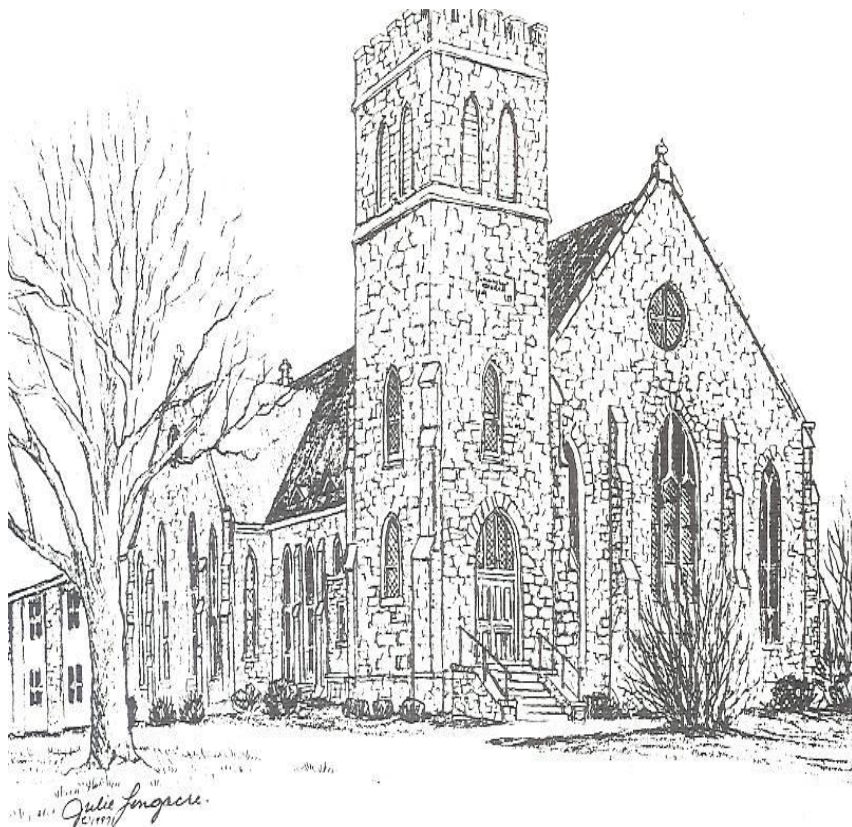


# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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# PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

## SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Open My Eyes”

James Southbridge

**\*Call to Worship**

God is our strength and our salvation;  
let everything that breathes praise our God!

**This is the Day that God has made;**

**We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Praise God for mighty deeds and extravagant love.

Praise God for loving care and answered prayer.

**We will give thanks this day, for God is good.**

**The steadfast love of God endures forever.**

Grace to you and peace from the one who is  
and who was and who is to come.

**We are witnesses to the God who acts.**

**We are here to offer our worship and praise.**

**\*Hymn #241**

“Welcome, Happy Morning”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of our ancestors, how easily we have made you a relic of the past. We act as if you were unreal, or at least irrelevant. By our inattention we have rejected you and the one whom you sent to teach us. We are ruled by fears more than faith, by hostility more than peace, by a sense of failure more than feelings of accomplishment and victory. Forgive our miscue of the precious days you have entrusted to us. Help us to see the signs of your presence and to witness with joy to our Leader and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

Acts 5:27 – 32 (NRSV p. 889; LP p. 1710)

John 20:19 – 31 (NRSV p. 883; LP p. 1697 – 1698)

Children’s Sermon

**Children's Church No**

**\*Hymn #249** "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing" (verses 1, 6-9)

**Sermon** "Witnesses"

**Senior Choir Anthem** "We Walk By Faith"

Mark Hill  
arr. Mary McDonald

**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**

"Lord, I Was Blind"

Emma Lou Diemer

**\*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**

**For the breath of life, for eyes to see, for insight to believe, for  
courage to witness, we give thanks, gracious God. The signs of  
your presence are everywhere. Your glory and your dominion  
are forever and ever. May this offering witness to your grace  
and peace. Grant your spirit as a transforming power among  
us that inspires and enables our service. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #243**

"Christ Is Alive!"

