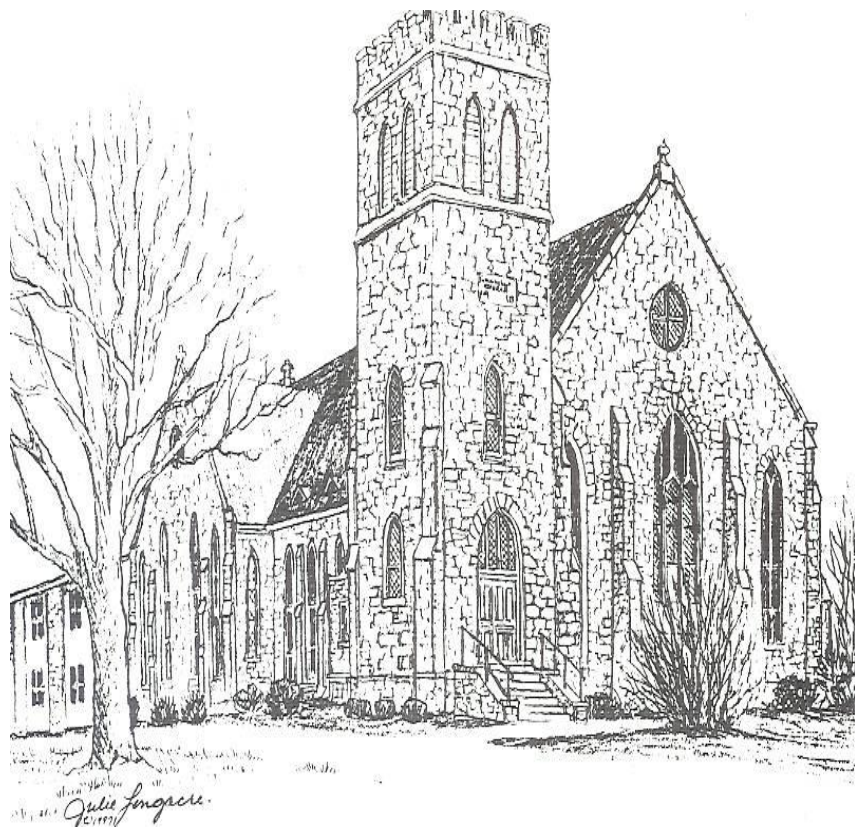


# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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# PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

## SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

**Prelude**                      “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”                      Wilbur Held

**\*Call to Worship**

God has called us together for this time of worship.

God is listening to our thoughts and to our speaking.

**God inclines an ear to us and hears us.**

**God knows us better than we know ourselves.**

Let us open our hearts to the One who gives us life.

Let us set our faith and hope in God.

**In one another’s presence, we renew our vows.**

**Together we offer our thanksgiving sacrifice.**

God’s promises to us are ancient and ever new.

God is with us here and on all the roads we travel.

**Together we lift our voices in songs of praise.**

**Together we recognize we are precious in God’s sight.**

**\*Hymn #241**                      “Welcome, Happy Morning”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O God, we confess that we rush through our days without recognizing your presence with us. We follow our busy diversions without reference to your will for us. We strive for financial success and personal recognition, while you call for obedience to truth and genuine mutual love. Purify our souls, we pray, and redirect our priorities. May we be born anew through your living and enduring word. Amen.**

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Senior Choir Anthem**                      “Hallelujah! By and By”                      arr. Mary Mc Donald

**Scripture** Luke 24:13 – 35 (NRSV p. 860 – 861; LP p. 1654 – 1655)

**Children’s Sermon**

**Children’s Church** Barb Master

**\*Hymn #243** “Christ is Alive!”

**Sermon** “In the Breaking of the Bread”

**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** “Welcome Happy Morning” Matthew Carl

**\*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 bring our gifts to you in response to good news. Christ is risen indeed and abides in us still. May all that we do be in response to new life. As you accept who we are, O God, receive what we offer, and transform all of our being to confirm with your will. Extend your grace through us so that others hear of the salvation you bring. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #609** “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”  
Van Denman Thompson

\*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today in honor of Renée Shelly’s birthday by her husband Brian.

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

**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 Chrysczanavicz, 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**

The faithful woman at the well in John 4 will be the focus for this week's online Bible Study. Take part 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.

### **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 **next Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**, as we celebrate Music Sunday with all of our talented musicians.

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

A tour of the meetinghouse sites will be given **today**. 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.

## **Knotting Party**

**This Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at 9:00 am, the Ladies' Aid will be sponsoring another Knotting party. No experience needed. Come and help make blankets for the migrant ministry project. Bring a bag lunch and plan to stay for the Ladies' Aid monthly meeting at 1:00 pm.

