

PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH
SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016
ASCENSION DAY CELEBRATION
MOTHER'S DAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer

Prelude

“All Hail the Power”

Janet Correll

***Call to Worship**

Clap your hands, all you people of God.

Sing praises to our Ruler, sing praises!

God reigns among us and far beyond us.

We celebrate the immeasurable greatness of God!

We are called to be witnessing people.

Testify, then, to God's loving purpose in Jesus Christ.

Christ is head over all things for the church.

We celebrate Christ's resurrection and ascension.

Worship with eager anticipation and empowerment.

Give thanks for the promised coming of the Holy Spirit.

This is a day for revelation and renewal.

We await the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

***Hymn #95**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, you are judge over all things. That strikes terror within us when we realize how poorly our church has lived as the body of Christ in the world. We have been more interested in institutional survival than in proclamation of the gospel, more attentive to numbers than to individuals, more eager to speak than to listen. What is true for all of us together is also true for most of us individually. We do not seek or accept your daily guidance. Our witness to Jesus Christ is a pale reflection of the joy expressed by the early disciples. Forgive our pretenses. Amen.

Time of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture: Acts 1:1 – 11 (NRSV p. 884; LP p. 1701 – 1702)
Luke 24:44 – 53 (NRSV p. 861; LP p. 1655 – 1656)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church No Children’s Church

***Hymn #263** “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”

Sermon

Senior Choir Anthem “Fly Away Medley” arr. Mark Hayes

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 “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus” Paul Manz

***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**

**For the life you have offered, for the vision you have granted,
for the ministry of Jesus Christ that empowers our witness, we
give thanks. May these offerings of gratitude extend the
positive influence of Christ’s church into parts of the world
that have not experienced good news. By the act of giving, may
our own commitment be deepened. Amen.**

***Hymn #258** “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

***Benediction**

Postlude “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” Edward Broughton

*All who are able, please stand.

The flowers are presented today in loving memory of Jean Long by her family.

The bulletins are sponsored today in loving memory of Dorothy and John Brunner 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:

The family of Jean Gentry, the family of Jeanette Gerhart, Marian Fox, Helen Miller, Paul Decker, Ray Fox, 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, 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

Would our reaction to 1 Samuel 25 change if we knew the ages of the characters? Help the online Bible Study wrestle with that question 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 18th 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 1st. 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.

Pentecost

Join us next Sunday, May 15th as we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, with a service of Holy Communion.

Penn Dry Goods Market

Come to the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center on Friday, May 13th, from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Saturday, May 14th, from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm to experience the Penn Dry Goods Market. The traditional definition of "dry goods" is textiles, clothing and other related merchandise. At the Penn Dry Goods Market you can shop with fantastic dealers who will be featuring antique and vintage textiles, including needlework, quilts, coverlets, linens, clothing, buttons and textile-making equipment ranging from spinning wheels to pin cushions! Our dealers will also have selections of wonderful American antiques from their inventories-there's a little something for every taste. We have opened up the first floor gallery, meeting room and the library for our dealers-a great space that is handicapped accessible!

Red Hill Band

Celebrating its 116th performance season, the Red Hill Band will present a Spring Concert, to be held on Sunday, May 22, 2016, at 2:00 pm, in the auditorium of the Upper Perkiomen High School. In addition to the debut of Norman Stull, the band's new Director of Music, the concert will feature Jeff Wohlbach, a member of the Palm Schwenkfelder Church congregation, as the guest trumpet soloist. The concert program will include marches, classic concert band compositions, and contemporary musical selections.

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.*

It's Barbecue Time!

The Men of Palm Chicken BBQ is coming! Join us on Saturday, June 11th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. for the best chicken BBQ east of the Mississippi! You won't want to miss this finger lickin' good time! Please contact a member of the Men of Palm for tickets, or see Dan in the office. And if you'd like to help out with the chicken BBQ, contact Tom Long at (267) 307-3512.

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 anyone on the music committee, or sign up on the sheet posted outside the church office.

Treasurer's Report – April 2016

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Operating Cash On Hand		
Start Of Month/Year	\$29,517.16	\$ 35,761.03
Operating Income Received	\$21,167.31	\$ 98,604.50
Operating Expenses	\$39,445.90	\$123,126.96
Operating Cash On Hand – 4/30	\$11,238.57	\$ 11,238.57

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, rolling your mouse over the "About" tab, and then by selecting the "Present" page from the drop down menu.

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 7th & 14th; October 2nd & 9th; November 6th, 13th, 20th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

July 31st; August 7th, 14th & 21st; September 11th

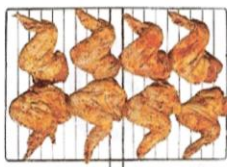
The cost for flower sponsorship is \$50, and the cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15.00. Please sign up on the chart in the hallway outside of the office.

