

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MAY 4TH, 2014

MUSIC SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Prelude

“The Lost Chord”
(Ken Jacob, baritone; Ethel Soffa, pianist)

Sir Arthur Sullivan

Call to Worship - Hymn #96

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

(verses #1 & 2)

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

Assurance of Pardon - Hymn #514

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

(verses #1 & 3)

Children’s Choir

“Everybody Praise the Lord”

Lincoln Brewster

Children’s Sermon - Hymn #534

“Draw Me Nearer”
1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 27

(verse# 1)

Children’s Church

Sally Muse

Hymn #549

“Near the Cross”

(verses #1 & 2)

Junior Bells

“He Is the King of Kings”
“We Fall Down”

Anna Laura Page
Chris Tomlin

Celebrating the Hymns and Life of Fanny Crosby

Call to Offering

Offertory “Aria on When in Our Music God Is Glorified” David Cherwien

***Doxology - Hymn #72**

“To God Be the Glory” (verse #1)

***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 #72**

“To God Be the Glory”

(verse #3)

Senior Bells

“Great Day”

Traditional Spiritual
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.
Build up Zion's walls!*

***Hymn #641**

“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

(verses #1 & 3)

Senior Choir Anthems

“Shut De Do”

arr. Tom Fettki & Thomas Grassi

Soloist – Gail Ferry

“All to Us”

Tomlin, Reeves, Maher & Redman

arr. Mary McDonald

***Hymn #199**

“Tell Me the Story of Jesus”

(verse #1)

***Benediction – Rainbow Bells “Kumbaya”**

Postlude “Allegro on When In Our Music God Is Glorified” David Cherwien

*All who are able, please stand.

Today's altar flowers are presented in loving memory of family and loved ones by Helen Miller and Robin & Steve Hawk.

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

Special thanks to our accompanists today: Ethel Soffa, piano; Emily Badman, oboe; Michelle Badman, Beth Croll, and Lil Master, bells.

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 Neil Gery, Kurt Weiss, Sharon O'Donnell, Caroline Haines, Michelle Eschbach, 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 Board of Music Ministries.

Bible Study

Do 1 Samuel 15:22 and Hosea 6:6 teach the same lesson? Help the online Bible Study discuss this question by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office with an email address.

Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday, Andrea Simon (5/6)

Happy Birthday, Emily Badman (5/7)

Happy Birthday, Selia Werth (5/10)

Relay Banner Making

Meet today, downstairs in the social hall after worship, to complete the Relay for Life banner.

Church Picnic

To celebrate another wonderful Sunday school year, please join us for a church picnic after worship on Sunday, June 8th. Everyone is welcome to join in fellowship and lunch. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish, dessert, or chips, etc. to share. Bring chairs/blanket. A couple of tables will be set up with seating. Weather permitting there will be a fun surprise for the kids and the kids at heart to enjoy!

VBS

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 22nd to June 26th. 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!

Kids caught being Kind!

This is the last month to catch our little Christians being kind. I invite everyone to be on the look-out for acts of kindness. You can secretly make the punch in their card or you can let them know you caught them and they can make the punch in their card. Thanks ☺

Relay For Life Luminaria

On Saturday, May 17th, 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.

Sunday School Dates

Sunday May 25th, last teaching day for youth Sunday school teachers.

Saturday May 31st, 9:30am rehearsal for youth Sunday in Sanctuary.

Sunday June 1st, Youth Sunday and 9:30am rehearsal for youth Sunday.

Sunday June 8th, Combined Sunday school in social hall. After worship, end of year picnic and Acts of Kindness card drawing.

Sunday September 7th, Rally Day.

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.

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.

Pastoral Relations Committee

The next Pastoral Relations Committee meeting will be held **today** 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. Tomorrow, May 5th, from 6:00 – 8:30 pm, and Tuesday, May 6th, from 8:00am – 11:00am, will be the last days to work on the quilts. 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.

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

You're invited to a...

*Big Honkin' Party!
Come celebrate Pastor Nick's
40th Birthday!*

What: Pig Roast

When: Sunday, May 25th, After the Worship Service

Where: Church Grove

Please Bring: Lawn Chairs

Side Dishes and Desserts Needed

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:

June 1st and 8th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

June 22nd, July 13th, August 3rd, 10th, and 17th

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!

Kitchen Manager (Part Time) – The Open Link

The Open Link, a non-profit agency serving the Upper Perkiomen Valley (www.theopenlink.org) is seeking a part-time Kitchen Manager at The Center at 517 Jefferson St., East Greenville, PA. Major responsibilities include: Ordering meals for the Home Delivered Meal (Meals on Wheels) and the Congregate Meal programs, overseeing the packing/meal temperature testing of the program meals, providing information to the MOW volunteers, preparing and serving the congregate meal and cleaning up afterward, receiving order from caterer; checking dates and temperature. Qualifications needed include: Minimum of high school diploma or GED and 2 years' experience in the food industry. Good organizational skills. Ability to communicate with and respect older adults. Ability to use computer and other office equipment needed to perform job. Ability to operate all the kitchen equipment needed to perform the required job duties. Must be able to lift racks of dishes from the dishwasher. Possession of a "ServSafe Certificate" or willingness to obtain one.

