# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH** Associate Member: United Church of Christ



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# PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2014

#### Chimes

#### Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

"Baptized in Water"

Dale Wood

#### \*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 #241 "Welcome, Happy Morning"

#### **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**

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

This morning we welcome into the household of faith **Trista Marie Schantz** Daughter of Eric and Vickie Schantz Godparents are Jason and Stacey Wilson

#### Welcome

#### Address

#### Questions of the candidates

#### \*Congregational Response

We receive this child as a new person in Christ. We offer our understanding and support as she explores life. We enfold this child in our love, seeking together to grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and all people. We join with these parents in telling the gospel in our midst so that this child may live with us for Christ, showing forth His love for all people.

**Prayer of Baptism** 

Act of Baptism

Prayer

#### Introduction to the Congregation

#### Welcome by Deacon

#### **Senior Bells**

#### "Great Day!"

arr. Dennis Robert

Great day; great day the righteous marchin'						
God's gonna build up Zion's walls						
Chariot rode on the mountain top.						
My God spoke and Chariot did stop.						
This is the day of Jubilee.						
The Lord has set his people free.						
Build up Zion's walls						
Great day the righteous marchin'						
We want no cowards in our band.						
We call for valiant-hearted men.						
	I'll take my breast-plate, sword and shield.					
	And march out boldly in the field.					
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	Build up Zion's walls!					
Scripture:	1 Peter 1:3 – 9 (NRSV p. 983; LP p. 1897)					
Seripture.	John 20:19 – 31 (NRSV p. 883; LP p. 1697 – 1698)					
	John 20.19 31 (1113) p. 003, ht p. 1097 1090)					
Children's Sermon						
Children's Ch	arch Barb Master					
*Uumm #0.40	"In the Garden"					
*Hymn #242	in the Garden					
Sermon	"Birthed Into a Living Hope"					

Our Father, hallowed be Thy kingdor thy will be d Give us this and forgive as we forgiv And lead us but deliver u For thine is	•	
Call to Offering		
Offertory	"In the Garden"	Lani Smith
	from whom all blessings flow; all creatures here below;	

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.

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*Hymn #248	"He Lives
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#### \*Benediction

**Postlude** "Jesus Is All the World to Me" James Southbridge

\*All those who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today in honor of Lauren Schultz's 21st birthday.

The flowers today are presented in honor of the entire W.R. Schultz 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:

Michelle Eschbach, Neil Gery, Wanda Gentry, Bob O'Donnell, Jane Shermer, Sue Carlin, Bryan Schwoyer, Charlie Krauss, Kelsie Josie, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Vern Weller, Vera Boykin, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Barbara Kirwin, Karen Freed, Clark Schultz, Brad Hoffman, Donald Cook, Dave Jaeger, Harold Smoll, Robert Margerum, Mary and Harold Hartman, Helen Miller, Rob Ziegler, Kathy Bartman, 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 in North Philadelphia.

#### **Bible Study**

This week's online Bible Study will compare Samuel's teaching in 1 Samuel 15 to apparently related teachings by Hosea and Jesus. To join the discussion, please contact Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

#### Thank You

Thank you all so much for your kind thoughts and prayers during my recent period of illness! Your concern meant a lot to Bill and me. A special thanks to Pastor Nick for his many visits to many different rooms. Now I'm home and hope to stay. Thank you all! Jane Shermer

#### **Teacher Egg Hunt**

On Palm Sunday during opening devotions, the classroom teachers competed in an egg hunt. There were 2 winning classrooms. Lisa Stitt's 7-up class and Sally Muse's 5th & 6th grade class. Congratulations! The donut party will be next Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to be there for your donut party. Thank you, teachers, for being such good sports ©

#### VBS

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 26<sup>th</sup>. Currently, we are looking for 3 group leaders to take the kids around, and some registration table volunteers for the beginning of each night. Any volunteers who are not available for every night, that's okay. Just let us know which nights you can help. See Barb Master or call her at 610-295-2190.

#### **VBS Materials Needed**

VBS is only a few weeks away! The kids will be using recycled items and making them into musical instruments. If you could save the following items we would greatly appreciate it:

- soup size empty tin cans
- cardboard paper towel & toilet paper tubes •
- metal jar lids (eg. from baby food, jelly, relish, spaghetti sauce, etc.) There will be a box marked VBS donations in the Narthex. Thank you so much for your help!

#### **Relay Banner Making**

The following dates are scheduled to finish making the Relay for Life team banner: this coming Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00pm, and next Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> after worship. Please pack a lunch next Sunday.

