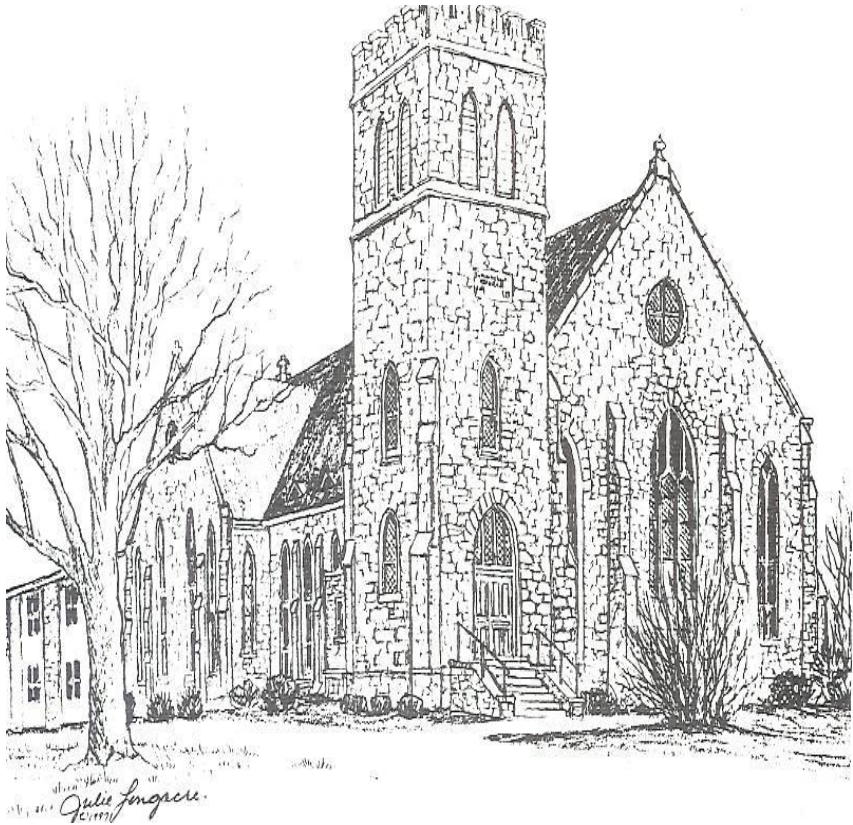


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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2014

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” Benjamin Culli

***Call to Worship**

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

Happy are those who keep the 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 all your commandments.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #743** “Christ for the World! We Sing”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, you know the pain of all our broken relationships. Some we have tried to mend, and others we have tried to ignore. We feel your judgment on our estrangements. Hear us as, in silence, we remember them before you...O God we ask for courage to admit our mistakes and overcome them. Show us what we can do to right the wrongs for which we are responsible, and forgive, we pray, what cannot be changed. Empower us as reconcilers and servants of your way. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Junior Bells “Great Day”

Scripture Deuteronomy 30:15 – 20 (NRSV p. 163; LP p. 323)
 1 Corinthians 3:1 – 9 (NRSV p. 927; LP p. 1784 – 1785)

Children’s Sermon

***Hymn #426** “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

Sermon “Choosing Life”

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

“Let It Be Said of Us”

Mary McDonald

***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 them 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 the Christ who allows us
to present ourselves blameless before you. Amen.**

***Hymn**

“Let It be Said of Us”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand”

Adam Mason

The bulletins are sponsored and the flowers are presented in loving memory of Bob and Shirley Frey by Bonnie, Nancy, Bob, and families.

*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:

The family of Richard Miller, Kelsie Josie, Jonathan Fox, Margaret Wallinger, Judy Miller, Reverend Ed Winslow, Jane Shermer, Ernie Guldin, Vern Weller, 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 the Olivet Schwenkfelder Church.

Bible Study

This week's online Bible Study will compare Samuel to Caiaphas as a means of connecting Samuel's error in 1 Samuel 13 to the overall Truth in the Bible. 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.

Annual Report Presentation

The Board of Trustees will present the Annual Report for 2013 today following the worship service.

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.

Adam Walter
732 Berne Lane S.E.
Olympia, WA 98513

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 1/2 dozen (\$5.00) or by the dozen (\$8.50). Order forms are available in this bulletin, and we will be taking orders after the worship service today and next Sunday the 23rd. Fastnachts can be picked up at the church on Monday, March 2nd, from 6:00 – 7:30pm, and on Tuesday, March 3rd from 8:00 – 9:30am.

Goodie Box Project

Attention, parents of college students and young people serving in the military! It's time for our annual *GOODIE BOXES*. We want to let our young people know that we are thinking of them and want to keep in touch with them while they are away from their family and church friends. All we need from you is their name and address at college/military. We will be putting together a special treat to mail to them along with greetings from the congregation. Please send names and addresses to Karen Schultz by **this Friday 2/21/14**: Email – karen.schultz12@yahoo.com

Snailmail – Karen Schultz, 7448 Stein Road, Zionsville PA 18092
Call Karen – 215.679.6747 Thank you!

