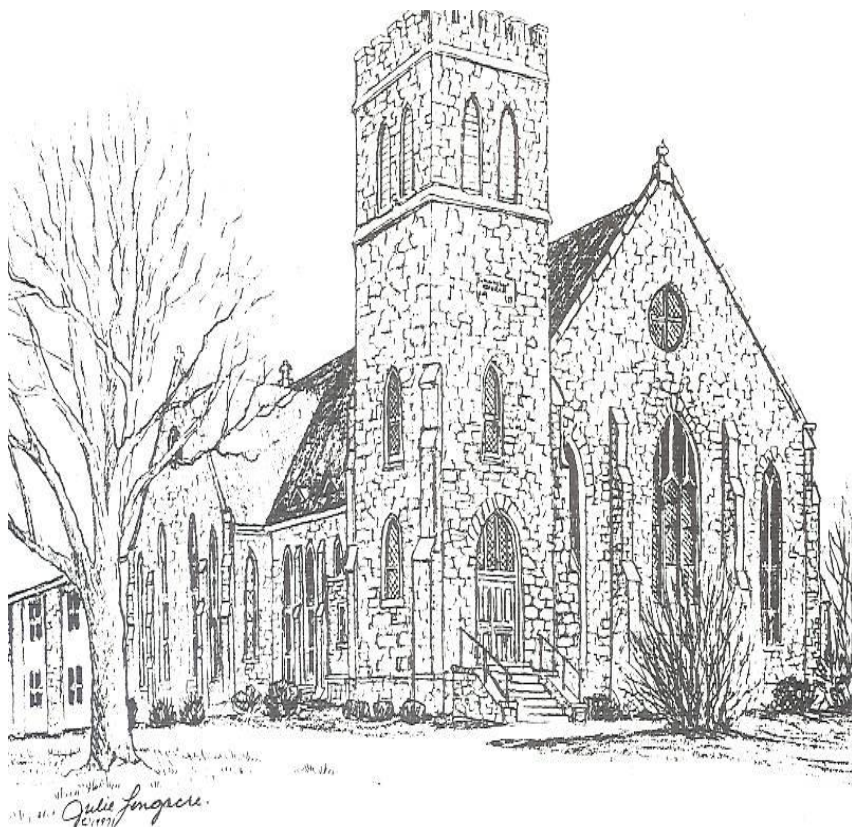


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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Change Our Hearts Offering

Prayer

Prelude “The Church’s One Foundation” Matthew Malmer

***Call to Worship**

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn #699** “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We pour out our hearts before you, O God; you are our refuge and strength. Waves of doubt beat against us, weakening our faith. Tremors of discord shake our foundation. The winds of temptation drive us from our course. Too often we rely on ourselves when wisdom is sought. Still the storms in our souls! Provide in Christ a haven of hope for our troubled and distracted spirits. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Junior Bell Choir “Blessed Be Your Name” Beth Redman
arr. Peggy Bettcher

Scripture

1 Corinthians 3:10 – 11, 16 – 23 (NRSV p. 927 – 928; LP p. 1785)
Matthew 5:38 – 48 (NRSV p. 786 – 787; LP p. 1512)

Children's Sermon

Children's Church

Lisa Stitt

Hymn #689

"The Church's One Foundation"

Sermon

"Completed by Love"

Senior Choir Anthem

"Healing River"

Fred Hellerman and Fran Minkoff, 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

"Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

Benjamin Culli

***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**

O God, through your grace the foundations of faith have been laid. Christ, the cornerstone, has once and for all been set in place, and you have called us to be your building in whom the Spirit dwells. Each of us is a builder, too, in Christ our work is revealed. Accept what we do and the gifts we bring. May they fit your design and prove enduring. Amen.

***Hymn #558**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

***Benediction**

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins and flowers today are both presented in loving memory of Bob and Shirley Frey, love and miss you; Bonnie, Nancy, Bob, and families.

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 Chryszczanavicz, 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

This week's online Bible Study will strive for closing comments on 1 Samuel. Join the discussion 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

Today, following the worship service, the Board of Trustees will present the Annual Report for 2016.

Thank You

Thank you for all of the Valentine’s flowers, cards, and candy.

Helen Pannepacker

Thank You

A sincere “thank you” to Pastor Nick for his prayers and visits at the hospital and home, and to the children and members of Palm Schwenkfelder for their prayers, cards, and get well wishes. They were all deeply appreciated.

