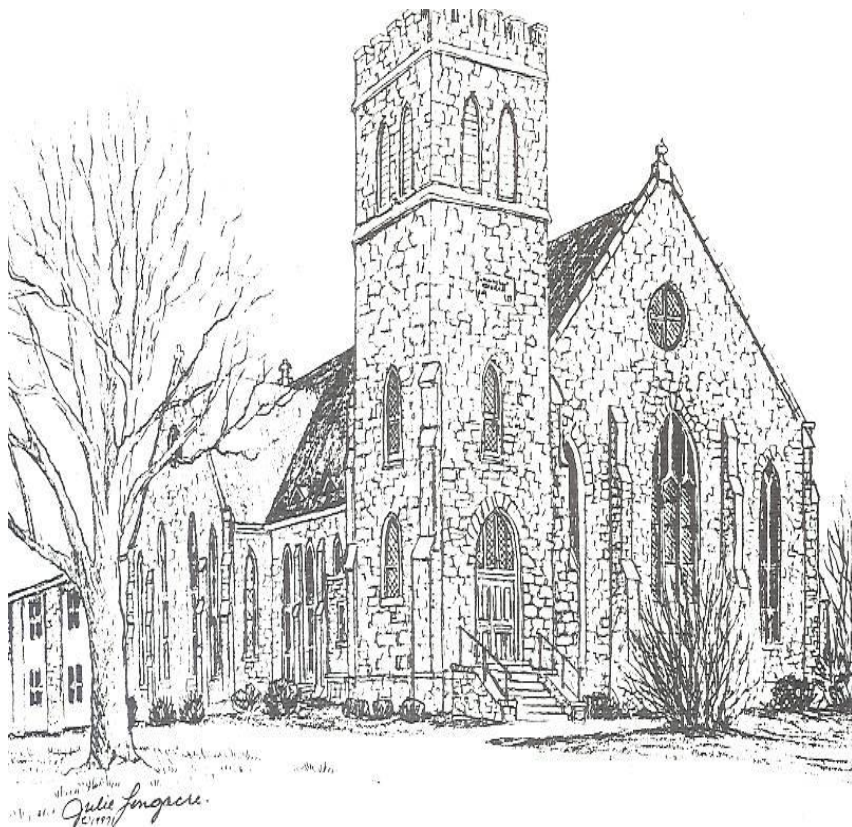


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# PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

## SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Dale Wood

**\*Call to Worship**

Come to this place of prayer; God is calling us.

Come, all who are burdened; there is healing here.

**We have come to hear the word of God.**

**We have brought with us all that weighs us down.**

Let voices of praise greet the one who calls us.

Be glad together and sing for joy.

**Our hearts respond with hope for a new day.**

**Our voices join in thankful prayers and praise.**

God reigns among us and fills the world with light.

We are invited to make our home with the living God.

**May God’s ways be known within and among us.**

**May God guide all nations in ways of peace.**

**\*Hymn #62**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we have wandered far from your love. We have neglected your Word in the torrent of words that we hear and read every day. Our hearts are troubled amidst the conflict and violence of our world. Sometimes we find it easier to withdraw from everything, to resist change, lest it require more of us. We know you are reaching out to heal us; help us to respond. We know we are surrounded by your love. Let us feel it deep within, that we may reflect that love to all we meet. Amen.**

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture:

Acts 16:9 – 15 (NRSV p. 900; LP p. 1732)

Psalm 67 (NRSV p. 460; LP p. 898 – 899)

Rev. 21:10, 22 – 22:5 (NRSV p. 1008; LP p.1946 – 1947)

John 5:1 – 9 (NRSV p, 866; LP p. 1665)

**\*Hymn #687**

“Shall We Gather at The River?”

**Sermon**

**Senior Choir Anthem**

“Seek and You Shall Find”

Evelyn Hattenschwiler  
arr. Barbara Boertje

Seek, and you shall find;—

Knock and it shall be o - pened;— have

faith, the Lord will an - swer your prayers.—

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The third staff concludes the melody for the third line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

**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**

“Shall We Gather at The River?”