Goodie Boxes

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 at college or in the military. Next month we will be sending them a special treat along with greetings from our congregation. If you would like to help support this project, please place your donation in an envelope entitled “GOODIE BOX DONATION” and put in the offering plate or the church office. Any questions, please call Karen Schultz at 215.679.6747 or email karen.schultz12@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Sight & Sound “MOSES” Trip Cancelled – due to low ticket sales, the bus trip scheduled for Saturday, March 29, 2014, to see MOSES at the Sight & Sound Theater, has been cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you. Checks are being returned to those that mailed in their payment. Thank you.

Check Out Our Updated Church Website

Have you looked recently at 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.”*

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 23rd, March 9th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

March 16th, 23rd, 30th

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!

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!

5th-6th Grade Used Greeting Card Project

Thank you for the many greeting cards we've collected so far for our 5th-6th 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 5th-6th 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!

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.)

Palm Schwenkfelder Church's Relay For Life Team

FASTNACHT SALE

PICKUP DATES

MONDAY, MAR. 3rd 6:00-7:30 pm

TUESDAY, MAR. 4th 8:00-9:30 am

Our Relay for Life Team will be selling authentic Fastnachts made by Dice's Bakery of Boyertown.

Place your order by completing this form and dropping it, **along with your payment**, at the Relay Team table after worship on Feb. 9th, Feb. 16th, and Feb. 23rd, or by placing it in the Church Office lock box.

Make checks payable to "Palm Schwenkfelder Church," memo: Relay for Life Team.

The final date for orders is Sunday, Feb 23, 2014.

Name _____
(Please Print)

Phone Number _____

Place your order

PLAIN

GRANULATED SUGAR

Amount Due

1/2 DOZEN

\$5.00 per 1/2 dozen

\$ _____

DOZEN

\$8.50 per dozen

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Check Number _____

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February 16, 2014

2014 YOUTH EVENTS

PSEC SPRING YOUTH EVENT - APRIL 4 to 6

The event will be held at High Point Camp, 200 Chapel Road in Birdsboro 19508 for youth between the ages of 13 to 18. Registration fee of \$90 per person includes meals, lodging, events, and activities. The only additional monies needed would be for the coffee shop which offers a variety of both coffee and non-coffee choices along with some snacks and munchies. Most of the beverages cost between \$3-\$5; most snacks are between \$.50 to \$1.



Jeremiah 29:11 *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

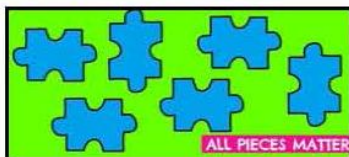
Proverbs 16:9 *In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.*

Visit psec.org to download an event flyer or the event overview and medical form or register online. Deadline for registration is March 29.

MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL YOUTH EVENT - JULY 9 TO 13

The event will be held at **Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove** for youth who have completed grades 7 through 12 and young adults from 18 to 30. Registration includes all program costs, room, board, and linens/towels.

The minimum ratio of youth to adult leaders is 10 to 1, but more leaders are always welcome. Among the featured guests are popular and thought-provoking UCC Pastor Quinn Caldwell, award-winning special needs advocate Brian Heffernan, and musical performers Sheltered Reality. To learn more, visit maryeucc.org. Register online at psec.org or maryeucc.org.



Early Bird Registration is \$325 per person from February 1 to 28

Regular Registration is \$350 per person from March 1 to May 15

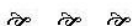
Late registration is \$375 per person from May 16 to June 15

Each participating Conference has been assigned a special color t-shirt to wear on Saturday of the event. There are events planned around the colors, so whether you're coming as the lone representative of your church or as part of a crew of 25, PSEC will stand together on Saturday in our t-shirts.

LENTEN AWAKENINGS

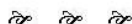
The Lenten Awakenings series, sponsored by the Spiritual Life Mission Team, will be held at six locations throughout the Conference. They selected: **Sacred Space: The Prayer Book 2014** as the book focus for this year. It encourages the “sacred reading” (lectio divina) of scripture and reflection questions help one to ask, “What is God saying to me through this passage?”. To learn more or register online, visit: psec.org.

