

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude “O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing” Clement Loret

***Call to Worship**

Hymn #798 “Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We have taken the name Christian, but few of us are known primarily by that name. We have experienced Easter radiance, but we seldom reflect the light of our risen Savior. We have heard the message of salvation, but it grows cold on our lips and is of little influence on our lives. Sometimes we delude ourselves that, because we are basically good people, there is no sin in us. We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Sin is separation from you, and we have allowed great chasms and built high walls to keep you out of our lives. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into the household of faith

Faithann Marie Linsinbigler

Daughter of Sarah and Kenneth Linsinbigler

Godparents Lee Ann Fichter and Phillip Badman

Welcome

Address

Questions of the candidates

***Congregational Response**

We receive this child as a new person in Christ.

We offer our understanding and support as she explores life. We enfold this child in our love, seeking together to grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and all people. We join with these parents in telling the gospel in our midst so that this child may live with us for Christ, showing forth His love for all people.

Prayer of Baptism

Act of Baptism

Prayer

Introduction to the Congregation

Welcome by Deacon

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

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church Lisa Stitt

***Hymn #249** “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing” (verses. 1, 4, 6-9)

Sermon “Peace Be with You?”

Senior Choir Anthem “We Walk By Faith” Mark Hill
arr. Mary McDonald

Pastoral Prayer

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 “Andante Tranquilio” Michael Burkhardt

***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**

Source of life, who raised Christ from the dead, all that we have reflects your eternal love. As those in the infant church in Jerusalem brought gifts for those in need, so we too bring offerings as a sign of our commitment and concern. Accept them as our testimony to Christ's resurrection, and cause them to be distributed so that others may live. Amen.

***Hymn #250**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing”

James Konkel

*All those who are able, please stand.

The bulletins today are sponsored in loving memory of Claude A. Schultz, Jr. by Jean & Gregory Ross and Barbara & Gerry Colvin and families.

The flowers today are presented in loving memory of Gayle Wallinger by Eric and Sasha Wallinger.

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:

Erin Beighley, Bob Frey, Ray Hausman, Meg Lester, Sandy Zuchero, Janet Esposito, Alice Davis, Lucile Jones, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Rick Jones, Bryan Schwoyer, Clara Graber, Anna Bieler, Earl Yerger, Donald Long, Jen Fries, Jean Gentry, Doris Masemore, Wanda Gentry, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Vern Weller, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Karen Freed, Donald Cook, Dave Jaeger, Robert Margerum, Mary Hartman, 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 The First Church Worship Center.

Bible Study

The online Bible Study will continue working this week in 1 Samuel 18. Join the discussion by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

April Kindness Look-Out

Ladies' Aid and Men of Palm®, Please help us be on the look-out for our Palm youth acting kind. Punch cards are located in the Narthex. You may punch the fish card yourself or you may ask the youth to punch their fish card. Thank you for helping! **"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men"**
Matthew 4:19

April Palm Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Pierce Wright (4/10), Parker Morasco (4/25)

Lenten Food Drive

Thank you for your generous donations. We collected 200 food items and cash donations totaling \$10 for Open Link.

Teacher Egg Hunt

Thank you, teachers, for participating! The kids really enjoyed the friendly competition. Teachers for the 5th and 6th grade class, Liz Kennedy and Sally Muse, won the Dunkin' Donut party for their class, great job! All classes will enjoy munchkins. The donut party will be next Sunday, April 19th, so be sure to join us on that Sunday.

Relay for Life Banner

Youth are invited to join us after worship next Sunday, April 19th, for a short planning meeting to design Palm's Relay for Life Banner. You don't have to be on the team to help.

Nursery

When there is no one available to supervise the nursery, parents are welcome to use the nursery but are responsible for their children. If anyone is interested in providing child supervision, please contact Gregg Hoffman.

Goodie Boxes 2015

The Goodie Boxes have been mailed and we hope that our six college students and three young adults in the military are enjoying their packages and cards. This year we literally mailed our greetings around the world – Hawaii, Rome, Michigan, California, Kutztown, University Park, Arizona, New York, and Maryland! A big THANK YOU to everyone in the congregation who signed the greeting cards or sent a personal note. A special THANK YOU to Stauffer Glove & Safety for so generously offering to again ship all of our packages. Thank you to everyone who made a monetary donation to offset the cost of the “goodies” – your generosity is very much appreciated! (Boxes/cards sent to Matthew Guldin, Alyssa Guldin, Adam Walter, Christal Horn, Phillip Badman, Seth Kuhns, Whitney Leh, Lauren Schultz and Kasey Schultz)

Brown Bag Lunch & Meetinghouse Tour for Confirmands and Mentors

A tour of the meetinghouse sites will be held next Sunday, April 19th (rain date April 26th). Following the worship service, bring your brown bag lunch to enjoy in the social hall. Following lunch, the class and mentors will travel to Washington, Hosensack and Kraussdale.