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 your 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.)

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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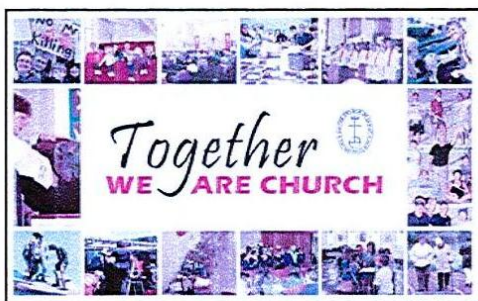
PSEC SPRING MEETING 2014 - You Are Invited!

Saturday, May 31, 2014 at Zion Blue Mountain UCC

6573 Old Rte. 22, Strausstown (for GPS use Bernville), PA 19559; 610- 488-7361

Early Bird Discount registration is available through Wed, May 7

Proposed Agenda



- 8:45 am Registration
- 9:30 Session I (Connections)
- 10:30 Business & Conferring Session
- 12 pm Lunch, Celebrating Milestones in Ministry & Display Tables
- 1:30 Speakouts & Worship
- 2:30 Session II (Connections)
- A "Sending" Celebration

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. Come "be church together" and share the joy of your congregation's mission and ministry with others.

Register online: psec.org/psec-events. Scroll to *May 31 - Annual Spring Meeting* and then click 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 guests of the Conference.*) **Early Bird Discount** registration is available through **Wed, May 7**. **On-Time** registration begins Thur, May 8 with registration closing on Thur, May 15. *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 2014. Please note that documents may be added up to the Friday before the meeting. We look forward to your attendance at the meeting! Questions? Please contact Donna Tomlinson at donna@psec.org or 484-949-8774 X312.



ALL PIECES MATTER

Watch the countdown till **MARYE** at maryeucc.org

The Regional Youth Event will be held from **July 9 to 13** at **Susquehanna University** in Selinsgrove for youth who have completed grades 7 thru 12 and young adults from 18 to 30. **Registration** includes all program costs, room, board, and linens/towels. It is **\$350** per person from March 1 to May 15. Late registration is **\$375** per person from May 16 to June 15.

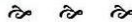
Check out the house Band:

3 Shades of Blue

Visit Facebook to like their page!



For updates and news or to download the **FAQ document** visit maryeucc.org. Like us on Facebook at **Mid-Atlantic Regional Youth Event 2014**.



CORE COMMITMENTS

If you have any suggestions for an upcoming article, contact Tammie Wisniewski, Financial Operations Manager, at tammie@psec.org or 484-949-8774 X304.

Below is a list of core commitments that a congregation should make when employing lay persons and/or clergy. These three basic commitments (provided by the UCC Parish Life and Leadership group of Local Church Ministries) will help to ensure a smooth work/ministry life among the staff and between the staff and the congregation.

- 1) Working Conditions** – The church should provide competent support staff for the clergy. The church should also provide suitable office space and equipment to facilitate all of the staff's work (including the clergy). In arranging office space, consideration should be given to the pastor's need for study, counseling, and administration. It is also imperative that the church ensure that the pastor's office is easily accessible to all persons.
- 2) Job Description** – It is to the mutual advantage of all staff and the congregation to have a written position description (covenant) and a written contract (letter of call). This will clarify mutual expectations!
- 3) Evaluation of the Church's Ministry** – A regular evaluation of the church's ministry, including staff, is important for the health of the church. Getting professional help with these evaluations either by members of the congregation who do HR work as a profession or ideally, by an outside source, will help these evaluations be done legally and without crossing any boundaries.



Prayers are requested for Christ DeLong UCC in Bowers and Rev. Roger Ulrich.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, May 4

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Music Sunday Worship Service

Relay for Life Banner Making Following Worship Service

Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting Following Worship

Monday, May 5

6:00pm Quilters - Quilts for Migrant Workers

Tuesday, May 6

Clergy Convocation

8:00am Quilters

1:00pm Ladies' Aid Meeting

2:00pm Office Closing Early 2:00pm

7:00pm Boy Scouts

7:00pm Daisies

Wednesday, May 7

Clergy Convocation

2:00pm Office Closing Early 2:00pm

7:30pm Senior Choir

Thursday, May 8

Clergy Convocation

2:00pm Office Closing Early 2:00pm

Friday, May 9

2:00pm Office Closing Early 2:00pm

Saturday, May 10

Deadline for June Newsletter

Sunday, May 11

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Mother's Day Sunday Worship Service

Deadline for Migrant Ministry Donations

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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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Ministers: All Church Members

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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: Gail Brown

Ushers: Nancy Hoffman, Glenn Hoffman, Rick Jones, Brian Shelly

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610-845-7208