

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Savior, Like a Shepherd”

Dale Wood

***Call to Worship**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

***Hymn #87**

“His Name is Wonderful”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, we look at events around us and cannot perceive you within them. We shed tears and find no comfort. We listen for your voice and are greeted by silence. The world seems full of enemies waiting to devour us. On every hand, there are problems too complicated for us to solve. We live in fear rather than faith. We cry out to you for answers. O God, hear our prayer. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture: Acts 9:36 – 43 (NRSV p. 894; LP p. 1719 – 1720)

Psalm 23 (NRSV p. 435 – 436; LP p. 855)

John 10:22 – 30 (NRSV p. 873; LP p. 1678)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church

Barb Master

Rainbow Bells

***Hymn #522**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Sermon

“The Voice That Calls Us”

Senior Choir Anthem

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Virgil Thomson

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

“Shepherd Me, O God”

Marty Haugen

*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

God of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, you have redeemed us by the blood of the Lamb; we go into all nations announcing your victory. We confess with our tongues that Christ is risen, pledge our obedience to follow him faithfully, and proclaim your majesty to the ends of the earth. Hear our prayer and accept our commitment, for they are offered in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Hymn #96

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

*Benediction

Postlude

“Praise to the Lord”

Johann Gottfried Walther

*All who are able, please stand.

The flowers are presented today in honor of the 65th wedding anniversary of Waldo & Lena Johnson by the family.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of James Gerhart by Mae and the family.

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:

Paul Decker, Reverend Ron Krick, Ray Fox, Jean Gentry, Goldie Graber, Kylene Bertoia Hart, David Dotterer, Edmund Kuhns, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Wanda Gentry, Beth Cleverly, Martha Wolford, Becky and Kraig Kimmel, Marvin Zeisloft, Gladys Hoffman, Bud Johnston, Betsy Yoder, Devon Hawkins, Mary Steltz, Kerm Goda, Vern Weller, Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Donald Long, 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 the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center.

Bible Study

Power naps are the topic as the online Bible Study reports an answer to the question we asked on March 6th. Get a copy by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office, before or after Sunday afternoon naps.

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...

Aubrey Reinert (4/12), Joseph Kinsler (4/13), Parker Morasco (4/25)

Happy 18th Birthday to Pierce Wright (4/10)

A Call to Action! Bible App for Kids

Bible story to read (listen to) for next Sunday: Fire from Heaven, Elijah

7 & Up Class

April devotional from the You Version Bible App: Switch, Set Apart. What does it mean to be holy and to live holy lives?

Teens & Adults ~ You Version Holy Bible App

Current plans: Beauty Begins: Making Peace With Your Reflection, Hungry for God: Biblical Reflections on Food, 7 Laws Of Love, A Daily Word For Parents with Ron Hutchcraft, Acts of Repentance

Teens ~ Current plans: Switch TV Presents: ReNew, Set Apart, Anger, Identity, How To Be The Church

Children's Church ~ A Joyful Noise

Children ages 4 years thru 4th 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.

April Opening Devotions

Teachers are reading from the Scriptures of Luke about the birth and mission of John the Baptist. The memory verse is, "...For you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways." Luke 1:76

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 1st. 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.

Music Sunday

Next Sunday, April 24th, come join us as we celebrate Music Sunday with all of our talented musicians.

Treasurer Report – March, 2016

	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash On Hand		
Start of Month/Year	\$26,898.79	\$35,761.03
Operating Income Received	\$25,342.36	\$77,437.19
Operating Expenses	\$22,849.71	\$83,806.78
Operating Cash On Hand - 3/31	\$29,391.44	\$29,391.44

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, rolling your mouse over the "About" tab, and then by selecting the "Present" page from the drop down menu.

Election Day Bake Sale

The Ladies' Aid Society is holding an Election Day Bake Sale on Tuesday, April 26th. Donations of baked goods are needed. Smaller items such as cupcakes, muffins, breakfast 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 **next Sunday, April 24th**, after the worship service, in the Contemporary Issues Classroom.

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 **today through May 22, 2016**.

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 22, 2016. 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. *"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" Hebrews 13:16.*

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 7th & 14th; September 18th; October 2nd & 9th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

May 29th; July 31st; August 7th, 14th & 21st

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!

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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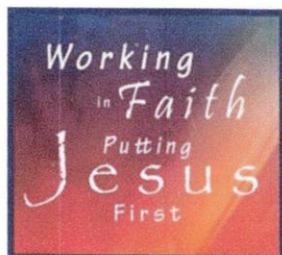
Communitas

PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

1441 Laura Lane, Suite 100, Pottstown, PA 19464

484-949-8774

April 17, 2016



PSEC Spring Meeting

June 10-12, 2016

West Chester University

Register online through

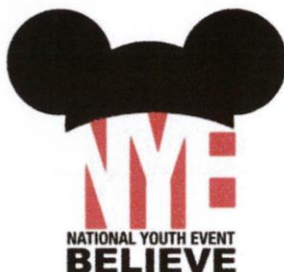
April 29

at **psec.org**

Exciting guest speakers

16 stimulating workshops

See you there!



