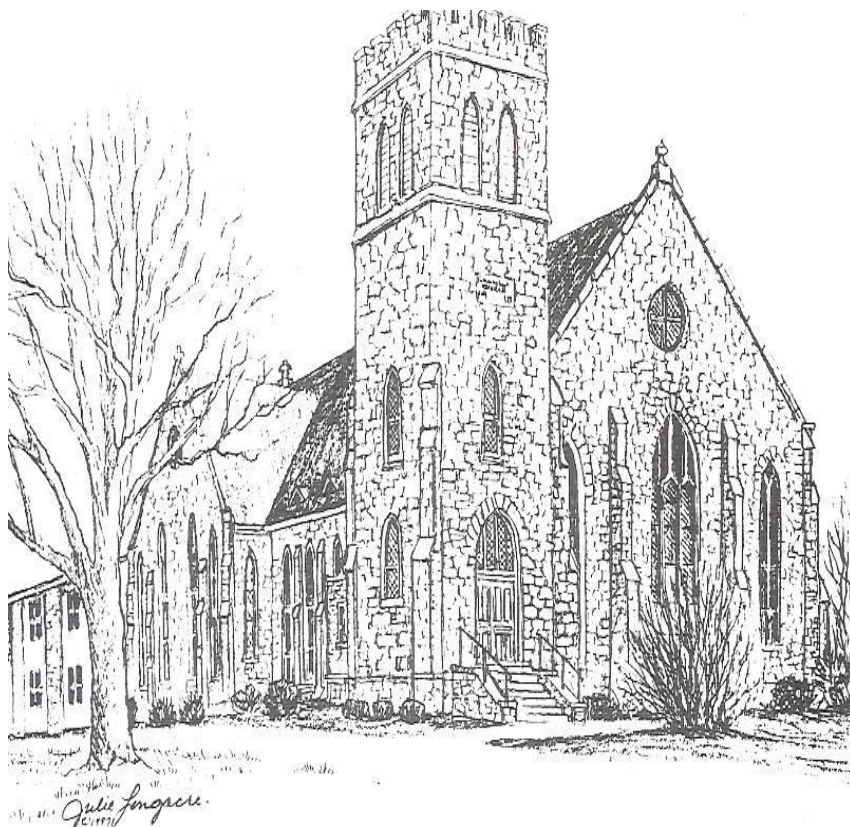


# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017**

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

**Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer**

**Prelude**

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

David Paxton

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**O God, the message of Easter has come again before we were ready to receive it. The Palm Sunday parade demanded very little of us. We could join in the hosannas. But the betrayal and denial, the suffering and shame, the agony and death, have left us fearful and shaken. We have become enemies of Jesus without intending to be disloyal. We have left him in the tomb, lest he upset our daily lives. The Jesus of long ago seems more comfortable to us than the Christ who is risen today in our midst. We confess our reluctance to let Christ claim us and change us. O God, we need forgiveness! Amen.**

**Time of Personal Confession**

**Senior Choir Anthem**

“Mercy Tree”

Michael Neale and Krissy Nordhoff; arr. Mary McDonald

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Call to Worship**

Christ Is Risen!

**Christ is risen Indeed!**

Day has dawned and shadows are left behind.

The stone is rolled away and hope is reborn.

**This is the day that our Lord has made.**

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

God opens to us the gates of righteousness.

We enter to give thanks to our God.

**We give thanks, for our God is good.**

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Set your mind on things that are above.

Look up and welcome Christ's appearing.

**We have been raised with Christ.**

**Glory is being revealed to us on this holy day.**

Christ Is Risen!

**Christ is risen Indeed!**

**\*Hymn #234**                    “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

**Scripture**            John 20:1 – 18 (NRSV p. 882 – 883; LP p. 1697)

**Children’s Sermon**

**Children’s Church**            No Children’s Church

**\*Hymn #239**                    “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

**Sermon**

**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**                                    “A Glorious Easter”                                    Ethel Rogers  
(Piano duet: Ethel Soffa, Betty Hildenbrand, pianists)

**\*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**

**By your hand, O God, we have been blessed with life, with food,  
with refreshment, with hope. Day by day, you are saving us,  
healing our brokenness, calling forth our gifts, granting us  
strength to serve with Christ as a part of your revelation to the  
world. Thank you, God, for times of resurrection. Thank you  
for this day of celebration. We dedicate ourselves anew with  
our offering. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #254**                    “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

## **Service of Communion**

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, young and old, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.**

## **Communion Prayer and Consecration**

### **Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine**

### **Sharing the Elements**

#### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ.**

**We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.**

#### **\*Hymn #251**

"Thine Is the Glory"

#### **\*Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

"An Easter Carillon"

Edward Broughton

\*All who are able, please stand.