## **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.**

## **We're Having A Flea Market**

On Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 8:00am to 1:00pm, the Confirmands will be hosting a flea market. Lots will be available for \$10 each, and the cost for each table will be \$5. If there are any lots still available on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, they will be available for \$15 each. Donations of items would be appreciated. If you have something you would like to donate, please place it in the marked container in the narthex.

## **Newsletter Submissions**

Due to scheduling issues, please submit any announcements or material you may have for the upcoming June/July Palm Leaves as soon as possible. The date for needing volunteers to help with the mailing has not yet been set, but will be announced in the bulletin next week.

## **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 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup>

Upcoming dates for bulletin sponsorship: May 7<sup>th</sup>

## **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.

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April 30, 2017

## Vision for a new Eastern PA Conference in the UCC

Dear PSEC Friends,

Conference merger. That idea has swirled around both north and south conferences for years. Folks have shared with me reactions that range from "Why are we waiting?" to "Why would we ever?" to "Why should I care?" Leaders in both conferences, who lean forward into the challenges of being church, have taken up this conversation and now invite you to be part of it.

The PSEC Conference Consistory, at their regular March 2017 meeting, entertained a resolution drafted by Consistory representatives of both the Penn Northeast and Southeast Conferences regarding the potential for merger. Like the resolution passed by five northern PSEC Associations prior to the merger that created the Covenant Association, this resolution creates a year-long opportunity to explore the faith, form and function of a consolidated conference. It will come to the floor of the business meeting at our Spring Annual Conference Meeting in June. Friends in PNEC will consider the same resolution at their Annual Conference meeting at the end of April. Obviously, both Conferences will need to approve the resolution for the process to move forward.

Either way, both Conferences have been working collaboratively to share staff resources, create continuing education opportunities and clergy support groups, facilitate Clergy Convocation and Our Ecumenical Ministry efforts. What other dreams and possibilities could we bring into reality that would make us stronger together than we are apart? That conversation excites me and I hope that you will be part of it.

Blessings,  
Bill

*-Rev. William P. Worley, Conference Minister*

### A VISION FOR A NEW EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE OF THE UCC

#### Rationale:

The Penn Northeast Conference and the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference have engaged in conversations together to vision new, creative ways of working together and reimagining church in the 21st century. We are seeking the guidance of the spirit to reshape our community so that our passions can meet the world's deepest needs. We are seeking to transform the church to a sustainable future and the long term health and wellness of the church. Using our gifts of creativity and hope, it is our intent as the conferences of eastern Pennsylvania to begin the process of mapping the future that enables us to be more responsive in a fluid world with the timeless truths of the gospel of Jesus Christ and move forward into the future with confidence and vision.



## Isaiah 42:5-9 (NRSV)

<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the  
people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup> I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand  
and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people, <sup>[a]</sup> a light to the nations, to open  
the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in  
darkness.

<sup>8</sup> I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to  
idols.

<sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before  
they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

## Vision:

By combining the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference and the Penn Northeast  
Conference of the United Church of Christ, we will be able to strengthen our  
mandate to take the Gospel into the world.

To join with the Holy Spirit in creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ for  
a new Eastern Pennsylvania Conference and the thrilling impact it would have on  
our churches and communities as we minister together.

To have the ability to discover new understandings of the mission of Jesus Christ  
that sends us out into Eastern Pennsylvania and the world to share the good  
news of God's love, grace, and justice in life giving and life transforming ways.

To move with the Spirit into a new way of being Conference in Eastern Pennsylva-  
nia claiming anew an identity, purpose, and mission that serves God's intentions  
for our churches, people and world.

To covenant together in a process to explore new possibilities God is setting be-  
fore us in the creation of a new Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

With this in mind, we present to you the following resolution:

## Resolution:

Therefore be it resolved, that PNEC and PSEC will form a transition team to vision  
and develop a model of a new, merged conference. This transition team will hold  
small group meetings in both conferences to present the vision, invite feedback,  
and continue to develop a new understanding of conference ministry, identity,  
purpose, and mission.

# 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 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

### **Monday, May 1**

11:00am Board of Music Ministry Meeting

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Tuesday, May 2**

*Pastor Nick Attending Clergy Convocation*

9:00am Knotting Party

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

1:00pm Ladies' Aid Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

### **Wednesday, May 3**

*Pastor Nick Attending Clergy Convocation*

*Office Closed*

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, May 4**

*Pastor Nick Attending Clergy Convocation*

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Deacon's Meeting

### **Friday, May 5**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Saturday, May 6**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Sunday, May 7**

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Music Sunday Worship Service

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 and Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

*Closed Wednesday*

Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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## **Serving You at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Pence

Director of Music: Ed Bieler

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Senior Bells: Joanne and David Luz

Organist: Peg Jacob

Church Administrator: J. Daniel Ferry

Youth Director: Barbara Master

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Greeter: Deb Callodonato

Ushers: Alex Jalowy, Joanne Jalowy, Blake Master, Jeff Stauffer

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman

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