

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2015**

### **TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

#### **ANNUAL MEETING**

**Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Change Our Hearts Offering**

**Prayer**

**Prelude**

“How Good, Lord, to Be Here”

Benjamin Culli

**\*Call to Worship**

The Mighty One speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Keep not your silence before us, O God, but let the heavens declare your righteousness.**

“Gather to me faithful ones, all you who have made a covenant with me.”

**We offer you our sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving as we call on your name.**

Let us worship God!

**\*Hymn #562**

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. In Christ you bring light, yet we still dwell in darkness. Your Word offers guidance, but we choose to ignore your counsel. You promise renewal, but we heed not your wisdom. We bow to the gods of this world, choosing to hide from your truth. Speak to us again beyond the clouds of our sinfulness; dazzle us anew with the light of Christ’s love. Restore and forgive us. Amen.**

**Time of Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Junior Bell Choir**

“Praise to the Lord”

Erneuerten Gesangbuch  
arr. Peggy A. Thompson

**Scripture** Mark 9:2 – 9 (NRSV p. 820 – 821; LP p. 1577 – 1578)

**Children’s Sermon**

**\*Hymn #180** "Christ upon the Mountain Peak"

**Sermon** "Not Knowing What to Say"

**Senior Choir Anthem** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Graham Kendrick  
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** "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" 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**

**Use our gifts, mighty God, to bring light where there is gloom,  
hope where there is despair, peace where there is turmoil.  
May Jesus Christ be proclaimed among us and around your  
world. May righteousness and justice prevail in spite of  
differences. May we inherit a double portion of the prophets'  
spirit to discern clearly the ways you would have us go. We  
dedicate ourselves and our offering to these ends. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #416** "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" Lani Smith

\*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins today are sponsored in loving memory of Lloyd Kriebel by Ethel Soffa, Andrew Kriebel, and their families.

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

**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:**

Alice Davis, Lucile 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 Central Schwenkfelder Church.

**Bible Study**

This week's online Bible study will try to craft an explanation for David-and-Goliath that does not independently authorize injury for insult. To join the 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Family Movie Night**

Come out to see “Heaven is for Real” a PG rated film, **this Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** 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 **today**.

## February Palm Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

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

## Annual Report Presentation

**Today**, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Goodie Boxes Contributions

Can you help make a monetary donation to our annual GOODIE BOX project? We want our young people to know that we are thinking of them while they are away in college or in the military. We will be sending them some special treats along with greetings from our congregation & youth. If you would like to help support this outreach program, please place your donation in an envelope entitled "GOODIE BOX DONATION" and put it in the offering plate or the church office. Any questions, please contact Karen Schultz at [schultz.karen12@gmail.com](mailto:schultz.karen12@gmail.com) or 215-679-6747. Thank you!

## Change Our Hearts Offering

On Sundays in February and March, we will have a "Change our Hearts" collection. Your coins (paper money also cheerfully accepted!) will be used to defray the food cost of the First Monday Community Meal at Pennsburg UCC. Members of Palm Church will prepare the meal on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks for your participation!

## Treasurer Report – January, 2015

	<u>January</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating cash on hand 1/1/2015	\$ 29,325.78	\$ 29,325.78
Operating Income Received	\$ 13,904.22	\$ 13,904.22
Operating Expenses	\$ 36,393.43	\$ 36,393.43
Operating cash on hand 1/31/2015	\$ 6,836.57	\$ 6,836.57

## **Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships**

There are several upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins. Dates available for flower sponsorship on:

April 19<sup>th</sup>; May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

June 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</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!

## **Pastoral Relations Committee**

The Committee focus is to ensure optimum communication between the congregation and Pastor Nick and to that end, encourages questions or comments. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee: Jeff Stauffer, Dave Woodward, Gail Ferry, Lil Master, Ray Hausman, Doug Wallinger, Jean Ross, or David Luz. The next meeting of the Pastoral Relations Committee will be held Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, after the worship service, and it will be held in the Contemporary Issues Classroom.

## **MCC Mobile Canner Project**

On March 23, 24, and 25, 2015 you can help feed the hungry here and abroad by graciously, lovingly, and compassionately contributing your money or your time to the MCC Mobile Canner Project at the MCC Material Resources Center (MRC). With an outpouring of your support, we can fill the needs of hundreds of thousands of starving people here and around the world. To make a tax-deductible contribution, your check may be made payable to “MCC Canner Project” and mailed to the MCC Material Resource Center, 737 Hagey Center Drive, Unit C, Souderton, PA 18964. Those interested in donating a few hours of their time to this three-day operation may contact the MCC at (267) 203 – 8074. For more information, please see the poster in the narthex, or go to [www.mcc-harleysville.org](http://www.mcc-harleysville.org) click “Get Involved,” then “Meat Canning” for more information about how, together, we can – in the name of Christ.