Our Easter bulletins are sponsored in loving memory of Claude A. Schultz, Jr. by Jean and Gregory Ross, and Barbara and Gerry Colvin.

## **Communion Note**

The Lord's Table is open to all who confess Jesus as the Christ and seek to follow Christ's way. The Deacons will serve the congregation in the pews. Trays should be passed halfway through the pew and then returned to the same deacon, take the bread or grape juice while the person next to you holds the tray. Please hold the bread and the cup until the Pastor invites everyone to eat or drink. Then quietly place the cup in the holder on the back of the pew.

**Note: Gluten-free Communion Wafers (individually wrapped) are provided on the bread trays for people with wheat sensitivity.**

“Concerning the Communion Service of Palm Schwenkfelder Church, children of our congregation take communion after confirmation. If you choose to have your children partake in Communion please explain the sacred meanings behind the ritual. If you would like to speak with someone on the meanings of Communion please speak with Pastor Nick or any Deacon.”

Deacons of Palm Schwenkfelder Church

## **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.

## *Easter Flowers*

### *Presented By*

**Badman Family  
Ed & Kathy Bieler  
Brendan Beshore & Whitney Leh  
Anne Goda & Daryl Leh  
Richard & Merris Ann Hoffman  
Alex & Joanne Jalowy**

**Alex & Joanne Jalowy  
Andy & Sandy Kriebel  
Grace Kuhns  
Grace Kuhns  
Grace Kuhns  
Ken Kuhns Family  
Ken Kuhns Family  
Kevin & Barb Master  
Kevin & Barb Master  
Lil & Walt Master  
Lil & Walt Master  
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**Thelma McNeal  
Kenny & Shirley Miller  
Marianne Miller**

**Marianne Miller  
Marianne Miller  
Mr. & Mrs. Bart Moser**

**Sally & Greg Muse  
Charlotte Puff**

**Marilyn Roznowski  
Marilyn Roznowski  
Frank & Ethel Soffa  
Carol & Dave Woodward**

### *In Memory Of*

**Casey Clayton  
Our parents  
Barbara R. Goda  
Barbara R. Goda  
Our parents  
Marie Hartman &  
Donald Hartman  
Alexander Jalowy, Sr.  
Our parents  
Edmund Kuhns  
Norman & Mae Kuhns  
Leon & Eva Long  
Edmund Kuhns  
Eugene Szczesniak  
Howard Master, Sr.  
Howard Master, Jr.  
Linda Keiser  
Howard Master, Sr.  
Howard Master, Jr.  
Robert & Helen  
Schleicher  
Esther Tyson  
Neil Gery  
Mabel & Benjamin  
Boyer  
Alta & James Miller  
Helen Miller  
Richard Moser and  
Marion Moser Bleile  
"Opa" Del Muse  
Parents &  
grandparents  
Austin Fox  
Andrew Roznowski  
Our parents  
Loved ones**

**Presented By**

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Richard & Kay Kleppinger

Grace Kuhns  
Ken Kuhns Family  
Tom & Tammy Long

Lil & Walt Master  
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Sally & Greg Muse

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**In Honor Of**

Our church family  
Kermit Goda  
Merle & Richard Leh  
Our children,  
    grandchildren &  
    great-granddaughter  
Dorothy Gaugler  
Our children &  
    grandchildren  
The Ken Kuhns Family  
Grace Kuhns  
Our parents, children &  
    grandchildren  
Our children  
Our grandchildren  
Ardelle Master  
Our church family  
Our children – Hans,  
    Sabine & Anja  
Our children and  
    grandchildren  
Loved ones

## *... Things of Interest to Our Palm Schwenkfelder Family ...*

### **This week, please keep in your daily prayers:**

Shelby Yoder, Renee Shelly, Jeff Treichler, Eleanor Guldin, Ernie Guldin, Leon Wohlbach, Sandy Chrysczanavicz, Meg Lester, Jean Gabel, Willard Long, Samantha Hossler and Ryan Woods, Lucile and Bob Jones, Sheryl Tomlin, Carmen Davis, Mae Gerhart, Alvera Heffner, Dorothy Parker, Sharon Stevens, Marian Fox, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Martha Wolford, Becky and Kraig Kimmel, Devon Hawkins, Kerm Goda, Vern Weller, Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Mary Hartman, Jen Fries, Reverend Ed Winslow, 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 the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center.

### **Bible Study**

1 Chronicles 10:13-14 will compare to our work in 1 Samuel, as the focus for this week's online Bible Study. Take part in 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**

New Lent Bible reading plans such as 40 days of Lent, come to the upper room devotions, Finding Jesus, and many more.

### **Bible for Kids by YouVersion**

The Big Picnic: each day's video teaches a memory verse, a key truth, and a song.

