

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“What Wondrous Love Is This?”

Thomas Chesterton

***Call to Worship**

Come to worship God whose love was revealed in Jesus.
Let all the ends of the earth turn to our God.

We will worship the almighty and sing praises.

We will proclaim good news to others.

Beloved, we are called to love as God loves us.

We are to love one another as sisters and brothers.

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

We seek to let God’s love be perfected in us.

Remember that you have been baptized.

God claims you and has high expectations for you.

Christ is the vine; we are the branches.

We will bear fruit when we abide in the vine.

***Hymn #558**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, we have ignored our origin in you and denied your rule over the nations. We have pursued illusions of self-interest rather than abiding in your love. We have turned away from brothers and sisters as if they were enemies to be hated. We are afraid to love those who differ from us or who have the power to harm us. We hesitate to take the risks of caring for fear that we may be hurt. Discipleship seems too demanding. O God, release us from our fears and failures to trust your love and live with bold generosity. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

1 John 4:7 – 21 (NRSV p. 991; LP p. 1913)

John 15:1 – 8 (NRSV p. 878; LP p. 1688)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church

Corey May

***Hymn #400**

“God Is Love – His the Care”

Sermon

“Co-Conspirators in God’s Love”

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

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

James Southbridge

***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 give, gracious God, because we are grateful. Your love has sustained us through many trials and temptations. We are thankful for those who have guided our attempts to understand the scriptures. Your loving judgment has provided the pruning our lives require in order to bear fruit. We give in order to extend to others the blessings we have received and to continue the ministry you call us to as we seek to abide together in your love. Amen.

***Hymn #70**

“God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Wondrous Love”

James Boeringer

*All who are able, please stand.

The bulletins today are sponsored in loving memory of James Gerhart by Mae and the family.

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

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:

Bob Croll, Glenn Hoffman, Sallie Wright, Erin Beighley, Bob Frey, Meg Lester, Sandy Zuchero, Janet Esposito, Alice Davis, Lucile Jones, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Rick Jones, Bryan Schwoyer, Clara Graber, Anna Bieler, Earl Yerger, Donald Long, Jen Fries, Jean Gentry, Doris Masemore, Wanda Gentry, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Vern Weller, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Karen Freed, Donald Cook, Dave Jaeger, Robert Margerum, Mary Hartman, 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 Board of Music Ministries.

Bible Study

The online Bible Study will turn to Psalm 93 this week for inspiration toward understanding King Saul's spears in 1 Samuel 18 and beyond. To join the discussion, please contact Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

May Kindness Look-Out

Music Ministry and Choir ☺, Please help us catch those kids being kind! Punch cards are located in the Narthex. You may punch the fish card yourself or you may ask the youth to punch the fish card. Thank you for helping!
“**Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men**” Matthew 4:19

May Palm Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

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

Relay for Life Banner

Today, after worship, the youth are meeting in the Social Hall to paint the Relay for Life Banner. Please note, the paint we are using is **not** washable.

Bible App for Kids

New stories have been added on You Versions Bible App for kids. Read about the time after Jesus was crucified on the cross: The empty tomb, The Holy Spirit comes, Peter's vision and Cornelius, the new heaven and new earth, and God's Good News! This is a great app for kids of all ages. Download it for a fun interactive way to read about God's holy word.

You Version Holy Bible App

This is a wonderful app for daily Bible reading. You can choose plans that focus on family, devotionals, youth, religious times of the year, reading partial Bible segments at a time, or a plan that helps you read the whole Bible so it doesn't feel cumbersome. It also includes some plans with music and some plans with videos. It keeps you on track and gives you many choices so you can choose what's right for you. Some of the new plans available are: Find Purpose in Your Work, Deeper into Scripture: Philemon, What Is God's Purpose for My Life, God's Good News.

Children's Church

After the children's sermon all children from 4 years of age thru 4th grade are invited upstairs to participate in children's church. Parent pick up is upstairs in the children's church room. A snack is provided, so please advise the leader if your child has food allergies or food restrictions.

Camp Discovery ~Vacation Bible School

We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

Journey down the trails of Camp Discovery and step out in faith! Explore Bible truths that point to Jesus, our True North. Kids discover that God has a plan and a purpose for us. He calls us to serve our neighbors. Join us on Sunday, June 21st thru Thursday, June 25th 6:15-8:30pm. Registration is on Sunday, June 21st at 6pm or you may pre-register by filling out a form and handing it in to the church office. Our program is for ages 4 years through 5th grade. Older youth volunteers are needed and very welcomed to help.