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

"Open Our Eyes"

Peggy Bettcher

\*All who are able, please stand.

The flowers are presented today in honor of Kasey Schultz's birthday by Kevin and Karen Schultz.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of Arlene Kriebel Bieler by Ethel and Frank Soffa, and Andy and Sandy Kriebel.

**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 George Manion, Kylene Bertoia Hart, David Dotterer, Edmund Kuhns, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Wanda Gentry, Beth Cleverly, Martha Wolford, Becky Kraig Kimmel, Marvin Zeisloft, Gladys Hoffman, Bud Johnston, Betsy Yoder, Devon Hawkins, Mary Steltz, Kerm Goda, Rev. Linda S. Gruber, Vern Weller, Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Donald Long, Jean Gentry, Mary Hartman, Alice Davis, Jen Fries, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Dave Jaeger, Robert Margerum, Helen Miller, Rob Ziegler, 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 in Philadelphia.

### **Bible Study**

This week's online Bible Study reflects on 1 Samuel, upon his death in 1 Samuel 25:1. Help evaluate Samuel. Contact Rick Jones or the Church Office for details.

### **Quilters**

The quilters at Palm Church are looking for help. They would like to continue quilting, but they need someone to coordinate the job. Actual quilting by the new coordinator would not be necessary, but would be appreciated. If interested, please speak to Shirley Miller.

### **April Youth Birthdays**

Happy Birthday...

Parker Morasco (4/05) Aubrey Reinert (4/12), Joseph Kinsler (4/13)  
Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Pierce Wright (4/10)

### **Bible App for Kids – A Call to Action!**

Help your kids connect each day and help them fall in love with God's Holy Word. Stories to read for this week:

The Big Picnic, Jesus feeds 5,000 (Mark 6:30-44)

Coming Home, A father and his two sons (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

### **Teens & Adults ~ You Version Holy Bible App**

Current Easter plans: Risen, Awed By Christ's Resurrection, 7 Words from the Cross, Seven Mile Miracle, The Story of Easter.

**Teens** ~ Current plans: Jonah Challenge, Samson Challenge, Parents, Friendship, Peer Pressure, Integrity, Depression, How to Pray.

### **Children's Church ~ A Joyful Noise**

Children ages 4 years thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade may go upstairs for a Bible lesson, snack, and activity or craft after the children's sermon. If your child has allergies/food allergies, please remember to notify the leader for each Sunday.

## **Opening Devotions/Sunday School Theme**

This month we learn of Paul's rebirth to Christianity and we proclaim Jesus by saying,

"He is indeed the Son of God" Acts 9:20

## **Donations for the Migrant Hospitality Project**

Offerings to support the Migrant Hospitality Project are welcomed. Please mark "Migrant" on your Envelope to direct your donation. Thank you.

## **Migrant Hospitality Project Action Update**

The Migrant Hospitality Project went on alert for our first household on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your prayers and donations that made this possible. Donations are still in order for household #2. Volunteers are always welcome, even for household #1. Please keep us in your prayers for a safe and successful mission.

## **Thank You**

Thank you to Pastor Nick for visiting me on my recent surgery, and thank you to my church family for the prayers, cards, and flowers. Sallie Wright

## **Knotting Party**

**This Tuesday**, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am, the Ladies' Aid will be sponsoring a Knotting party. No experience needed. Come and help make blankets for the migrant ministry project. Bring a bag lunch and stay for the Ladies' Aid monthly meeting at 1:00 pm.

## **Election Day Bake Sale**

The Ladies' Aid Society is holding an Election Day Bake Sale on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Donations of baked goods are needed. Smaller items such as cupcakes, muffins, smaller sized cakes and cookies are especially popular on Election Day. Please bring donations to the church Monday evening after 7:00 p.m., or on Tuesday morning. Thank you!

## **Pastoral Relations Committee**

The Committee's 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, April 24<sup>th</sup>, after the worship service, in the Contemporary Issues Classroom.

## **Are You Ready for Spring Cleaning?**

Consider volunteering for some spring cleaning at the church and meeting houses **this coming Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**. Possible chores include picking up branches at the meeting houses, straightening tombstones on the church cemetery, and clearing out some of those areas at church that seem to accumulate stuff we never use. Watch the bulletin for more details. Or contact Kevin Master if you want to volunteer or have questions.

