

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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Sermon

“Reconciled”

Senior Choir

“The Old Rugged Cross”

George Bennard
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

“God’s Mercy”

arr. Todd Kenda

***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**

**Just as our worship of you, O God, is not confined to this
place, so also our praise is not limited to certain times or
seasons. Accept the offerings we bring as a witness to your
Spirit, who dwells in all that we do. May our acts of
forbearance and love testify to Christ’s truth pervading our
lives. Use what we give so that others may come into your
presence with joyful songs of hope and thanksgiving. Amen.**

***Hymn #736**

“Rescue the Perishing”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah”

James Mansfield

The bulletins are sponsored in loving memory of Leon and Eva Long by the family.

The flowers are presented in loving memory of Clarence Shelly by Brian and Renee Shelly.

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:

Bob O'Donnell, Jane Shermer, Sue Carlin, Bryan Schwoyer, Charlie Krauss, Kelsie Josie, Jonathan Fox, Margaret Wallinger, Judy Miller, Reverend Ed Winslow, 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

Was Jonathan wise to attack as he did in 1 Samuel 14? Are we to imitate him? Take part in the online Bible Study discussion on these questions by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

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.

Coming Up in Children's Church

Today, have your children bring an i-pod touch, phone, tablet etc. to children's church. Why????? We are going to explore "YouVersion for Kids." If you don't have a device capable of doing this, no worries, I will have extra devices and we can share.

Youth Banner Planning Meeting

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

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 ☺

March Challenge

For the month of March, we are challenging all choir members to catch kids being kind. You can catch them in the act on Wednesday evenings when the kids are at choirs, church functions, or Sunday at church. Good Luck, especially with the hole-punch ☺

Donations of Finger Foods

After the Community Lenten Service held at Palm Schwenkfelder Church on April 9th, we will be serving refreshments. If you would like to contribute to the selection of delicious treats, please bring your food donations to the kitchen before the church service.

Goodie Boxes

The Goodie Boxes have been mailed and we hope that our nine college students and two young adults in the military are enjoying their packages. A big THANK YOU to everyone in the congregation who signed the greeting cards or put a personal note in the boxes. A special THANK YOU to Stauffer Glove & Safety for so generously offering to again ship all of our packages. Thank you to the following people who made a monetary donation to offset the cost of the “goodies” –

Jeff and Luanne Stauffer, Edmund and Grace Kuhns, Richard and Merris Ann Hoffman, Jean Ross, Dan and Gail Ferry, Eugene Dolloff, Shirley Miller, Debra Callodonato, Kevin and Barb Master, Ed and Kathy Bieler, Kevin and Karen Schultz

Candy! Candy!! Candy!!!

The Ladies' Aid is once again planning to make their famous candy for the Easter season. We will be making peanut butter and coconut eggs along with a few other sweet surprises! There is much work involved with this project so we need as many helping hands as we can get. Please consider coming out for a time of fun and fellowship in helping to make the candy. We will be making the candy on April 3rd and 4th, (Thursday and Friday). There is a signup sheet in the narthex---we hope to see your name written on it!!! Thanks! The candy will be sold on Sunday April 6th and Sunday, April 13th.

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 today and next Sunday, March 30th. *“Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts...” (Romans 5:5)*

Thank You

Thank you to Gail Ferry, Brian Shelly, Christal Horn, and Dan Ferry for helping Tom Long take down the star. And a special thank you to Tom for his patience and his willingness to tackle this job with a crew of “rookies.”

Relay For Life Super Raffle

It's time for the “Super Raffle”!!! This has proven to be one of our largest and most popular Relay For Life fundraisers, bringing in over \$1,000 each year for the American Cancer Society. Once again, we are asking for your generosity in supplying raffle prizes. To sponsor one of our “grand prizes” please speak to any relay team member. Hand crafted items, collectibles and gift certificates are also always popular. Any item donated is gratefully accepted. Thank you in advance for your support in this very important mission project. Raffle tickets will be sold from mid-April till the end of the 2014 Relay Event. The Upper Perkiomen Relay For Life will take place on May 17th – 18th at the Upper Perkiomen High School.