## **Grand View Hospital Hospice Volunteer Training Course**

The Hospice Program at Grand View Hospital is committed to meeting the needs of terminally ill patients and their families with skill, caring, and compassion. Volunteers are part of this program. We are looking for caring people willing to share their time and presence in this important ministry. Training includes instruction in hospice philosophy, listening and communication skills, the experience of death, dying, and grief, and practical information to assist patients and their families. Our next training sessions will begin on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and will run through April 13<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be held on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. It is a 7-week training session. If you are interested in this rewarding work, please call volunteer coordinator Carlene Meyers, RN, at (215) 453 – 4149 to register and schedule an interview. Deadline for registration is February 20, 2015.

## **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.

## **Lenten and Holy Week Schedule**

Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>  
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>  
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>  
St. Mark's Lutheran – Pennsburg at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>  
Pennsburg UCC at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup>  
St. Paul's Lutheran – Red Hill Church at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>  
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran – Sunneytown at 7:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>  
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 10:15 a.m.

Youth Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church.  
Walk begins at 12:00 p.m.  
Fellowship at McDonald's Following the Worship Service

Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 a.m.

Covered-Dish Breakfast Following the Service.

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Easter Sunday Communion Worship Service

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February 15, 2015

## UCC to March Forth for Literacy

March Forth - on March 4 - for Literacy will be a day for a concentrated focus on literacy awareness throughout the UCC. It will offer congregations the opportunity to share with the wider church their involvement in literacy issues locally and nationally, and will give individuals the chance to share their experiences, either as volunteers with literacy organizations or persons who have struggled with literacy themselves.

"When we began Reading Changes Lives, we wanted to demonstrate the impact of literacy and its importance in everyday life," said the Rev. M. Linda Jaramillo, executive minister of the UCC Justice and Witness Ministries. "There was a tremendous response to that, and we are just as excited to see how people are moved to action to March Forth for Literacy."

**Reading Changes Lives** began in the fall of 2014 with the inaugural "One Read," an all-church read of the inspirational book, "Hotdogs and Hamburgers: Unlocking Life's Potential by Inspiring Literacy at Any Age," by Rob Shindler.

The initiative continues this spring with March Forth for Literacy, promoting denomination-wide goals and hands-on participation, similar to past all-church initiatives, Mission: 1 and Mission 4/1 Earth.

Later this year, General Synod 30, taking place in late June in Cleveland, will highlight literacy as a service project focus and ask Synod attendees to participate within the greater Cleveland community, one of the country's urban centers of illiteracy....

Statistics show that almost 30 million people in the U.S. read below a fifth-grade level, which means that nearly 14 percent of the adult population doesn't read well enough to fill out a job application.

Said Jaramillo, "It warms my heart that we have so many churches whose passion for justice burns bright. They recognize literacy as an important issue—considering the literacy rates in this country—and are stepping out to do something.

"On March 4, we hope the wider church will join us as we work together to help those struggling with literacy."

Check the **UCC Facebook page** for more on **March Forth for Literacy**, and ways to report your church's participation, or contact **Judith Youngman**, the UCC Literacy Coordinator, at [youngmanj@ucc.org](mailto:youngmanj@ucc.org).

*To read the full article written by Anthony Moujaes,  
visit: [ucc.org](http://ucc.org) and search for **March Forth for Literacy**.*



## Tinicum UCC

310 E. Dark Hollow Road, Pipersville, PA 18947



In the late 1700s, community spirit and the joy of worshipping with neighbors were strong forces in the rural and remote area of central Bucks County known as Tinicum Township. A German congregation built a tiny log church in 1789, and a larger brick structure in 1861, which was rebuilt after a fire in 1907.

Today, the Tinicum UCC is proud of those 1789 roots. The life-cycle of the congregation has brought us to a point that finds our current membership to be similar in size to the community of believers that started our church. By following their faith and example, we will keep the life-cycle in motion. Continuing their tradition, our congregation is a diverse community that draws its strength from the Spirit and shows its love to the world. Our missions and outreach include the UCC 5 for 5 offerings, support for the local food-bank, a Change for Church initiative that gathers coins for various charities, gifts to families in need, support for individuals in short-term crisis, Habitat for Humanity, Disabled American Veterans, Huntington's Disease Association and other causes. We have welcomed guests to our church for concerts, poetry readings, community group meetings, Civil War remembrances, a township-wide Founding Families celebration, art shows, drive-through prayers, and community dinners. We have an extensive prayer list, a weekly fellowship hour, and have offered ourselves to our community as a staging place for emergencies.

As we reflect upon the faith and activities of our pastors and members during the past 225 years, we are thankful for the strong bonds that exist with neighboring UCC congregations. We are thankful for our Prayer Partners, and join you in praying that Tinicum UCC will continue to be a vibrant spiritual resource for our members and the community that we support.



Prayers are requested for Tinicum UCC in Pipersville and Pastor Michele Schenk.



**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



## **This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

### **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

### **Monday, February 16**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:30pm Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting
- 7:00pm Board of Christian Education Meeting
- 7:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting

### **Tuesday, February 17**

- 8:00am Quilters
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop
- 7:00pm Mission Board
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, February 18**

#### Ash Wednesday

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 5:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service

### **Thursday, February 19**

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

### **Friday, February 20**

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Family Movie Night

### **Saturday, February 21**

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

### **Sunday, February 22**

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

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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: Kevin Master

Ushers: Glenn Hoffman, Craig Kriebel, Tom Long, Tammy Long

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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