#### **Relay For Life Luminaria**

On Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at dusk, at Upper Perkiomen High School, the Relay For Life of Upper Perkiomen will remember and honor loved ones through the luminaria ceremony. Luminaria will line the track. Luminaria are candle lit bags; each luminaria is lit in honor or memory of someone who has battled cancer. The honorees' names are prominently displayed on the bags. As participants walk through the night, the luminaria remind and inspire them that the fight against cancer is about real people in the Upper Perkiomen Valley community. Luminaria forms are available in the Narthex.

#### **Relay Super Raffle**

Attention....Attention....Attention! The Palm Schwenkfelder Church Relay For Life Team has once again put together a "Super Raffle" as a team fund-raiser. Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be available from mid-April till the end of the Relay. Many nice prizes have been donated including a \$400 gift card for Boscov's, a \$300 gift card for Cabella's, a Weber Gas Grill, a \$100 Amazon gift card, plus a variety of hand-crafted items and other gift certificates. A complete listing of prizes and sponsors will be posted in the narthex. The drawing will take place at the Relay Event held at the Upper Perkiomen High School on May 17, 2014. You need not be present to win. Please consider purchasing a ticket or two and maybe YOU could be a lucky winner.

#### **Candy Tubes**

Just a reminder that the money-filled candy tubes benefiting the Relay for Life Team can be placed in the basket in the Narthex, or given to any Relay for Life team member.

#### **Pastoral Relations Committee**

The next Pastoral Relations Committee meeting will be held next week, on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, after the worship service, in the Contemporary Issues Classroom. The Pastoral Relations Committee is committed to encouraging a positive relationship between the Pastor and the congregation. To that end, the Committee encourages any questions or comments at any time. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee: Jeffrey Stauffer, Jean Ross, David Woodward, Gail Ferry, Lillian Master, Ray Hausman, Douglass Wallinger, or David Luz.

#### **Can Anyone Knot Help?**

This is a call to all women, men, and children who can tie their shoelaces. Help is needed to knot quilts for the Chester County Migrant Workers. We will work on the quilts on Tuesday mornings from 8:00 - 11:00 am, for the next several weeks. And we will also be working on them on two Monday evenings, tomorrow April  $28^{th}$  and May  $5^{th}$ , from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. You can come for just a little bit, or you can stay and help the whole time. If you have a favorite pair of scissors, you are welcome to bring them. Thread and a large-eye needle will be provided. Please come out to support a good cause, and enjoy some good fellowship while you're at it.

#### **Chester County Migrant Ministry**

It's time again to collect items for the Chester County Migrant Ministries' Health Kits. About 200 people per month visit the Chester County Migrant Ministry Office for assistance. Most immigrants in this area are Mexicans. The drivers are jobs, better educational opportunities, care for their children and a better life in general. The Mexican immigrants come to America with very little to start out with and have many needs. This is where we can help, by providing the simplest necessities to help make their lives easier.

The Schwenkfelder Conference Mission Board and our Church's Mission Board invite you to participate in gathering blankets and health kits for the farm workers program in Chester County. For the kits we need:

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. In addition we need: new or used blankets (used blankets must be clean and in good condition), first aid kits, paperbacks, Spanish/English dictionaries and Bibles. Please bring these items to church and place them by the Migrant Ministry Display by Sunday, May 11, 2014. Thank you for your help.

#### **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.

Helen Pannepacker	SPC Guldin, Matthew	
Knoll Lane D5	E Company, 2-10 Infantry Battalion	
Gilbertsville, PA 19525	Second Platoon	
	495 Iowa Avenue Unit #52	
	Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473	
	(on back of envelope write: 2nd Platoon)	

#### **Spring General Conference**

The Spring General Conference meeting of The Schwenkfelder Church is scheduled for May 18, 2014 at the Central Schwenkfelder Church. The meeting will begin at 3:00 PM and will be followed by a light supper. The Annual Meeting's business will include election of officers, reports on Conference activities, announcements, and a report and discussion on the status of the Perkiomen School situation. Please attend and learn about our Conference activities

#### **Bulletin and Flower Sponsorships**

There are several upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins. We have openings for flower sponsorships on:

May 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

June 1st and 22nd

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!

