

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Change Our Hearts Offering

Prayer

Prelude “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” Andrew Sutherland

***Call to Worship**

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the Law of the Lord.

Happy are those who keep decrees of the Lord and walk in God’s ways.

O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on your commandments.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #612** “How Firm a Foundation”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, have mercy upon us. You have given us statutes, but we follow our own desires. We know your laws, yet we try to justify our own way. You desire obedience, we practice rebellion. You offer blessing, we search for scapegoats. Make us mindful of how we disregard your intentions, and turn us around that we might live in your grace. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon “The Time for Turning” Sally Gardens
(*Senior Choir Anthem*) arr. Craig Courtney

Scripture 1 Corinthians 3:1 – 9 (NRSV p. 927; LP p. 1784 – 1785)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church Barb Master

Hymn #678 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

Sermon "The One Who Makes It Grow"

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 "In Christ There Is No East or West" Dale Wood

***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**

**Accept the gifts we offer, O God, as we go seeking
reconciliation with our brothers and sisters. In them we seek
to love with all our hearts, souls, and minds. May the
reconciliation we pursue reflect our love for neighbor as for
ourselves. We pray in the name of Christ who allows us to
present ourselves blameless before you. Amen.**

***Hymn #695** "In Christ There Is No East or West"

***Benediction**

Postlude "The Solid Rock" arr. Harold DeCou

*All who are able, please stand.

The flowers today are presented in loving memory of Gayle Wallinger by Doug Wallinger.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of Lloyd Kriebel by Andy Kriebel and Ethel Soffa.

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:

Lou Morasco, Leon Wohlbach, Richard Shirey, Sandy Chrysczanavicz, 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 Craig 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

Does Michelangelo confuse our understanding of Kings Saul and David? This topic will help the online Bible Study transition from 1 Samuel to 2 Samuel. 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)

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."

Annual Congregational Meeting

Next Sunday, February 19th, following the worship service, the Board of Trustees will present the Annual Report for 2016.

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 **today**. 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.

Don’t Miss Out!!!

On Sunday, February 26th, Palm’s Relay for Life Committee will be selling our popular “Ham ‘n Cheese Quarterpounders.” At \$3.50 each, our delicious sandwiches feature 1/4 pound of Waterman’s chipped ham piled high on a roll and topped with American cheese. Mustard and mayo packets are included. No advance orders will be taken, so mark your calendar and be sure to visit our table in the Narthex following worship. Thanks to our sale sponsors, 100% of all proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society’s research and patient outreach projects.

Palm Gives Hope!

Our church’s fundraising for the 2017 Relay for Life event is well under way. Thanks to your participation in our Christmas season projects, and to the generous support of additional Palm donors, we are now \$1,506.00 away from receiving a “Presenting Sponsor” designation for the Upper Perk Relay for Life. Please prayerfully consider helping us to reach this goal. We will be accepting your donations following worship from now until a final deadline of Sunday, March 26th, or you may drop your donation in the lockbox until that date along with a note designating it for the Relay for Life. Please donate as you are able by cash or check. (Checks must be made payable to “Palm Schwenkfelder Church” with memo: “Relay for Life”). Thank you to all for your gifts of hope!

Mission Moment: One Great Hour of Sharing

In 1946, in an effort to seek relief and reconstruction funds during and following World War II, Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, the presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church at that time, broadcasted a nationwide challenge to people of faith to raise “one million dollars in one hour,” and the challenge was achieved. In 1949, hoping to find the same level of success using the Bishop’s fundraising model in the United States for domestic and international disaster and aid relief projects, church leaders representing multiple denominations created a scripted national radio program entitled, “One Great Hour,” which debuted on March 26, 1949, and in 1950 the new title, “One Great Hour of Sharing” was used for the first time. Over these many decades, One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) has been through many transitions, but the goal of raising funds for disaster relief, development, and humanitarian aid, through special gift offerings to be used around the world has remained an unwavering mission. *In 2016, the United Church of Christ received over \$2.2 million for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Every dollar was used to help people and communities living in critical situations worldwide.* On March 26, 2017, Palm Schwenkfelder Church will participate in the special gift collection for One Great Hour of Sharing, for which this year’s theme is, “You are Here.” During a time when many in the world are experiencing strife and sorrow, their pleas seeking His comfort and assistance are echoed around the world, as they gaze to the Heavens above and cry aloud where God may be, we know he is near: “The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth,” Psalm 148:18.

