

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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## **SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016**

### **MUSIC SUNDAY**

**Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer**

**Prelude**                    “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”  
   Robert Buckley Farlee

**\*Call to Worship – Psalm 100**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

**Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**\*Hymn #22**    “Come, We That Love the Lord” (verses 1, 2, and 4)

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, all too often we have refrained from truly  
praising you. We are reluctant to share our gifts, embarrassed  
by what others may think of us. We have hidden our talents  
rather than offering them for your blessing and glorification.  
We have held tightly to the familiar choruses of what has been  
done, rather than daring to risk singing a new song. Forgive  
us, loving God, and lead us to praise you this and every day.  
Amen.

**Time of Personal Confession**

**Junior Bell Choir**                    “I Surrender All”                    arr. Sandra Eithum  
   (Peg Jacob, Pianist)

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Hymn #52** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (verses 1 and 2)

**Children's Choir** "It's a Miracle" William J. Gaither

**\*Hymn #78** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (verses 1, 4, and 6)

**Senior Bell Choir** "Morning Joy" Karen Lackey Buckwalter

**\*Hymn #512** "At the Cross" (verses 1, 3, and 5)

## **Celebrating the Hymns and Life of Isaac Watts**

### **Recognition of Directors and Musicians**

#### **Call to Offering**

#### **Offertory**

"The Lost Chord"  
(Ethel Soffa, Pianist)

music by Sir Arthur Sullivan, words by Adelaide Anne Proctor

*Seated one day at the organ, I was weary and ill at ease,  
And my fingers wander'd idly over the noisy keys;  
I knew not what I was playing, or what I was dreaming then,  
But I struck one chord of music like the sound of a great Amen.*

*It flooded the crimson twilight like the close of an Angel's Psalm,  
And it lay on my fever'd spirit with a touch of infinite calm.  
It quieted pain and sorrow like love overcoming strife,  
It seem'd the harmonious echo from our discordant life.*

*It link'd all perplexed meanings into one perfect peace  
And trembled away into silence as if it were loth to cease;  
I have sought, but I seek it vainly, that one lost chord divine,  
Which came from the soul of the organ and enter'd into mine.*

*It may be that Death's bright Angel will speak in that chord again;  
It may be that only in Heav'n I shall hear that grand Amen!*

#### **\*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**

**O Lord, we praise you this day with our voices, our musical talents, our hearts, our lives, and all of our offerings. May your Spirit bless these gifts, multiply them for your glory, and be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear. Allow us to share our faith wherever we go as we carry the song of your praise in our hearts. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #745** “Jesus Shall Reign” (verses 1 and 5)  
**Rainbow Bells** “Praise Him, Praise Him”  
**\*Hymn #596** “We’re Marching to Zion” (verses 1 and 4)  
**Senior Choir** “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”  
George Askins and William Moore  
arr. Mark Hayes

“Stepping On the Clouds”  
Linda Stalls arr. Keith Christopher

**\*Benediction**

**\*Hymn #146** “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come” (verses 1 and 2)

**Postlude** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”  
J. William Greene

\*All those who are able, please stand.

The flowers today are presented in loving memory of Andrew Roznowski by Marilyn Roznowski.

The bulletins today are sponsored in honor of Lauren Schultz’s birthday by Kevin and Karen.

**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**

The online Bible Study for this week will either advance one of the discussions currently active or open our next Chapter, 1 Samuel 25. Take part by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

### **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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

## 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](http://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 **this Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**. 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 **today after worship**, 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, **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 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>; September 18<sup>th</sup>; October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

May 29<sup>th</sup>; July 31<sup>st</sup>; August 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

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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## Still Remembering, Still Demanding

*Armenian Martyrs' Day Article by Rev. L. Nishan Bakalian*

*"Isn't a hundred years long enough to hold on to this?  
Can't you Armenians just put this behind you?"*



People may wonder why the Armenian Genocide has to be a topic for discussion 101 years after the fact. Each year on April 24th, Armenians throughout the world continue to hold commemorations. Even the UCC includes this date in its calendar. But why is it so important?