Lani Smith

**\*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**

**God of eternity, enthroned in glory, we come before you bringing our gifts. We humbly submit to your sovereign will. You are the source of all righteousness; we offer ourselves as ambassadors for peace. You are the source of justice; we give our substance to alleviate hunger and want. You are the means by which all the earth shall prosper; we shall go into all nations and bless your name. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #45**                   “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**                                           “Immortal, Invisible”                                           Lani Smith

\*All who are able, please stand.

The flowers are presented today in honor of Corey and Greg May’s 17<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of our parents by the Kleppinger 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:**

The family of Reverend Ron Krick, the family of Louise Watt, Helen Miller, Paul Decker, 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, 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 Board of Trustees.

### **Bible Study**

This week, the online Bible Study will meet Abigail in 1 Samuel 25. Take part by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

### **May Youth Birthdays**

Happy Birthday...

Andrea Simon (5/6), Emily Badman (5/7), Selia Werth (5/10)

Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Payton Keyser (5/28)

### **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

### **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.

## **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.

## **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:

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!

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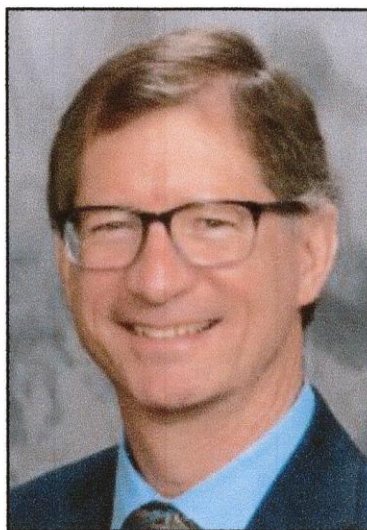
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## Seeing the Unjust Structures of Racism

Both laity and clergy are invited to attend Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer's "***Seeing the Unjust Structures of Racism Workshop***" at Bethany Children's Home, 1863 Bethany road in Womelsdorf 19567 from 2-6 pm Saturday, May 14.

Rev. Dorhauer will speak from his doctoral research on – and personal experience with – White Privilege as it relates to the church. "There is this concept that 'whiteness' is the norm. There is a complicit understanding in America that whiteness is the norm, and other races are judged by their relative comparativeness or conjunction with what is 'white,'" Dorhauer has said. "The other part to understanding White Privilege is that whiteness has a cash value. We need to understand that skin color alone carries a cash value attached to it."



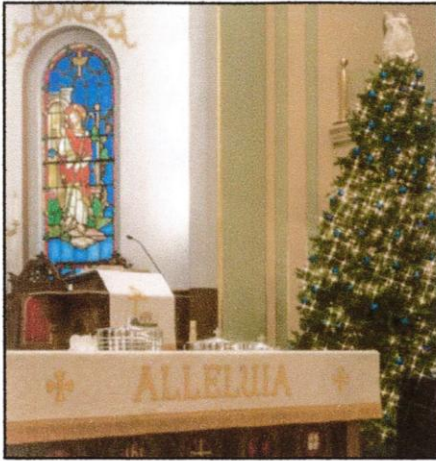
This timely and thought – provoking workshop will directly relate racism and White Privilege to how Christians are called to do and be church. "Our possessive attachment to whiteness is the biggest impediment to our achieving the vision of Shalom, to our becoming the people of God that we are called to become," Dorhauer said at UCC General Synod 2015. Together, participants in this workshop will learn about the institutional structures of racism in our churches and society. The presentation will conclude with a look at what it means to be a white ally, and how Christians can advocate for the intrinsic worth of all human beings in a world of inequality. Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer was recently installed as the 9th General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. Rev. Dorhauer's Doctoral studies were centered on White Privilege, and he has taught a course at Eden Theological Seminary on the topic. He has additionally penned three books including ***Steeplejacking: How the Christian Right is Hijacking Mainstream Religion***. Register online at [psec.org](http://psec.org) by May 2 at 11:30 pm.