Confirmation Retreat/Lock-In

Friday, May 22nd and Saturday, May 23rd

The Confirmation class is invited to join us on a mini-spiritual retreat with fun and fellowship at Palm church starting Friday evening at 6:00pm and ending Saturday morning around 11:00 am. Please sign up during Sunday school class.

Sunday School Calendar

Sunday, May 31st – Last teaching day for Sunday school teachers

Saturday, June 6th – Youth Sunday rehearsal at church, 2:00pm

Sunday, June 7th – Youth Sunday during worship with a rehearsal at 9:00am

Sunday, June 14th – Combined Sunday school – closing program

Summer Music

Spring is in the air, and summer will be here soon. This means our regular choirs get a break. Summer special music for Sunday worship services is being scheduled. If you know of anyone who would be willing to share their musical talent, please speak to any one on the music committee, or sign up on the sheet posted outside the office.

Relay for Life Gift Card Super Raffle

The May 16th Upper Perk Relay for Life is rapidly approaching. Your help is needed once again to make our Palm team's popular Relay for Life "Super Raffle" a success (in 2014, our raffle alone raised over \$1,000 for the American Cancer Society). So that we will be able to offer as many prizes as possible, please consider a donation to our team toward the purchase of gift cards, or donate a gift card of any denomination. Cards for restaurants, retail stores, Visa, sporting events, movies, etc. will all make great prizes. Kindly submit your donation to Lillian Master or Kathy Bieler no later than **today**. Your gift will be acknowledged on our team's "Super Raffle" Big Board at the Relay event. Raffle tickets may be purchased any time between May 4th and the evening of the Relay for Life. The cost of each ticket will be \$5.00. Together we can make our "Super Raffle" a great success!

Palm Leaves for June/July

Next Sunday, May 10th, is the deadline for submission of information and articles for the next Palm Leaves. Please be aware that this next edition will be a combination of both June and July.

Spread The Word About Palm

Are you on Facebook? Did you know the church has our own Facebook page? Please consider “LIKING” our Facebook page to see the weekly happenings at church – and enjoy occasional inspirational messages. If you already follow the church’s Facebook page – please consider asking your fellow “Facebook Friends” to like our page, so they too can see our upcoming events and enjoy our church’s activities. Thank you.

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 **today through May 17, 2015**.

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 17, 2015. 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.*

Spring General Conference

The Spring General Conference meeting of The Schwenkfelder Church is scheduled for Sunday, May 17th at Palm Schwenkfelder Church. The meeting will begin at 3:00pm and will be followed by a light supper. Donations of desserts will be needed for the meal.

The Annual Meeting’s business will include election of Officers, and reports on Conference activities and announcements. Any lingering concerns or questions regarding the settlement between The Schwenkfelder Church and the Perkiomen School will be addressed. Please attend and learn about our Conference activities.

Nursery

When there is no one available to supervise the nursery, parents are welcome to use the nursery but are responsible for their children. If anyone is interested in providing child supervision, please contact Gregg Hoffman.

Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships

There are several upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins. Dates available for flower sponsorship on:

June 14th; July 12th; August 2nd and 16th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

June 14th and 21st; August 9th and 16th

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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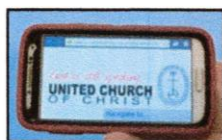
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Clergy Convocation XXI - From Sabbath to Selfies: Faithful Spirituality in the Smartphone Age



Each Spring, clergy in the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, along with our brothers and sisters in the Penn Northeast Conference gather for a Clergy Convocation designed as an educational and spiritual renewal event. This, our 21st year, we will gather May 5-7, around the theme:

FROM SABBATH TO SELFIES: FAITHFUL SPIRITUALITY IN THE SMARTPHONE AGE, with MaryAnn McKibben Dana, Presbyterian pastor and author.

The Clergy Convocation is a time for building and strengthening collegial relationships, for hearing faith journey stories, and for worshipping together. Over the years we have heard from a variety of speakers, such as, Barbara Brown Taylor, Anthony Campolo, Lynice Pinkard, Carol Howard Merritt, Joyce Rupp, Walter Brueggeman, and as well as two Presidents of the United Church of Christ!

