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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2014

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

"Only Trust Him"

James Southbridge

*Call to Worship

No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and spirit.

Truly I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen.

Everyone who believes in the Son of God may not perish but have eternal life.

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Let us worship God!

*Hymn #692

"Faith of Our Fathers"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess that we have been far more ready to say we believe than to trust you to lead us to new ventures of faithfulness. We are afraid of the evil that surrounds us. We fear rejection, failure, and ridicule. We admire Jesus, but it is difficult to follow in the footsteps that lead to a cross. In the midst of life as we know it, how can we catch glimpses of eternity? Save us, we pray, from our timidity, and use our doubts as an entry to deeper faith. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture	John 3:1 – 17 (NRSV p. 863 – 864; 1660 – 1661)
	Romans 4:1 – 5, 13 – 17 (NRSV p. 916; 1762 – 1763)

Children's Sermon

Children's Church	Liz Kennedy, Rainbow Bells

*Hymn #569 "Living for Jesus a Life That Is True"

Sermon

"Depending on Faith"

Senior Choir

Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend Arr. Brad Nix

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

"By Faith"

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

"My Faith"

James Southbridge

*Doxology

Offertory

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, you have sent your Son into the world, that we may have life. As we go forth from your sanctuary, may we offer that life in Christ's name to our neighbor. Use our talents to build up Christ's body. Use the money that we give to bring healing for his sake. All that we give is in response to your benevolent care. Amen.

*Hymn #700	"We Are God's People"

*Benediction

James Konkel

The bulletins are sponsored in memory of loved ones by Gladys Frantz.

The flowers are presented in loving memory of Jacob Fox by Mr. & 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:

Jane Shermer, the family of Pat Drobny, Sue Carlin, Bryan Schwoyer, Charlie Krauss, Kelsie Josie, Jonathan Fox, Margaret Wallinger, Judy Miller, Reverend Ed Winslow, Jane Shermer, Ernie Guldin, Vern Weller, Vera Boykin, 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, 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 Schwenkfelder Missionary Church.

Bible Study

The crags Bozez and Seneh in 1 Samuel 14:4-5 will be the focus for this week's online Bible Study. Are they key to a message apparent to ancient hearers? To join the discussion, please contact Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday, Andy Kriebel (3/20)

YouVersion for Kids

For kids who have an i-pod touch, tablet, phone, etc. or use their parents' devices, download the Bible App for Kids, the newest app from YouVersion. It is available for any iOS, Android, or Kindle Fire device and it is completely free. Debuting now is "God's Wonderful Gift," the story of Pentecost. It is based on Acts 2:1-47 and uses delightful graphics and interactive storytelling to teach your kids about Pentecost and the Holy Spirit.

Next Week in Children's Church

Next Sunday, March 23rd, have your children bring an iPod touch, phone, tablet etc. to children's church. We are going to explore YouVersion for Kids. We will have some extra devices to share.

Plastic Easter Eggs

It's time to fill Easter eggs for the youth egg hunt. Please take home a paper bag of empty plastic eggs. Fill the eggs up with little trinkets, stickers, candy, coins, erasers, etc. and return the eggs in the paper bag to the Narthex. Place the paper bag of filled eggs in the box marked "Filled Eggs." Please do not tape the eggs shut. If you are placing jelly beans or another type of unwrapped candy into the eggs, please wash the eggs out before placing the unwrapped candy in them. Thanks for helping ©

Youth Banner Planning Meeting

Anyone interested in designing the new Relay for Life Team banner, please meet after worship next Sunday, March 23rd, in the church library.

March Challenge

For the month of March, choir members are being challenged to catch kids being kind. You can catch them in the act on Wednesday evenings when the kids are at choirs, at church functions, or Sunday at church. Good Luck!

Goodie Box Update

Please stop by the Goodie Box table in the narthex **today**, **Sunday**, **March 16th**. We have 11 Goodie Boxes ready to be sent to our young people, but we need your notes and good wishes to be included in the boxes. We will have blank notecards available, as well as a greeting card for each young person that you can sign. We will also be accepting cash donations to offset the cost of the boxes. A big thank you to Stauffer Glove & Safety for offering once again to mail the boxes for us. Thank you for your support of this project.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Since 1949, millions of Christians have participated in One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), which will be held on March 30, 2014. The special collection is to share God's message of love and hope with individuals in over 100 countries, who seek assistance through life-altering programs, such as disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid. The 2014 theme is "Faith Endures", and it reminds us that when we face life's most devastating challenges we can continue to find strength through our faith in God, our community, and ourselves. OGHS envelopes will be available in the bulletins on March 23rd and March 30th. "Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts..." (Romans 5:5)

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."

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.

