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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2015

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

***Presentation of the Colors**

***Pledge of Allegiance**

Prayer

Prelude

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Brian Glyncannon

***Call to Worship**

Worship God, who is from everlasting to everlasting!

The God of creation does not faint or grow weary.

How good it is to sing praises to our God!

How expansive is God’s understanding of us!

The whole universe is subject to God’s power.

Creation continues as the universe expands.

God rules all time and space, yet cares about us.

God is pleased with all who reflect steadfast love.

Sing to God with great thanksgiving.

Praise God with the best you have to offer.

We lift up our eyes to see God’s wonders.

We open our ears to receive God’s message.

***Hymns #77**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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 other times.

Congregation:

Remember also the Golden Text: And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. (Luke 6:31)

Do you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are. (I Corinthians 3:16-17)

Scouts:

On my honor, I will do my best to keep myself 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

Hymn #410

“He Touched Me”

Scripture Isaiah 40:21 – 31 (NRSV p. 582 – 583; LP p. 1123 – 1124)
Mark 1:29 – 39 (NRSV p. 813; LP p. 1562 – 1563)

Hymn #410

“He Touched Me”

Children's Choir "Heart to Change the World" Debby Rettino

Children's Sermon

Children's Church Lisa Stitt

***Hymn #638** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Sermon "Proclaiming the Message"

Senior Choir Anthem "On Eagles Wings" Michael Joncas
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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Johann Gottfried Walther

***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**

Thank you, God, for showing us a better way to live than we are able to devise for ourselves. Thank you for reaching out to win our hearts. Thank you for Jesus Christ, for the ministry that extended your love to the least and the lost, for the powerful presence that offered wholeness to those who were sick or brokenhearted, for the prayers that demonstrated how we, too, can be in communion with you. In gratitude we dedicate this offering. Amen.

***Hymn#733** "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

***Retiring of Colors**

***Benediction**

Postlude

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”
Humphrey Turner

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins and the flowers today are both presented in loving memory of Corinne Hoffman by Mr. and Mrs. Richard 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:

Lucile Jones, 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

Goliath's sword will be the focus of this week's online Bible Study. Take part in the discussion by contacting 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.

Sunday School Room Committee

The first meeting was held and plans are in the beginning stages for the Toddler room. Thank you to everyone who came out.

February Palm Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

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

Palm Youth Hoagie Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported Palm youth by purchasing hoagies ☺ And, great job to the youth who helped!

Souper Bowl Sunday Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Open Link food drive. We collected \$38 and over 90 food items!

Family Movie Night

Come out to see “Heaven is for Real,” a PG rated film on Friday, February 20th at Palm church, 7:00pm. 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 next Sunday, February 15th.

Thank You

We extend sincerest thanks to our Palm Church family for your prayers and many expressions of kindness during our mother's illness and subsequent passing. It is humbling to realize that so many people are thinking of us.

With appreciation, the family of Vera Boykin

Praying Daily

As a community of Christian disciples we are called to be a people of prayer. Beginning today at noon, wherever you are and whatever you might be doing, you are invited to join in prayer with your brothers and sisters in Christ. There is no specific time-length, agenda, or form for this time, just an opportunity to pause and recognize the presence of God each day, to uplift our hearts and rest in God's embrace. Let us pray together daily.

Annual Report Presentation

Next Sunday, February 15th, following the worship service, the Board of Trustees will present the Annual Report for 2014.

Annual Report/Directories

Copies of the annual report and directory were mailed to each household. If you would like to have additional reports or directories for other adult members in the household, you may pick them up in the Narthex.

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.

Donations of Finger Foods

After the Community Lenten Service held at Palm Schwenkfelder Church on February 25th, 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.

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.

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!

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. *Today, February 8th*, is the last day to bring in cards, so that the valentines will be delivered (in some cases mailed) in time for Valentine's Day, February 14th. Please place the cards in the Valentines box in the Narthex.

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





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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.

Visit our website at www.theopenlink.org

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February 8, 2015

Brown Scholarship Grants Available

The application process for Brown Scholarships has been modified to make the funds more widely available and to be consistent with the changes that have taken place in the life of the church related to multiple paths to ordination while honoring the intent of the generous donors, Helen and Richard Brown.

The application process is open, but time is of the essence as the deadline for application is Feb 15; and all supporting documents must be in by March 2.

The application process is online and can be easily accessed by using this link: ucfunds.org/brown-application/. A brochure with more information is available on the PSEC website: psec.org/resources/ucc-scholarships-and-grants/.

When Richard and Helen Brown created an endowment to support the development of pastoral leadership in the United Church of Christ, they gave simple instructions: support pastoral education. Recognizing the increasingly diverse and global world that future leaders would encounter, the Browns left the specifics of their legacy to the trustees of their endowment. They understood the needs of the church would change over time, and they wanted UCC clergy to be educated, nurtured and ready for the challenges ahead.

To date, The Richard and Helen Brown Endowment for Pastoral Scholarships has provided over \$4,000,000 in funding for scholarships and continuing education, supporting the ministries of more than 5,000 women and men. Since the inception of The Brown Endowment, the trustees have extended the reach of the endowment's support to include a range of ministries and settings, seeking to make available as much money as possible to strengthen pastoral ministry across the denomination.

If you're a dedicated member of the UCC, active in your local church, and responding to a call to ministry, you may be eligible to become a Brown Scholar. If you're a leader in a regional ministry, your organization may be eligible to receive Brown funds to offer continuing education and ministerial support. If you're preparing for international ministry through Wider Church Ministries of the UCC, you may also be eligible for support from The Brown Endowment.