### **Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsorships**

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

August 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>; September 18<sup>th</sup>; October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

May 29<sup>th</sup>; July 31<sup>st</sup>; August 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 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!

### **Annual Report Available to View**

The Palm Schwenkfelder Church Annual Report for 2015 has been posted to the church website. It can be found at <http://bit.ly/1QfQGoZ>, or by going to [www.palmschwenkfelderchurch.com](http://www.palmschwenkfelderchurch.com), rolling your mouse over the “About” tab, and then by selecting the “Present” page from the drop down menu.

### **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.

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## **PSEC Seeking Conference Treasurer**

The Pennsylvania Southeast Conference Consistory is looking to fill the vacant volunteer position of Conference Treasurer. This position is supported directly by the Conference Minister and Staff and the Consistory Executive Council. To read the position description, visit [psec.org](http://psec.org) and type "Conference Treasurer" in the search field. Background clearances are required.

Interested candidates are invited to mail a letter of interest and current resume to: **Rev. Steven Hamilton, Conference Moderator, "Treasurer Position", 1441 Laura Lane, Pottstown, PA 19464.** Submission deadline is May 15, 2016.

If you have questions about the position, contact Tammie Wisniewski, Finance Operations Manager, [tammie@psec.org](mailto:tammie@psec.org) or Rev. Bill Worley, PSEC Conference Minister, [worley@psec.org](mailto:worley@psec.org).



## **Phoebe Listed as One of Best Places to Work in Lehigh Valley**

*Scott R. Stevenson, President/CEO, Phoebe Ministries*

The Morning Call published "**The Morning Call Top Workplaces**" – a list of the best places to work in the Lehigh Valley. I am delighted to let you know that Phoebe has once again been named a Top Large Workplace, and we ranked No. 4 among large employers.

The evaluation for the Top Workplaces Program is based upon feedback from an employee survey. This is the fourth year in a row that employee survey responses at Allentown, Berks, and Richland campuses have placed Phoebe on the Top Workplaces list. We are the only large employer to make the list all four years!

Forty companies have been selected for the Top Workplaces Award. We are honored to have been selected for the award, particularly as the judges are our employees! Thank you for your ongoing support of Phoebe Ministries. It is wonderful to be able to share such good news!



## **Free Conference on Innovation and Creativity in Dementia Care**

The Phoebe Institute on Aging is offering a free conference to educate aging services professionals and family caregivers about new concepts in care for those with Alzheimer's and Related Disorders (ARD). Innovation and Creativity in Dementia Care will take place on **Thursday, April 7, 2016** from 8 am to 4:30 pm at DeSales University, University Center, 2755 Station Ave, Center Valley, PA 18034. To learn more, visit [phoebe.org/piaconference](http://phoebe.org/piaconference).



## PSEC New Ministries Fund

Excerpt from Letter by Rev. William P. Worley, PSEC Conference Minister  
([link on front page psec.org](#) under GROWING OUR FAITH-New Ministries Fund)

The **PSEC New Ministries Fund** was introduced at our 2015 Fall Meeting and the application process was posted on the PSEC website. Here is what you need to know.

Through a PSEC Conference Consistory approved grant program, requests for monies from the New Ministries Fund will be received via application two times each year. Each request will be received by the Conference Minister and forwarded to the Conference Consistory for consideration. A maximum of \$15,000 will be granted per request. The request will be evaluated within a matrix that will include, but not be limited to:

- the intended use of the funds,
- how the ministry supports the **PSEC 20/20 Vision**,
- measurable impact on communities and congregations,
- the project timeline, and
- the financial support (if available) from ministry partners.

To be considered, new applications must be submitted either by **January 1** or **July 1** of each year. Selected new ministries will receive grants within two months of the January 1 or July 1 cutoff. Those not selected are strongly encouraged to reapply. Each new ministry recipient is required to complete a full report within a year of receiving the grant so that the new ministry can be recognized and celebrated at the annual PSEC Fall/Spring Conference Meeting. This process will continue until all funds have been utilized OR we receive additional contributions assigned to the PSEC New Ministries Fund.