Rev. Leslie Kearney  
Chair, PSEC Justice & Witness Mission Team

## Getting to Know:

## Huff's UCC

540 Conrad Road, Alburty, PA 18011



Huff's Union Church (ELCA and UCC) goes back to 1744 on the UCC side, and to 1760 on the Lutheran side. After worshipping in the same building for many years, they decided, after the Formula of Agreement made it possible, to call one pastor for both congregations. Huff's called Pastor Jane Kropa to this position in 2001.

Just because Huff's has a long history (photo below is of our 200th anniversary celebration of the laying of the 1815 cornerstone) doesn't mean it's stuck in its history. Huff's renovated its buildings

to make them worship-friendly, and in 2014 added a contemporary worship service once a month called "Manna" to provide spiritual bread in the wilderness.

With their sister congregation, St. Peter's Union, they hold a hunger/homeless walk annually. Huff's has an annual "Love Sunday" and asks for gift cards which are given to one of the three local agencies they support. The Easter Story Egg Hunt is a popular chance to tell the story of Holy Week at a variety of activity stations,



before hunting candy-filled eggs. At the congregation's request, Pastor Kropa offers a QPR (question, persuade, refer) suicide prevention program for non-professionals twice a year, which is advertised to the public. In the fall they host a pet blessing and offer a family fun fest with fall activities and games.

To learn more, visit us on Facebook (Huff's Union Church) or at our website: [huffschurch.com](http://huffschurch.com).



Prayers are requested for Huff's UCC in Alburty and Rev. Jane M. Kropa.



# You're Invited

to a monthly worship and fellowship time at  
New GoshenhoppenUCC  
1041 Church Road, East Greenville

## Rejoicing Spirits

Rejoicing Spirits is an inclusive, meaningful Christian community that welcomes, embraces, values and celebrates the gifts of our brothers and sisters with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The service is at 4:00pm on the 4th Sunday of the month.

### **About Rejoicing Spirits**

Rejoicing Spirits enriches the spiritual lives of people with intellectual disabilities through a meaningful and adapted Christian worship service and fellowship time.

Individuals are free to be themselves while actively participating as contributing members of an inclusive faith community. People with disabilities, their families, friends and other supportive community members come together to worship in a shush-free environment: people can express themselves without being told to "be quiet."

## **What to Expect**

- Upbeat music
- Joyous singing
- Brief, meaningful messages
- Opportunities to lead, serve and participate for all people
  - Fellowship opportunities
  - Wheelchair accessibility
- Listening devices for people with hearing impairment
  - Light refreshments

## **Rejoicing Spirits Serves as:**

- A stepping stone for those who want to explore faith in a Christian setting.
- A complementary worship service and community for people who already belong to a faith community.
- An inclusive and accepting faith community that may fully meet a person's spiritual wants and needs.

To learn more about our church and Rejoicing Spirits, please visit our website: [www.newgoshucc.org](http://www.newgoshucc.org) or visit [rejoicingspirits.org](http://rejoicingspirits.org)

Sincerely yours,  
Sandy George

Rejoicing Spirits Ministry Chairperson  
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Rejoicing  Spirits

# This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

## **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

## **Monday, May 2**

*Pastor Nick Attending Event in North Carolina*

11:00am Board of Music Ministry Meeting

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Tuesday, May 3**

*Pastor Nick at Clergy Convocation*

*Office Closed at 2:00*

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

1:00pm Ladies' Aid Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

## **Wednesday, May 4**

*Pastor Nick at Clergy Convocation*

*Office Closed at 2:00*

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, May 5**

*Pastor Nick at Clergy Convocation*

*Office Closed at 2:00*

9:00am Staff Meeting

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Deacon's Meeting

## **Friday, May 6**

*Office Closed at 2:00*

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Saturday, May 7**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

## **Sunday, May 8**

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Mother's Day 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 through Thursday 8:00am – 2:00pm

Friday 8:00am – 2:00pm

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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 484 – 358 – 1684

Greeter: Gail Brown

Ushers: Kenneth Kuhns, Maria Kuhns, Terry Kuhns, Lisa Stitt

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610 – 845 – 7208

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