

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015

A-CHOIR SUNDAY

Today we welcome to our worship service the Upper Perkiomen High School A-Choir, under the direction of Dr. Mark Thomas. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us today.

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Christ Is Alive”

Lani Smith

***Call to Worship**

God has set apart those who are faithful.

Our Creator will hear us when we call.

God puts gladness in our hearts and minds.

We will lie down in safety and sleep in peace.

Beloved, we are God’s children now.

What we will be has not yet been revealed.

We are here to remember Jesus Christ.

We want to be like the One who lived by love.

Our faith strengthens us for each day’s living.

God empowers our ministries of caring.

We trust God whose children we are.

We look forward to what God will reveal to us.

***Hymn#241**

“Welcome, Happy Morning”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We are disturbed and distressed, O God, by the evil that surrounds us. It is hard to view many people we see as your children: murderers, abusers, and those who cheat others and profit at their expense. We feel like victims. Why should we confess our sins when there is so much evil beyond our influence? Yet we know we do not abide in your love. We sin by turning away from sisters and brothers who are also beloved by you, however they may differ from us. We seek the forgiveness you promise and the health you offer. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Luke 24:36b – 48 (NRSV p. 861; LP p. 1655 – 1656)

Children's Sermon

Children's Church No Children's Church Today

***Hymn #243** "Christ Is Alive!"

Upper Perkiomen High School A-Choir

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 "Welcome Happy Morning" Robert Below

***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**

**Giver of eternal gladness, Fountain of life from whom flow
endless blessings, all that we have is a gift of your love. Accept
now these offerings of thanksgiving, symbols of our grateful
response to Christ's sacrifice for us. Use our gifts to spread the
good news of repentance and forgiveness of sins. May they
bring times of refreshment as results of Christ's presence.
Amen.**

***Hymn#239** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

***Benediction**

Choral Benediction "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Postlude "Christ Is Alive" Wilbur Held

***All those who are able, please stand.**

The bulletins today are sponsored in loving memory of Arlene Kriebel Bieler by Ethel Soffa and Andrew Kriebel and families.

The flowers today are presented in loving memory of past members by the Library Class.

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, 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

This week's online Bible Study will seek to understand the pinning and escape in 1 Samuel 18:11. Contribute to 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)

Relay for Life Banner

Youth are invited to join us after worship **today** for a short planning meeting to design Palm's Relay for Life Banner. You don't have to be on the team to help.

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 is being scheduled. If you know of anyone who would be willing to share their musical talent, please speak to any one on the music committee, or sign up on the sheet posted outside the office.

Music, Music, Music!

Today the A-Choir from the Upper Perkiomen High School will inspire us with a presentation during the worship service. Next 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!

Relay for Life Gift Card Super Raffle

The May 16th Upper Perk Relay for Life is rapidly approaching. Your help is needed once again to make our Palm team's popular Relay for Life "Super Raffle" a success (in 2014, our raffle alone raised over \$1,000 for the American Cancer Society). So that we will be able to offer as many prizes as possible, please consider a donation to our team toward the purchase of gift cards, or donate a gift card of any denomination. Cards for restaurants, retail stores, Visa, sporting events, movies, etc. will all make great prizes. Kindly submit your donation to Lillian Master or Kathy Bieler no later than May 3rd. Your gift will be acknowledged on our team's "Super Raffle" Big Board at the Relay event. Raffle tickets may be purchased any time between May 4th and the evening of the Relay for Life. The cost of each ticket will be \$5.00. Together we can make our "Super Raffle" a great success!

Thank You

Thank you for the care package. I appreciate the treats inside, and they bring a smile to my face as I prepare for final exams.
Christal Horn

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.

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

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.

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!