Sustaining grant requests will be considered based on the success of the new ministry funded by the initial grant. Submissions for a different "new ministry" from a previous grant recipient are welcome....



## New Goshenhoppen Seeking Counselors for 2016 Summer Camp

We believe in playing hard at New Goshenhoppen UCC Summer Camp in East Greenville. From archery and creek walks to arts & crafts and singing, everything we do creates meaningful connections to the people we work with and builds upon our relationship with God.

If you or someone you know is perfect camp counselor material for the 2016 summer program, contact the Camp Administrator Jeanine Roth at [camp@newgoshucc.org](mailto:camp@newgoshucc.org) or the church office at [office@newgoshucc.org](mailto:office@newgoshucc.org). Must be 18 years of age. To learn more and download a copy of our 2016 program brochure, visit [www.newgoshucc.org/Camping/camping.html](http://www.newgoshucc.org/Camping/camping.html).

Prayers are requested for St. Luke's UCC in Trappe  
and Rev. Dr. Kristine Ann Peterson.



**Brunner's Bakery and Home Delivery**  
**Back Porch Seminar**  
Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center  
Sunday, April 3, 2016, 2:30

The retail route salesman, those skilled sellers or hucksters, brought dairy products, baked goods, meats, and other items directly to your door. The regular visit of the home delivery driver-salesman provided one with the ease of shopping at home while spending a few minutes with a friend. It was an opportunity to share local items of interest, gossip, or hold solid debate on just about any issue.

Many folks remember the Metros, Divcos, and other unique looking vehicles that made up the fleets of the local businesses. The milkman made his delivery in the early hours. The baker brought fresh bread and sweet treats that were guaranteed to enhance kitchen tables (and waistlines). The butcher couldn't bring his products into your home for display, so he used his peculiar sounding horn to summon you to his vehicle.

One of the local businesses that gave us home delivery was Brunner's Bakery. Located at 246-248 Main Street in East Greenville, it was operated by Christian, John, and Joseph Brunner, Jr. for forty-two years.

According to a newspaper account, they came to East Greenville in 1927 when the bakery was purchased from Robert G. Mohr. They took it from a horse-drawn wagon business in 1927 to a thriving enterprise that employed over 100 area residents in the 1960s. The bakery ceased operations in 1969 and was sold a year later to a Philadelphia-based wholesale baking business.

This "Back Porch Seminar" will present an opportunity to hear from a panel of people who served the community with home deliveries. Hear about the challenges and adventures they faced as they made their deliveries, and some of the amusing stories that they accumulated during their years of service.

The panel will be moderated by Larry Roeder, who worked as a driver's helper in the early 1960s. The panel will include Joe Brunner, who worked as a driver-salesmen and was a son of one of the original co-owners, Joseph Brunner. In addition, Neil Brunner, driver-salesman and baker who is the son of another of the original co-owners, John Brunner.

Also on the panel will be men who worked as drivers and drivers helpers: Harold Schultz, a helper in the 1940s; Robert Christman, a helper from 1949 through 1952; and Arlen Christman, who worked as a driver from 1960 through 1964. This seminar promises to be a nostalgic and fun-filled trek into the past. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

# **This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

## **Sunday, April 3**

- 9:00am [Sunday School](#)
- 10:15am [Sunday Worship Service](#)
- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 2:30pm [Back Porch Seminar at SLHC](#)

## **Monday, April 4**

- 11:00am [Board of Music Ministry Meeting](#)
- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

## **Tuesday, April 5**

- 9:00am [Knotting Party](#)
- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 1:00pm [Ladies' Aid Meeting](#)
- 7:00pm [Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting](#)

## **Wednesday, April 6**

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 5:30pm [Children's Choir Rehearsal](#)
- 6:00pm [Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal](#)
- 6:30pm [Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal](#)
- 7:30pm [Senior Choir Rehearsal](#)

## **Thursday, April 7**

- 9:00am [Staff Meeting](#)
- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 7:00pm [Deacon's Meeting](#)

## **Friday, April 8**

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

## **Saturday, April 9**

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)

## **Sunday, April 10**

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

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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: Kevin Master, Barb Master, Blake Master, and Kate Pence

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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