Sandy Chryszczanavicz

Thank You

I want say thank you to the members of Palm Schwenkfelder Church for all of the wonderful Valentines I received, and a special thank you to Lil and Walt Master for delivering them to me.

Grace Beard

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 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

This 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!!!

Next 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.

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.

Ladies' Aid Easter Candy 2017

Get your sweet tooth ready! The Ladies' Aid will be making Easter candy again this year. There will be chocolate covered peanut-butter eggs and coconut eggs, as well as the possibility of a few other sweet surprises. The candy will be for sale on Sunday, April 2nd, and Sunday, April 9th. We always need extra hands in making the candy so we are asking for help on Thursday morning March 30th at 9:00am to mix and roll the eggs, and also on Friday morning, March 31st at 9:00am and again Friday evening, March 31st at 6:00pm, to dip and package the eggs. Please make plans to join us for some sweet fun in the candy kitchen!

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!

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; May 7th, 14th, & 28th

Upcoming dates for bulletin sponsorship:

February 26th; March 1st (Ash Wednesday) & 5th; April 30th; May 7th

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 19, 2017

**Are you familiar with the happenings in the
Pennsylvania Southeast Conference?
Would you like to volunteer?**

Here at the Conference Office, we often ask ourselves, are our members hearing about the opportunities we are sharing? Are our members aware of training sessions, conference meetings and special events?

Do members know where to turn to if they would like to get involved with a conference committee?

Please allow me to share a few tips.

1. Visit our Pennsylvania Southeast Conference Website at psec.org.
2. While there, click on the button, towards the top of the home page, to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter. The link looks like this:

[Sign Up for eNews](#)

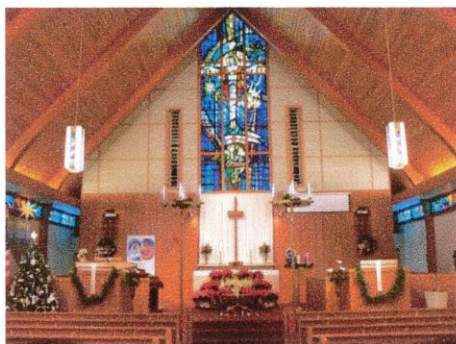
E-News, our e-newsletter comes out weekly and is filled with continuing education opportunities, special services, church events, Conference news, and more!

3. Lastly, if you are interested in becoming more involved with the workings of our conference or perhaps sitting on a committee, please contact Susan at the Conference office at 484-949-8774 x 312 or susan@psec.org and she will connect you with the group that best suits your interests.

Remember, the PSEC Conference is YOUR conference and we are here to support and serve you. Many hands, make for light work!

First UCC

110 Route 61 South, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972



In its long history in Schuylkill County, the First United Church of Christ has been part of the on-going transformation of Protestantism, particularly in the Reformed church. While the “United Lutheran and Reformed Congregations in Manheim Township” first met in the Union School House in 1820, the official birth of the church, known as “Gotte’s Haus,”

dates to the record of the first communion on May 26, 1822. The church split in 1851 over introducing English to worship, leading to the formation of St. John’s UCC in Schuylkill Haven. Due to the failure of a local bank and resulting financial issues, members left the church to establish St. Mark’s UCC in Cresona. The union between Lutheran and Reformed dissolved in 1905 creating the First Reformed Church, which became the First Evangelical and Reformed Church in the 1930s, and then the First United Church of Christ in the 1960s. In total, four buildings have sheltered the members of the congregation, including the present building which was constructed in 1964. Today the First United Church of Christ is involved actively in ecumenical ministry to help community members in need through the Council of Churches of Schuylkill Haven and Vicinity. In the greater community, the church is known for its delicious potato filling and Meat BINGOs as well as the unique cross which sits on the sanctuary roof, created by church member Howard Shaup, who died in 2015 after a lifetime of service to the church. Members strive to live by the words used to close worship: “We go into the world to serve God through Christ and to serve others with love.”



Prayers are requested for First UCC in Schuylkill Haven and Rev. Shawn D. Van Dyke.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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

Monday, February 20

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Red Hill Band Board of Directors Meeting

7:00pm Board of Christian Education Meeting

Tuesday, February 21

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

7:00pm Mission Board

Wednesday, February 22

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 23

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Board of Review

Friday, February 24

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, February 25

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, February 26

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

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Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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Senior Bells: Joanne and David Luz

Organist: Peg Jacob

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

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Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman

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