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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April 19, 2015

New Publications posted on PSEC website from *The Parish Paper*

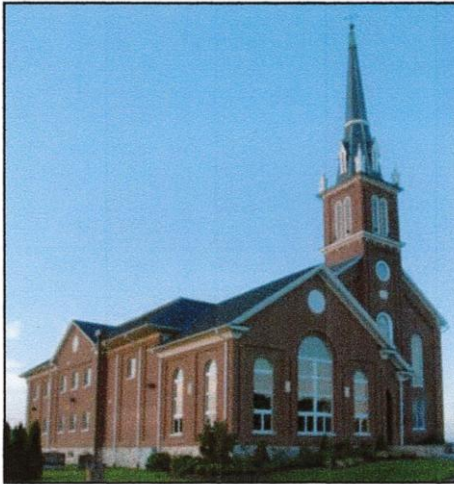
The latest issues of *The Parish Paper* have been posted on the PSEC website under the **RESOURCES** menu. *The Parish Paper* is published monthly by Herb Miller, Lyle E. Schaller and Cynthia Woolever. Each issue offers "ideas and insights for active congregations." The May issue addresses the pros and cons of ***Seeking a Bi-vocational Calling for Pastors and Churches***. The June issue asks "***Could Lack of Curiosity Kill the Church?***" An excerpt from the June issue follows.

Some Curious Questions

Even while many may still believe the current implication of the phrase curiosity killed the cat, the retort, and satisfaction brought him back, has also gained popularity. This reply takes back the original meaning and highlights the importance of asking curious questions. Below are just a few examples of questions that curious congregations can ask. How will your congregation respond?

- What congregational activities and programs are going well? Why is that the case? What activities and programs do we wish were more effective? Why are they less effective?
- Thinking about your current and previous pastors, what leadership approach seemed to fit your church best? Why do you think that approach was most effective at that time?
- What are the congregation's core values that help explain members' motivations and behaviors? What process is the church using to examine and transform desired values into core values?
- Is our congregation a neighborhood church where most worshipers live nearby or is it a non-geographical congregation, drawing worshipers from a wider area? Why do we believe we are called to serve in this location?
- If our church leaders could travel back in time to twenty years ago, what message would they deliver to those in our congregation? Would those earlier leaders listen and act on that message? Why not?
- Will the passage of time expand or contract our church's attractive options? Why?

Visit *The Parish Paper* website (theparishpaper.com/free-resources) to see the free ***Church Effective Nuggets*** they provide to facilitate engaged discussions.



Zion's Union Church Maxatawny has a rich history that goes back to our founding in 1826, and we are proud of all that has happened in the past. In November 2013, we entered into a new phase of our history when the ELCA and UCC congregations voted to become one, known as a federated church. Each member now has dual membership in both the wider churches, further emphasizing our Union history as we move forward known simply as Christians. In February 2015, we turned another page in the history books by installing

a new Pastor, The Rev. Jeffrey Butz.

We work together as a group of people who love the Lord by providing programs and activities for all ages. Our Youth Group is very active with a balance of entertaining activities, community outreach, and educational events. One of our popular community activities is a "Live Nativity" that both youth and adults take part in at Christmas. There are social groups for both men and women offering the opportunity for Bible Study, service, and socialization. Both youth and adults take part in many outreach ministries such as serving meals at Opportunity House in Reading and supporting Friend, Inc. in Kutztown.

Adults and seniors are offered an opportunity to gather twice each month for games, including cards and Scrabble, all intended to provide for mind development and fun. The Senior Ministry Group is responsible for a popular newsletter article, The Mystery Senior, with a brief bio so members can identify the person described. This group also sends greeting cards to senior members on memorable occasions and sends a series of four grief booklets to recently bereaved members.

This is just a sampling of the activity inside the church that is highly visible from route 222. Zion's Union Church is a beacon on the hillside in Maxatawny Township. Visitors are always welcome. With God's help we will continue to be "Energized by the Spirit, Humbled by God's Grace, and Working for God's Glory."



Prayers are requested for Zion's Union Church Maxatawny in Kutztown and Rev. Jeffrey Butz.

**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 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

Monday, April 20

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 7:00pm Board of Christian Education Meeting

Tuesday, April 21

- 8:00am Quilters
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 2:00pm Office Closing @ 2:00
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm Mission Board

Wednesday, April 22

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 2:00pm Office Closing @ 2:00
- 5:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Board of Review
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 23

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

Friday, April 24

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

Saturday, April 25

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

Sunday, April 26

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Music Sunday Worship Service
- 11:30am Raindate - Brown Bag Lunch
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 12:30pm Raindate - Meeting House 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: Kevin Master

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

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610-845-7208

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