National Youth Event

July 26-30, 2016

Disney World, FL

Register for event

at **ucc.org**;

Register for PSEC bus

and t-shirt

at **psec.org**

Both by May 27



Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer

UCC President and GM

May 14, 2-6 pm

Bethany Children's

Home, Womelsdorf

Seeing Unjust

Structures of Racism

Register online **psec.org**

by May 2

PENNSYLVANIA SHALOM CONFERENCE

Pennsylvania's first ever "Shalom Conference" will be held on **September 24-25**, Saturday 6 pm to Sunday 4 pm, at **The Hartman Center**, a UCC retreat center on 5725 Old US Hwy. 322 in Milroy, PA 17063. The Pennsylvania Council of Churches is hosting this event in hopes of building a statewide network of peacemakers that will make peacemaking less lonely. Peacemakers of all types, including those who struggle against systemic racism, environmental destruction, torture, domestic violence, gun violence, are all invited to participate in this conference. *Please join us and hear from two prophetic voices in the peacemaking community:*

Saturday evening: **Shane Claiborne**, a founding member of the Simple Way

Community in Philadelphia and author of influential books *Irresistible Revolution* and *Jesus for President*

Sunday afternoon: **Saadia Ahmad**, current McCormack Scholar and Master's student in Conflict Resolution at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

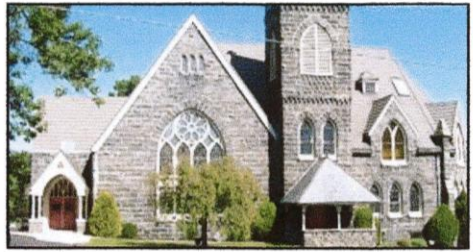
The \$125 fee includes accommodations and food. Watch for further details and registration information at **pachurches.org**. Questions? Contact Rev. Sandra Strauss, Director of Advocacy and Ecumenical Outreach, PA Council of Churches, **s.strauss@pachurches.org** or 717-545-4761.

Getting to Know :

Heidelberg UCC

Perkiomen Ave. & Second St., Schwenksville PA

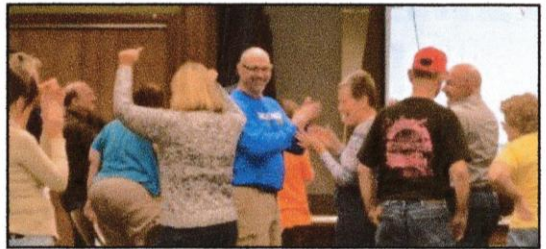
For more than 175 years the good people of our church have been seeking to know God more fully and serve his people in more meaningful ways. Though things have changed over time, one thing has not changed: we love God, and we have always felt God's presence with us along the way! And that is something we think is really worth celebrating together.



Here, everyone has the opportunity to serve according to their interests and availability. Our pastor Rev. Malcolm Carr is our spiritual leader. Our musical program, under the guidance of Mrs. Patricia Clemens is wonderfully inspiring, with vocal and bell choirs for all ages, as well as lots of opportunities for members to share their musical ministry for the glory of God. We

feel education for all ages is important to our life together. Our SS program is taught in Rotation style and is a 'one-of-a-kind' experience! We practice a "safe church" policy to ensure that our children, youth, and families feel safe in our building. And our latest building project of 'improvement' is an ongoing program focused on raising money to install an elevator so that our building will be fully accessible to all people.

We seek to help people answer God's call in their life – not only to worship in our faith community, but also to serve through good works in our wider community. We participate in a variety of local to global missions programs. In addition to sharing in worship and mission & outreach, we also plan lots of fun and fellowship activities for our church family throughout the year. We are a busy church with a big heart.



In all these ways, we strive to serve and love God. "Come and See..." what kind of body of believers we are. Also know that "wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcomed here" at Heidelberg UCC – and for those who seek it, we hope you'll find a spiritual home. To learn more, visit our website: www.hucc.net.



Prayers are requested for Heidelberg UCC
in Schwenksville and Rev. Malcolm Carr.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, April 17

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, April 18

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Board of Christian Education Meeting

Tuesday, April 19

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

7:00pm Mission Board

Wednesday, April 20

Office Closed at 11:00am

11:30am Staff Appreciation Luncheon

@ Lighthouse Christian Fellowship

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 21

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Board of Review

Friday, April 22

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, April 23

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, April 24

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Music Sunday Worship Service

11:30pm Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting

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 – 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 484 – 358 – 1684

Greeter: Kevin Master

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

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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