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

In years past, our local MCC Canning Operation produced nearly 14,000 cans of meat for families in countries devastated by extreme poverty, war, tsunamis, earthquakes, hurricanes, and other emergencies. This year our local church community has been asked to help purchase, prepare, and can the meat needed to provide vital protein that warms the souls and strengthens the bodies of people here and abroad. The MCC Mobile Canner will operate for three days at the MCC Material Resource Center (MRC) from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm tomorrow, Monday, March 24th, Tuesday, March 25th, and Wednesday, March 26, 2014. Contributions have been coming in, but we need more volunteers. If you are interested in taking a heart-filled, hands-on approach to not only feeding the hungry but helping to heal a fractured and broken world, through the simple act of giving and sharing, 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.

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.”*

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.)

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!

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March 23, 2014

*Lenten Letter from Rev. Wanda D. Craner, PSEC Acting Conference Minister,
dated March 4, 2014*

A Call to Prayer and Fasting - Lent 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Tomorrow the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. In many of our churches we will hear these words from scripture: *"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love... Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy."* (Joel 2:12-16, Selected, NRSV) Lent is serious work – prayer work, faith reflection, and "meeting God's bottom-line for Gospel work in the world" as someone recently shared with me.

As we travel this Lenten journey together in the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, I am calling us to a time of prayer and fasting. I know for some, a Lenten fast may mean something like not eating chocolate or refraining from using an iPad for a certain number of hours a day. For others, participating in a Lenten fast means doing some special outreach ministry in these days in preparation prior to the celebration of the Easter Resurrection. Whatever your personal Lenten discipline may be, I would call us collectively to a time of "fasting" from making harsh judgments about one another; and then replacing judging attitudes with sincere desires to try to understand one another in all of our diversities and various perspectives, with all of our differing Association personalities. As I travel about the Conference and witness the varieties among us, I see how we might be incredibly enriched (and strengthened) by connecting with one another, by listening to one another's stories and daily life struggles, and by discovering there is much more we may have in common than we realize. Sometimes we have become very territorial within our Conference, protecting "our particular point of view," while discounting or diminishing others' ideas.

My prayer is that during Lent, we make a renewed commitment to be "gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." To that end, I would suggest, we reflect together on the following scriptures: **Luke 6:27-36**, **Luke 6:37-42**, and **1 Corinthians 12:12-31**. May we read and re-read these scriptures, asking God to help us to integrate them into our lives and into our living with others.

I would ask that we pray together this prayer written by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner:

*Let the rain come and wash away
the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds
held and nurtured over generations.
Let the rain wash away
the memory of the hurt, the neglect.
Then let the sun come out
and fill the sky with rainbows.
Let the warmth of the sun heal us
wherever we are broken.
Let it burn away the fog
so that we can see each other clearly.*

*Let the warmth and brightness of the sun
melt our selfishness.
And let the light of the sun be so strong
that we will see all people as our
neighbors.
Let the earth, nourished by rain,
bring forth flowers to surround us with
beauty.
And let the mountains teach our hearts
to reach upward to heaven. Amen.*

(From: **Prayers for a Global Heart**, Benetvision, 355 East 9th St., Erie, PA 16503)

As our Lenten journey moves toward Holy Week, there will be a Conference-wide **Worship Service of Prayer, Reconciliation and Healing on Saturday, April 12, at 10 AM at St. Luke's United Church of Christ in Trappe 19426.** All members and friends of the PSEC, as well as anyone desiring healing prayer, are encouraged to attend. This is a communal and individual time for healing and peace in God.

Yes, Lent is serious work! And, Lent means "Spring." So, as we pray and reflect together, may the Spring of God's life within us begin to flourish and grow in ways that will bring glory to God and new hope for all God's people!