And, each year this event has been undergirded in prayer by the congregations of the Conference. I would request that individuals and congregations please hold the clergy, leaders, and convocation planners in their prayers, so that God's Holy Spirit might move powerfully among us. Please pray that as we learn and share with one another, God would infuse us to shepherd the congregations of Christ in ways most meaningful and most faithful in the days to come.

Thank you for your prayer support! It is vital to mission and ministry leadership! In Christ, Rev. Wanda D. Craner, Minister of Spiritual Nurture, PSEC



These are highlights of the **PSEC GIFT ACCEPTANCE POLICY** that was adopted on March 21, 2015 by the Conference Consistory. A summary of the policy is also available on psec.org under **Resources/PSEC/General Documents**.

PURPOSE

This policy serves as a guideline to the members of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference staff, Conference Consistory, and Endowment Committee involved with accepting gifts on behalf of the Conference. This policy is intended as an internal guide and allows flexibility in treatment of gifts on a case by case basis. The entire policy can be obtained by contacting the Conference Office. The Pennsylvania Southeast Conference Gift Acceptance Policy rests on several assumptions and principles:

The Conference's Consistory has adopted an annual spending policy for endowment income. This policy in combination with the management objectives of the Endowment Committee is intended to protect the inflation-adjusted value of gifts.

- All accepted gifts shall be consistent with the Mission Statement of the

Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ.

- Not all gifts will necessarily be accepted, and this document is intended to guide the process of determining whether an offered gift may be accepted. In any instance, however, gratitude will always be expressed to the potential donor for their thoughtfulness.
- The solicitation and administration of charitable gifts is a process involving spiritual, philanthropic, personal, financial, legal, and tax considerations. The Pennsylvania Southeast Conference intends the process will achieve a fair and proper balance between the interests of the donor and the purposes of the Conference.
- Donors are encouraged to make unrestricted gifts and gifts earmarked for special appeals because they enable the Conference to promptly fund new ministries in response to changing conditions.
- Donors wishing to make restricted gifts for a specific purpose are encouraged to contact the Endowment Committee or Gift Review Committee (when established) for guidance. Either of these committees will work with the donor to evaluate such gifts in accordance with this policy.
- Donors should be encouraged to discuss deferred giving plans with their professional advisors. Any communications with donors regarding planned giving or deferred gifts should clearly indicate that the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference does not provide legal or tax advice.

Gifts may be made in the form of Cash, Publicly Traded Securities, Closely-Held Securities and Partnership Interests, Gifts In Kind, Real Estate, Life Insurance, Bargain Sale Arrangements, and Tangible Personal Property. Bequests, Memorial and In Honor of gifts can also be made. Planned gifts and Life Income Arrangements are encouraged through either the Financial Development Ministry of the UCC or your own personal financial advisor, tax advisor, and/or lawyer. Definitions and details of these gifts can be found in the full Gift Acceptance Policy.

*Please note that donors may not revise restrictions or influence the use of funds after the gift has been made and accepted by the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference.

UNACCEPTABLE GIFTS

- Those gifts that restrict use based on race, religion, creed, nationality, sex, or exclusiveness.
- Restrictions as to donors' relatives or descendants as beneficiaries.
- Restrictions reserving the designation of the beneficiary of gifts to the donor or his/her assign.
- Restrictions on future employment of the recipient of any gift.
- Donor-imposed restrictions on interest, rates, and conditions for repayments of loans.
- Any endowment fund with limited corpus for which additional sums that are not assured, certified, and in writing, as determined by the Endowment Committee and the Consistory.

PLANNED GIVING

For information regarding planned giving contact:

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Prayers are requested for St. John's UCC in Reading and Rev. Darryl Cruz.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, May 3

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Sunday Worship Service
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Monday, May 4

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Tuesday, May 5

Pastor Nick Attending Clergy Convocation in Lancaster

- 8:00am Quilters
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 1:00pm Ladies' Aid Meeting
- 2:00pm Office Closing @ 2:00
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, May 6

Pastor Nick Attending Clergy Convocation in Lancaster

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 2:00pm Office Closing @ 2:00

Thursday, May 7

Pastor Nick Attending Clergy Convocation in Lancaster

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 2:00pm Office Closing @ 2:00
- 6:30pm Boy Scouts of America - Patrol Leaders Council
- 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting

Friday, May 8

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, May 9

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, May 10

- Deadline for June Newsletter
- 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 – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00am – 3:00pm

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Children's Choir Accompanist: Joan Pusey

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