#### **Check Out Our Updated Church Website**

Have you looked recently at www.palmschwenkfelderchurch.com? You will find it has changed and includes a lot of new helpful features. Our home page is an invitation to "Get Started," "Get Connected," and to "Get Involved." You will also find our "Upcoming Events," "News" and "Recent Facebook Posts" on the home page. Send your friends and family to our webpage where they can explore more "About" our "History," "Present" and "Affiliation" or "Meet" our congregation and staff. Particularly helpful will be our "Calendar" where you can check out when and at what time things are happening. If you missed church or didn't carry home vour bulletin, you can find the weekly bulletin under "Media" as well as our newsletters and photos. Do you need to contact the church office or want to let a friend know how to get to Palm or to one of the other Schwenkfelder sites in South Eastern PA? You can send them to our "Contact Us" page which includes lots of information, phone and email addresses as well as interactive maps. You can also find, to download, our building use forms on that page. Let us know what you think of our updated website and we hope that it will be helpful as we all work together "To Proclaim the Living Word of God, which empowers us to care for and share with our community and the world."

#### **New Schwenkfelder Booklets**

The Publication Committee of The Schwenkfelder Church is pleased to announce that the new *Schwenkfelder Heritage Sites in Southeastern Pennsylvania* booklets will be available for sale. The 70-page booklet contains historical and current information, locations and full-color photographs of Schwenkfelder churches, meetinghouses, cemeteries of the immigrants, and other places of interest. You will find a copy on display in the Narthex. There are maps of the three main Schwenkfelder districts, and smaller maps of selected sites. Two appendices list the immigrants, their "E" numbers, and places of burial. The booklets cost \$15.00 per copy. Please make checks out to "The Schwenkfelder Church." We'd like to thank the many people who assisted the Committee, in providing photographs, history and information to make this booklet possible. The booklets may be purchased in the church office or by contacting the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center (shipping \$3.95 additional.) OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION IN SOUTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA WWW.PSEC.ORG

April 27, 2014

484-949-8774

## PSEC Annual Spring Meeting - "Together, We Are Church" 1 Corinthians 12, Saturday, May 31, 2014



You are invited to "be church together" at the Annual Meeting at Zion Blue Mountain, 6573 Old Rte. 22 in Strausstown (for GPS use Bernville) 19559. The Connections Task Force will lead sessions on "Vibrant Ministry, When Money is Low and People are Scarce" and "Leading,

When Passion and Time are Precious". These sessions will provide for making connections, good discussion and hands-on-ideas to take back to your church. Various worship and joyous activities will be interspersed throughout the day. Registration is available at psec.org/psec-events. Click on May 31 - Annual Spring Meeting and then on the "register here" link. (Pastors being honored for 50, 55, 60 or 65 years of Ordination, Pastors having retired since last Spring Meeting, and Members in Discernment will receive a direct email with specific registration instructions as quests of the Conference.) Early Bird Discount registration is available through Wed., May 7. "On-time" registration is Thurs., May 8 until Thurs., May 16. Those registering at the door on the day of the meeting will need to supply their own lunch. Meeting materials are available at psec.org/resources. On the "Resources" page scroll down to Annual Meeting Documents - Spring Meeting 2013. Please note that documents may be added up to the Friday before the meeting. Contact: Donna Tomlinson at donna@psec.org or 484-949-8774 X312.

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All congregations are encouraged to send participants to "**Restoring Soul** and Society from War: A Call to America's Faith Communities," at St. Andrew's UCC in Perkasie from Tues., May 20 (7pm) through Thurs., May 22 (3pm). This three-day workshop will empower leaders and pastors to tend to the moral injuries and soul wounds that result from war and military service. Learn more about the workshop and the St. Andrew's Veterans Ministry Team at *standrewsucc.org/veterans-ministry-team-and -touchstone-veterans-outreach*.

# Getting to Know :

#### Trinity Reformed Church, UCC 532 Main St., Collegeville, PA 19426



Since 1854 "A place of worship for all people" in all the seasons of nature and of life, better told in pictures and history available on our website: *TrinityUccCollegeville.org*.

We began through the generosity of Abraham Hunsicker, a local Mennonite farmer who gave his

money and land to build Freeland Seminary, a high school for boys, and the Pennsylvania Female College. His ventures had him expelled from the historic Lower Skippack Meetinghouse, vowing to have only a Christian Meetinghouse at Freeland (Collegeville's earlier name) with an educated clergy, an ordered church life, and Communion table open to all Christians.