### **April Youth Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to... Parker Morasco (4/5), Aubrey Reinert (4/12), Joseph Kinsler (4/13)

### **Helping Hands**

Look for the Helping Hands box located at the back of the sanctuary. This is a new youth mission. See details on page 12 of this bulletin.

### **Mentor/Confirmand Event: Brown Bag Lunch & Meetinghouse Tour for Confirmands and Mentors**

A tour of the meetinghouse sites will be held on **April 30th**. Following the worship service we will have a brown bag lunch in the social hall, and after that the class and mentors will travel to Washington, Hosensack and Kraussdale.

### **Music Sunday**

Join us on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrate Music Sunday with all of our talented musicians.



## **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.”

## **Volunteers Needed**

On Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00am, we will need volunteers to fold and sticker-seal the Palm Leaves for mailing. We are continuing our efforts to keep our newsletter process completely in-house, but we can't do it without your help. Please consider coming out to help us. Contact the church office to volunteer, or to just find out more about this volunteer opportunity.

## **Knotting Party**

On Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, and on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:00 am, the Ladies' Aid will be sponsoring Knotting parties. No experience needed. Come and help make blankets for the migrant ministry project. For the April 24<sup>th</sup> party, make sure to bring a bag lunch, and for the May 2<sup>nd</sup> party, also bring a bag lunch and plan to stay for the Ladies' Aid monthly meeting at 1:00 pm.

## **Mission Accomplished!**

Our Relay for Life Committee is happy to announce that through the generosity of our church family, Palm has once again become a “Presenting Sponsor” for the 2017 Upper Perk Relay for Life. Many thanks to our donors, and our fundraiser sponsors and supporters for helping us to achieve this goal. Through your efforts over the years Palm Schwenkfelder Church has been able to provide more than \$100,000 to the American Cancer Society for their research programs and cancer patient services. The 2017 U.P. Relay for Life will be held from Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Camelot Park in Upper Hanover Township, 1124 Church Road, East Greenville.

## **Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsorship**

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: May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup>

Upcoming dates for bulletin sponsorship: April 30<sup>th</sup>; May 7<sup>th</sup>

## **Ladies' Aid Easter Candy**

Get your sweet tooth ready! The Ladies' Aid has made Easter candy again this year. There are chocolate covered peanut-butter eggs and coconut eggs, as well as a few other sweet surprises. The candy will be for sale **today**.

## Chester County Migrant Ministries Donations Drive

Since the 1970s, migrant farm workers, and their families, have arrived in the area to harvest a variety of crops. Most of these migrants live and work year-round in the area, and they arrive with very little to their names. Typically, they come unprepared for the colder northern temperatures. In addition, the majority have not learned English, which makes it difficult to ask for help and receive various services. Palm Schwenkfelder Church participates in the annual drive to collect basic necessities. Palm Schwenkfelder Mission Board would like to invite you to participate in our annual drive, from **May 7-14, 2017**. Current needs include:

**Health Kits:** Toothbrushes/toothpaste, bath towels, wash cloths, disposable razors, soap (Ivory, med. size), pocket mirrors, toilet paper, plastic coffee cups, heavy plastic ware, shaving cream, combs and women's feminine products.

**Other items needed:** new/used blankets (used blankets must be clean and in good condition), first aid kits, paperbacks, Spanish/English dictionaries, and Bibles. Please place all items at the Migrant Ministry Display by **Sunday, May 14, 2017**. Furthermore, a list of necessities will be posted on the Mission Board's information center in the Narthex. Thank you for your assistance, as all donations are welcomed and greatly appreciated. **"Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help."**

**Isaiah 58:7.**

### Treasurer Report – March, 2017

	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash on Hand		
Start of Month/Year	\$42,961.47	\$65,440.30
Operating Income Received	\$26,385.36	\$69,446.86
Operating Expenses	\$24,028.41	\$89,568.74
Operating Cash on Hand		
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$45,318.42	\$45,318.42

### 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.

# HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands is a youth ministry dedicated to our church family who may need extra “helping hands.” Please fill out the form below and place in the Helping Hands box located at the back of the sanctuary. It will be checked every Sunday and you will be contacted to discuss your needs.

Anyone in need of “Helping Hands” please fill out below:

Examples: house cleaning, yard work, errands, minor repairs, spring/fall cleaning, also open to other needs as well.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NEED OR  
PROJECT \_\_\_\_\_

BEST DAY/TIME FOR  
ASSISTANCE \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any special skills and would like to offer assistance, please list your name and number below. Thank you.

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April 16, 2017

## General Synod 2017

June 30—July 4, 2017 in Baltimore MD

**Attention all Youth and Adults!**



In June, thousands from across the country (and abroad) will gather for General Synod 2017 in Baltimore, Maryland. Together, we will discern resolutions of witness, church structure, and function. We will stand up for issues that demand a faithful witness. And we will join together in worship each day to lift up the Stillspeaking God.