MCC Canning Project

Next week the MCC Mobile Canner will be at the MCC Material Resource Center (MRC) form 6:00 am to 7:00 pm on Monday, March 24, Tuesday, March 25, and Wednesday, March 26, 2014. Over 100 volunteers are needed each day to operate the canner, which will produce enough food to feed thousands of needy people here and around the world. Workers are needed to: fill, wash, and label cans; prepare boxes for shipment; load the truck; and help with general site clean-up. Contributions are still coming in but we are in desperate need of more volunteers. Helpers are asked to work a two, four, or six-hour shift. If youa re interested in helping to fill the needs of the hungry, please call the MRC at 267-203-8074. Your tax deductible contributions may be made payable to the "MCC Canner Project," and mailed to the MCC Material Resource Center, 737 Hagey Center Drive, Unit C, Souderton, PA 18964. Go to mcc-harleysville.org, click "Get Involved," then "Meat Canning," for more information about how, together, we can – in the name of Christ.

The Open Link

Thank you all for your continued support of The Open Link, a vital community resource. Please be sure to check the expiration dates and "sell by" dates on all perishable items donated to the local food cupboard. The Open Link cannot accept outdated food products.

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!

Bulletin and Flower Sponsorships

There are several upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins.

We have openings for flower sponsorships on:

May 4th and 18th, June 1st, 8th, and 22nd

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

March 30th, June 1st, 8th, and 22nd

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!

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.

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.)

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!



March 16, 2014

Upcoming Events at Locations Throughout the Conference Visit psec.org/psec-events to learn more or register online

Mar 20 - TAVERN TALKS at 7 pm the Appalachian Brewing Company, 50 W. Third Avenue, Collegeville Station, Second Floor in Collegeville, PA 19426. Captain Gerald L. Hale, Chaplain and Director of Character Development, Valley Forge Military Academy & College, will present "Faith in the Military, One Man's story" To learn more, contact Rev. Ann Few pastorann@atlukestrappe.org.

Mar 25 - SPIRIT ON TAP at 7 pm the Crowne Plaza Hotel Goodnites Lounge, 1741 Papermill road in Reading, PA 19610. Patrick Donmoyer will present "Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Spirituality."

Apr 1 - QUIET DAYS are held on the first Tuesday of each month from 9:30 am to 1 pm at New Goshenhoppen UCC, 1070 Church Rd., East Greenville, PA 18041. They are designed to open new avenues to communing with God, and to provide an opportunity for sharing faith journeys and stories. *Each participant is asked to bring a Bible, journal, pen and a bag lunch.* There is no formal registration, but a minimum donation of \$5 is requested on Quiet Day.

Apr 4-6 - PSEC SPRING YOUTH 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. Reg. deadline: <u>March 23</u>.

May 6-8 - 20th ANNUAL CLERGY CONVOCATION - This Odd and Wondrous Calling All clergy are invited to attend the 20th annual Clergy Convocation sponsored by the Pennsylvania Southeast and Penn Northeast Conferences of the UCC. This clergy retreat will be held at the **DoubleTree by Hilton, 2400 Willow Street Pike in Lancaster 17602**. Our presenter will be Rev. Lillian Daniel, Sr. Minister of the First Congregational Church UCC in Glen Ellyn, IL. It will be a time of collegiality, spiritual renewal and education for authorized ministers and members in discernment. Reg. deadline: <u>April 2.</u>

May 31 - PSEC ANNUAL SPRING MEETING will be held at Zion Blue Mountain UCC, 6573 Old Route 22, Strausstown, PA 19559.

Jul 9-13 MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL YOUTH EVENT at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA. To learn more: Rev. John Folk at *jfolk@Stpaulsfleetwood.org*.

Getting to Know :

St. Paul's UCC 300 W. First Street, Birdsboro, PA 19508



Like our namesake, St. Paul's UCC in Birdsboro has responded to the call of God to live out our faith in new and transformative ways. Gathered as a people of many generations and a diversity of backgrounds, freely we have given ourselves to the ministry of being a welcoming, Christ-centered community called to Embody, Nurture, and Share God's Loving Light both within St. Paul's and our wider community.

Within our walls, the unchurched, the de-churched, and the never thought they would be churched are finding a home and spiritual lives unimagined to them. Through little more than the authentic embrace of our members, individuals are

discovering what it means to be touched by the healing love of Christ – no matter where they are on life's journey.

In our work within the community, we've sought to be a cornerstone of ecumenical prayer, worship, and community service. We've pioneered



innovative youth events like Shack-a-thon, where youth and adults experience homeless in spiritually transformative ways. We've partnered with other organizations, including our local school, to feed the hungry and to cloth the poor. And we've been recognized by our local borough for the restorative work we are doing in our community parks.



Inspired by the example of Trinity UCC, Pottstown, we are developing a ministry of summer mission trips that never leave our community. The vision is one of lasting

relationship of hope and healing that transforms us and

the community that we call home.

The most exciting part though, is that God is only just getting started. Within our congregation and within our community, God has so much more Loving Light to shine! Website: *stpaulsbirdsboro.org*.





Prayers are requested for the mission and ministry of St. Paul's UCC in Birdsboro and Rev. Joseph A. Motz.