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!

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February 12, 2017

Could your church benefit from these sessions?

On Monday, March 20th, Heather Kimmel, General Counsel of the United Church of Christ, will be leading three educational opportunities

#1 10:00 am - "Best Practices for Boards and Councils" - She will help us understand what are the primary responsibilities, the legal obligations, and best practices for governing boards.

#2 2:00 pm - "The New PA State Child Abuse Laws" - This session is designed to speak to pastors, Christian educators, and youth ministers who are employees of a church.



Heather will review both the new child abuse reporting obligations and the required background checks for employees. Lay leaders are welcome to attend, however there will be a special event for them in the evening.

#3 7:00 pm - "The New PA State Child Abuse Laws for Volunteers" - This session will be similar to the afternoon session but will address the same issues as they pertain to local church volunteers.

There is no cost for these events. We are going to try and hold them at the PNEC Conference Office (in Palmerton), unless we have more register than we can accommodate at the Office. In that event we will move to a local church Fellowship Hall. Thus to help us please register early by calling or emailing either Barbara Jennings (barbarj@pniec.org) or Patty Rehrig (patty@pniec.org), 610-826-3113.

Heather E. Kimmel is the General Counsel of the United Church of Christ. She has been serving in that capacity since December 1, 2015. Prior to that, she served as Associate General Counsel of the United Church of Christ. Before joining the Office of General Counsel, she practiced in the areas of white-collar defense and complex civil litigation at Jones Day and Baker & Hostetler, as well as serving as a federal judicial clerk. She also served as an adjunct professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

THANKS to PNEC for allowing us to join in on this great opportunity!

Getting to Know :

Christ Church UCC

4870 Kutztown Rd and Euclid Ave, Temple, PA

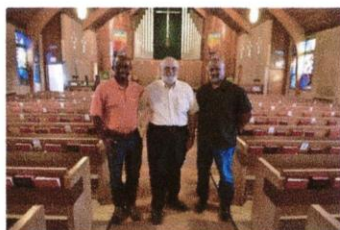


Christ Church United Church of Christ, Temple, PA, seeks to embody its mission of “growing in discipleship and outreach that all may experience, live, and share the love of God.” The pastor is the Rev. Dr. Harry L. Serio.

Recently, in order to maintain its viability as a congregation and serve the needs of the surrounding community, two congregations representing the changing ethnicity of the neighborhood were invited to share space for worship; a Haitian nondenominational church, Good Samaritan Church of God and the Berean Church of the New Covenant

Special worship services are held throughout the year that features various voice music traditions such as Southern Gospel, Celtic, Shape-Note singing and Jazz. It participates in the Berks Jazz Fest, and holds an annual All Saints Sunday Dixieland Jazz Service as well as a Blessing of the Animals with “Critter Music” by Dave Kline.

The church serves a free community dinner each month, participates in various local service projects, and is exploring other ways to extend its ministry. Recognizing the changing spiritual/religious landscape, Christ Church is involved in “Spirit on Tap,” a program designed to encourage theological discussion, explore alternative views and stimulate dialogue around issues of faith and spirituality. In partnership with two neighboring churches, it holds “Movie Nights,” in which spiritual and social justice issues are presented through current film. The Reading Theater Project uses the churches facilities.



Christ Church is involved in the Spiritual Exploration Project, a multi-faceted community-based initiative to create greater understanding and harmony among various faith traditions that features dialogue among Christians, Jews, Muslims, and other faith expressions and those who are not part of any religious community; the development of a contemplative community; a storytelling group, and a justice and mercy task force.

Christ Church seeks to create an open and diverse environment for worship and spiritual expression where persons can encounter a God who is still speaking to them in a language they can understand; where each person strives to be the Christ to others and be the incarnation of God’s presence in the world.

Prayers are requested for Christ Church UCC in Temple
and Rev. Dr. Harry L. Serio



This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, February 12

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, February 13

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:30pm Buildings & Grounds Committee

7:30pm Board of Trustees

Tuesday, February 14

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting

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7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134

Wednesday, February 15

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 16

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Friday, February 17

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, February 18

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, February 19

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

11:30am Congregational Meeting

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

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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

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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

Sexton: Kevin Master 484 – 358 – 1684

Greeter: Lawrence Croll

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

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman

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