it to work in our local churches. That requires a willingness to engage in this very difficult work which is an urgent necessity for any Christian Community looking to create a future for their congregations. Rev. James will not be the savior of dying churches. But he will be a significant partner with those determined to embody the transformative and resurrected spirit of Jesus Christ. He is new to this position and this position is new to our Conference. So, please join me in welcoming him and supporting his ministry as he works diligently to support ours.

- Rev. William P. Worley, Conference Minister

“Love You Where You Are”



Becoming an Open and Affirming congregation has been a central part of our journey as a community of extravagant welcome. Last year during Lent we hosted a five-week series with the Islamic Center of Reading called the “Jesus Fatwah.”

It was an opportunity for the wider community of Reading to learn more about Islam and provided the safe space for Christians, Muslims and folks

from all faiths to engage in “table conversations” to learn and grow deeper in faith and understanding.

This year we are hosting “Love You Where You Are,” a five-week program open to the larger community based on Starbucks’s “Upstanders” Series. Each week we’ll show



a short Starbucks sponsored video highlighting “ordinary people doing extraordinary things to create positive change in their communities.” You can find the complete series at <https://upstanders.starbucks.com/>

In addition to viewing a short video each week we’ll be hosting a local “upstander” for each of the five Wednesday gatherings here followed by conversation. The goal of the series is to gain better insight into the complexities and challenges of issues that matter to us and our communities. The series kicks off on Wednesday, March 8. Program themes are as follows:



UPSTANDERS

- Home for Everyone
- Breaking the Prison Pipeline
- A Warrior’s Workout
- Employing the Full Spectrum
- The Hunger Hack

At Immanuel we’ve discovered that growing in faith requires the ability to host others as well as ourselves in a way that provides a safe space and a welcoming environment, one in which every person is embraced with dignity and respect.



Prayers are requested for Immanuel UCC in Shillington and **Revs. Dale M Davis Jr. and Megan Kay Huesgen**

A meal, and so much more.



WE ARE
Meals On Wheels
So no senior goes hungry.

The Open Link's staff and volunteers offer friendly smiles and warm reassurances to the local homebound community as we prepare and deliver more than **22,000** healthy meals per year through the Meals On Wheels program.

Eligibility:

- Homebound for a short/long term basis
- Age 60 and over
- Resident of Montgomery County and the Upper Perkiomen School District

Application Process:

- Referrals made by hospitals, nursing homes, physicians, visiting nurses, ministers, families or the individual themselves
- Initial intake appointment is required before a recipient can begin the program

Cost:

- There is **NO COST** to the recipient.
- Funding for the Meals on Wheels program is provided by Montgomery County Office of Aging and Adult Services, private individual and group donations, and corporate gifts and foundations.
- **Donations are accepted and allocated for the Meals on Wheels program to continue.**

Delivery Schedule:

- Monday - Friday beginning at 10:30 a.m.
- Weekend delivery beginning Friday at 11:30 a.m.

The Food and What Is Served:

- Meals are prepared by BTC (Catering company) under the direction of a registered dietician
- A hot and cold meal daily
- Specialized diets are available upon request
- Food allergies are taken into consideration

Additional Information:

Please contact Sheila at 215.679.6550 or email centermanager@theopenlink.org for information on how to begin the Meals on Wheels program.



This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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](#)

Monday, February 6

- 11:00am [Board of Music Ministry Meeting](#)
- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

Tuesday, February 7

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 1:00pm [Ladies' Aid Meeting](#)
- 7:00pm [Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting](#)

Wednesday, February 8

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 12:00pm [Brown Bag Lecture Series at SLHC](#)
- 6:00pm [Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal](#)
- 6:30pm [Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal](#)
- 7:30pm [Senior Choir Rehearsal](#)

Thursday, February 9

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

Friday, February 10

- [Deadline for March Newsletter](#)*
- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

Saturday, February 11

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

Sunday, February 12

- 9:00am [Sunday School](#)
- 10:15am [Sunday Worship Service](#)
- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

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Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

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Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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Ministers: All Church Members

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

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Greeter:

Ushers: Job Kinsler, Jonas Kinsler, Joseph Kinsler, Nicholas Pence

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman

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