Glenside UCC, Tues., 10 AM, beginning March 11 for 6 weeks
Old First UCC, Sat., Mar 1 @ 11 am; Mar 22 @ 6 pm; Apr 12 @ 11 am
St. Luke’s UCC, Trappe, Sat., 9:30-11 am, March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5
St. John’s UCC, Pottstown, Sat., 10-11 am, March 8 through April 5
Maidencreek UCC, Blandon, Sat., 9-10:30 am, March 22 through April 12
St. Mark’s UCC, Cressona, Thurs. AM (TBA), March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 2 & 9



UCC Young Adult Service Communities Seeking Internship Candidates

Young adults of Pennsylvania and beyond, ages 21-35 - Excitement is building about the UCC Young Adult Service Communities – one near you or in another part of the country. **Old First Reformed UCC in Center City, Philadelphia** lives every day as a wellspring of hope for diverse people in their neighborhood, city, region and throughout the world. You can be an active part of this vision. Our two newest host churches are **St. Peter UCC in Granite City, IL (minutes from downtown St. Louis)**, regenerating their church by working to regenerate their community, and **First Parish Church United of Westford, MA** (near Boston), making everyone feel welcome and engaged. YASC interns serve both in a community agency and part-time in congregational service at the church. Interns live in intentional community with one another and figure out how to live as ‘change-makers’ in the world. AmeriCorps education grants are available for interns placed in some community agency positions. Are you looking for a way to make a positive difference in the church and world? Just YASC! February is the month for applications. To learn more, visit: ucc.org/volunteer/yasc/.



Feb 20 - Tavern Talks at 7 pm at the Appalachian Brewing Company, 50 W. Third Avenue, Collegeville Station, Second Floor in Collegeville 19426. Dr. Leonard Primiano, Chair of the Department of Religions, Cabrini College, "UFO Abductions: Are they for real or are they of God?"

Feb 25 - Spirit on Tap at 7 pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Goodnites Lounge, 1741 Papermill Road in Reading 19610. Robin Smith will be presenting "Life Coaching."



Prayers are requested for Christ (Barnesville) UCC in Barnesville and Rev. Janet L. Kline.



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ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

Palm Schwenkfelder Church Relay For Life Team

Route 29 Gravel Pike Palm, PA 18070

9am-1pm

Saturday, March 15th

Items that can be recycled FREE of charge are listed below:

- ♻️ Telephones/Cell Phones
- ♻️ LCD Monitors / LCD (flat) TVs
- ♻️ Stereos & Speakers/Cables & Cords
- ♻️ Smart Boards/Keyboards & Mice
- ♻️ UPS Battery Backups/Laptop Batteries
- ♻️ Audio Visual Equipment/Plotters
- ♻️ Microwaves / Small Appliances
- ♻️ Projectors / CRT Monitors
- ♻️ Desktop/Laptop Computers
- ♻️ Gaming Systems
- ♻️ Printers/Fax Machines/Floor Copiers
- ♻️ Copiers/Scanners/Print Cartridges
- ♻️ Metal Items
- ♻️ Calculators/Adding Machines
- ♻️ Exercise Equipment
- ♻️ DVD Players/VCR's / Filing Cabinets

Additional Items that can be recycled with a fee:

- ♻️ Refrigerators - \$30.00
- ♻️ Air Conditioners - \$20.00
- ♻️ Dehumidifiers - \$20.00
- ♻️ Washers & Dryers - \$10.00 each
- ♻️ Car Batteries - \$5.00 (sealed lead acid)
- ♻️ Light Bulbs - \$2.00 Each
- ♻️ Household Alkaline Batteries - \$2.00 lb.
- ♻️ Floor Freezers - \$30.00
- ♻️ Dishwashers -\$20.00
- ♻️ Televisions - \$30.00 (Must be complete, No broken TVs accepted)
- ♻️ TVs (in wooden cabinet, Projection-Big Screen) \$40.00

- ♻️ Hard Drive Destruction (offsite) - \$10 per drive, Includes a Certificate of Destruction
- ♻️ Document Shredding Service (offsite) - \$10 per standard paper size box, includes a Certificate of Destruction



**Monetary Donations will be accepted by the
Palm Schwenkfelder Church
Relay For Life Team**

**Please consider helping us in our fight against cancer!
Any checks should be made payable to Palm Schwenkfelder Church**

Our Schedule: February 16 Through February 23., 2014

Sunday, February 16, 2014

9:00 a.m.: Sunday School

10:15 a.m.: Sunday Worship Service

Congregational Meeting to Present the Annual Report Immediately Following
Worship

Taking Orders for Fastnachts Following Worship

Monday, February 17, 2014

Church Office Closed

2:30 p.m.: Music Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m.: Board of Christian Education

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

8:00 a.m.: Quilters

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Church Office Open

6:30 p.m.: Brownies

7:00 p.m.: Boy Scouts

7:00 p.m.: Missions Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 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 20, 2014

Friday, February 21, 2014

Last day to submit names and addresses for Goodie Boxes

Saturday, February 22, 2014

Sunday, February 23, 2014

9:00 a.m.: Sunday School

10:15 a.m.: Sunday Worship Service

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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 Luz

Organist: Peg Jacob

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

Youth Director: Barbara Master

Sexton: Kevin Master (484) 358-1684

Greeter: Deb Callodonato

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

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610-845-7208

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