United Church Funds serves as trustee for The Brown Endowment, managing both investment of the original \$5 million gift and allocation of over \$250,000 each year.

We know that the timeline is tight and the process is new; but we want to do all we can to make sure the word is widely shared about this opportunity so that every dollar available can be used!

Getting to Know :

Zion UCC

12 S. Second Street, Womelsdorf, PA



Zion UCC is located in the Borough of Womelsdorf in western Berks County. Founded as a union congregation with Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1792, it moved to its present location when the two congregations decided to build separate buildings in 1917.

The members of Zion have a deep commitment to outreach ministries.

They try to do one major mission project each year. Zion has sent mission teams to New Orleans twice for Hurricane Sandy rehabilitation; they have worked with Habitat for Humanity in Reading three times; and last year Zion sent a team to New Jersey for super storm Sandy rebuilding.

Each Advent and Christmas Zion collects special offerings for various local and wider church ministries, coupled with a theme chosen each year. In past years some of these offerings included collecting Toys for Tots (the theme that year was saints—in this case St. Nicholas!) and assembling clean-up buckets, hygiene kits and baby care kits for Church World Service (the theme was hope). Picking up on the UCC's Reading Changes Lives mission theme, this year Zion collected children's books to be distributed through the Berks Literacy Council; hats, scarves and gloves for Opportunity House (because people cannot learn when they are cold); and money for One Great Hour of Sharing's outreach to those suffering from Ebola (because people cannot learn when they are ill).



Zion also participated in Mission: 1 by collecting food for the Conrad Weiser Food Bank and holding a free community supper and Mission 4/1 Earth with a clean-up Womelsdorf Day. Zion holds a Strawberry Festival on the first Saturday in June. As part of its mission focus, 15 percent of all proceeds are used for mission projects that are not otherwise funded by the church members.



The Rev. William Pifer-Foote has served as pastor since 2006. Our website is www.1zion.org and, we can be found on Facebook at [facebook.com/Zion-United-Church-of-Christ-Womelsdorf/733032070041250](https://www.facebook.com/Zion-United-Church-of-Christ-Womelsdorf/733032070041250).



Prayers are requested for Zion UCC in Womelsdorf and Rev. William A. Pifer-Foote



Break

the Cycle

**Empowering Youth to End
Domestic Violence**

WHAT CAN I DO IF MY TEEN IS IN AN UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP?

- Tell your teen you're concerned about his/her safety. Point out that what's happening isn't "normal." Everyone deserves a safe and healthy relationship. Offer to connect them with a professional, like a counselor, who they can talk to confidentially.
- Be supportive and understanding. Stress that you're on their side. Provide information & non-judgmental support. Let your teen know that it's not their fault and no one "deserves" to be abused. Make it clear that you don't blame them and you respect their choices.
- Believe them and take them seriously. Your teen may be reluctant to share their experiences in fear of no one believing them. As you validate their feelings and show your support, they can become more comfortable and trust you with more information. Be careful not to minimize your teen's situation due to age, inexperience or length of their relationship.
- Help develop a safety plan. One of the most dangerous times in an abusive relationship is when the victim decides to leave. Be especially supportive during this time and try to connect your teen to support groups or professionals that can help keep them safe.
- Remember that ultimately your son/daughter must be the one who decides to leave the relationship. There are many complex reasons why victims stay in unhealthy relationships. Your support can make a critical difference in helping your son or daughter find their own way to end their unhealthy relationship.

National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline

1-866-331-9474

Materials provided by the U.P. Domestic Violence Task Force, a program of





love is respect.org

HOW TO HELP YOUR TEEN

Knowing that your son or daughter is in an unhealthy relationship can be both frustrating and frightening. But as a parent, you're critical in helping your teen develop healthy relationships and can provide life-saving support if they're in an abusive relationship.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

You can look for some early warning signs that your teen may be in an abusive relationship. Some of these signs include:

- Your teen's partner is extremely jealous or possessive.
- You notice unexplained marks or bruises.
- Your teen's partner emails or texts excessively.
- Your son/daughter appears depressed or anxious.
- Your teen stops participating in extracurricular activities.
- Your son/daughter begins to dress differently.
- Your teen's partner abuses other people or animals.
- Your son/daughter stops spending time with other friends & family.

TALKING WITH YOUR TEEN ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

It's never too early to talk to your teen about healthy relationships, and it is one of the most important steps you can take to help prevent dating violence. Here are a few tips:

- Make sure to accentuate the positives in relationships.
- Encourage open & honest discussions about relationships.
- Be sensitive towards their feelings, yet firm.
- Teach—don't criticize.
- Understand the pressure and risks your teen faces.
- Make it clear that disrespect & abuse are never okay.
- Discuss how to stand up for a friend.
- Be active in your teen's life.
- Be prepared to make mistakes; no one is perfect.



For more information, visit www.loveisrespect.org.

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Employment Counselor – Part-time position (~24 hours/week)

Major responsibilities include: Performs initial intake & determines eligibility. Refers clients to other programs/benefits as appropriate; assists clients in job search; develops partnerships with local employers; tracks progress of job seekers.

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.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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 Tour of Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center
- 3:00pm Grace Notes Studio Piano Party

Monday, February 9

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:30pm Bld. & Grounds Committee
- 7:30pm Board of Trustees

Tuesday, February 10

- Deadline for Submission of Articles/Information for Palm Leaves
- 8:00am Quilters
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:15pm Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 11

- 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 12

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

Friday, February 13

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

Saturday, February 14

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

Sunday, February 15

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service
- 11:30am Annual Meeting
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

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Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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Serving You at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Ministers: All Church Members

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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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