Music, Music, Music!

Next Sunday, April 19th, the A-Choir from the Upper Perkiomen High School will inspire us with a presentation during the worship service. The following Sunday, April 26th, will be Music Sunday, when the choirs of Palm Schwenkfelder Church celebrate their contribution to enriching our services. Don't miss these times of joyous praise and worship!

Summer Music

Spring is in the air, and summer will be here soon. This means our regular choirs get a break. Summer special music for Sunday worship services are being scheduled. If you know of anyone that would be willing to share their musical talent, please speak to any one the music committee, or sign up on the sheet posted outside the office.

Spring Cleaning!

The Ladies' Aid has scheduled a time to "house clean" the church kitchen and pantry this coming Thursday, April 16th. Help is needed from 9:00am to 12:00 noon and will be greatly appreciated. All are welcome to join us in the fun!

Spread The Word About Palm

Are you on Facebook? Did you know the church has our own Facebook page? Please consider “LIKING” our Facebook page to see the weekly happenings at church – and enjoy occasional inspirational messages. If you already follow the church’s Facebook page – please consider asking your fellow “Facebook Friends” to like our page, so they too can see our upcoming events and enjoy our church’s activities. Thank you.

Thank You

I would like to thank Peg Jacob for allowing me to borrow her space heater during the two-week period when there was no heat on the 1st floor of the Education Wing. It was very beneficial to the congregation as well, because a frozen Administrator would not have accomplished very much. Thank You!

Dan Ferry

Treasurer's Report

Please note that February's report is a corrected report. I discovered errors in the numbers I used and in the format I was using for the report which are now corrected. I apologize for the errors and assure you that now the formulas and the data are correct. Please do not hesitate to speak with me with any questions.

David Luz

<u>February, 2015</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash on Hand	\$6,836.57	\$29,325.78
Operating Income Received	\$10,869.48	\$24,773.70
Operating Expenses	\$27,133.87	\$63,527.30
Operating Cash on Hand	\$ (9,427.82)	\$ (9,427.82)

<u>March, 2015</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash on Hand	\$(9,427.82)	\$29,325.78
Operating Income Received	\$38,048.97	\$62,822.67
Operating Expenses	\$26,314.63	\$89,841.93
Operating Cash on Hand	\$ 2,306.52	\$ 2,306.52

Pastoral Relations Committee

The Committee 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 **today** after the worship service, and it will be held in the Contemporary Issues Classroom.

Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships

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

June 14th; July 12th; August 2nd and 16th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

June 14th and 21st; July 19th; August 9th and 16th

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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April 12, 2015

Spring to Summer Events at Locations Throughout the Conference

Visit psec.org/category/conference-wide-events or
psec.org/category/local-events to learn more or register online

- Apr 14 THEOLOGY WITH A TWIST** "The 'Eden' of Eden and beginning of Brokenness" with Rev. Dr. Deborah Appler, Assoc Professor of Hebrew Bible, Moravian Seminary at 7 pm at Kutztown Tavern in Kutztown.
- Apr 18 SWING DANCING** *Royalties* at Zwingli UCC, Souderton at 8 pm.
- Apr 18 BUSY FAMILY LIVES, LIVING THE FAITH** at St Paul's UCC in Kutztown from 10 am – 2:30 PM. Rev. Wanda D Craner, Minister of Spiritual Nurture, PSEC UCC will lead this retreat sponsored by Maiden Creek Church Child-Friendly Dis. Grp.
- Apr 18 SPRING RUMMAGE SALE** from 8am-1pm at St. James UCC in Royersford.
- Apr 19 BLESSING THE ANIMALS** at 2 pm at UCC East Goshen in West Chester.
- Apr 23 PSEC DAY OF PRAYER** *Walking Through Our Days in Prayer* led by Rev. Wanda D. Craner from 9 am to 3:30 pm at Calvary UCC in Barto.
- Apr 27 CLERGY DAY APART** A day of rest, reflection, and renewal led by Rev. Wanda D. Craner from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at Peace in Zion in Zieglerville.
- May 2 SS FLEA MARKET/YRD SALE** from 7 to 12 noon at St. Paul's UCC in Auburn.
- May 2 BLOOD DRIVE** from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm in St. Paul's in Auburn.
- May 13 BOUNDARY TRAINING** led by Stephen R. Treat, DMin, LMFT from 9 am - 3 pm at Chestnut Hill United Church in Philadelphia.
- May 19 FAITH IN THE INVENTIVE AGE** Second in the series presented by the Center for Progressive Renewal led by Rev. Doug Pagitt. Details to follow.
- May 23 MARIE MONVILLE AT ROYERSFORD** *When all other lights go out, He still shine!* at 9 am at St. James UCC. Marie, former wife of Charles Roberts, will inspire you to dive deep into a passionate, transformative love relationship with God.
- Jun 6 PSEC SPRING MEETING** at Harold O. Davis Memorial UCC in Philadelphia. Details to follow.
- Jun 26-30 GENERAL SYNOD** in Cleveland OH, birthplace of the UCC.
- Jul 6 - Aug 7 SUMMER CAMPING** at New Goshenhoppen UCC in East Greenville is offering summer camping programs for children, teens, adults, and families.

