

# **PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

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## **SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017**

### **MUSIC SUNDAY**

**Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer**

**Prelude**

“How Can I Keep from Singing?”

Robert Lowry  
arr. Bill Ludlow

**\*Call to Worship – Psalm 100**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

**Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**\*Hymn #235**

“Christ Arose!”

**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**



**\*Benediction**

**\*Hymn #596**

“We’re Marching to Zion” (verses 1, 2 and 4)

**Postlude**

“All the Way My Savior Leads Me” Robert Lowry  
arr. James Southbridge

\*All those who are able, please stand.

The bulletins are sponsored today by a member of the congregation who wishes to honor all of the musicians who share their talents to enhance our worship.

The flowers today are presented in honor of Emily Badman’s 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by the 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:**

Rebecca Himmelwright, Joe and Sue Cooper, Verna Badman, Shelby Yoder, Renee Shelly, Jeff Treichler, Eleanor Guldin, Ernie Guldin, Leon Wohlbach, 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, 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 Board of Music Ministries.

### **Bible Study**

John 4:37 is 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.

### **May Youth Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to... Andrea Simon (05/06), Selia Werth (05/10)

Happy 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to Emily Badman (05/07)

### **Helping Hands**

Look for the Helping Hands box located in the narthex. 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."

## **Spring General Conference , Sunday, May 21, 2017**

The Spring General Conference meeting of The Schwenkfelder Church is scheduled for Sunday, May 21 at 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 and announcements. Attending will be a member the Pennsylvania Council of Churches and there will be a discussion regarding our relationship with them. Please attend and learn about our Conference activities.

## **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. If you would like to reserve a table please call the church office at 215-679-5321.

## **Treasurer Report April, 2017**

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash on Hand		
Start of Month/Year	\$45,318.42	\$ 65,440.30
Operating Income Received	\$29,913.51	\$ 99,360.37
Operating Expenses	\$31,696.02	\$121,264.76
Operating Cash on Hand - 4/30	\$43,535.91	\$ 43,535.91

## **Thank You**

The family of David Dotterer would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, and acts of kindness during his illness and passing. Thank you to Pastor Nick for his support and visits.

## **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 28<sup>th</sup>; June 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>;  
August 6<sup>th</sup>

Upcoming dates for bulletin sponsorship: June 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>; July 30<sup>th</sup>;  
August 6<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.

## **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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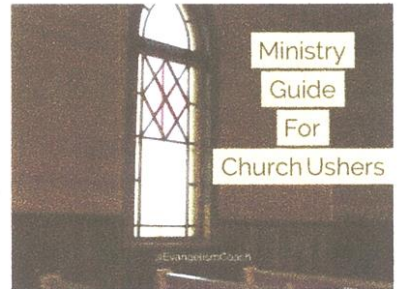
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## The Ministry of Church Ushers

The ministry of church ushers plays a vital role in the hospitality and welcome ministry of the local church.

Together with church greeters, parking lot volunteers, welcome center volunteers, and hospitality hosts, church ushers help the church member, visitor (guest) experience a wonderful worship service.

Church ushers are a significant part of the church hospitality system and fulfill specific duties to accomplish that role.



*"The role of a church usher is to help your first time guests, repeat visitors, and members experience the sacredness and joy of a worship service."*

This evangelism tool helps to define:

1. What is the role of church ushers?  
- Areas of Responsibility
2. What is the difference between a church usher and a greeter?
3. Are church ushers in the bible?
4. The duties of the modern church usher.
5. How should church ushers dress for the role?
6. How to prepare to serve as a church usher.

To access this complete Ministry/Evangelism tool, go to the PSEC website ([psec.org](http://psec.org)), click on Resources, click on Churches and scroll down to find the link for "The Ministry of Church Ushers"!



## Wonderful Happenings at Love in Action United Church of Christ



On January 22nd, 2017, the congregation known as the United Church of Christ in Warminster finally found their new home at 350 S. York Rd. in Hatboro, PA after searching for more than a year and a half. The multi-use building will serve as a place for worship, education, social services, partnerships, and community.

Shortly thereafter, at a congregational meeting, the community voted to change the name of the congregation to Love In Action United Church of Christ, an Opening and Affirming Congregation.



In the few months since the change, the community has been blessed with many visitors, new members, numerous children, and an influx of young adults. LIAUCC also currently hosts a bi-weekly LGBTQIA meetup group for support, advocacy, and community-building.

On April 13th during Holy Week LIAUCC hosted Muslims, Jews, Christians, Hindus, non-religious folk and others for an Interfaith dinner catered and co-hosted by Syrian families settling in Bucks and Montgomery Counties.



The members and friends of LIAUCC are grateful for this new beginning and humbled by and excited for the work ahead.

# Red Hill Band

## Annual Spring Concert

May 21, 2017 | 2:00pm

Upper Perkiomen High School Auditorium

2 Walt Road, Pennsburg, PA 18073

Director **Mr. Norman Stull**

Featured Soloist **Mr. Walt Groller**

**Free Admission**



[www.redhillband.org](http://www.redhillband.org)

## **This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH**

### **Sunday, May 7**

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Music Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Monday, May 8**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:30pm Buildings & Grounds Committee

7:30pm Board of Trustees

### **Tuesday, May 9**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:00pm Boy Scouts of America - Troop Committee Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

7:00pm Girl Scouts Senior/Ambassador Troop 72134

### **Wednesday, May 10**

*Deadline for June Newsletter*

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, May 11**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

6:00pm Palm Country Day School Pre-K Open House

### **Friday, May 12**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Saturday, May 13**

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

### **Sunday, May 14**

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am 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

*There will be limited coverage until May 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Please call ahead if you need to stop in to the office.*

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

Ministers: All Church Members

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Pence

Director of Music: Ed Bieler

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: Gregg Hoffman, Glenn Hoffman, Nancy Hoffman, Lisa Stitt

Prayer Chain: Nancy Hoffman 610-845-7208

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