In Christ, Rev. Wanda D. Craner
Acting Conference Minister, PSEC

Share Your Exciting Ministry at Spring Meeting - Respond by Mar 30

The Connections Task Force and Spring Meeting Planning Team are looking for those who are willing to share a unique and exciting ministry in which they are engaged at the **Spring Meeting on May 31 at Zion Blue Mountain UCC in Strausstown.** The two areas of focus are:

- **Vibrant Ministry, when money is low and people are scarce**
- **Leading, when passion and time are precious**

Please respond by **March 30** to Rev. Becca Stephens: puccpastor@verizon.net with your ideas and/or questions.

New Goshenhoppen Hiring Camp Counselors - Apply by March 31

New Goshenhoppen UCC, 1070 Church Road in East Greenville 18041 is now accepting applications for **summer camp counselors** for the 2014 camping season. Counselors should preferably be 18 years old or be a high school graduate. Request an application from Camp Director, Chelsea Cornwell: camp@newgoshucc.org. Deadline to apply is March 31.



Prayers are requested for St. Peter's (Locust Valley) UCC in Barnesville and Rev. Janet L. Kline.

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

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Each</u>	<u>Price</u>
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 subject to availability)			
Yellow	_____	x \$7.00	= \$ _____
Pink	_____	x \$7.00	= \$ _____
Red	_____	x \$7.00	= \$ _____
Grand Total for Order			= \$ _____

Given in Honor of: _____

Given in Memory of: _____

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

Name: _____ 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.

Lenten and Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, March 26th
Pensburg UCC at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2nd
St. Mark's Lutheran – Pensburg 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
(Communion Service)
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18th 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 20th
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



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 three-day 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 tax-deductible 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 protein-filled 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!

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For information concerning the Car Show

Call Sue Reitsma 610-754-7878 ext. 109

Please make checks payable to Frederick Living

Name of Person Entering the Car Show _____

Phone Number _____ Email/address _____

Type of Vehicle _____ Model _____ Year _____

Return Registration Form to:

Frederick Living

Attention: Community Life

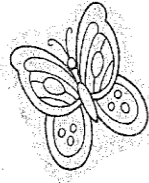
P.O. Box 498 - 2849 Big Road

Frederick, PA 19435

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Spring Craft

Bazaar



Pennsburg UCC

775 Main St, Pennsburg

Saturday, April 5, 2014

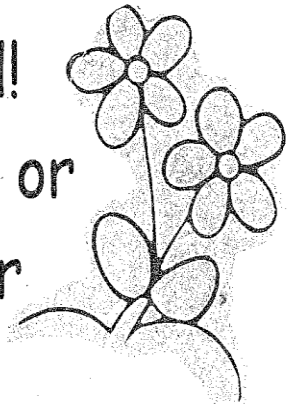
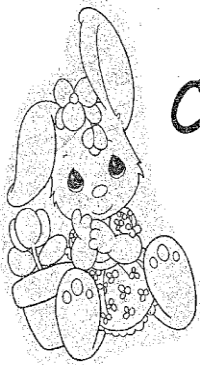
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Crafters needed!

Call 610 850-1209 or

215 872-3692 or

215 679-8105



Homemade Easter Treats

Crafts - Bake Sale - Lunch

Handmade Jewelry - Scarves

Our Schedule: March 23 Through March 30, 2014

Sunday, March 23, 2014

9:00 a.m.: Sunday School

10:15 a.m.: Sunday Worship Service

Relay for Life Team Banner Planning Meeting Immediately Following Worship

Monday, March 24, 2014

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, March 25, 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.: Boy Scouts Meeting

7:00 p.m.: Daisies

7:30 p.m.: Senior Choir

Wednesday, March 26, 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 Pennsburg UCC

Thursday, March 27, 2014

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

Friday, March 28, 2014

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

Saturday, March 29, 2014

Sunday, March 30, 2014

9:00 a.m.: Sunday School

10:15 a.m.: Sunday Worship Service

Last Day to Purchase Easter Flowers

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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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