CLASSIFIED ADS Chapel Services Leader at Bethany Children's Home; Used Copier for Sale; Free Hymnals; FREE Adult Red and Children's Choir Gowns, Pennsburg; PT Organist; PT Van Driver; Local Churches Needed to Store Emergency Response Kits; Bethany Children's Home Seeing Houseparents; CNOC Needs Vehicle to Assist At-Risk Children; Tenor Choir Support. Details: psec.org/category/classified.

Getting to Know:

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

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'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.' (Matthew 13:52)

It is impossible to describe the present day Schwenkfelders without mentioning the past. Palm Schwenkfelder Church derives its name and its heritage from a 16th century Reformation leader named Caspar Schwenckfeld von



Ossig. Schwenckfeld was a Silesian nobleman who became involved in the Protestant Reformation soon after it began in 1517. Schwenckfeld championed the spirituality of religion, spiritual interpretation of the Bible, freedom of conscience, separation of church and state, and an ecumenical church that unites all Christians. He believed that the true Christian church consists of all those who worship God in spirit and in truth, whether or not they adhere to one doctrine. We try to embody that spirit at Palm Schwenkfelder Church. Many of our members were raised in non-Schwenkfelder churches and bring different religious backgrounds with them. People come to Palm because of its welcoming atmosphere, engaging worship services, and emphasis on building a personal relationship with Christ.

At Palm we celebrate our faithful heritage and our 55-year connection to the United Church of Christ, but also embrace the calling of Christ today. Over the last month as a congregation we have sponsored the First Monday Meal at Pennsburg UCC, shared a Progressive dinner for our confirmation class and their mentors, continue to engage in daily prayer wherever you are and whatever you are doing at noon, welcomed The Dogs of Falkner Swamp for a concert benefitting our Relay for Life Team, completed another cycle of Community Lenten services, and journeyed through Holy Week culminating with the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Christ is indeed risen, and the Holy Spirit continues to guide Palm Schwenkfelder Church as we bring out of our treasures both what is new and what is old.



Prayers are requested for Palm Schwenkfelder Church in Palm and Rev. Nicholas L. Pence, Jr.

Fundraiser for Alzheimer's Association
Car Show, Bake Sale & More!
Saturday, May 2nd, 2015

***Trophy for
Best of Show!***



***Door
Prizes!***

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 participating car owners

BAKE SALE

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

All proceeds will go to the Alzheimer's Association - Delaware Valley Chapter

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Residents and staff of Frederick Living are committed to contributing to the greater good of the community in which we live and serve. This is a family friendly event that enables us to come together as neighbors and develop new friends. Through the activities planned we have chosen to raise funds for Alzheimer's research, a disease that touches the lives of so many.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, April 12

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service
- 11:30pm Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting Following Worship
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, April 13

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:30pm Building & Grounds Committee
- 7:30pm Board of Trustees

Tuesday, April 14

- 8:00am Quilters
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 2:00pm Office Closing @ 2:00
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop
- 7:15pm Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 15

- 11:30am Administrative Professionals Luncheon
Office Closing for the Day @ 11:30
- 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 16

- 9:00am Ladies' Aid Spring Cleaning
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 2:00pm Office Closing @ 2:00

Friday, April 17

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 2:00pm Office Closing @ 2:00

Saturday, April 18

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, April 19

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am A-Choir Worship Service
- 11:30am Brown Bag Lunch for Confirmands and Mentors
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 12:30pm Meetinghouse Tour for Confirmands and Mentors

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm
Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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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

Greeter: Gayle Brown

Ushers: Alex Jalowy, Joanne Jalowy, Barb Master, Kevin Master

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610-845-7208

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