No serious scholar contests the fact that the Ottoman Turkish government and its successors carried out a premeditated plan of race extermination against its Christian minorities (Armenian, Assyrian, Greek) from

1915-1923. But today's Turkish government spares no effort to cast doubts on it, steadfastly refusing to allow any recognition of the Armenian Genocide as a crime committed in its borders, and therefore allowing no restoration or reparation to be made. It remains a blight on the Turkish soul, as well as a wound on the Armenian soul, preventing much-needed healing to take place.

Over a century of impunity for this crime has merely encouraged others to show the same inhumanity to others. Adolf Hitler understood this reality very well as he justified his onslaught on Poland in 1939, asking ironically, "Who nowadays speaks of the annihilation of the Armenians?" Crime upon crime, genocide upon genocide continues to plague this world that God so loved, and for which he gave his only-begotten Son (Jn. 3.16-17). It continues to this day, whether in the barbaric acts of the "Islamic State", or in the recent dehumanizing speech and bombardment of Nagorno-Karabagh.

The symbol used for the Armenian Genocide Centennial was the forget-me-not flower, along with the slogan, "I Remember and Demand". As people of faith and good conscience, we need to remember in our regular prayers the suffering of many, including our fellow Christians, just as if we ourselves were suffering (Heb. 13.3). Yet our remembering must also lead us to action, through providing relief and shelter to the suffering, and by raising our voices, as Jesus did in the Garden to those who took up the sword, saying "Enough!" (Lk. 22.51)



## Getting to Know :

## Peace in Zion UCC

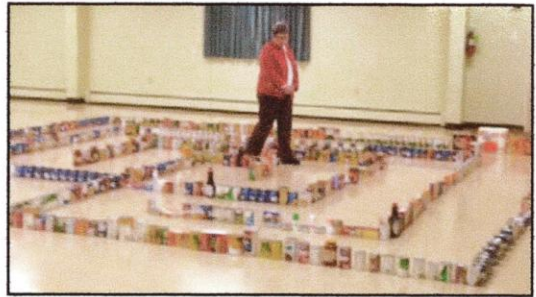
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Peace in Zion UCC has been worshipping and serving God in the name of Jesus Christ since 1833. PIZ is a vital congregation who truly believes the United Church of Christ motto: "No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here" using it in worship each week. The congregation is warm and welcoming to all who

come. Their favorite part of the worship service is sharing the peace of Christ.

Mission and outreach are important to the life of PIZ. We are a sustaining supporter of the Daily Bread Food Pantry. Along with Frederick Living (senior living) and other local churches, PIZ participates in a community forum that encourages intergenerational conversation around issues of the day. We also like to share in ministry with our neighbors, St. Luke's Lutheran Church through shared worship services and VBS and with Heidelberg UCC, Schwenksville joining together for Lenten dinners and conversations.



The Peace in Zion Angels offer support to our congregation and community. The Angels send cards to members who can no longer come to church and on occasion visit them, provide fellowship opportunities for the congregation, help in the community as needs arise, and uplift mission projects to address church and community needs.

Peace in Zion UCC is hopeful about its future serving God, the community and the world. Its prayer is that through this service many will come to know the love of God in Christ and be welcomed into the faith and family of Jesus Christ.



Prayers are requested for Peace in Zion in Zieglerville and Rev. Barbara E. Pence.

## **This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

### **Sunday, April 24**

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Music Sunday Worship Service

11:30pm Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting Following Worship

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Monday, April 25**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Tuesday, April 26**

*Primary Election Day*

8:00am Election Day Bake Sale

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 27**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, April 28**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Friday, April 29**

*Pastor Nick Attending Event in North Carolina*

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Saturday, April 30**

*Pastor Nick Attending Event in North Carolina*

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Sunday, May 1**

*Pastor Nick Attending Event in North Carolina*

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.**

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

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