LADIES AID EASTER FLOWERS ORDERS AND MONEY DUE BY MARCH 30, 2014

	Quantity	Each	Price
6" Mums – Assorted Colors	X	\$6.00 =	\$
1 Bloom Hyacinths – Asst'd Colors	X	\$3.00 =	\$
3 Bloom Hyacinths – Asst'd Colors	X	\$7.00 =	\$
4 Bloom Tulips – Asst'd Colors	X	\$4.00 =	\$
6 Bloom Tulips – Asst'd Colors	X	\$7.00 =	\$
2 Bulb Daffodils	X	\$4.00 =	\$
4 Bulb Daffodils	X	\$7.00 =	\$
White Lilies	X	\$7.00 =	\$
Colored Lilies – 2 Bulb: (color is sub	ject to avail	lability)	
Yellow	X	\$7.00 =	\$
Pink	X	\$7.00 =	\$
Red	X	\$7.00 =	\$
Gra	nd Total for	Order =	\$
Given in Honor of:			

Make checks payable to "Ladies Aid Society"
Place all completed orders in the lockbox on the door to the

Church Office.

Name: _____ 7

Telephone: _____

Please note: All flowers will be used to decorate the church on Easter Sunday. Each person is responsible for picking up their flowers after the church service on April 20, 2014.

MCC Material Resource Center

TOGETHER, WE CAN-In THE NAME OF CHRIST!

Share what you have with others. God takes particular pleasure in acts of worship—a different kind of "sacrifice" that take place in kitchen and workplace and on the streets. Hebrews 13:16 MSG

The Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is a relief, service, and peace agency of the North American Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches. MCC reflects the biblical call to care for the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick, and the imprisoned.

You can help feed the hungry by contributing your money and/or time in support of the MCC Mobile Canner Project, which will be at the MCC Material Resource Center (MRC) from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on March 24, 25, and 26, 2014.

If you are interested in donating a few hours of your time to this threeday operation, contact either the MRC at 267-203-8074 or the following individuals: Glenn C. Moyer at 215-723-0888; Tana Godshall at 215-565-5096; or Earl Young at 610-287-1503. Your taxdeductible contributions 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.

In years past, thanks to help from people like you, our local operation processed enough Mennonite meat to provide over 120,000 vital proteinfilled meals. This year it is our commitment to again meet that goal. Your support in the form of manpower and monetary donations is critical to this unique program that works not only to feed the hungry but to heal a fractured and broken world through the simple acts of giving and sharing. Go to mcc-harleysville.org, click "Get Involved," then "Meat Canning" for more information on how, together, we can—in the name of Christ.

Fundraiser for Alzheimer's Association Car Show, Craft Fair, Bake Sale Saturday May 3rd, 2014 Open to the Public



CAR SHOW 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Cars and Vehicles of any Kind are Welcome \$10.00 pre-registration per car / \$15.00 registration day of per car (Includes hot dog, chips & soda for car owner) Door prizes, goodie bags and dash plaque for first 100 car owners Trophy for Best of Show!

CRAFT FAIR and BAKE SALE

10:00 am – 2:00 pm Benefits the Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter

50/50 Drawing

Benefits Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter Do Not Have to Be Present to WIN!



Live well with us

For information concerning the Car Show Call Sue Reitsma 610-754-7878 ext. 109 Please make checks payable to Frederick Living

Phone Number	Email/address	
Type of Vehicle	Model	Year
	Return Registration Form to:	
	Frederick Living	
	Attention: Community Life	
	P.O. Box 498 - 2849 Big Road	
	Frederick, PA 19435	

www.frederickliving.org



Handmade Jewelry - Scarves

Our Schedule: March 16 Through March 23, 2014

Sunday, March 16, 2014

9:00 a.m.: Sunday School 10:15 a.m.: Sunday Worship Service

Monday, March 17, 2014

Church Office Closed 2:30 p.m.: Music Committee 7:00 p.m.: Board of Christian Education

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

8:00 a.m.: Quilters 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Church Office Open 6:30 p.m.: Senior Bells 7:00 p.m.: Mission Board 7:00 p.m.: Boy Scouts Meeting 7:00 p.m.: Daisies 7:30 p.m.: Senior Choir

Wednesday, March 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
7:30 p.m.: Community Lenten Service at St. Paul's Lutheran – Red Hill

Thursday, March 20, 2014

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

Friday, March 21, 2014

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.: Church Office Open

Saturday, March 22, 2014

Sunday, March 23, 2014

9:00 a.m.: Sunday School 10:15 a.m.: Sunday Worship Service

Lenten and Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, March 19th St. Paul's Lutheran – Red Hill Church at 7:30 p.m.

> Wednesday, March 26thth Pennsburg UCC at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2nd St. Mark's Lutheran – Pennsburg at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9th Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 13th Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 10:15 a.m.

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

Maundy Thursday, April 17th Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18^{tth} 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 19th 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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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

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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 Luz Organist: Peg Jacob Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry Youth Director: Barbara Master Sexton: Kevin Master (484) 358-1684 Greeter: Lawrence Croll Ushers: Karl Badman, Rick Jones, Kay Kleppinger. Richard Kleppinger Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610-845-7208

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