And, thanks!

Annual
CHICKEN BARBECUE

SPONSORED BY
THE MEN OF PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SATURDAY, June 11, 2016



4:00pm to 7:00pm

AT



PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH
PALM, PA

Tickets are \$10.00

(Half-Chicken, Pepper Cabbage, Baked Beans, Baked Potato,
Roll & Butter, and Dessert)

Please Buy Your Tickets in Advance. Limited Amount of Tickets Sold at
the Church on the Day of the Barbecue.

TAKE-OUT ORDERS ONLY.
WE WILL DELIVER TO YOUR CAR!

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May 8, 2016

Happy Mother's Day!

Upcoming Events for and at Our Local Churches

Details: psec.org/category/local-events and * psec.org/category/conference-wide-events

May 10 – Quilting for a Cause in Pottstown

May 13 – Elder Diner in Philadelphia

May 14 – Trinity UCC Pottstown Area Homeless Outreach

***May 14** – Seeing the Unjust Structures of Racism Workshop in Womelsdorf

May 14 – Open Golf Outing at Mainland Golf Course in Harleysville

May 14 – Flea Market at St. Peter UCC in Knauertown

May 18 – Salem Prime Timers & lunch in Doylestown

May 21 – Jamie Anderson Live in Concert at Collenbrook United Church in Drexel Hill

May 21 – Brotherly Love Outreach Concert at Reformed Church of the Ascension in Jeffersonville

May 21 – Steinway Piano Celebration at Salem UCC in Doylestown

May 25 – Simple Gifts Music Program at Calvary UCC in Barto

May 28 – Huge Plant Sale at St. John's in Auburn

Jun 4 – Strawberry Festival at St. Peter's Tohickon UCC in Perkasio

Jun 4 – Informal Church Service in Leesport

***Jun 13** – Boundary Training through the Lehigh Presbytery at East Stroudsburg

Jul 9-Aug 5 – Summer Camp 2016 at New Goshenhoppen Park in East Greenville

Classified Ads from Our Local Churches

Details: psec.org/category/classified

Organist/Choir Director at Church of the Good Shepherd, Alburts

Piano player at First UCC in Royersford

FREE Choir Robes Available at St. Luke's UCC in Ottsville

PT Minister of Music at Zion Blue Mountain UCC in Strausstown

PSEC Seeking Volunteer Conference Treasurer

PT Music Minister and Choir Director at Tabernacle in Philadelphia

New Goshenhoppen UCC Seeking Camp Counselors for 2016 Season

Getting to Know :

First Reformed UCC

Third & Pine Streets, Hamburg PA 19526



The First Reformed Church of the United Church of Christ was erected in 1898 though the membership existed since the 1700s when it was part of a Hamburg union church. A friendly church, nestled at the base of the Appalachian Mountains, we endeavor to live daily in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ.

The German tradition of community and helping one another is a hallmark of our church. One example of that is our Fretz Mission House. The house, purchased in 1998 with monies donated by Mrs. Fretz of Hamburg, exists to provide an opportunity for citizens down on their luck to get back on their feet. Specifically, occupants live rent free for one to one-and-a-half years. Upon entry, their pantry, medicine cabinet and closets are already stocked, and they pay no utilities or phone bills during their stay. During their residence, they are provided any counseling, financial and social services needed to promote their eventual independence. At Christmas, the congregation ensures a present-filled holiday. To date we have had 15 different families in the house.

The broader Mission and Purpose of this congregation shall be to provide for its members: 1) preaching of the word, 2) administration of the sacraments and rites of this Church, 3) constructive Christian fellowship and instruction, and 4) nurturing opportunities for Christian service in the community and throughout the world in accordance with the teaching of Christ. It shall also pursue growth as a member of the United Church of Christ while maintaining a harmony with the spirit, teachings, and customs of the Reformed Church.

As an inclusive church, we heartily invite all to join in our 9 am Sunday School classes and 10:15 worship service.



Prayers are requested for First UCC
in Hamburg and Rev. Darryl A. Hamm.

This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, May 8

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

Monday, May 9

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 6:30pm Buildings & Grounds Committee
- 7:30pm Board of Trustees

Tuesday, May 10

Deadline for June Newsletter

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 2:00pm Office Closed at 2:00
- 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 11

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
- 2:00pm Office Closed at 2:00
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 12

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

Friday, May 13

- 10:00pm Penn Dry Goods Market at SLHC
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Saturday, May 14

- 10:00pm Penn Dry Goods Market at SLHC
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are

Sunday, May 15

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Pentecost 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

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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