

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“The Strife Is O’er”

Carl Simone

***Call to Worship**

We come again to celebrate resurrection.

God gives us new birth into a living hope.

Death has no power over us.

Christ goes before us in the new life God offers.

Blessed be the God of our Savior Jesus Christ!

Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed.

Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice.

God shows us the path of life.

Again, Jesus says to us; Peace be with you.

Come to receive life in Christ’s name.

We rejoice in God’s amazing good news.

In God’s presence, we find fullness and joy.

***Hymn#250**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your truth to what we can understand. Forgive us for chasing after gods of our own making. We are so busy with them that we forget to open ourselves to your larger reality. We reduce the circles of connection and caring that Jesus demonstrated. Goodness is crucified by our narrow prejudices, and our doubts plunge us into despair. Be to us a refuge, granting us courage to face the questions that haunt us until they lead to deeper understanding. Amen

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture 1 Peter 1:3 – 9 (NRSV p. 983; LP p. 1897)
John 20:19 – 31 (NRSV p. 883; LP p. 1697 – 1698)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church Barb Master

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

Sermon “A Living Hope”

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 “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing” James Konkel

***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**
We rejoice in the inheritance you have given us, O God, and
delight in sharing it with others. You have given us new birth
into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
You have touched our lives with eternity, with indescribable
and glorious joy. We want others to experience what we have
begun to realize in company with one another and with you.
To that end, bless all the offerings of this day. Amen.

***Hymn #233**

“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Edward Broughton

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of Andrew Roznowski by Marilyn Roznowski.

The flowers are presented today in loving memory of Helen and Harrison Miller by Robbin and Steve Hawk.

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:

Shelby Yoder, Renee Shelly, Jeff Treichler, Eleanor Guldin, Ernie Guldin, Leon Wohlbach, Sandy Chryszanavicz, 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 10 of this bulletin.

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

A tour of the meetinghouse sites will be held **next Sunday, 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.

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."

Music Sunday

Join us in two weeks, on Sunday, May 7th, as we celebrate Music Sunday with all of our talented musicians.

Thank You, Volunteers

Thank you to the volunteers who helped get the May Palm Leaves out: Janet Butterweck, Gladys Frantz, Nancy Hoffman, Ty McNeil, Shirley Miller, Jean Ross, Lee Schultz, Jeff and Bonnie Treichler.

Knotting Party

Tomorrow, Monday, April 24th, and on Tuesday, May 2nd, 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 24th party, make sure to bring a bag lunch, and for the May 2nd 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 2nd at 6:00 p.m. to Saturday, June 3rd 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 7th, 14th, & 28th

Upcoming dates for bulletin sponsorship: April 30th; May 7th

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 st	\$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.

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 May 7th after the worship service, and it will be held in the Contemporary Issues Classroom.

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Communitas

PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

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April 23, 2017

2017 Spring Meeting: "Pre-Meetings"

Why Attend ?



Tuesday, May 9th - 6:30 pm @ Zion Blue Mountain, Bernville
Wednesday, May 17th @ Church of the Ascension, Norristown
 Reservations not required.

Why have pre-meetings to our Spring Meeting? Why should you attend? The answer may be, you don't have to but you may want to!

These meetings will be an opportunity to discuss items that will be on the agenda for the Conferring session. Items such as the discussion and subsequent vote on whether our conference leadership team will move forward in talks with the PNE Conference regarding a possible merger or the revision of the Constitution and By-laws (very minor changes).

Prior to these meetings the "Vision for a new Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the UCC" and the proposed revised Constitution and By-laws will be posted to the Spring Meeting section of the PSEC website—psec.org . Take the time to review these documents and come prepared to have an open dialog. "A Vision for a new Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the UCC" will also be highlighted in next week's Communitas.

This is your conference and it is in our working together, in open and honest discernment, that we will be a "unified portion of the Body of Christ moving in a collaborative direction to effect for God and for good the lives of all people living in Southeast Pennsylvania and beyond".

Ventures 2017

September 26-28

Have you ever heard about Ventures or have you heard about it and wondered what it is? Well, wonder no more.

The 42nd annual Ventures Retreat will be held September 26-28 at the Mariawald Renewal Center in Cumru Township just outside Shillington. Prior to its current home of 5 years, Ventures was held at Camp Fernbrook, Camp Mensch Mill and the Kline Center. This year the theme is **Opening to Grace: God's Healing Ways**. Rev. Wanda Craner will be the keynote presenter on Tuesday.



There are many aspects to Ventures and one of them is the fellowship among participants. Plenty of free time is provided. Strangers become friends. There is always a jigsaw puzzle in need of completing as well as other activities. Mariawald is in a beautiful location. The rooms are comfortable and spacious. The meals are delicious. People also enjoy spending time outside if the weather permits.

The retreat begins with lunch on Tuesday. After lunch there is a get acquainted period followed by a presentation on the theme. There is free time before dinner then an evening theme session followed by worship. Snacks and fellowship follow worship. Bible study follows breakfast on Wednesday morning. Then workshops on various themes are provided. A program and free time follow lunch. In the evening there will be worship and communion. Snacks and fellowship again follow worship. Thursday morning includes Bible study and a sharing time which is followed by worship and lunch.

Here are some comments from former participants:

"There was great sharing among the participants."

"It was my first time and it was great. The support I received was truly a blessing."

"It was a truly wonderful experience."

"I would highly recommend it to others."

The cost of \$160 covers 7 meals and all program expenses. Registration information for Ventures will be on the conference's website in early June. For additional information contact June Rung – 610-683-6563.

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.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, April 23

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, April 24

9:00am Knotting Party

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Tuesday, April 25

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134

Wednesday, April 26

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 27

11:30am 500th Reformation Meeting @ Palm

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Board of Review

Friday, April 28

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, April 29

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, April 30

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

11:30am Meetinghouse Tours for Confirmands and Mentors

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

Friday 8:00am – 2:00pm

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Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman

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