His schools' commitment to abolishing slavery sent students and staff to join the Union Army and the enrollment never recovered. In 1869, Freeland Seminary was purchased by the Reformed Church to establish Ursinus College and seminary. The former staff stayed, the newcomers attended St. Luke's Church in Trappe and Trinity which served as the site for college classes and functions – and still does, but now as a place for students to do volunteer service, including an annual Easter egg hunt. By 1888 the congregation realized it needed larger ties, and so through mutual votes Trinity was received into the college's Reformed Church.

This history continues to shape Trinity's worship that centers in the sacraments; its rule that places consensus above contention; its church school and Confirmation classes, and music ministry – Cherub, Junior, Chancel, Youth and Adult Bell Choirs and a fabulous twice-a-year youth musical; its mission outreach from a building open to the community and support groups, to a private preschool and scout troops, to a Service and Project Group and Senior Wed. meals, to the 23rd year in Appalachia Service Project, to ties with Cuba and Japan's Tohoku Gakuin University, to being partnered with St. Peter and Kreuze Churches in Dessau, Germany, and so much more! Visit our new and under construction website and see posts of sermons by the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Martha B. Kriebel and Associate Pastor, Rev. Mary Etta Mest.



Prayers are requested for Trinity Reformed Church UCC in Collegeville and Rev. Dr. Martha B. Kriebel.



#### SCHWENKFELDER MISSIONARY CHURCH

1412 South 20<sup>TH</sup> Street Philadelphia, PA 19146 Rev. Edward O. Winslow, Pastor Rev. Alfred H. Duncan, Associate Minister Mr. William H. Dill. Moderator

### 15<sup>th</sup> SCHWENKFELDER MISSIONARY CHURCH ANNIVERSARY AND ANNUAL FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY

#### THEME: IT'S TIME TO FILL THE HOUSE

LUKE 14:23 – AND THE LORD SAID UNTO THE SERVANT GO OUT UNTO THE HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES AND COMPEL THEM TO COME IN, THAT MY HOUSE MAY BE FILLED.

GUEST MINISTER: Rev. Donald Cosby Associate Minister of the Mt. Hebron Baptist Church

Sunday April 27, 2014 11:00 a.m. Service

Mrs. Phyllis Duncan, Chair Person

# Fundraiser for Alzheimer's Association Car Show, Craft Fair, Bake Sale Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 Open to the Public



# 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 car owners Trophy for Best of Show!

### **CRAFT FAIR and BAKE SALE**

**10:00 am – 2:00 pm** Benefits the Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter

#### 50/50 Drawing

Benefits Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter Do Not Have to Be Present to WIN!



Continuing Care Retirement Community Rooted in the Mennonite Heritage

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For information concerning the Car Show Call Sue Reitsma 610-754-7878 ext. 109 Please make checks payable to Frederick Living

Name of Person Enterin Phone Number	g the Car Show Email/address	
Type of Vehicle	Model	Year
	Return Registration Form to: Frederick Living Attention: Community Life P.O. Box 498 - 2849 Big Road Frederick, PA 19435 www.frederickliving.org	

# GRAND VIEW HOSPITAL HOSPICE "YOUNG ADULT GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP"

#### 00 00 00

Grand View Hospital Hospice Program is offering a **Young Adult Grief Support Group.** This group will meet the needs of young adults, post high school age, that are grieving the death of a loved one. The group will be led by a trained, experienced bereavement facilitator and will offer members the opportunity to experience a supportive environment with peers who understand the changes loss can bring into the life of young adults.

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The group will meet every other week on Thursday evenings from 6:30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at the Grand View Hospital Outpatient Center located at the intersection of Route 309 and Lawn Avenue in Sellersville PA 18960

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The Young Adult Grief Support Group is free of charge and open to all.

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For additional information and to register, please call the Hospice office at 215-453-4149.

GV - GRAND VIEW HOSPITAL

## This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

# Sunday, April 27th

9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Sunday Worship Service Schantz Baptism Reception & Birthday Party Following the Service

**Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** 6:00pm Quilters - Quilts for Migrant Workers

# Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

8:00am Quilters 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Daisies

## Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

2:00pm Office Closing Early 2:00pm 5:30pm Children's Choir 6:00pm Junior Bells 6:30pm Senior Bells 7:30pm Senior Choir

# Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00am Staff Meeting
2:00pm Office Closing Early 2:00pm
6:30pm Boy Scouts of America - Patrol Leaders Council
7:00pm Deacons' Meeting

# Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

2:00pm Office Closing Early 2:00pm

# Saturday, May 3rd

2:00pm Titus/McGovern Wedding

## Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Music Sunday Worship Service

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

<u>Church Office Hours</u> 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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