At General Synod 2017, we will "Make Glad!" as we celebrate, debate, worship and witness. Join us!

Are you aware that General Synod is open to all? Although the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference does have a slate of delegates, elected at the 2016 Spring Meeting, anyone is able and encouraged to attend General Synod and participate in the business, fellowship and excitement!

### **Youth at General Synod:**

As a youth at Synod you'll have the opportunity to participate in activities that connect faith and daily life, issues of justice, as well as leadership opportunities. Youth will participate in the plenary sessions of Synod, hear dynamic speakers, as well as worship with UCC youth and adults from across the country (and world). Youth will also participate in projects with the Maryland Environmental Center, the American Visionary Art Museum, and more. Of course, fun will also be included with a youth-only after hours dance and plenty of time for fellowship!

For more information on General Synod, for youth and adults, go to the PSEC website ([psec.org](http://psec.org)) and click on the "Calendar and Events" tab.

## Live boldly bravely and beautifully!

Was the tomb really empty? Folks who ask that question are also fond of the question 'can people change?' Both function with the same purpose: to avoid the possibility of "yes" and the challenge of seeing and living differently.

Our world simply cannot believe that all that goodness which on Good Friday was scourged and stretched out on a cross-- that perfect love of God which alone can cast out fear, is as alive as any of us in church today. But-praise be to God, ever since Christ burst the bonds of death and transformed a huddle of dispirited disciples there has been a chain of saints persuaded that the reign of fear is over.

I think of Peter after the resurrection, ten times the person he was before. I think of St. Francis, the name sake of the pope, kissing the leper-full on the mouth. I think of that brave Quaker woman, Mary Dyer, executed in the early days of Boston for believing "Truth is my authority, not authority my truth." I think of the Danish pastor who said, "I'd rather die with the Jews than keep company with Nazis." I think of Trevor Roberts, the last Marine of my unit killed in Iraq the week before Easter who would endure endless ridicule, criticism and isolation because he would not swear, drink, drug and fornicate not for self-righteous religious belief but for the hope that his living and loving would change the world. For those who knew him, it did.

These small acts of salvation may be an individual thing but saving grace is our shared response to the resurrected Christ. The resurrection brought into being a church, a community. Our individual selves are too small and frail; we need to support one another. We may not be able to change human nature. But we can change the nature of human relationships.

And so, dear Christians, we pull together in the colony of heaven that is the church. To live fully, bravely and beautifully we must live together. Then never mind if we are only a small, declining minority. There is no limit to what love can do. Love is a miracle. Love is a basket of five loaves and two fishes which is never enough until you start to give it away. So tomorrow, do not limp back to business as before. Join the saints who feed the hungry with the bread of this earth, and, better yet, with the bread of heaven-the resurrected body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*- Rev. William P. Worley, Conference Minister*

COVENTRY SINGERS PRESENT

# *We the People*

INCLUDING  
THE MUSIC OF

*Aaron Copland*  
*William Dawson*

*Moses Hogan*  
*Randall Thompson*  
*Gwyneth Walker*  
*and more*

CONDUCTOR  
Hannah Knauss

ACCOMPANIST  
Nadine Lydic

FREEWILL OFFERING

**APRIL 22, 2017 – 7 p.m.**

Boyertown State Theater  
61 N. Reading Ave.  
Boyertown, PA

**APRIL 23, 2017 – 3 p.m.**

Cedarville United Methodist Church  
1092 Laurelwood Road  
Pottstown, PA



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# **This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

## **Sunday, April 16**

- 7:00am [Easter Sunday Dawn Worship Service](#)
- 7:30am [Easter Sunday Breakfast Immediately Following Dawn Worship](#)
- 9:00am [Sunday School](#)
- 10:15am [Easter Sunday Worship Service](#)
- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are \(John 20:1 - 18\)](#)

## **Monday, April 17**

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 7:00pm [Board of Christian Education Meeting](#)
- 7:30pm [Red Hill Band Board of Directors Meeting](#)

## **Tuesday, April 18**

- 12:00pm [Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are](#)
- 7:00pm [Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting](#)
- 7:00pm [Mission Board](#)

## **Wednesday, April 19**

- 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, April 20**

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

## **Friday, April 21**

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

## **Saturday, April 22**

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

## **Sunday, April 23**

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

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**Sunday School 9:00 a.m.**

**Worship Service 10:15 a.m.**

## Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Thursday 8:00am – 2:00pm

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## **Serving You at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

Ministers: All Church Members

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Pence

Director of Music: Ed Bieler

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: Deb Callodonato

Ushers: Alex Jalowy, Joanne Jalowy, Blake Master, Jeff Stauffer

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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